THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

This stewardship report highlights the impact that our engaged donors have had on the school in the past fiscal year. Many of these donors have shared with us the inspiration behind their gifts and what they hope their donations will accomplish. On the following pages, you can read about the difference you and others are making in the lives of our students, faculty and the community around the world.

Because of you, we are living our mission to connect people with technology to build a better world.

Participants in the first-ever Community College Summer Institute in May, 2017 received an introduction to UMSI’s undergraduate program.
With the help of 3200 donors, we are already well over our $20 million Victors for Michigan campaign goal. We are now able to move ahead to exciting new priorities, including support for diversity initiatives, our new bachelor’s program, engaged learning opportunities, and cutting edge work in emerging technologies. Our deepest thanks to all who contributed!

**VICTORS FOR MICHIGAN CAMPGAIN**

**DISCRETIONARY SUPPORT**
Uses include school-wide events and activities, faculty recruiting and student organization activities

**PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT**
Uses include funding guest speaker series, the Alternative Spring Break program and expoSItion

**STUDENT SUPPORT**
Uses include student scholarship and financial aid funding and student awards

**RESEARCH SUPPORT**
Used for funding faculty research projects and initiatives

*Note: Unduplicated legal payment donors: each donor is counted once in each category, even if he or she donated multiple times in that category*

Total production includes all expectations committed to the school during the fiscal year, including pledges and unrealized bequests. $922,259 indicates cash raised during FY17.
In 2016/17, 64 students participated in programs like Alternative Spring Break and the Global Information Engagement Program, where they had the opportunity for real-world, outside-the-classroom experiences that allowed them to benefit communities across the country and beyond.

For example, in 2017 information students traveled to South Africa, where their efforts provided help for organizations serving more than 1000 homeless individuals and 1000 young people affected by HIV.

These programs were made possible in part by gifts from our alumni, who established seven new engaged learning awards at UMSI over the course of the Victors for Michigan campaign. In all, we were able to award $1,197,436 to 55 students from 47 scholarship funds.

Individuals like Emily Mobley, former Dean of the Purdue Libraries, make a difference through their gifts to UMSI.

My education at Michigan prepared me for a very successful career and was enhanced by experiences and access to both facilities and people. My support for the School of Information is in recognition of its role in my success and a hope to provide similar experiences for students of today.

- Emily Mobley, AMLS '64

Coming into the master’s program, I knew I would need to have some kind of financial support. I wouldn’t be able to do it by myself. I was excited to be accepted by the program of my dreams. The full scholarship package I was offered turned my vision into reality. It was a godsend.”

- Julie Cruz, Class of 2018
UMSI and the university strongly believe that diversity is key to academic excellence and to a better world. Since the launch of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative in 2015, UMSI alumni and friends have established four new diversity student funds, supporting UMSI’s DEI goals to attract and retain students from all backgrounds.

I’m pleased to provide an estate gift to establish the Jean A. Gibney Diversity Scholarship Fund at the School of Information. Jean and I enjoyed our time in the program, and we valued the education we received at UM; we both went on to have innovative and fulfilling information careers as a result. I am also proud to support the university’s ongoing efforts to recruit a diverse set of students; our diversity enhances our impact as information professionals. Finally, I am glad to be able to continue my family’s long tradition of supporting the University of Michigan. Go Blue!”

- Wendi Pohs, AMLS ’80
  Chief Technology Officer, InfoClear Consulting

" Diversity is a core value and strength of UMSI’s instructional programs. We were happy to support diversity and thank our colleagues for joining in.”

John and Kathleen King
The School of Information admitted its first community college external transfers into the BSI program in 2017. These students bring different perspectives and experiences, diversifying our student population and reflecting the values of the University of Michigan education: an uncommon education for the common person.

We were able to extend these opportunities through new diversity scholarships, like the John and Kathleen King Diversity scholarship, created by UMSI faculty members John King and his wife Kathleen, Doug Van Houweling and his wife Andrea, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Beth Yakel and alumnus David Choi. This scholarship supports students in the BSI and MSI programs from underrepresented communities.

UMSI faculty, staff and students are passionate and dedicated community members who believe in making a difference at the school. In the past year, 60% of UMSI faculty and staff and 14% of students made a gift to support the school in 2016/2017.

"We have seen School of Information degrees transform the lives of our graduates. [The John and Kathleen King Diversity Scholarship] will expand those opportunities to students who would not otherwise have enjoyed them and thereby enrich the school’s culture."

- Doug & Andrea Van Houweling
Gifts to the UMSI Annual Fund prepare students for personal and professional success by affording them the opportunity to attend UMSI. While the fund supports school-wide events such as convocation and homecoming, the majority of this general fund is spent on scholarships. Izhar Buendia, a recent graduate, believes in paying back to his alma mater by contributing to this fund.

"At UMSI, I learned the latest on the intersection of technology and society and learned foundational methods that became pivotal for entering the new ever-changing field of user experience design. The knowledgeable faculty, the diverse students, and the vast opportunities to gain work experience prepared me to not only land a job, but also to be a conscientious leader in technology."

- Izhar Buendia, MSI ’16
  UX Interaction Designer, GE Digital
Many alumni find that including UMSI in their estate plans is a rewarding way to help ensure support for future generations of students. Mary Case appreciated the advantages her UMSI education brought her and explains why she’s made a bequest to help others.

Like many in my generation, I found my passion later and by accident, having taken a part-time job in a library while pursuing a graduate degree in another field. A wonderful mentor encouraged me to go to school for a master’s in library science. An innovative program at the University of Michigan provided financial support and the solid foundations for an exciting and challenging career. Over my thirty plus years as a librarian, I have witnessed extraordinary changes in our field, but the values instilled at Michigan – the importance of providing access to information to all and of preserving that information for future generations – remain true. I hope that our bequest for scholarships will someday help other students fulfill their passion.

- Mary Case, AMLS ’84
  University Librarian and Dean of Libraries
  University of Illinois - Chicago
CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS FOSTER RESEARCH

The School of Information, in partnership with units across campus, is investing in augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR) to prepare students for the future workplace. Corporate supporters have helped the university make strides in AR and VR in both collaborative curriculum and research.

Throughout the academic year, students learned how to build health applications in AR/VR. Students from UMSI and across campus received advice and training from professionals through office hours and workshops, with opportunities to apply for funding for projects. Thirty-five students and seven projects were supported throughout the year, with options to continue these projects during the summer.

“Innovation is at the heart of Lenovo’s history and vision forward,” says Rob Cato, Executive Director of Lenovo’s Public Sector and Healthcare Division. “We are thrilled to be involved with the new technology exploration and development led by the School of Information at the University of Michigan. The Lenovo+ HealthDesignBy.Us Innovation Co+Lab is a terrific example of design research, skills development, and rapid prototyping to enable students and caregivers to work together to create impactful technology.”
Microsoft donated HoloLens devices to multiple schools across U-M so that faculty and students could use them in the classroom to develop new, innovative ideas to harness the potential of the devices and push the boundaries of potential applications for holographic computing. Microsoft’s investment in the partnership includes having executives from the company participate in coursework in the coming year, supporting new AR/VR curriculum for UMSI and U-M students.

“It was impactful to see University of Michigan students experience this technology firsthand. We hope it creates opportunities to advance research that will shape their future and benefit the local community,” said Kent Foster, University Relations lead at Microsoft, during a campus visit where he saw first-hand the technology applications in use.
The School of Information honored three outstanding individuals for their contributions to the field of information at the annual alumni award ceremony during homecoming in October 2016.

**UMSI ALUMNI AWARDS**

**Distinguished Alumni Award**

*Loretta Parham*, AMLS ’77, is the CEO and Director of the Robert Woodruff Library at the Atlanta University Center. In 2004, she was named a *Library Journal* Mover and Shaker.

**Entrepreneurial and Innovation Alumni Award**

*Peter Morville*, MILS ’93, is a pioneer in the fields of information architecture and user experience. His bestselling books include *Information Architecture for the World Wide Web* and *Intertwined*.

**UMSI Honorary Alumni Award**

*Betty Bishop*, AB ’72, is a long-time friend of UMSI and the granddaughter of William Warner Bishop, who started the department of library science at U-M in 1926, the forerunner of the School of Information.
MAKE A GIFT TODAY

Every day, our alumni and donors help the school provide a world-class education for our students. Over 75% of discretionary philanthropic support in the past year went to provide tuition for future information professionals, students who would not otherwise be able to attend the school.

Please make a gift today so that future generations can, like you, share in the pride and legacy that comes from being part of the University of Michigan and the School of Information. Go to umsi.info/give.

STAY INVOLVED – MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are many ways to stay involved with the School of Information.

» Share a class note
» Make a recurring or annual gift to the UMSI Annual Fund
» Join UMSI alumni and make a gift on Giving Blueday, November 28
» Attend UMSI’s campus and regional events
» Volunteer with UMSI career services through internships, jobs, and more
» Identify a personal area of involvement in partnership with UMSI

Update your contact information on the web at leadersandbest.umich.edu/alumni_update, or send an email to umsiupdates@umich.edu

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