

Alumni and Friends Giving



EIGHT LARGE GIFTS, Millions of Reasons to Say Thanks

Amy Hagedorn '05 (Hon.) and her husband **Horace Hagedorn '01 (Hon.)**, the late founder and former chairman of Miracle-Gro, broke Adelphi fundraising records in 2003 when they gave the University its first \$1 million gift. In addition to making Adelphi history, they started a small but growing trend. In the three years following their gift, Adelphi has received seven additional gifts of a million dollars or more from ten exceptionally generous benefactors, enough to inaugurate its **Million Dollar Round Table**.

"Everyone loves a winner. Everyone loves giving to a winning team," says Adelphi Board of Trustees Chairman **Michael J. Campbell '65** of Adelphi's recent fundraising momentum. Still, he admits that when he joined the Board seven years ago, "I didn't think we'd get this far this fast."

Of Adelphi's supporters, himself included, he says, "Most are alumni who have had pleasant thoughts about Adelphi, and are happy to be back in touch with the University. They see a University that's hitting on all cylinders with superb leadership and all kinds of accreditations. They come in at the right time. They dig deep and put their money on the table."

Many of the members of this prominent giving society will be familiar to *Adelphi University Magazine* readers. They are an impressive bunch. Of the 10, five graduated from Adelphi, and four received honorary degrees. Five are current or former Trustees, and all hold or have held positions of leader-

ship at Adelphi and in fields as diverse as finance, pharmaceuticals, philanthropy, telecommunications, and technology.

Trustee **Carol A. Ammon M.B.A. '79**, founder and former chairman of the board of Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc., gave the University its largest gift to date in 2005—\$8.5 million to support School of Education programs and facilities. In honor of her generosity, the Ruth S. Ammon School of Education now bears the name of her mother, a member of the Class of 1942.

Amy and Horace Hagedorn's first \$1 million gift has been funding programs in the School of Business, including the annual Hagedorn Lectureship on Corporate Social Responsibility, and, in recognition of their generosity, the School of Business building was named the Hagedorn Hall of Enterprise. The Hagedorns gave a second \$1 million in 2005 to support the construction of a much needed new building for Adelphi's Child Activity Center, which, at Ms. Hagedorn's request, will be named the Alice Brown Early Learning Center in honor of its former longtime director.

"Both gifts had to do with the confidence that Horace and I felt about the mission of Adelphi and the way it was being implemented by Bob Scott," says Ms. Hagedorn.

She explains, "We liked his emphasis on student learning—the whole experience students have at Adelphi—and the high stan-

dards he was setting for himself and the rest of the school."

Eileen Romar and Horace G. McDonell, Jr. '52, '02 (Hon.), a former Adelphi Trustee and former chairman and CEO of the Perkin-Elmer Corporation, contributed \$1.1 million, Adelphi's largest gift from a living alumni couple, in 2005 to renovate a general chemistry lab and create an endowed scholarship fund for undergraduate physics majors. The overhauled McDonell Chemistry Laboratory opened in spring 2006.

The other gifts include a gift of \$1 million from Adelphi Trustee **Katherine H. Littlefield**, a director of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and general partner and chair of The Hagedorn Partnership, and her husband **Joshua Littlefield**, received in 2006; \$1 million from **Brian McAuley '61, '06 (Hon.)**, former chairman and co-founder of Nextel Communications, Inc. and a member of Adelphi's President's Advisory Council; \$1 million from Trustee **Leon M. Pollack '63**, a retired managing director at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, received in 2003; and \$1 million from Trustee **Robert B. Willumstad '05 (Hon.)**, chairman of the board of American International Group, Inc. (AIG), received in 2006.

"I feel fortunate enough to be able to do it," says Mr. Willumstad about his gift. "I've had the opportunity to be part of what is a great success story," he says, and notes that he has been impressed by the caliber of the work


that is being done at Adelphi, the quality of the people at the school, its improved standing in the community, and its strong financials.

While Mr. Willumstad has not yet designated the exact use of his gift, he says, "My inclination is to see the money go directly to the students."

Adelphi's impact on society at large is a strong motivator for leadership donors. Mr. Willumstad notes that education is a great way to give back, and says, "Given the contribution the University has made over a long history, given its contribution to the Long Island community, and the metropolitan New York community, this is a great way to do it."

"Adelphi to me is not just giving to my school," says Mr. Campbell. "I am excited about giving to a progressive institution that's turning out people in many areas who will make a contribution to society."

"Adelphi is a resource for community life," says Ms. Hagedorn. "The University is not an Ivy-covered tower or Ivory tower. It's a place for people to share ideas and to be stimulated intellectually, and where the arts and sciences are part of community life and are offered not only to students but others in the community. It's a resource for everybody who lives in the region."

Mr. Campbell says that Adelphi's long overdue campus enhancements, including the new performing arts center and the recreation and sports complex, now underway, and the need for funding to support increasingly talented students and faculty make a strong case for giving to the University now. "The more money we have, the better we can make the University," he says. 

— By **Bonnie Eissner**

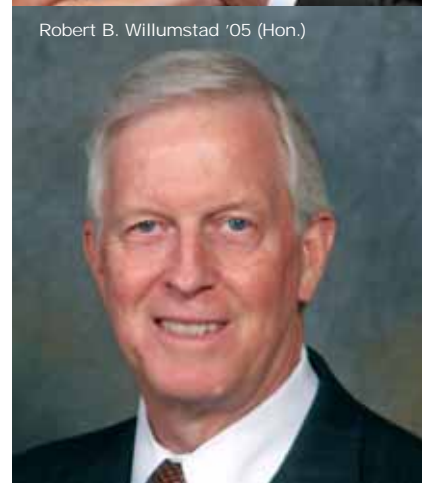
A DELPHI INAUGURATES MILLION DOLLAR ROUND TABLE



Trustee Katherine H. Littlefield and husband Joshua



Eileen Romar and Horace G. McDonell, Jr. '52, '02 (Hon.)



Robert B. Willumstad '05 (Hon.)



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Brian McAuley '61, '06 (Hon.)



Amy Hagedorn '05 (Hon.)



Horace Hagedorn '01 (Hon.)



A record \$165,000 for student athletic scholarships

SEEING GREEN



More than 220 alumni and friends teed off at Cherry Valley Club in Garden City for Adelphi's 18th Annual Golf Classic on September 25, 2006, raising a record \$165,000 for student athletic scholarships. The event, which included a day of golf, cocktails, and an awards dinner, honored **Michael J. Driscoll M.B.A. '89**, senior managing director of Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., with the 2006 President's Award for Outstanding Achievement and Friendship. Mr. Driscoll was elected to the Board of Trustees in December 2006.

John P. Finnerty M.S. '77 of W.J.M. Associates, Inc., and **Stephen M. Wirth '70** of New York Sports and Physical Therapy Institute, served as tournament co-chairs for

the sold-out event. They were joined by a committee of distinguished business and community leaders.

A live auction raised more than \$20,000 and featured six luxury prizes and packages, including foursomes at The Bear's Club in southern Florida and at the newly opened Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, New York.

Mark your calendar for next year's Golf Classic to be held on September 24, 2007, honoring **Gerald Mahoney '65**, former chairman and CEO of Mail-Well, Inc. 



GOLF CLASSIC 2006

- 1** Honoree Michael J. Driscoll M.B.A. '89
- 2** Board of Trustees Chairman Michael J. Campbell '65 with Walter Schulz '66, M.B.A. '68; Gil Weatherly '68; Dr. Craig Miller '66; Dennis Spink '66, M.A. '68; Adelphi President's Advisory Council member Bill Alesi '67; and Trustee John J. Gutleber III '68, M.B.A. '70
- 3** Associate Head Men's Baseball Coach Bob Malvagna, President's Advisory Council member Anthony Bonomo, Head Men's Baseball Coach Dominic Scala, and Head Men's Basketball Coach James Cosgrove
- 4** Honoree Michael J. Driscoll M.B.A. '89 (third from left), with youngest son Dennis, wife Melissa, and older son Michael
- 5** Trustee Joseph A. Gregori '77, Alumni Association Board President Martha Stark M.B.A. '86, and President Robert A. Scott
- 6** Jack Costello, Stephen M. Wirth '70, Joe Setteneri, and Gene DeMark
- 7** Student-athlete Gianna Smith '08 with President's Advisory Council member Russell G. Matthews
- 8** Alumni Association Board member Marc Sieben '75, School of Business Dean Anthony F. Libertella, and Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Marcia G. Welsh
- 9** Melissa Driscoll and Deirdre O'Connell
- 10** Stephen M. Wirth '70, President's Advisory Council member Robert A. Arcoro, Sal DiMatteo, Clem Grieco, and Jack Costello
- 11** Drew Tatarian, Robert Rubino, Panther Club President Dennis Lind '88, and Al Azralon





ADELPHI LEGENDS

Funds to Help their Legacies Live On

Alice Brown M.A. '85 served as director of Adelphi's Child Activity Center for 23 years, making a name for herself as a leading advocate for early childhood education on Long Island. Joseph L. Vigilante (1925–2005), former School of Social Work dean and faculty member, oversaw a vast expansion of the School and led it to national prominence. Renowned scholar George Stricker served the Gordon F. Demer Institute as dean and the first distinguished research professor in the Institute's history.

In honor of their many accomplishments and contributions, Adelphi has initiated three ambitious fundraising efforts to ensure that their commitment to excellence extends far into the future.

The Alice Brown Early Learning Center Fund seeks to raise \$4 million to support a needed new building to house Adelphi's current pre-school program for the children of faculty, students, staff, and area residents.

Through **The Joseph L. Vigilante Fund**, Adelphi seeks to raise \$2 million to support scholarships, faculty development, and stronger and more engaging community partnerships for the School of Social Work.

The George Stricker Fund in psychology seeks to raise \$2 million to provide crucial support for faculty in the Demer Institute.

To date, Adelphi has raised close to \$2 million for the three funds.

For more information, or to make a donation to any of these funds, please contact the Office of University Advancement at (516) 877-3250 or visit WWW.ADELPHI.EDU/GIVING.

– By Rachel Rohrs '07

Barbara and Arthur Herman, Class of '50

Professional Backgrounds **Arthur** Founded A.D. Herman Construction Company in 1958, which constructed the Ruth S. Harley University Center and the addition to Swirbul Library. Retired as chairman of the board in 1995. Now runs Herman Development Corporation. **Barbara** A social worker, then partner in starting A.D. Herman Construction Company

Fondest Adelphi memories **Arthur** Playing baseball, having fraternity parties, and passing calculus **Barbara** The friends that I met

How we met We met on a blind date after graduation. We got married on July 19, 1953.


Most proud of **Arthur** Starting the business with \$15,000 with no staff other than Barbara. We built it up into a successful company.

Barbara Our daughter Leslie, who is pursuing her doctorate in architectural history at Columbia University, and our three granddaughters

Hobbies and interests **Arthur** Number one is golf. Number two is golf, and the third most important thing is golf. **Barbara** Bridge, travel, current-events courses, and golf

First gift to Adelphi \$250 in 1987

Most recent gift to Adelphi \$300 in 2006

Why we give Of late, we've been motivated by Dr. Scott and the change on the Adelphi campus. Arthur attended the groundbreaking for the new sports center and was thoroughly impressed. And in the future, we would like to be part of Adelphi's progress. 



WHO GIVES?

*A Few Moments with
Adelphi benefactors*

Stephanie Williams '97, M.A. '98

Profession Special education teacher, Roosevelt, New York public schools

When I decided to become a teacher Age 3. I've known I wanted to be a teacher ever since preschool. My preschool teacher graduated from Adelphi and gave me my first job.

Best part of teaching When a child finally is able to read.

Favorite place on campus The Library. You could always find a quiet corner to study in. I'm still there every week doing research. It's convenient. I understand it, and the librarians are always willing to help.

Fondest Adelphi memory Graduating with a bachelor's degree with my parents on campus to see me. They didn't finish college. They wanted their only child to get a college degree.

Adelphi in four words or less Extraordinary

Gifts to Adelphi \$50 a year since 2002

Why I give At a very early age, my parents taught me to share. I am an only child and had so many toys. My parents encouraged me to give them away to charities or families in need. I'm making a decent salary now, and I thought why not help others. It may not be a lot of money, but it's something. 