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## University raises nearly \$16 million in record-setting year

Alumni, employees and friends of BGSU helped raise a record \$15,912,966 in private donations for fiscal year 2005-06, University officials have announced.

"The generosity of our donors is truly inspiring," said Marcia Sloan Latta, associate vice president for University advancement and director of development. Alumni giving for the year was up by more than \$3 million, she noted.

Also contributing to the more than \$1 million jump from 2004-05's total of \$14,858,478 was the \$803,030 pledged by University employees and retirees, and corporate giving, which showed the first increase in the past few years.

Ed Reiter, chair of the BGSU Foundation Board, said the board is "extremely pleased with the outstanding results of this year's fund-raising effort. It shows that our alumni, employees and friends are deeply committed to the University and to the future of our students and faculty.

"It's always wonderful when you can make a positive difference in someone's life, and these private donations for scholarships, the new buildings and other projects will all make a tremendous difference for our students," he added.

In July 2002, BGSU began a multiyear, comprehensive fund-raising effort called Building Dreams: The Centennial Campaign for Bowling Green State University. The University made significant progress last year toward its goal of \$120 million, with totals now exceeding \$98 million, according to Latta.

In addition to capital improvement projects, the money raised will be used for a variety of programs and areas, including the BGeXperience values initiative, WBGU-PBS, athletics, the President's Leadership Academy and endowed scholarships.

## Shrude premieres new work in Orlando

There was deep meaning and emotion behind the music when Dr. Marilyn Shrude's "Lacrimosa" premiered July 29 at the national convention of Sigma Alpha Iota, the professional fraternity for women musicians.

When she was commissioned three years ago to write the piece for the triennial event, Shrude began composing a lively, fast work. But unexpected events changed the mood dramatically. "I was in residence at the Moscow Conservatory in April 2006 and was working on the piece," she recalled. "I received word that two of our BGSU graduates had been killed in a plane crash in Indiana. Needless to say, this was a tremendous shock. Robert Samels was a composition student of mine—an incredibly talented musician.

"I made an instant decision to recast the piece into something that was much more somber and introspective. The title, 'Lacrimosa,' is Latin for tears and weeping. It reflects the many moods that such an event might evoke," she said.

Fittingly, Shrude and her husband, Dr. John Sampen, both Distinguished Artist/Research Professors in the College of Musical Arts, performed Shrude's 10-minute piece for piano and saxophone following the fraternity's memorial service for past presidents of the organization.

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To be eligible to perform at the SAI convention, musicians must be members of the organization, which Sampen was not. BGSU's student chapter of SAI solved the problem by inducting him as a national arts associate. "It's a nice honor for him, and one he certainly deserves," Shrude said of her husband. An internationally known, award-winning classical saxophone specialist with a doctorate from Northwestern University, Sampen is coordinator of woodwinds in the music performance studies department.

Along with being commissioned to write pieces for the SAI convention, Shrude and fellow composer James Cohn also judged the triennial Inter-American Music Award Competition. The winning composition was performed by the Dallas Brass.

"Lacrimosa" will be published by C.F. Peters music publishers as part of the Sigma Alpha Iota Inter-American Music Awards Publication Series. "C.F. Peters is very distinguished and one of the oldest publishing houses in the United States, so I'm especially pleased to have them publish my work," Shrude said.

She has written for piano and saxophone before, including "Renewing the Myth," which was in 2002 the required piece for the 150 participants at the Third International Adolphe Sax Concours in Belgium.

Shrude has been on BGSU's music faculty since 1977 and is chair of the musicology/composition/theory department. The founder and past director of the University's MidAmerican Center for Contemporary Music, she co-directs the annual New Music and Art Festival.

She has received many awards and honors for her compositions, including the Rockefeller Foundation fellowship in 2000, the MTNA Composer of the Year Award in 2001 and the 2003 Hofstra Arts Festival Award. Her works have been recorded for a number of labels and published by the American Composers Alliance, Editions Henry Lemoine of Paris, Neue Musik Verlag of Berlin, Southern Music and Thomas House.

### Summer graduation set for Aug. 5

The University will award degrees to about 1,300 students during its 256th commencement exercises Aug. 5.

Summer graduation will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the lawn in front of University Hall. President Sidney A. Ribeau will preside. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in Anderson Arena in Memorial Hall.

Addressing the graduates will be Valerie L. Newell, a leading Ohio businesswoman and a former BGSU student-athlete and trustee. (See related story.)

In addition, the University will present an honorary doctor of fine arts degree to Mary T. Wolfe, a longtime supporter of the arts and education in northwest Ohio. (See related story.)

The summer graduating class includes 670 students who will receive graduate degrees. They include 45 Ph.D. candidates, 611 master's degree candidates, five candidates for the doctor of education degree and nine candidates for the specialist degree in education.

Of the roughly 640 students receiving bachelor's degrees, 75 are expected to graduate with honors. Six students are expected to graduate summa cum laude, for maintaining a grade point average between 3.9 and 4.0. Sixteen degree candidates are expected to graduate magna cum laude, for maintaining grade averages in the 3.76-3.9 range, and 46 candidates are eligible for cum laude recognition, for averages in the 3.5-3.75 range. Two students receiving associate degrees will graduate with highest distinction and another five, with distinction.

The graduating students represent 68 Ohio counties, 33 states and 20 nations.

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**Businesswoman, alumna to speak at graduation**

Valerie L. Newell, one of Ohio's leading businesswomen and a former BGSU student-athlete and trustee, will address the University's summer graduates Saturday (Aug. 5).

Newell is managing director and senior portfolio manager at RiverPoint Capital Management, an independent investment advisor in Cincinnati. The 1975 BGSU graduate has held similar leadership positions with Scudder, Stevens & Clark, Haberer Investment Advisors and Arthur Andersen. A certified public accountant, she specializes in managing investment portfolios for high net-worth individuals, families and foundations.

Newell began her career in finance not long after women were finally allowed to apply for credit in their own name. She is widely respected for forging ahead in an industry that was male-dominated at the time she entered the field. Among other honors, she has been named YWCA Career Woman of Achievement and the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Career Woman.

At BGSU, Newell was a two-time All-American swimmer and captain of the women's swimming team. Graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in accounting, she was chosen as BGSU's Outstanding Woman Graduate of 1975. Earlier this year, she was named an Accomplished Graduate of the College of Business Administration.

She is a member of BGSU's Presidents Club and is one of only two people who have served on all three University boards—the Alumni Board, Foundation Board and Board of Trustees. Newell ended an 11-year term on the Board of Trustees when she retired as chair in May 2004. Her most recent contribution to BGSU is a gift that will enable construction of a women's locker room in the new Sebo Athletic Center.

A presidential appointee to the National Women's CEO Advisory Board, Newell is chair of the Cincinnati Art Museum Board of Trustees and a trustee of the University of Cincinnati Foundation, the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, the Beech Acres Foundation, Summit Country Day School and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Foundation. She is also a trustee emeritus and past chair of the Cincinnati Museum Center.

**BGSU granting honorary degree to local arts patron**

Mary T. Wolfe, a longtime supporter of the arts and education in northwest Ohio, will receive an honorary doctorate of fine arts from BGSU at summer commencement.

Wolfe, who earned a master's degree in fine arts from Bowling Green in 1968, has been involved with the University's art program for more than 30 years. The Perrysburg resident and artist was an art history instructor on campus for many years, as well as director of the McFall Center Gallery and a founding member of the Medici Circle, the society of patrons of the School of Art.

Also a member of the BGSU Foundation Board from 1992-95, she is now a BGSU Arts Advocate and a member of the National Campaign Steering Committee for Building Dreams: The Centennial Campaign for BGSU.

Wolfe and her husband, Frederic, are generous philanthropists who support the arts both at BGSU and elsewhere.

Mary Wolfe, who holds a bachelor's degree in art history from Wellesley College, is an independent art consultant who frequently lectures at national and international venues, in addition to BGSU. Her primary fields of interest are Greek and Roman classical art, Italian Renaissance art, Italian mannerism, and modern art.

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A past interior designer for Kingston HealthCare Co., she has also found artists to create murals for commercial buildings and has sold other artists' paintings to private collectors.

Gov. Bob Taft has appointed Wolfe to a third, five-year term on the Ohio Arts Council board—one of many on which she serves. She is a trustee of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, WGTE Public Broadcasting and the Alliance of Artists Communities in Providence, R.I., and a member of the Valentine Theater (Toledo Cultural Arts Center Inc.) Executive Committee and the Wellesley College Museum Advisory Committee. She is a former member of the boards of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo and the Toledo Community Foundation.

**IN BRIEF**

**Opening Day address to kick off academic year**

The campus community is invited to President Ribeau's Opening Day address at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and fellowship.

**New BGSU Events Calendar to be available Aug. 7**

At 8 a.m. Aug. 7, the current Events Calendar (located under Quick Links on the home page) will be upgraded to a new BGSU Events Calendar.

The new calendar will allow users to see all campus events on one calendar and to search events by date, location or type and view them by day, week, month or year—in either a list or calendar grid.

On-campus users may preview the calendar before Aug. 7 by visiting <http://calendartest.bgsu.edu>.

Any currently listed events on [calendartest.bgsu.edu](http://calendartest.bgsu.edu) and the current Events Calendar will be moved to the new calendar. Questions regarding the Events Calendar may be directed to the Technology Support Center at [tsc@bgsu.edu](mailto:tsc@bgsu.edu), 2-0999.

**CALENDAR**

Monday, July 31

**Bingo**, noon-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Saturday, Aug. 5

**Commencement**, 9:30 a.m., University Hall lawn.

Monday, Aug. 7

**Sundaes on Mondays**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Union.

Continuing Events

Aug. 1-5

**Huron Playhouse Summer Theatre**, "Damn Yankees," 8 p.m. nightly, McCormick School, 325 Ohio St., Huron. For ticket information and reservations, call the box office at 419-433-4744.

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**Communication Studies.** Instructor (Interpersonal Communication). Call Julie Burke, 2-8725. Deadline: Aug. 3.

• Assistant Professor (Public Relations). Call Victoria Ekstrand, 2-8725. Deadline: Oct. 2.

• Assistant Professor (Media Economics). Call Gi Woong Yun, 2-8725. Deadline: Oct. 16.

• Assistant Professor (Cultural Communications). Call Lynda Dee Dixon, 2-8725. Deadline: Dec. 1.

**Finance.** Assistant Professor. Call Dan Klein, 2-8963. Deadline: Oct. 6.

**Psychology.** Assistant Professor. Call Annette Mahoney, 2-0282. Deadline: Nov. 1.

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be

viewed by visiting the HR Web site at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/>.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

**CLASSIFIED**

**On-campus classified:**  
[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU\\_only/page11151.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html)

**Off-campus classified:**  
[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl\\_staff/page11145.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html)

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm\\_staff/page11137.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html)

**OBITUARY**

There were no obituaries this week.