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Washburn University Foundation Reports Fundraising Record of \$16.5 Million

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TOPEKA – The Washburn University Foundation's fiscal year 2013 ended June 30 with a record \$16.5 million in total giving, according to JuliAnn Mazachek, Ph.D, president. Underscoring Washburn University's motto, *non nobis solum* ("not for ourselves alone"), Mazachek said donors made significant philanthropic gifts enabling the Foundation to enhance current and future support for scholarships, spaces, programs and faculty development opportunities to enrich students' educational experiences.

"Many of our donors and alumni describe their Washburn educations as transformative, and their generosity shows their commitment to ensuring this same experience for current students," she said.

In addition to the \$16.5 million, donors also made future commitments totaling \$4.7 million in revocable estate gifts to benefit Washburn University.

"We are grateful for the gifts received from individuals and companies dedicated to enhancing the educational, athletic and cultural enrichment experiences our campus offers to our students and all members of the Topeka community," said Jerry Farley, Ph.D., president of Washburn University.

The Washburn University Foundation has \$163.4 million in total assets and ranks in the top 50 of public institutions for endowment per student FTE, according to the 2012 NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments. According to the same study, Washburn University Foundation had a 12.3 percent three-year average investment return, placing it in the top 10 percent of all public institutions. The Washburn University Foundation's investment return for fiscal year 2013 was 12.5 percent.

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