Let There Be Champions for Human Rights

The best in learning, discovery, service to community, and promoting understanding — UCLA promises and delivers all of this. And now the university is home to the Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA School of Law.

A $20 million commitment, including proceeds from The Promise — a feature film released in April about the Armenian Genocide — launched the new institute. Dr. Eric Esrailian, MPH ’06, lead producer of The Promise and a faculty member at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, spearheaded the effort to establish this nexus for education, advocacy, and other pursuits in the crucial field of human rights.

Many UCLA experts in several entities across campus already are doing exceptional work in human rights, from studying implications for global public health to creating art that encourages compassion for refugees. The Promise Institute will provide an infrastructure and resources they can leverage to serve as world leaders in this arena. The institute will offer new curriculum and clinical programs in human rights law and policy; publish groundbreaking research in the field; bring experienced leaders to UCLA Law to serve as faculty members; support student fellowships and scholarships; and host symposia, guest lectures, and other events.

“Human rights tragedies are unfolding today. The Promise Institute is so named because UCLA and UCLA School of Law are making the promise to refugees and people suffering from injustice that we will create the tools and train the people to address these crises,” says Esrailian.

Already a vital center for international work on topics ranging from political asylum to gender violence, UCLA has upheld its commitment to human rights. The timely gift to establish the Promise Institute will strengthen the university’s role as a leader in the pursuit of justice.

To make your own promise to better the world, contact Lindsey Williams at 310-206-1122 or williams@law.ucla.edu.
**SPEAKING OF THE CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN**

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**Playing it Forward**

The first time I visited UCLA, the moment I stepped foot on campus, I felt at home — like it was the right place to be. Students and faculty were welcoming, and the atmosphere was alive with optimism and adventure.

I am originally from India, but I’ve been living in Simi Valley, California, since I was one and studying music since I was five. My major is bassoon performance, and two events helped determine my decision to attend UCLA. First I had a lesson with bassoon professor John Steinmetz, and I realized that I wanted to continue my studies with him. I got a glimpse of how extraordinary UCLA faculty members are. Then Professor Neal Stulberg informed me that I had received the Shera and Peter Falk Lt. Columbo Scholarship. I was shocked and so grateful.

The scholarship is helping me make the most of my undergraduate studies, and I hope to be able to complete graduate school and then find a job in a professional orchestra or a recording studio, playing music for my career. And one day I will be able to help students follow their dreams just like the Falks have helped me.

— **ANJALI P. PILLAI ’20**

**Progress Report**

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**Sharing Success with You**

As the graphic illustrates, you helped the Centennial Campaign round the $3 billion mark this spring, and this issue of the newsletter features stories about what that means to the university, especially students, and to the world. Much of what you’ll read speaks to the way UCLA reaches across continents, cultures, areas of interest, and enterprises to inspire bold progress. And you.

Campaign raised to date: $3.1B of $4.2B goal

July 1, 2012–May 9, 2017
A Wealth of Support for Women’s Health

Some acts of generosity motivate more of them. When Iris Cantor created a Breast Imaging Center at UCLA, she couldn’t stop at improving care in one area. So she established the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women’s Health Center to pioneer a holistic, “one-stop-shop” approach, combining primary and specialty diagnosis, treatment, and education in an environment tailored specially for women.

The mission to improve women’s health across the life span has inspired others to take up the cause, with remarkable results.

A decade later, Julia Gouw (who also appears on page 5 of this issue) learned about the dearth of health research involving women. In response, she founded the center’s Executive Advisory Board, which has since granted $1.1 million for women’s health research projects at UCLA. Recently Gouw expressed her continued affinity for research with a meaningful and generous gesture: She renamed her own health faculty chair for the late Lori Altshuler, a former chair holder and leading researcher in mood disorders.

Now a fellow board member has stepped up to take research to the next level. Lauren Leichtman and her husband, Arthur Levine ’73, MBA ’76, who give to multiple areas at UCLA, have pledged $2 million to establish and name an endowed chair in women’s health research. Held by the center’s research director, the chair will advance faculty research and teaching for years to come. “UCLA is about creating opportunity for faculty, students, and community,” says Leichtman. “It’s about building for the future.”

With the aid and inspiration of their generosity, the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women’s Health Center will keep moving forward, revolutionizing research and forging a future in which all women can achieve optimal health.

To mark another milestone for women’s health, contact Silviya Aleksiyenko at 310-206-9235 or saleksiyenko@support.ucla.edu.

A Place of Hope

UCLA’s contributions to community are illuminating problems and bringing solutions to light. Stuart House, with its collaborative efforts to improve treatment for sexually abused children and their families, is a shining example.

Founded in 1988 as a program of the Rape Treatment Center at Santa Monica Hospital (now UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica), Stuart House is an international model for supporting child victims and their families. Uniting public and private partners in health care, law enforcement, and social services in one place, it has transformed the response to child sexual abuse.

In the traditional system, traumatized children visit up to six different agencies in separate locations, where they are interviewed by multiple strangers without best-practice knowledge in cold, institutional environments. Conversely, Stuart House serves as a “child advocacy center” — a single, child-friendly location where victims and their families receive a warm welcome, expert treatment, and comprehensive services appropriate to each child’s age.

Well established as a model, these services now have a new space: a 19,000 square-foot building that was designed and built by The Rape Foundation with funds it raised for this purpose. The foundation donated the new building, valued at $12.2 million, to the university for the Stuart House program. Even construction raised community awareness; building contractors learned about the hidden crisis of child sexual abuse and grew passionate about the project’s purpose.

The Rape Foundation’s continued partnership will help Stuart House serve more than 650 children and their families annually in addition to training providers from Los Angeles and around the world in establishing child advocacy centers. A collaboration marked by compassion, Stuart House is a place of hope for the most vulnerable.

To help bring healing and hope to abused children and their families, contact Gail Abarbanel at 424-259-9933 or gabarbanel@mednet.ucla.edu.
The United States judiciary is a pillar of American society, helping ensure the freedoms of its citizens. So it’s exciting that UCLA law students are playing an active role in informing court decisions.

Like the judicial system itself, UCLA School of Law’s Scott and Cyan Banister First Amendment Clinic has been astonishingly active. Recently one student team submitted the only friend-of-the-court brief urging the Supreme Court to consider a case on sex offenders’ access to social media sites; the court agreed to hear the case. Another team not only submitted a brief on a libel suit between doctors but also watched professor Eugene Volokh deliver a rare friend-of-the-court oral argument in the case before the federal court of appeals.

Providing hands-on experience for aspiring attorneys, the clinic launched in 2013 and filed about 20 briefs before receiving a boost of benevolence. Inspired by interest in law and free speech, the Banisters gave $125,000. Their gift is helping students hone research and writing skills and learn legal strategy by composing amicus briefs on behalf of nonprofits and academic groups. Cases they have tackled address First Amendment protections in arenas ranging from social media and student speech to libel and trademark matters.

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“I hope we are providing a service for courts across the country,” says Volokh, who oversees the clinic and serves as Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law. “The clinic is a win-win: good for our students and also helpful to judges.”

Perfectly pairing academic learning with real-world results, the clinic highlights the contributions that UCLA students and faculty — with the help of generous supporters — can share with society.

To be a partner on an important legal team, contact Margo Thole at 310-206-1061 or thole@law.ucla.edu.

To glean wisdom from the pages of the past, contact Julie Strumwasser at 310-825-5068 or jstrumwasser@support.ucla.edu.
Where do people value learning about different views and values? At UCLA.

One of a university’s most important missions is to bring people — from different cultures, diverse communities, and disparate disciplines — to work together toward greater understanding and the common good. Several campaign gifts demonstrate that donors are committed to that mission, too, and that they consider UCLA the ideal partner to advance it.

UCLA has acquired the Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel archive, which chronicles the migration of Sephardic Jews from the Mediterranean, Middle East, and North Africa to Los Angeles and their contributions to the city’s culture. Many of the photographs, papers, audiovisual materials, and rare books are written in the endangered language of Ladino, which was spoken by early 20th-century immigrants from Eastern Europe and Western Asia and is kept alive by their descendants today. A lead gift from the Kahn Foundation with additional support from the UCLA Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies Community Advisory Board and the Maurice Amado Foundation enabled the acquisition, which will inform UCLA graduate students, local community members, and online researchers around the world.

At the same time, UCLA International Institute is strengthening links to Indonesia, a vital nation and one of the world’s largest democracies. A generous gift from Julia and Ken Gouw will support undergraduate scholarships — a campaign priority — for students to study abroad in addition to Indonesian Studies programming within the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at UCLA. Including their previous gift and a grant from the UCLA Chancellor’s Centennial Scholars Match Program, the Gouws’ total contribution to Indonesian Studies at UCLA now stands at $500,000, a testament to how much they — like UCLA — value cross-cultural understanding.

The public university in a city that opens its arms to diversity, UCLA and its philanthropic partners cross cultural boundaries for the common good.

Help UCLA advance cultural understanding by contacting Sarah Murphy at 310-794-9005 or smurphy@support.ucla.edu or Chia Yen at 310-206-6872 or cyen@support.ucla.edu.
A great university — like UCLA — generates borderless partnerships and boundless opportunities to better communities near and far. It razes walls and raises understanding.

Philanthropy to UCLA, then, builds bridges, making our university one of the world’s great resources. Recent gifts, including those featured in this issue of the newsletter, have helped bring UCLA to more places and people from more places to UCLA. They also have pushed The Centennial Campaign for UCLA past the $3 billion mark.

With that momentum top of mind, alumni, leaders, donors, and friends in Orange County and San Diego held countdown celebrations in March and April anticipating the university’s centennial in 2019. Another event is slated for New York in the fall. UCLA is creating change and garnering support from coast to coast and beyond.

The scope of UCLA’s reach is demonstrable:

• The UCLA Anderson School of Management alumni network includes members in more than 100 countries.

• UCLA Health sees thousands of patients from abroad each year.

• UCLA Fielding School of Public Health has projects and activities in hundreds of communities worldwide.

• In 2016, UCLA International Institute brought nearly 700 visitors from 80 countries to campus for discussions on topics ranging from human rights to public health to free trade.

Gifts come from overseas, too. Europe Centennial Campaign Committee Chair Jonathan Fragodt ’91 gives to neurology research and study-abroad scholarships. David and Maureen Barry of the United Kingdom continue to contribute financially to the UCLA rugby team on which their two sons play. The family brings talent and generosity to the playing field.

UCLA philanthropists and experts from all over, discoveries and innovations in every discipline: The Centennial Campaign for UCLA is bringing them all together to achieve what none of them could alone.

To join forces with UCLA, contact Chia Yen at 310-206-6872 or cyen@support.ucla.edu.