There may be no greater personal legacy than investing in the lives of others, and few gifts offer greater satisfaction than a gift to establish a scholarship. Now more than ever, as the cost of education continues to rise, gifts supporting need-based student scholarships are crucial. Current and endowed scholarships strengthen Muhlenberg’s commitment to providing a high-quality liberal arts education to deserving students regardless of their financial situation.

As part of the effort to encourage alumni, parents and friends to help today’s students of need, Muhlenberg has developed the Legacy Scholarship program. This program allows donors of nearly all capacities to establish a scholarship by making:

• A four-year commitment of at least $1,500 per year to a general named scholarship, and

• A commitment to establish an endowed scholarship fund with either a current or deferred gift. The endowment gift should correspond to the amount of the current annual commitment. For example, a four-year commitment to a $1,500 current scholarship would require a gift of $30,000 to generate approximately the same yearly income (up to 5% of the College’s endowment is distributed each year).

As a Legacy Scholarship donor, your annual outright gift will be awarded to a specific student recipient each year. The program is renewable; once the four-year commitment has been satisfied, you may continue to fund the scholarship on an annual basis. Once the endowment fund is fully established, the scholarship will be awarded annually from the fund’s earnings. For funds that reach the $50,000 level and above, you may specify preferences for the type of student to whom the endowed scholarship may be awarded.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a Legacy Scholarship donor, you will be invited to attend Muhlenberg’s annual scholarship donor recognition event. At the event, you will have an opportunity to meet and get to know your student recipient. You’ll also enjoy member benefits for the Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society when you make your annual leadership gift. If you make an endowment gift through your estate plan, you’ll enjoy membership in the Circle of 1848.

• As a member of the Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society (HMMS), which recognizes annual gifts of $1,500 or more, you will be invited to the annual HMMS Reception during Reunion/Homecoming Weekend. You’ll also receive exclusive College updates several times a year from the president, and will be included as a leadership donor in various publications.

• Members of the Circle of 1848 receive a lapel pin, Circle mailings and a listing in various College publications. In addition, members receive invitations to Muhlenberg’s traditional Advent Candlelight Carol Service and a Summer Music Theatre production.

Ian Curtis ’14

Ian Curtis ’14 is a theatre and dance major from Phillipsburg, New Jersey and the recipient of the Dr. Kenneth G. Ryder ’79 Legacy Scholarship in honor of Drs. Charles E. and Joanne S. Mortimer.

“Thank you so much for this scholarship! It is a great help, and I really appreciate every bit that gets me one step closer to my dreams and goals.”

Ian Curtis ’14 and Kenneth G. Ryder ’79 at the 2011 Scholarship Luncheon.
THE FACTS
ABOUT FINANCIAL AID
AT MULLENBERG

• Tuition only covers about 87 percent of a Muhlenberg education.

• More than 70 percent of Muhlenberg students receive financial aid from the College.

• The College’s overall financial aid budget for Fund Year 2010-2011 is $28.4 million – that’s up $7.7 million from 2006-2007.

• The number of 18-year-olds will decline by more than 10 percent over the next decade; in the years to come Muhlenberg will have to compete much, much harder for the best students. Financial aid and scholarships will often be the deciding factor in a promising student’s choice to attend Muhlenberg.

HENRY MELCHIOR MULLENBERG SOCIETY (HMMS)

The annual portion of the Legacy Scholarship commitment qualifies you for membership in the Henry Melchior Muhlenberg Society (HMMS). The Society was founded in 1967 to recognize a very special group of Muhlenberg leaders. Each year, alumni, parents and friends who share a commitment to Muhlenberg’s growing distinction join HMMS by making an annual leadership gift of $1,500 or more.

Joining HMMS may be easier than you think: remember that gifts can be made in monthly or quarterly installments over the course of the fund year (July 1 through June 30), and corporate matching gifts are included as part of your total giving.

HMMS Levels of Leadership

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CIRCLE OF 1848

The endowment portion of a Legacy Scholarship commitment, if made through a deferred gift, ensures your eligibility for membership in the Circle of 1848. Since its founding in 1989, the Circle of 1848 has had a substantial impact on the quality of learning Muhlenberg College offers its students. Membership is open to all Muhlenberg alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends who name the College as a beneficiary in their estate plan through their will, life insurance policy, trust or retirement plan, or through their accumulated assets.

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