

UCSD receives \$1.9 million--the largest gift in university history for undergraduate scholarships

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The University of California, San Diego has received a gift of \$1.9 million for undergraduate scholarships. This is the largest gift in the history of the university to be designated strictly for undergraduate scholarship support.

The unprecedented bequest is from the estate of Madge Elaine Lawhead, a supporter of University of California education, who passed away in October of 1995. She and the late Robert G. Lawhead, were longtime residents of Coronado.

Pat Callahan, attorney for Mrs. Lawhead, said it was her nephew, an alumnus of the University of California, who pointed out to her the effects that increasing tuition are having on undergraduate students in their pursuit of education.

"Mrs. Lawhead intentionally designated the scholarship fund for undergraduate students, with no other strings attached, so that it could be used as effectively as possible," Callahan said. "She had a high regard for a University of California education."

Joseph W. Watson, UCSD vice chancellor for student affairs, said the Lawhead Scholarships will further enable UCSD to recognize, encourage, and attract academically superb undergraduates. "We are deeply appreciative to Mrs. Lawhead for her wonderful gift. We hope and expect that her recognition of the importance of undergraduate scholarships will encourage others to fund scholarships for the many worthy and deserving students at UCSD."

The \$1.9 million was distributed by Danielson Trust Company, trustees for the Lawhead Family Trust. With this trust distribution, The Madge Elaine Lawhead Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established at UCSD.

Speaking as chairman of the UCSD Undergraduate Scholarship Council, and a UCSD alumnus, Jeffrey Leifer noted the "tremendous impact" the scholarship endowment will have on efforts to attract attention to the needs of outstanding students at UCSD.

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