



Poised for Tomorrow

SSU faculty and staff show their support for *Poised for Tomorrow*

Winter 2007

2007 is well underway and with winter's cold arrival comes the public phase of Poised for Tomorrow, the campaign for Shawnee State University. To keep you, our team members and university friends, up-to-date and in-the-know, we're presenting the first campaign newsletter. Enjoy!

Can you believe that together we're at nearly **60 percent** of our \$12,000,000 *Poised for Tomorrow* goal? There's no way we could do this without everyone's hard work and dedication. Thanks, you're the best!

There's an old saying that says "charity begins at home."

And the administration, faculty and staff of Shawnee State University definitely took that to heart as they donated over half a million dollars to the university's capital campaign, *Poised for Tomorrow*.

Nearly 94 percent of SSU employees donated to the campaign raising over \$550,000. The faculty and staff campaign kicked off in April 2006 and wrapped up six weeks later.

Angela Henderson, assistant director, development/alumni affairs, who chaired the in-house effort, said the results were exceptional for this type of campaign.

"It just shows how much the future of Shawnee State, our students and our entire community means to those of us who work here," Henderson said. "It's an extraordinary accomplishment that has truly helped *Poised for Tomorrow* get off to a great start."

Henderson credits the campus volunteers for the success of the in-house campaign. "This would not have been possible without the hard work of these talented and dedicated individuals."

Shawnee State University President Rita Rice Morris said that the early success of *Poised for Tomorrow* is due in part to the wide-spread support it received on campus. "By adding their monetary gifts to the time and talents they already share with

Shawnee State, our faculty and staff have made a true commitment to the future excellence of this university."

The In-House Team:

Jim Arnzen, Karen Arthur, Lisa Basham, Jeff Bauer, Phil Blau, Denise Brockett, Beth Bullock, Cathy Chaffin, Sarah Clausing, Vicci Felts, Cindy Ferguson, Janna Gallaher, Meredith Glaze, Denise Gregory, Angel Hale, Lindsey Hamilton, Bill Hannah, Eric Hardin, Greg Lyons, David Malone, Krista Maxson, Judy Meeker, Penny Merritt, Tess Midkiff, Ginnie Moore, Judy Morrow, Cathy Mullins, Steve O'Rourke, Linda Plummer, Sherri Powell, Beth Rockwell, Bill Rockwell, Darrell Rudmann, Brian Saul, Sherry Scott, Jean Sisler, Mistie Spicer, Ken Warfield, Marla Thoroughman

Campaign Kick-Off a Huge Success

January 25th was a marvelous day on campus. It marked both the formal kick-off of *Poised for Tomorrow* and a press conference at which we shared the good news.

Shawnee State University Board Chair Kay Reynolds opened the program and Barbara Lodwick, the Development Foundation's new president, closed it. Both were equally enthusiastic as Kay shared the \$12,000,000 goal publicly for the first time.

Kay and Barbara were joined at the podium by Rita Morris, Gerald Jenkins, Frank Waller and John Campbell.

Guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast and some warm and wonderful camaraderie.

Campaign Cabinet

It's a real honor to list the people who make up the *Poised for Tomorrow* team. The list is a long one though, so we'll include just the Campaign Cabinet. Our other team

members will be recognized in future newsletters.

Frank and Janis Waller, General Campaign Co-Chairs

Cheryl Albrecht

Tim and Monica Glockner

Angela Henderson

Gerald and Cynthia Jenkins

Jim and Elaine Jividen

Jim Kricker

Gail Miller

Rita Rice Morris

Kay Reynolds

Susan Warsaw

Wayne and Sandra Wheeler

George and Sandra White

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New opportunities for tax-free charitable giving from IRAs

Congress has recently taken important steps to strengthen America's retirement system while also encouraging additional charitable giving. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 may offer you new opportunities for tax-free charitable giving. Of special note, the new law includes incentives for those 70 years of age and older who would like to make charitable gifts from potentially taxable Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). During 2007, individuals may make tax-free gifts directly to the SSUDF in any amount up to \$100,000. Those who are required to take minimum distributions will find the new law of particular interest. To enjoy this opportunity, the transfer must be completed prior to December 31, 2007. If you would like further information, contact Mandy Hart in the Development Office at (740) 351-3364.

**And the total
is...**

\$7,128,453!