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University of Wyoming

ANNUAL REPORT 

STATE MATCHING PROGRAM



success stories

I got involved on campus right away and that has made my college experience at UW so incredible.

– Quinn Hennigar
Junior

STATE MATCHING PROGRAMS

UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

W.S. 21-16-903

ATHLETICS CHALLENGE MATCHING PROGRAM

W.S. 21-16-1003

ACADEMIC FACILITIES CHALLENGE MATCHING PROGRAM

W.S. 21-16-1403



legislative matching funds have transformed the university of wyoming and the future of the state

LEGISLATIVE MATCHING FUNDS

Matching funds have forever changed private giving to the University of Wyoming. This is a program unique in the nation that has transformed—with the help of donor generosity—so many programs at UW. Thanks to you, Wyoming has become a national model for how a state can work directly with donors in a public-private partnership to propel higher education to new heights.

It is not often that an investment yields a 100 percent return, but that's exactly what happens with this program—eligible endowment gifts of \$50,000 or more and facility gifts of \$25,000 or more are doubled by the State of Wyoming. Since its very beginning, this public-private partnership has surpassed even our greatest expectations.

The Wyoming state matching program began more than 20 years ago with the goal of incentivizing donors to the University of Wyoming. It began with endowment matching but then expanded to athletics facilities and then to academic facilities. The overwhelming success of the program is a testament to the dedicated investment of our state leadership and the passionate support of UW's donors.

The Wyoming Legislature established the University Endowment Challenge (W.S. 21-16-903) in 2001, the Athletics Challenge Matching Program (W.S. 21-16-1003) in 2003, and the Academic Challenge Facilities Matching Program (W.S. 21-16-1403) in 2005.

Over the past 20+ years, these extraordinary programs have provided more than \$222 million in matching funds—funds that have encouraged donors to partner with the State of Wyoming to support the future of our state and our nation. That's more than 700 endowments and facilities funds that were matched, for double the impact. This number includes 396 funds for student support, 228 for programs, 60 for faculty, and 25+ for athletic and academic facilities.

And the impact doesn't end there. This program continues to fulfill its promise—it is designed to leverage the generosity of donors and to encourage new levels of giving by creating incentives to invest in UW and its academic, athletic, and facility priorities. This leads to relationships with donors and alums who are even more deeply connected to Wyoming who continue to give back in a multitude of ways that ripples down through the generations.

We would like to offer our deepest gratitude to Wyoming state leadership, the Wyoming State Legislature, our enthusiastic donors, and people across Wyoming for your steadfast generosity and support. It underpins everything that we are able to accomplish.



marna kuehne foundation disabled veterans scholarship and the marna m. kuehne foundation veterans services center

STUDENT SUCCESS

Student success is the number one priority of the University of Wyoming, and the partnership between UW and state leadership through matching programs encourages robust private donations that help our students soar.

A great example of the truly transformative power of state matching is the support of the Marna M. Kuehne Foundation. This foundation is based in Sheridan and its mission is to help Wyoming’s veterans with disabilities. One of the ways the foundation accomplishes this is support of student veterans through scholarships. In 1999, they established the Marna Kuehne Foundation Disabled Veterans Scholarship at the University of Wyoming, as well as at Sheridan College. The impact of this fund was doubled by state matching. This fund has had an immeasurable impact on student veterans at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

But the impact didn’t stop there. The foundation decided to support the full operating budget of the Marna M. Kuehne Foundation Veterans Services Center, which opened in 2010. Its mission is to provide assistance, mentoring, and resource connection to military, veterans, and military families as they transition from military to civilian life. The center provides comprehensive programming to serve student veterans, supporting them and their families from their first contact with UW through to successful graduation and beyond. UW is now recognized as veteran-and military-friendly by a number of military organizations and is truly living up to the center’s motto—Serving Those Who Served.



With the support of the Marna M. Kuehne Foundation, the Veterans Services Center is able to provide important, relevant, and effective programs and services to the nearly 700 military-connected students enrolled at UW. Not only does the Marna M. Kuehne Foundation provide our operating budget, but they also responded with financial support when the time came to construct the new Veterans Services Center on the third floor of the Union. Their thoughtfulness elevated our program to be recognized nationally as a “Top School” by *Military Times Magazine*. The Marna M. Kuehne Foundation is not simply a donor to our program but has become a partner in attaining our mission—to support our military men and women as they transition from military life to academia and civilian employment.

– Marty C. Martinez

Director of the Veterans Services Center





john and jane wold centennial chair in energy

FACULTY

EXCELLENCE

Our students wouldn't be able to succeed without the help of dedicated faculty. The University of Wyoming is working hard to expand the number of professorships and chairs that support these invaluable faculty. State leadership has been right there beside us with state matching, encouraging donors to fund their important work in teaching and research.

The very first chair at the University of Wyoming was established by John and Jane Wold in 1990—the John and Jane Wold Centennial Chair in Energy. This chair has benefited from state matching funds. The chair's mission is to advance leadership in computational, mathematical, geological, and geophysical aspects of energy research. John Wold was a geologist, entrepreneur, and a U.S Representative. Wold funding has advanced energy-related research and education for the benefit of Wyoming. It was first held by Richard Ewing, a professor in math and chemical and petroleum engineering who was an international authority on oil reserve mathematics and large-scale computing. He also founded the Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute. The most recent chair is John Kaszuba, a geochemistry professor who has over 25 years of experience in researching fluid and rock interactions.

Through UW, Wold funds have invested substantial resources into advancing energy-related research and education for the benefit of all of Wyoming. As a result, the state's investment has grown exponentially—not just in economic terms but also in workforce and research.



I am honored to hold the John and Jane Wold Centennial Chair in Energy. This endowed chair is providing me unique opportunities to conduct research and work with students to help advance Wyoming's energy future. I am very grateful to the Wold family and the Wold Foundation for their generosity and foresight for endowing this chair and to the State of Wyoming for their prescience in providing matching funds. I am particularly grateful to the Wold family for generously sharing their time and wisdom with my students and me these past few years—it's a special treat for my students to showcase their research and engage with pillars of the Wyoming energy industry.

– John Kaszuba

John and Jane Wold Centennial Chair in Energy





ellbogen wyoming communities, agriculture, and rural living project fund

SERVICE TO THE STATE

The mission of state leadership and of the University of Wyoming is service to the state. The state matching program is a perfect example of how we're working together for our communities. The John P. Ellbogen Foundation is also passionately dedicated to serving the state. Increasing the impact of Ellbogen Foundation support to Wyoming's university is a win-win-win.

For example, one of the many funds the Ellbogen Foundation has established at UW is the Ellbogen Wyoming Communities, Agriculture, and Rural Living Project Fund. This fund awards competitive grants to UW Extension projects that improve Wyoming communities, agriculture, and rural living—for example, profitable and sustainable agricultural systems, 4-H and youth development, nutrition and food safety, sustainable management of rangeland resources, and community development. Projects are evaluated based on level of impact, responsiveness to current challenges, enhancement of quality of life, and if the project can be expanded to other communities. Recent examples that were supported by this fund are Wyoming Ranch Camp, Rocky Mountain Youth Entrepreneur Series, Money Talk, and the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program.

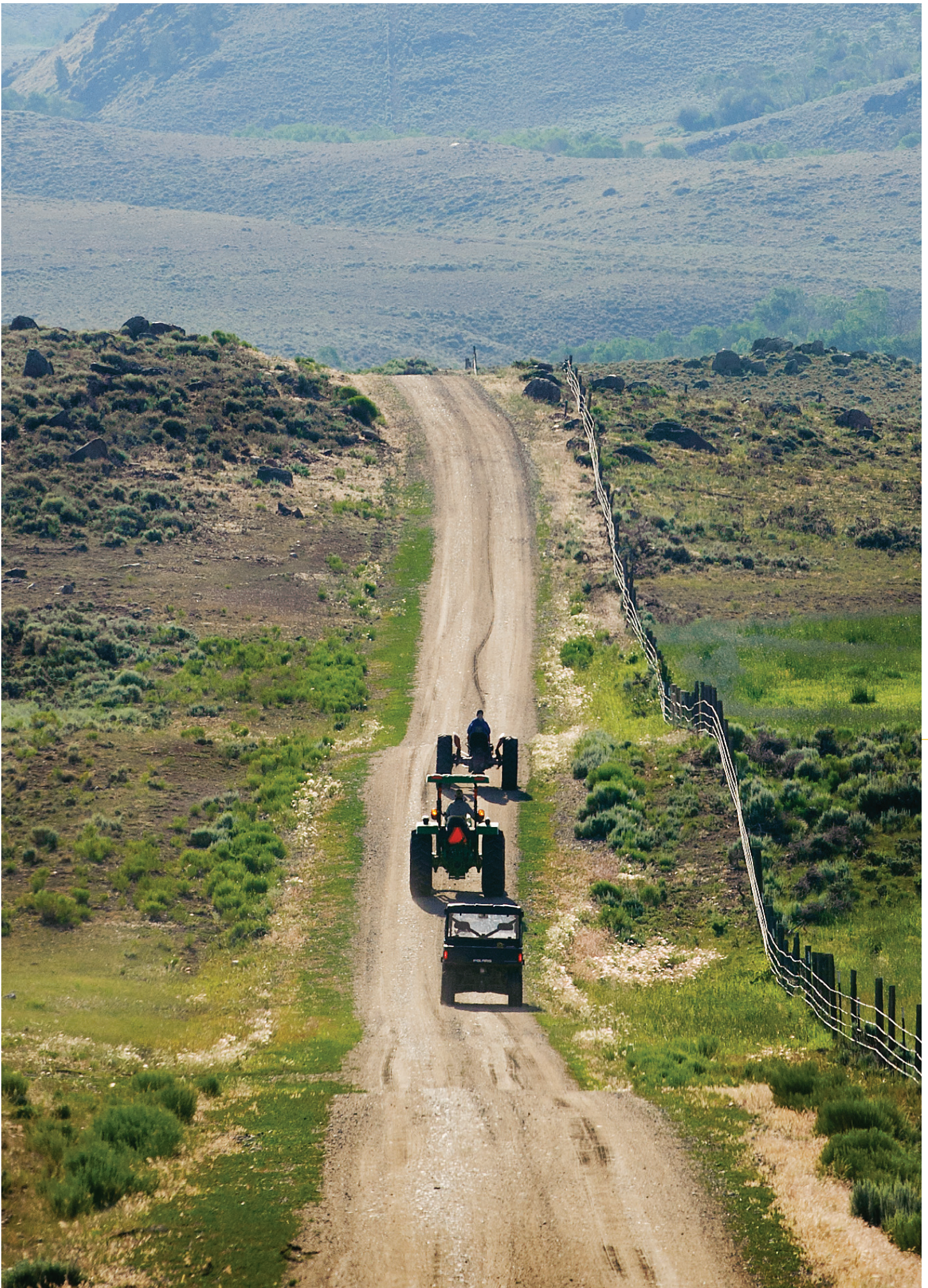
Wyoming is a way of life, full of history and tradition that is deeply intertwined with its institutions—the Wyoming Governor and State Legislature, the University of Wyoming, UW Extension, and the John P. Ellbogen Foundation. Together we are investing in a better future.



The Ellbogen Foundation is pleased to work alongside the state and university in service to the people of Wyoming. The Ag Extension program provides the infrastructure and expertise for our investment to reach every county in Wyoming. From teaching about soil health to financial literacy and everything in between, we have the opportunity to enhance the quality of life and well-being for children and families. Our impact is multiplied by this important partnership.

– **Mary Ellbogen Garland**

President and Chair of the John P. Ellbogen Foundation





success stories

There are so many opportunities and a great community that has helped shaped my time at UW.

– Zakkary Loveall
Junior





more than twenty years of impact

BY THE NUMBERS

\$222M+

IN TOTAL MATCHING FUNDS

700+

MATCHED ENDOWMENT & FACILITIES FUNDS

state matching program

396

STUDENT
SUPPORT
FUNDS



228

PROGRAM
SUPPORT
FUNDS



60

FACULTY
SUPPORT
FUNDS



25+

ACADEMIC &
ATHLETICS
FACILITIES





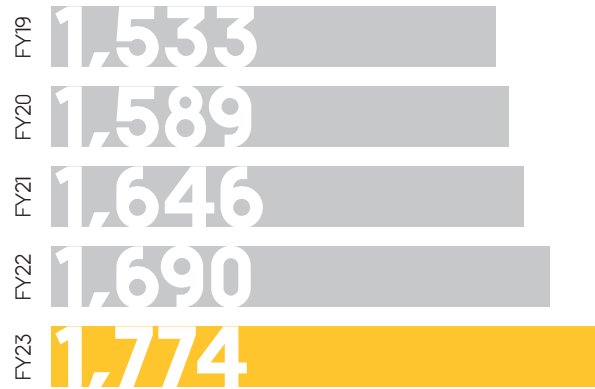
BY THE NUMBERS

private support totals

(in millions)



number of endowments



annual report

12

portfolio growth

(in millions)



endowment payout

(in millions)



Note: The FY23 totals above are unaudited.



STATUS OF \$49.0 MILLION ATHLETICS CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2022

FUNDS RECEIVED FROM DONORS	\$49,000,000
DONOR COMMITMENTS SECURING MATCHING FUNDS	\$49,000,000
TOTAL MATCHING POOL	\$49,000,000

STATUS OF \$60.3 MILLION ACADEMIC FACILITIES CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2022

FUNDS RECEIVED FROM DONORS	\$60,329,880
DONOR COMMITMENTS SECURING MATCHING FUNDS	\$60,329,880
TOTAL MATCHING POOL	\$60,329,880

STATUS OF \$114.5 MILLION UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

MARCH 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2022

FUNDS RECEIVED FROM DONORS	\$111,507,375
DONOR COMMITMENTS SECURING MATCHING FUNDS	\$114,500,208
TOTAL MATCHING POOL	\$114,500,208



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success stories

UW is special because of all the opportunities available to students. Doors have opened for me that I never thought would be possible.

– Emma Scarborough
Sophomore



state matching program



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