FUNDRAISING TO DATE

At the end of January, the WWU Foundation had raised $12 million toward its FY22 $16 million fundraising goal. In addition to the thousands of alumni, parents and friends who have supported Western through the Annual Fund, several recent significant commitments have been made in the past two months including:

• $2 million bequest intention to provide scholarships for underserved students
• $1.25 million bequest intention for a Geology Professorship in the name and memory a former Western faculty member
• $575,000 bequest intention to support scholarships for WWU student-athletes who want to become educators and coaches
• $300,000 grant from the Greer Solien Fund to support the Salish Sea Studies Institute
• $105,500 from three different financial institutions supporting a wide variety of programs
• $100,000 for the Sustainability Pathways Fund

Highest among the fundraising priorities of the University Advancement for the next six-to-nine months includes the new Advanced Technology Engineering and Computer Science Building, the longhouse and a new scholarship initiative to raise $600,000 to help recruit an additional 300 students to Western next fall – and provide on-going scholarship support to retain them through to graduation.