



Nursing student Diane Kenski speaks to guests at the Laura Moore Cunningham scholarship luncheon in March. About 90 students received scholarships from this fund.

Student scholarships are getting a much-needed boost thanks to an online giving program called “Dollars for Scholars.” Donors can make tax-deductible contributions through the university’s Web site at www.boisestate.edu.

“Student scholarships are not in jeopardy for the current academic year but may

‘DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS’

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be in question for the future without new funds,” says Boise State Vice President for University Advancement Howard Smith. “Like most other colleges and universities, it appears that negative investment returns will cause a reduction in the overall funds that are available to distribute for student scholarships in the 2009-2010 academic year.”

The Boise State University Foundation currently supports about 850 student scholarships through endowed accounts. The Foundation experienced a significant drop in endowment earnings in the first four months of the fiscal year and some endowments are not generating enough earnings to support the scholarship award.

“Dollars for Scholars” will better allow the Foundation and Financial Aid Office to distribute funds in the 2009-2010 academic year on both need and merit bases.

“Private gifts are perhaps more important than ever during these uncertain economic times,” says Smith. “In spite of financial setbacks, Boise State remains steadfast in its pledge to prepare the next generation of students, and ‘Dollars for Scholars’ is essential for these opportunities to be realized.”

For more information, contact the Foundation at (208) 426-3276, 1-800-341-6150 or foundation.boisestate.edu.



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TIME = MONEY

Few groups on campus are more vested in the university than faculty and staff. Many put forth extra effort to keep students enrolled and engaged, including establishing and contributing to campus scholarships and programs. When the desire to support a particular program exceeds the ability to write a check, many faculty and staff have found another way to contribute.

The option many use is called “contributed services.” By donating the money they would have received for teaching a class or workshop beyond their normal workload, they can support the program at a greater level than might otherwise be possible, thereby making a substantial difference in the life of a Boise State student.

“The attraction for someone like myself is that all it involves is extra effort,” says history professor Peter Buhler (above), who has made several contributed services gifts to funds such as the Single Parent Scholarship and plans to make a contribution to the Basque Studies Center in the near future.



Former business dean and current accounting professor Bill Lathen agrees.

“Financially, it is often difficult to come up with anything other than small financial contributions to give to the university,” he says. “But donating summer teaching stipends is really just donating time, which for me is easier to do. By giving the gross amount of the stipend, I have been able to contribute generously to the new business building and have established a fairly significant scholarship endowment.”

Both men appreciate this option for financial contributions because it enables them to achieve their philanthropic goals through the gift of their time. For that, countless students give thanks.

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