



The Academy of Leisure Sciences

FUTURE SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT FUND

Dear Colleague:

The Academy of Leisure Sciences (ALS), supported by the Society of Park and Recreation Educators (SPRE), is pleased to announce the inauguration of the **FUTURE SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT FUND** dedicated to ensuring the viability and financial stability of the Future Scholars Program. **We invite you to become a Founding Member in this exciting and important endeavor by making your tax-deductible contribution before March 1, 2010.** We all have benefited from mentoring and support in our careers; now is your opportunity to “pay it forward.”

The Future Scholars Program makes several awards each year to outstanding master’s students who are interested in pursuing doctoral degrees in parks, recreation, and leisure studies. Established by the ALS in 1990, the program was an outgrowth of efforts by Peter Witt to mentor exceptional students as they select and enter their doctoral programs. Students chosen as Future Scholars receive funding to attend the NRPA Congress/Leisure Research Symposium where they have opportunity to speak with faculty from universities throughout North America and beyond. Over the years, more than 75 students have benefitted from the Future Scholars Program, including 15 awardees who currently hold university faculty positions; many more have moved into leadership positions within this field. Several testimonials are included in this letter from these future scholars.

“Attending the NRPA conference gave me a real sense of the dynamism and energy of the people in our field, which was inspirational. I loved the opportunity to learn about different choices of PhD programs all in one place. Thank you for your confidence in my potential.”

Former Future Scholar

Members of ALS originally funded the program; however, since 1998 the primary financial support has come through Dan Dustin in honor of his parents, Lucille and Derby Dustin. Sagamore Publishing and Venture Publishing have also given significant support. Today, with 20 years of successful funding and evidence of the important impact this program has on the field, **it is time to establish permanent funding for the Future Scholars Program.**

The ALS, with strong support from SPRE, is engaging in an effort to raise a minimum of \$80,000 by the end of 2012 to assure continued funding of the Future Scholars Program for years to come. We invite you to contribute. Please consider becoming a **Founding Member** of the **FUTURE SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT FUND** by making your tax-deductible contribution or pledge before March 1, 2010 using the attached contribution form. See the attached list of Founding Members who have already contributed; please join this list!

“I didn’t know what to expect but it turned out to be one of the most significant turning points in my professional career. I met so many pioneers and leaders in our field. The experience was a turning point professionally.”

Dana Kivel, Chair of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration at California State University, Sacramento and Board Member for Society of Park and Recreation Educators



CONTRIBUTION FORM

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FUTURE SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT FUND has been established to secure the financial viability of the Future Scholars Program, a program that makes annual awards to outstanding master's students interested in pursuing doctoral degrees in parks, recreation, and leisure studies. The goal of this pledge drive is to raise \$80,000 by December 31, 2012.

Use this form to make donations to the **FUTURE SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT FUND**. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

To Pledge On-Going Contributions

I pledge to contribute \$_____ in 2010

I pledge to contribute \$_____ in 2011

I pledge to contribute \$_____ in 2012

To Make a Contribution

Enclosed is my contribution of \$25 \$50 \$75* \$100 other \$_____

FOUNDING MEMBER: anyone who contributes or pledges before March 1, 2010

SUPPORTER under \$100 ~ SPONSOR \$100-\$499 ~ ADVOCATE \$500-\$999 ~ SUSTAINER \$1000-\$2499

LUCILLE AND DERBY DUSTIN BENEFACTOR: individuals who contribute or pledge \$2500 or more

Name: _____

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Checks can be made out to the "Academy of Leisure Sciences" with a notation in the subject line indicating "Future Scholars Endowment Fund." Mail your contributions to:

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