Gift Chair Talking Points

General

• As alumni, we can play an important role at Vanderbilt by giving back to establish endowed class scholarships.

• Several classes have already established class scholarships which are helping to reduce the tuition burden of medical students.

• We were lucky to receive a great medical education at Vanderbilt under caring faculty mentors. Now, we can help provide this opportunity to learn at Vanderbilt to other medical students.

Tuition and Debt

• While our tuition is lower than many peer institutions, Vanderbilt students are leaving school with far too much debt. Last year, the graduating class averaged $134,300 in debt.

• This figure is lower than the national average for all private schools, but is high when compared to a list of our peers, very selective institutions.

• Students oftentimes face a decade or more before they complete loan repayment plans and are relieved of educational debt.

Impact

• Scholarship support helps to recruit talented students who will make the most of their time at Vanderbilt.

• We are helping students choose Vanderbilt and reduce the amount of debt they face at graduation.

• What a legacy for our class! An endowed fund—named for our class—will continue to benefit students for generations to come.

• A class gift shows our engagement and our gratitude for the education we received at Vanderbilt.

Logistics

• To name an endowed scholarship after our class, we will need to raise a minimum of $25,000. As the fund grows, students will benefit from more and more support.

• Our goal is to announce that the fund has been established at Reunion 2014, and celebrate our success together.

• We hope you will consider both a contribution to the class gift and a trip to Nashville next fall for Reunion.

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