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“The Rosario campus, the Rosario experience in general, is an amplification of what I love most about WWU—the family atmosphere,” said Jim. “Rosario helped me find my place here. I want others to have the same opportunity to learn and grow here. Jesus says we can come as we are; WWU says the same thing, come as you are, and we will fully accept you into the WWU family.”

With a desire to continue supporting the program at Rosario after they are gone, the Nestlers have made a legacy gift to the university. “While immediate gifts are crucial to the mission of WWU and Rosario, long-term planning is important for the vision—what WWU and Rosario will become in the future,” said Jim. “Working for an SDA school doesn’t provide a whole lot of discretionary income for making one-time donations, so by providing a legacy gift, we may be able to make a greater difference in the success of students.”

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Endowed scholarships are one way alumni and friends are helping current students. We’re pleased to announce six new endowed scholarships for 2015.

Class of 1959 Endowed Student Missions Scholarship Fund

This endowed scholarship was established to commemorate the 50th graduation reunion of the Class of 1959. The endowment provides assistance to student missionaries for mission related costs such as airfare, tickets, travel visas, and immunizations. The class hopes this fund will encourage students to serve wherever God leads them. Class member Betty Wood attended the 50th reunion and remembers conversations about establishing the fund.

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