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Give thanks during MSU’s Give Green Day on Tuesday, Nov. 28

Michigan State University’s Give Green Day is Tuesday, Nov. 28, a 24-hour campaign to engage Spartans and friends across the world in giving back to support students at Michigan State.

The MSU College of Engineering seeks to raise $5,000 on Give Green Day for the Thomas F. Wolff College of Engineering Undergraduate Student Activities Endowed Fund.

24 Hours To Make A Difference: Give Green Day/Engineering

Wolff said the monies are used to support initiatives directly related to undergraduate co-curricular activities for students currently enrolled in disciplines leading to an engineering degree in the college. It funds things like undergraduate experiences at research conferences, national society conventions and national student team competitions. It also builds on the legacy of student support created by the Aggie McCann Fund.

McCann served as the secretary to the dean for 45 years, from 1917 to 1962. Her impact on engineering students was such a legend that her former students and friends created an endowment in her name. As the number of alumni who still remember McCann’s contributions dwindle, Wolff and his wife, Kathleen, established the Wolff Fund through an initial gift to help ensure support for student activities remains available in the college.

“My own travel to conferences as a college student left a lasting impression on how such experiences can foster leadership,” Wolff explained. “It is an excellent way to show we are here for the students.”
At MSU, there are 28 projects and programs seeking donations on Give Green Day. Additionally, more than 60 alumni clubs will ask their members and friends to support club initiatives and scholarship funds. In 2016, nearly 2,000 donors made a gift to MSU on Give Green Day, resulting in $241,939 raised – surpassing the goal of $100,000.

As a special incentive this year, David Moehring, a 1960 Spartan alum from California, has made a $50,000 challenge gift to kick off MSU’s goal of $250,000. His gift will be promoted throughout the day to encourage participation by matching gifts in giving challenges and as bonus money for projects that meet their fundraising goal.

“I owe a lot to this university,” said Moehring. “I met my bride here many years ago and started out here on my career in medicine. I am so grateful for what this university has done for me.”

For more on Give Green Day, visit: Give Green Day/Engineering

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Thomas F. Wolff

Thomas F. Wolff served in a variety of roles in the College of Engineering until his retirement in 2016. He spent 17 years as associate dean for engineering undergraduate studies, a year as interim chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and is now an associate professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering.

Related Website: MSU Give Green Day
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