Thanks to the generosity and vision of loyal donors — including many in the ranks of the Honorable Robert Boyle Legacy Society — For the Bold is ascending toward an extraordinary future for William & Mary.

In April, campaign chair and Boyle Society member Sue Hanna Gerdelman ’76 announced that the campaign had surpassed $700 million at a celebration in Washington, D.C. The final legacy of For the Bold has yet to be written, but it is intertwined with the already substantial legacy of the Boyle Society.

Since For the Bold began in 2011, Boyle Society members have made gifts, pledges, bequests and testamentary provisions totaling more than $347 million (outright and deferred). Future provisions account for $261 million of this total. Legacy is at the heart of every commitment made by a Boyle Society member.

For Frances Lightfoot Robb ’48, making provisions for William & Mary in her will was continuing a family tradition that her father, Robert Gilchrist Robb, class of 1895, started as an undergraduate and continued as a professor of chemistry. Frances established eight charitable gift annuities, which provided her with lifetime income and helped establish two endowments at Swem Library: one in honor of her brother, and the Frances Randolph Howard Endowment for the acquisition and preservation of precious manuscripts, in honor of her mother. As a contributor to the Garrett-Robb-Guy Professorship in Chemistry, she has helped further the work of William & Mary’s chemistry professors. When Frances passed away in 2013, Swem named the manuscripts and rare book librarian position in her honor, securing her family’s legacy well into the future.

For Louis Catron, 36 years as a professor in William & Mary’s theatre, speech and dance department earned him an Outstanding Faculty Award and placed him among the university’s greatest educators. Upon his death in 2010, his will established William & Mary’s Catron Scholarship for Artistic Development, benefiting students pursuing a wide variety of creative endeavors. By helping students study topics like film production in New York, or children’s book illustration at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design, Catron connected the passion of his lifetime with the legacy he left behind, to benefit the university and the students he loved.

The university’s foundation is built on the gifts, pledges and bequests of society members — just as the Wren Building’s foundation was built with the help of the society’s namesake — but its future is even brighter thanks to the bold vision of the Honorable Robert Boyle Legacy Society.
EVENT RECAP & INTEGRATED SCIENCE CENTER

William & Mary celebrated the sciences and the new Integrated Science Center (ISC3) during the 25th anniversary of the Honorable Robert Boyle Society held in April. The third phase of the center — known as ISC3 — opened at the start of the fall 2016 semester, across from Chandler Hall on Landrum Drive.

Boyle Society members had the opportunity to tour the 113,000 square-foot building, including the brand-new greenhouse atop the renovated Rogers Hall, now known as ISC2. Students from William & Mary’s STEM disciplines — science, technology, engineering and math — introduced members to laboratory spaces in the ISC, conducting experiments throughout the building and answering questions from the group. They even had a close encounter with robots emblazoned with W&M’s trademark green and gold.

ISC3 contains brand-new laboratories, classrooms, offices, shared workspaces and a café. It is also fully integrated with its predecessors, ISC1 and ISC2, physically and conceptually. The building brings together 84 faculty members in the department of biology, psychology, chemistry, applied science, as well as neuroscience and other interdisciplinary programs. The aim is to provide unparalleled opportunities for William & Mary’s undergraduate and graduate students. A majority of students take part in coursework or other projects in which research is a primary component, so this is one of the major factors propelling William & Mary’s collaboration across all STEM disciplines in the ISC.

“Right off the bat, you have this synergy,” says Eric Bradley, professor and chair of the biology department. “Everyone working together and sharing ideas and tools in the same complex of buildings — there’s just an inherent value in that proximity and adjacency.”

Another major factor is funding. Boyle Society members can support top-notch research opportunities for William & Mary students and faculty in the Integrated Science Center. Immediate and longer-term gifts of any size can support students during the academic year and the summer, in the lab or in the field, by providing living expenses, research supplies and travel. Private gifts, bequests, pledges and commitments also benefit faculty by supporting research and helping to pay for lab technicians, supplies or travel to scientific meetings. Purchasing state-of-the-art equipment for research and teaching labs is another way society members can help. Gifts as large as $300,000, or more modest sums of $10,000, can have a powerful impact on the entire W&M STEM community.

For more information on how you can support STEM fields at William & Mary, contact Gerald Bullock at igbull@wm.edu or (757) 221-1023.
GLENNE HARDING ’65

Glenne Harding ’65 spent her career breaking through the glass ceiling as the first female division controller at Hewlett Packard (HP). In retirement, she’s blazing a new frontier: sharing the advantages of using retirement plans to support William & Mary now and in the future.

“This is a missed opportunity,” says Harding. “People don’t realize that they can benefit William & Mary by designating the university as a beneficiary of their retirement plans.”

Harding, a recipient of the 2016 Alumni Medallion, spent her entire business career at HP. She became one of the first women to ascend into the ranks of management, with HP paying for her to receive her MBA. She eventually became the company’s first female division controller, all the while working with the women’s advocacy group Zonta International.

After retiring from HP in 1999 and spending several years as a consultant, she stopped working in 2003 after a nearly 40-year career. She is currently enjoying her retirement in California and devotes her time to William & Mary in a number of ways. In addition to being West Coast regional co-chair of the For the Bold campaign, she also serves on the Annual Giving Board and is the Olde Guarde representative for the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the William & Mary Alumni Association.

Harding has been a generous long-term supporter of the university. As a student coming from Tennessee in the early 1960s, Harding learned that there weren’t significant scholarships for out-of-state students. This motivated her to give back to future generations of students at William & Mary. Harding made William & Mary the beneficiary of her IRAs, reasoning that it would eventually establish the Glenmore H. Harding Endowed Scholarship to benefit out-of-state students with financial need, while also providing her a source of income in retirement. However, when she turned 70 and a half, she learned that she had to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) annually from her IRAs, even if she didn’t need the income. Worse, she had to pay taxes on each and every withdrawal. “That’s when I discovered the Charitable IRA Rollover, allowing individuals to transfer funds directly from their retirement account to charity. Even better, the transfer counts toward my RMD and does not increase my taxable income. It’s a win-win — for William & Mary and for me.”

Kirsten Kellogg ’91, executive director of gift planning at William & Mary, agrees that many people don’t realize they can use their retirement accounts for philanthropic giving. “Using retirement assets to structure charitable planning affords great flexibility not only for outright giving (if individuals are 70 and a half or older) but also for future commitments to William & Mary. Naming the university as a percentage beneficiary of a retirement account is simple, does not require drafting a will or trust, and avoids the additional taxation retirement savings would incur if left to individual heirs,” said Kellogg.

For her part, Harding is excited about the possibilities her retirement plan gifts afford. “As long as my financial and medical situations remain stable, I’m now comfortable making somewhat larger financial gifts annually,” says Harding. “It’s great to set up the Harding Endowed Scholarship now by taking advantage of the Charitable IRA Rollover. I can see my scholarship grow and I might actually get to meet some of the recipients! I’m thrilled as well that my retirement assets will add to the scholarship in the future.”
HELPING YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND W&M

At every stage in life, we pursue different opportunities and goals; personal, professional and financial. No matter your age, giving back to William & Mary with a planned gift is an extraordinary way to make an impact.

20s and 30s: Starting Out

At the beginning of your career and your family, a charitable gift may not be at the top of your list. However, you can name W&M as a beneficiary of your individual retirement plan for a designated amount or a percentage of the account — without affecting your cash flow or other responsibilities.

Adding William & Mary as a percentage beneficiary in your will or revocable trust doesn’t impact your current disposable income or assets — and it’s non-binding, should things change.

40s and 50s: Establishing the Future

If you have already drafted a will or revocable trust and included W&M as a partial beneficiary of retirement plan assets, you are on track. If you have not, please consider doing so — your life may have changed a lot since your 20s and 30s.

In your peak earning years, donate appreciated securities, bonds, or mutual funds to W&M and avoid the capital gains tax that would be realized if you had sold the stock and then made the gift.

60s and 70s: Diversification, Retirement and Estate Planning

At this stage, guaranteed income and portfolio diversification are priorities. Before you turn 65, establish a deferred charitable gift annuity that will begin making payments in the future, such as when you retire. You receive a larger charitable tax deduction and increased future payments because of the deferral period.

Once you are 65 or older, a charitable gift annuity with immediate payments will produce steady, fixed, and guaranteed income for life for yourself and/or a loved one. A good portion of this income will be tax-free to you.

If you are comfortable with variable income, consider a charitable remainder unitrust for a term of years or for life. Use appreciated, low-yielding assets like real estate or securities to fund the trust, and you will be able to claim a charitable tax deduction and may avoid capital gains taxes on the appreciation.

Typically, at age 70 and a half and older, you are required to take annual withdrawals (required minimum distributions, or RMD) from your individual retirement accounts even if you do not need the funds. Request that the funds be transferred directly to W&M and they will not be included in your taxable income and will count as your RMD.

Make sure to review your will or revocable trust, especially if you move to another state for retirement. Always consult with your financial and legal advisors and with William & Mary’s gift planning office.

80s and 90s: Financial Stability and Health

A series of charitable gift annuities can ensure that you will receive a steady income stream for the rest of your life. After your lifetime, the remainder of your gift will support the areas at W&M about which you care most.

Review your will or revocable trust. Estate gifts can often be the most meaningful commitments to your heirs and W&M.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO CO-CHAIRS

Over the past decade, chairs Nancy Kent Young ’62 and Bill Young ’62 have served the Honorable Robert Boyle Legacy Society with distinction. At each of our annual gatherings and throughout the year, they have regaled us with their humor, insight and good nature to the enjoyment of the society. This year, the Youngs step down as chairs to enjoy a well-deserved retirement — we remain grateful for their leadership and wish them the very best. We will welcome our new chairs, Mary Busbee HON ’03 and Howard Busbee ’65, J.D. ’67, M.L.T. ’68, at Traditions Weekend in 2018.
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