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VanHoy family endows professorship in Department of Biology

Many University of Louisiana at Lafayette alumni graciously continue to give back to the institution that gave so much to them. Alumni Brig. Gen. Rob VanHoy '90 and Dr. Tess VanHoy '89 decided to take their giving one step further.

The VanHoy family established a planned gift to the University in an endowed professorship for the Department of Biology. Both have fond memories of their time studying and learning there, and including this bequest in their will felt like the perfect way to give back to an institution that shaped them into who they are today.

Both have had outstanding careers since their time as University students. Brig. Gen. Rob VanHoy has had an illustrious career in the United States Air Force and was recently promoted to Brigadier General. Dr. Tess VanHoy went on to have a distinguished career in emergency medicine and is now a Utilization Review Medical

Director for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana. Both credit the connections and relationships they formed at the University for their career success and changing their lives for the better.



Pictured left to right: Alumni Dr. Tess VanHoy '89 and Brig. Gen. Rob VanHoy '90 established a planned gift to the University in an endowed professorship for the Department of Biology. (Photo credit: Brian Lewis)

What motivated the VanHoy family to establish this endowed professorship was a desire to give back. "You don't make it where you are today without where you were in the past. [UL Lafayette] was a very big part of that," said Dr. VanHoy. They hope this planned gift can allow future Ragin' Cajuns to experience the same excellent opportunities they had as students. "[UL Lafayette] had a significant impact on our lives," said Brig. Gen. VanHoy.

Their generosity is a testament to their character, kindness, and pride for UL Lafayette.

A HISTORIC YEAR FOR PHILANTHROPY



INCLUDING THE LARGEST GIFTS IN UNIVERSITY HISTORY



UL Lafayette presents Louisiana: The Economy of the Future

UL Lafayette hosted Louisiana: The Economy of the Future on August 27, 2021. This virtual event featured Dr. Stephen Barnes, director of the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center and associate professor of economics at the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration. Barnes presented on recent trends in Louisiana's economy, how major and international economic trends affect the state, and the role of education in preparing for the jobs of the future.

UL Lafayette Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jaimie Hebert welcomed Barnes and the guests, which included Louisiana Heritage Society members, Blanco Public Policy Center supporters, Louisiana Committee of 100 for Economic Development members, and the Blanco Family. This select group participated in a live Q&A session with Barnes after the presentation.

"This was a wonderful group of guests who care about the future of the state and the value of education in moving it forward," said Barnes. "Governor Blanco left a legacy to improve the lives of Louisiana citizens through education and smart public policy, and it's exciting to see how Legacy Heritage Society members are supporting UL Lafayette and the Blanco Public Policy Center in accomplishing these goals through their legacy planning."

To view the recording, visit bit.ly/LTEOTFpresentation.

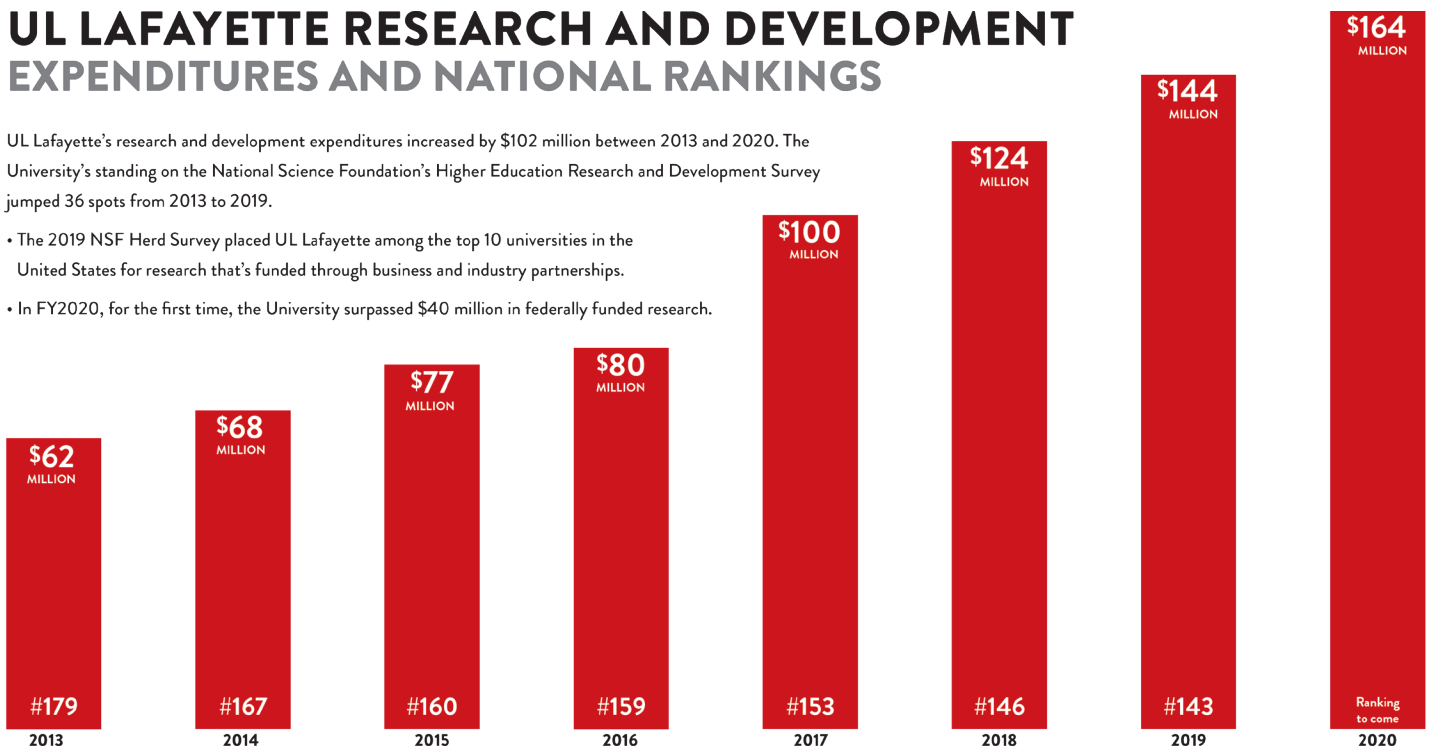


Dr. Stephen Barnes, director of the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Policy Center and associate professor of economics at the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration, presented on recent trends in Louisiana's economy and more to a select group within the University community. (Photo credit: Marisa Collins)

UL LAFAYETTE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES AND NATIONAL RANKINGS

UL Lafayette's research and development expenditures increased by \$102 million between 2013 and 2020. The University's standing on the National Science Foundation's Higher Education Research and Development Survey jumped 36 spots from 2013 to 2019.

- The 2019 NSF Herd Survey placed UL Lafayette among the top 10 universities in the United States for research that's funded through business and industry partnerships.
- In FY2020, for the first time, the University surpassed \$40 million in federally funded research.



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