WHAT IS A VIRTUAL ENDOWMENT?

A virtual endowment enables donors to hold onto their assets while providing the WSU Foundation the same annual benefit that an actual endowment will generate. This allows donors to make a significant gift that might otherwise have to be postponed for economic reasons, while at the same time feeling the impact of their gifts today.

Through a Virtual Endowment, You May...
- Define and build your legacy at WSU
- Witness the impact of your endowment today
- Maintain control and investment of your assets
- Maximize charitable tax planning

HOW THEY WORK

An endowment commitment is made to be fulfilled at a later agreed upon date or through an estate. The donor makes annual payments that are equal to the WSU Foundation's spending allocation, which is currently 4%.

“Coming from a financially struggling family makes attending an exceptional university very difficult. However, with the support of an Honors alum who shares my love for math, I am able to attend WSU in pursuit of my mathematics degree, fulfilling a lifelong dream.”

– Nicole Peck, Class of 2016

Nancy Robertson, ’69, Mathematics and Honors College, is currently funding an undergraduate scholarship in the Honors College for students with financial need. The Virtual Endowment is an affordable format for providing for her fund over five years, along with the immediate gratification of seeing her gifts at work in year one.

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