donor appreciation breakfast

Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 8:30–10 a.m.
Memorial Union, Ventana Ballroom, Tempe campus
Born in Tempe, Ariz., Ira Fulton grew up a block from the engineering school at Arizona State University that now bears his name.

He began defining his own work ethic early in life, starting a paper route at age 11. It grew into a profitable venture that put him through Arizona State College—now Arizona State University—where he met his wife, Mary Lou.

In the 1950s, he went to work for NCR (National Cash Register), where he rose to the heights of National Salesman of the Year. He then launched his first entrepreneurial venture, a computer leasing company that automated several retailing corporations. In 1976, he bought Eagleson's Big & Tall retail stores and built it from a two-store operation into a 33-store chain.

A few years later, he helped transform Fulton Homes, a struggling real-estate company he had started with some of his nephews, into one of Arizona's biggest home builders. Under his guidance, Fulton Homes has grown from a small construction company to one of the largest private homebuilders in the country.

More recently, Mr. Fulton has turned his investor's eye to education. In his philanthropy, he seeks to provide students with opportunities to enrich their education, make them more competitive job applicants and help them build futures for their families.

In 2003, he established an endowment of $50 million in support of ASU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and the college was re-named the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering in his honor.

Mr. Fulton is a member of the National Academy of Construction. He received an honorary doctorate of engineering from Brigham Young University in 2007.
Brett Larsen is a senior in electrical engineering and a student in Barrett, The Honors College.

He started research at ASU’s Flexible Electronics and Display Center his freshman year as part of the Fulton Undergraduate Research Initiative (FURI), and his work on signal processing for personnel detection soon led to a paper presentation at SPIE’s Defense, Sensing, and Security Conference. Since that time, his research has expanded to include identifying proteins passing through silicon nanopores and developing flexible electric field imaging arrays.

After his sophomore year, Larsen interned at Sandia National Laboratories as a member of the lab’s custom circuit design group, and this past summer, he conducted research at the European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland as one of fifteen U.S. undergraduates selected for its summer program. At CERN, he worked to test and develop new detector technology that will be used in future runs of the Large Hadron Collider.

Beyond research, Larsen has found a variety of other opportunities at ASU. As a sophomore, he worked as engineering peer mentor in the honors dorms, helping students through the challenges of freshmen year and connecting them to resources on campus. Through Science Detectives, a student-run outreach group, he currently leads a science club at a local elementary school. And as a long-time member of the Barrett Choir, he enjoys the opportunity to sing with other students on campus and in the community.

During his time at ASU, Larsen received the Daniel Zusman Scholarship for Engineering Excellence, the Gary and Diane Tooker Scholarship for Engineering, the International Switching Symposium Endowed Scholarship, and the Dean’s Exemplar Student Award. He also was recently awarded a Goldwater Scholarship, the nation’s premier award for undergraduates studying science, math and engineering.

Following graduation, Larsen plans to pursue a Ph.D. in physics and eventually conduct research at a national laboratory.
scholarship and fellowship recipients


“I have always felt that I was meant to be a part of something extraordinary one day and with your generous financial support I can continually strive for that opportunity. I truly believe that by providing the Stanley C. and Helen K. Delpier scholarship, you are investing not only in my future, but in the future of technology. You are supporting my passion, my drive, and my vision for the future, and for that I am immensely grateful.”

Dana Johnson, Computer Science Stanley C. and Helen K. Delpier Scholarship


“I simply cannot express my gratitude enough, thank you so much for believing in me and contributing to the beautiful journey that is my education at Arizona State University.”

Travis Ostahowski, Computer Science Boeing Scholarship
"As a husband and father, working to support my family, the added responsibility of being a student puts a tremendous strain on financial resources. The availability of scholarships is the reason I am able to pursue my goal of earning a college degree. Without your generous donations my dream of a college education would not be possible. I thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals."

Gregory Williams, Construction Management Mike Kolling Memorial Scholarship – Construction

"Your generous scholarship will help bring to life a dream that originated almost five years ago. My education has always been an important part of my life, and this scholarship will help me to pursue my career goals in Biomedical Engineering."

Megan Wieser, Biomedical Engineering Volker and Lynne Sonntag Bioengineering Scholarship
“I have wanted to be an engineer for as long as I can remember. I grew up working in machine shops and designing suspension components for off-road racing. I love applying concepts to situations that might not occur to others. Being able to think outside the box is such a large part of engineering.”

AJ Hackert, Mechanical Engineering
Dr. Russ Bielkert Scholarship
Advancing Minorities in Construction Award
Advancing Women in Construction (Core Women's Leadership Award)
Theodore Allen Memorial Scholarship
Alliance for Construction Excellence PhD Fellowship
ASU Thunderbird Pilots Scholarship
James and Petra Bailey Scholarship/Fellowship
Joseph A. Barkson Fellowship
Barrett Electronic Materials Fellowship
Craig and Barbara Barrett Engineering Scholarship
Carl Bollinger Memorial Scholarship
George and Karla Booth Scholarship for Engineering Veterans
Terry Bourland Memorial New American University Scholarship
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Boeing Scholarship
David R Buchanan Leadership Scholarship
Eric and Jennifer Butler New American Scholarship
CIRC Scholars Program
Chemical and Materials Engineering Scholarships
Cirrus Logic Mixed Signal IC Design Fellowship

"Thank you for helping me achieve my goals with your generous donation. My trip to Peru in which I built an internet tower instilled a drive in me to help the less fortunate of the world and work to eliminate poverty. I believe advancing renewable energy technology to reduce the cost of energy around the world is one of the best ways to do this."

**Kevin Tyler, Electrical Engineering**
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"I am studying Biomedical Engineering, and I am also on the pre-medical track. Growing up I always loved math and science. I also loved working with my dad and was constantly taking things apart to see how they worked. This is what led me to engineering. I am very interested in the human body, and I also want to help others. Biomedical Engineering was the perfect mix of engineering and the medical field."

**Madison Cochran, Biomedical Engineering Robert H. Chamberlain Memorial Scholarship**
Grand Canyon Airlines Scholarship
Betty Hum Graduate Assistantship
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and Daniel J. Nelson Scholarship
Srinivasan R. Iyer Family New American University Scholarship
L.C. Jacobson Graduate Fellowship
Elyse and Paul Johnson Maroon and Gold Scholarship
Robert H. Johnson Undergraduate Scholarship
Kaibab Industries Scholarship
Edward and Amelia Kavazanjian Fellowship
Bert Keats Fellowship
Donald Kelley Scholarship in Technology
John F. Kelly Memorial Bioengineering Scholarship
Kimley-Horn Scholarship
Jerry King Scholarship

Harrington Bioengineering Department Scholarship
Han Hartjens Scholarship
Vernon L. Hastings Undergraduate Achievement Award
Hedrick Foundation Scholarship
Gerald T. Heydt Scholarship for Power Engineering
Ernest and Carolyn Hirata Scholarship
Bill and Corinne Hochgraef Scholarship
Renee and Arthur Horowitz Scholarship
IM Flash Technologies Industrial Engineering Scholarship
Industrial Engineering Hall of Honor Scholarship
International Switching Symposium Fellowship
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Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering Alumni Scholarship
Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering Scholarships and Fellowships
Iranian Student Association Scholarship
International Test and Evaluation Scholarship

Mike Kolling Memorial Scholarship - Construction
Dusan Krajcincovic Scholarship
Coleman Daniel and Zina Kuhn Memorial Scholarship
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Argyro Lalos Tribute Scholarship
John Lamberson Memorial Scholarship
LaVeda Huitt Carpenter Native American Scholarship Initiative
Charles Lemon Memorial Scholarship

“I would not be able to attend college and pursue my dream of becoming an electrical engineer if it were not for the charitable help of companies and individuals like you. I am grateful and feel a responsibility to all those who have helped me along the way. I hope that I can repay your kindness by becoming a dedicated engineer and make the world a better place.”

Casey Petersen, Electrical Engineering
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and Daniel J. Nelson Scholarship,
International Test and Evaluation Scholarship,
and the Albert L. McHenry Scholarship
for College of Technology and Innovation Students

Samuel F. Kitchell Undergraduate Leadership Scholarship
Mike Kolling Memorial Scholarship - Civil Engineering

Dr. William E. Lewis Excellence in Computer Science Engineering Scholarship
Tom and Zona Lorig Scholarship
M. M. Lowry Memorial Scholarship
Daniel and Katherine Mardian Scholarship
Betty Udell Marshall Memorial Scholarship
Jim Mayer Scholarship
Ed McBrien Memorial Scholarship
Jason McElroy Memorial Scholarship
Albert L. McHenry Scholarship for College of Technology and Innovation Students
Lt. Douglas and David McMath Flight Scholarship
Rod J. McMullin SRP Water Resource Scholarship
Melcher Scholarship in Electrical Engineering
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METSTEP Scholars Program
Richard Mettler Residential Graduate Scholarship
Darryl E. Metzger Memorial Fellowship
Charles and Christine Michaels New American University Scholarship
MMET Scholarship
Douglas C. Montgomery Fund
Motorola Embedded Systems Scholarship
Yolanda Murphy Materials Science and Engineering Graduate Scholarship
National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) Arizona Section Scholarship
National Association of Women in Construction Scholarship
Native American Construction Management Scholarship
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Nickless Foundation Scholarship
Daniel Noble Memorial Scholarship
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Orbital Sciences Corporation - Women in STEM Scholarship
Joseph and Sandra Palais Awards
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School of Materials Scholarship
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WISE Scholarships - Participation Scholarship
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"Words cannot express my thanks for the gift you have given me. Your level of generosity has motivated me to give back to my community. I only hope that I can make as much difference in peoples’ lives as you have made in mine."

Ryan Hermens, Computer Science and Computer Systems Engineering SMECA Scholarship

Richard R. Simari Memorial Scholarship
Society of Manufacturing Engineers Chapter 67 Scholarship
Volker & Lynne Sonntag Bioengineering Scholarship
Southwest Patrons Scholarship
Ferdinand A. Stanchi Scholarship
Stanley Consultants Scholarship
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Vinnell Foundation Scholarship
W. L. Gore and Associates, Inc. 4+1 Applied Project Scholarship
W. L. Gore and Associates, Inc. Undergraduate Scholarship
Wayland Education Foundation Scholarship

"It is my honor to receive the John and Kim Ashton Scholarship. I have applied for many scholarships and this is the very first one I have been awarded. As a junior I have begun developing software and conducting research to assist blind and low vision students with accessing graphical models in their educational material. It is my desire to develop products and services for the disabled community."

Bryan Duarte, Software Engineering John and Kim Ashton Scholarship
thank you for making a better future possible

“Your endowment has profoundly changed not only my life, but the life of my family. Your generosity allows me to earn my degree, begin a career, and provide for my family’s future. I’m proud that I can be an example of continuing education to my sons. My hope is to one day repay the kindness that was shown to me and help not only my own children, but other students pay for their education.”

M. Bryce Albretsen, Civil Engineering Structural Engineers Association of Arizona Scholarship