Donor Appreciation Breakfast
January 25, 2012
Old Main, Carson Ballroom
Ira A. Fulton

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 home builders 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 renamed 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.

Madeline Grade, student address

Madeline Grade had planned to go to Duke or Northwestern after graduating from Gilbert High School in 2008, but chose ASU because of Barrett, the Honors College and the biomedical engineering program—particularly the research opportunities available to undergraduate students in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering.

Now a senior in biomedical engineering, Grade has not only an impressive list of achievements, she has been an advocate for engineering both on and off campus.

In 2011, Grade was selected to give a presentation at an American Academy of Neurology meeting—an opportunity rarely offered to an undergraduate—on the epilepsy research she has participated in at ASU's Brain Dynamics Laboratory and Mayo Clinic, where she has been a premedical scholar since 2009.

Also in 2011, Grade founded and continues to lead ASU's first team to enter the International Genetically Engineered Machine student competition, the premier undergraduate synthetic biology competition.

She was accepted into Alpha Eta Mu Beta, the biomedical engineering honor society. She has served as outreach coordinator and president of ASU's student chapter of the Biomedical Engineering Society, and co-founded the Ambassador program which supports current students and recruits students to the School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering.

In the community, Grade has done work with PROJECT C.U.R.E. (Commission on Urgent Relief & Equipment), the ASU student chapter of Engineers Without Borders, and has tutored middle school and high school students in the Phoenix metropolitan area in science, engineering and math.

Grade was recently awarded one of the most prominent postgraduate scholarships given to college and university students in the United States, the Marshall Scholarship. The scholarship funds two to three years of graduate study. After graduating from ASU in May, she plans to study at University College London's world-renowned UCL Institute of Neurology.

Grade says she wants to earn a medical degree, becoming a physician who both leads clinical research and treats patients.
As a boy who grew up in a farming town in Mexico, I could not have imagined that I would be here today. While my mother did the best she could to provide my younger siblings and me with a better life, she does not have the financial means to assist us with college finances. It is because of generous individuals like you that I have been able to attend college and not only improve my life, but my siblings as well by providing them with a role model.

Ruben Gameros, senior, aerospace engineering
Boeing Scholarship recipient

“I have been truly grateful for all the experiences and knowledge I have gained from attending ASU; I will never forget these experiences and I know that there are many that lie ahead. I could not have had the privilege of attending any university without the help that I have received from scholarships and financial aid. I am appreciative of what you have offered to this scholarship especially for that reason. Thank you for your donation; I would not be where I am in my education without it.”

Cari Ann Henning, senior, civil engineering
Civil, Environmental and Sustainable Engineering General Scholarship recipient

“(Being) a single parent and meeting financial obligations while I am going to ASU is always a challenge. This award will help give me more time to devote to studying, and for that I am grateful. I have a desire to lead and succeed and feel that knowledge gives you the tools to do that. The hardest part of my school experience is trying to juggle school, work and parenting all into one day. All too often the important things are overlooked. This award helps to ease my financial burdens allowing me to devote more time to school and being a better dad.”

Brad Jensen, junior, construction management
Samuel F. Kitchell Undergraduate Leadership Scholarship recipient

“The scholarships I have received have been incredibly beneficial. Not only have they eased the financial burden of college and allowed me to focus on my academic, research, outreach, and leadership endeavors, but they also represent one of the greatest parts of being a Fulton engineering student: belonging to a community that supports everything you do.”

Madeline Grade, senior, biomedical engineering

“Thank you for your generosity in making the 2011-2012 Gary and Diane Tooker Scholarship for Engineering possible. In June, I’ll be participating in a research project dealing with modeling current-voltage characteristics of nanowires, as well as working as a weekend counselor for the Math and Science Honors Program at ASU. I’m thoroughly excited for both of these activities because I’ll not only get research experience, but I’ll also have the opportunity to encourage the next generation of college students to take up science-oriented careers.”

Daniel Chou, junior, electrical engineering
Gary and Diane Tooker Scholarship for Engineering recipient

Madeline Grade
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Emily D. Sutton, junior, materials science and engineering

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"Thank you so much for your incredible donation through the Scholarship for Merit in Mechanical Engineering. I am truly honored and humbled to receive such a prestigious award, and I realize that without your contribution it would not have been possible. This scholarship will help me tremendously in achieving my future goals, and will especially serve to reduce my college loan debt and help me to continue to concentrate wholeheartedly on my studies."

Joshua Winterstein, senior, mechanical engineering Scholarship for Merit in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering recipient
thank you for making a better future possible

“I never anticipated I would end up working in the construction industry growing up. When I began school, being a woman with no experience posed a major setback for me. Rather than let these obstacles defeat me, they drive me to work harder and gain more knowledge in the field. Now, I could not imagine myself in any other industry; I was born to do construction. In response to your generosity, I plan to become even more involved with school and the industry. Thank you again.”

Jessica Lynn Metler, senior, construction management
Del E. Webb Foundation Women in Construction Scholarship recipient

“I am very thankful that you have chosen me to receive this award. This scholarship will make my education that much easier by allowing me to study at Arizona State University without taking out a loan. I have been struggling with paying for college on my own and with the cost of education increasing at ASU, I wondered how I would graduate in 2014 without severe debt. The John A. and Helen R. Butler Memorial Scholarship will make getting a college education here at ASU more affordable for me. I greatly appreciate that I was chosen for this scholarship. I am a first-generation college student and I am proud that I have made it this far. Thank you once again. This scholarship will ultimately help me achieve lifelong goals both in education and in my career as an industrial engineer.”

Jonathan D. Tran, sophomore, industrial engineering
John A. and Helen R. Butler Memorial Scholarship in Industrial Engineering recipient

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