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Jay and Dr. Kathryn Jenkins Football Scholarship Endowment
Valerie King Freeman and Greg King UH Tier One Scholarship Endowment
Andrew Latis UH Tier One Scholarship Endowment
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P.M. Houston Endowed College Professorship in Project Management
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PVF Roundtable Endowed Scholarship in Industrial Engineering
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Carrie McClain Sacky, Stacie Sacky Dacus, Michelle McGurk Roberts and Sara Sacky Presidential Endowed Fellowship
Donna Scott Endowment
W. John and Billie Schneider Endowment in honor of their grand children and great-grand children
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Carey C. Stuart Women’s Archive and Research Collection Endowment
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Dominic Ng and Ellen Wong UH Tier One Scholarship Endowment

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At the age of 29, Peggy Seaver (‘88, M.B.A ‘91), a first-generation college student, was determined to achieve her dreams. As her dreams became reality, Peggy felt nothing short of a tremendous sense of pride and confidence in all she had attained, and she attributes many of those accomplishments to the education she received at the University of Houston. “I was just very appreciative – it changed my life,” said Peggy. “I earned my degrees, and that’s something no one can take away from me.”

Completing her education was a source of empowerment for Peggy. Committed to helping students and future generations experience the same fulfillment, Peggy and her husband Chris recently established the Peggy Coyle Seaver UH Tier One Scholarship Endowment. “I’m a very big believer that everyone should give back,” said Peggy. “I think it was a privilege to attend the University of Houston, and I’m just trying to show my appreciation.”

As endowments continue to impact students, faculty and staff across the University of Houston campus, a variety of new endowment holders are discovering the difference they can make in students’ lives and in the community.

A new endowment holder at the University of Houston, Coca-Cola is dedicated to advancing local educational opportunities. The organization recently established the Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Company UH Tier One Scholarship Endowment to assist the university and the high-caliber students it recruits. “This financial endowment provides support to students, as it brings them one step closer to the goal of receiving a Tier One college degree,” said Rick Kehr, market unit vice president (sales) for Coca-Cola Refreshments of Houston.

Coca-Cola is a proud supporter of the UH Tier One Scholarship. “We commend the University of Houston for building [this] program, which will help raise educational attainment levels among its university students,” said Rick.

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—Tom DeLong

When Lai “Sally” Wong crossed the commencement stage as the first University of Houston Tier One Scholar, it was the next chapter of a story that began 12 years ago in Hong Kong.

Wong settled in Sugar Land, Texas, in 1999 with her family, who fled the financial instability of Hong Kong in hopes of finding better educational and career opportunities for their two daughters.

“I was in the second grade. Elementary school was a very tough time for me,” she remembered. “I didn’t speak English, though my mother tutored me every day. It was hard, but it soon became fun.”

Wong says the challenges of her elementary school days motivated her to continue challenging herself in middle and high school. She soon was taking classes for “gifted and talented” students, followed by advanced placement classes. She graduated Magna Cum Laude – the top 3 percent of her class – with academic excellence honors, as a National AP Scholar and member of the National Honor Society.

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