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The Geological Society of America Foundation's mission is to support the programs of the Geological Society of America. The Foundation welcomes contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, and institutions.

2016–2017 HIGHLIGHTS

In FY17, the GSA Foundation received contributions and pledges of over \$891,290 from individual GSA members and corporations. Our success was assured by 7187 separate gifts at all levels—the largest number in the Foundation's 37-year history.

The responsibilities of the Foundation are to

1. Support GSA programs and
2. Preserve the Foundation's assets for the future. With respect to the first, we were able to provide GSA with \$806,277 to support its programs. With regard to the second responsibility, the Foundation's assets ended the year at a historic high—more than \$19.9M as compared with \$18.8M at the end of FY16.

New projects supported through member contributions in FY17 include:

- Research Grant—Grant and Jody Heiken
- Research Grant—In Honor of Michele Aldrich.

I wish to recognize the continuing support of Sally and Bob Newcomb for National Park Service Geoscientists-In-the-Parks (GIP) positions at Denali National Park and Charlie Ross for his ongoing, substantial support of his Graduate Student Research Grant Fund. These are just two examples of the generous donors who truly help sustain our work. I also thank dozens of other individuals, associated societies, GSA sections, and corporate sponsors for continuing to help advance On To the Future, GSA's flagship diversity enhancing program.

We were pleased that corporate partnerships supported a fourth year of the GeoCareers Program, expanded into year-round resources for students and early career professionals and a presence at section meetings. Thanks go to our corporate donors

for supporting and participating in the first tech demo area at the GSA Annual Meeting in Denver.

We recognized our Penrose Circle-level donors at a Penrose Circle and Student Awards Reception during the 2016 Annual Meeting. The newly combined event provides an opportunity for Penrose Circle donors to meet and talk with the student award recipients.

The Foundation is pleased to help donors support GSA programs and priorities important to them. Looking forward, the Foundation and GSA are collaborating to carry out even more effective resource-building strategies. With your help we will shape a strong future for GSA.

I encourage every member to avail themselves of the opportunity to serve GSA and to support the Foundation in their combined efforts to ensure the dynamism and strength of the geosciences. Please visit the Foundation's website (www.gsafweb.org) for information and ideas regarding ways philanthropy will make a difference for GSA and the geosciences.

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