

Foundation Generosity has Noteworthy Effect on College

In 2007-08, Earlham was awarded a significant number of foundation grants — resulting in millions of dollars for Earlham's students, faculty and programs. In fact, two of the grants were among the largest gifts ever given to Earlham. These grants not only support the College financially, they demonstrate confidence in Earlham's academic excellence.

- ▶ In early 2008, Earlham was awarded a \$7 million grant from the Davis United World College Scholars Program, with \$3.5 million already received and \$3.5 million anticipated over the next four years. This philanthropic organization, founded by Shelby M.C. Davis in 2001, promotes international understanding by providing opportunities for United World College (UWC) students to study in America. Currently, 15 percent of Earlham students are from countries other than the United States, with 71 different nations represented.
- ▶ In the spring, Earlham received notification of the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation's intent to endow the Bonner Scholars Program at Earlham with a \$4.8 million endowed gift. This award is in addition to the more than \$3 million the Foundation has provided since 1992 for the Bonner Scholars Program. The endowed fund will provide scholarship resources for Bonner Scholars and their community service for generations to come.
- ▶ The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Earlham \$300,000 in 2008 to advance Islamic Studies at the College. Earlham's engagement with the contemporary Middle East creates a compelling basis why progressing Islamic Studies is appropriate for the College. The grant from Mellon will fund the teaching of Arabic, the beginnings of a Jordan program, visits from Jordanian scholars and opportunities for faculty development.
- ▶ The Freeman Foundation has awarded Earlham \$200,000 to support the Japanese Studies program. This grant will expand the number of faculty involved in Japan programs and provide funds for faculty development. In addition, the grant will provide development opportunities for faculty from other Midwestern liberal arts colleges and K-12 teachers. The award will help further infuse Japanese Studies into the curricular and cocurricular life of the College.
- ▶ In 2008, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations awarded Earlham a grant of \$200,000 to support the expansion of stage space in Earlham's Goddard Auditorium. The addition will add storage space to the back of the stage, which will particularly impact Earlham's instrumental and choral music programs.
- ▶ The Teagle Foundation approved a request from Earlham in 2008 for a grant of \$149,577 for general education learning goal assessment.
- ▶ In 2008, Rajaram Krishnan, an Earlham economics professor, received a \$25,887 grant from the ASIANetwork and Freeman Foundation Student-Faculty Fellows Program for Collaborative Research in Asia to conduct a case study of economic and social transformations that migrants undergo in Singapore.
- ▶ In the summer of 2007, Associate Professor of Chemistry Mark Stocksdale garnered a grant of \$99,998 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Over the course of the two-year funding period, Mark will work in tandem with Dr. George Davis, associate professor of biology at Bloomsburg University. Funding for this competitive grant proposal, *Uptake Specificity of Synthetic Phytosiderophore Analogs by Graminaceous Plants*, is the first Earlham has received from the USDA.