

FW CELEBRATIONS

Recognizing our donors and summarizing our year.



Greetings!

The cold and fog here in Corvallis can't squelch our enthusiasm – what a wonderful holiday cheer party we had! A great way to end a busy fall term. We have much to be thankful for this year – a national award for our Ecampus program, international and national accolades for several faculty, three of the College's top awards for faculty and staff, new field courses and research experiences for undergraduates, and so many stories of student success! But some news is bittersweet – Dan Edge is retiring from the Dean's office, Nancy Allen is stepping down as Head Advisor, Bruce Mate has stepped down as leader of the Marine Mammal Institute, and professors Dan Roby and David Sampson have also retired. You can be sure that we won't let these folks off the hook, though – their wisdom and mentorship will continue to guide us for years to come.

Meanwhile, faculty success continues; Taal Levi, Daniel Palacios and Dana Warren have joined the ranks of associate professor, and Hillary Egna, Bruce Dugger and Jessica Miller are now full professors.

We welcome Lisa Ballance as the new leader of MMI, new assistant professor Taylor Chapple, Misty Donaghy Cannon in the role of Head Advisor, and newcomers Whitney Creason and Erica Johnson to the advising team, as well as Emily Goodman, Amanda Polley and Kendall Kihn to the front office staff, supervised by our new Office Manager, Amber Ahlgren. These changes are bringing new ideas and energy to the department, which continues to excel nationally.

With 800 undergraduates, 100 graduate students and 250 graduate certificate students, we contribute enormously as one of the largest programs of its kind in the U.S. and one of the most productive units at Oregon State University. Now, we are focusing on new initiatives for experiential learning and skills training for our students, as well as improved marketing to students across the state and nation and better integration with the College of Ag Sciences. We are looking forward to our 85th anniversary and alumni reunion – we hope to see you here in Corvallis next spring!

Wishing you all the best for 2020 – Selina

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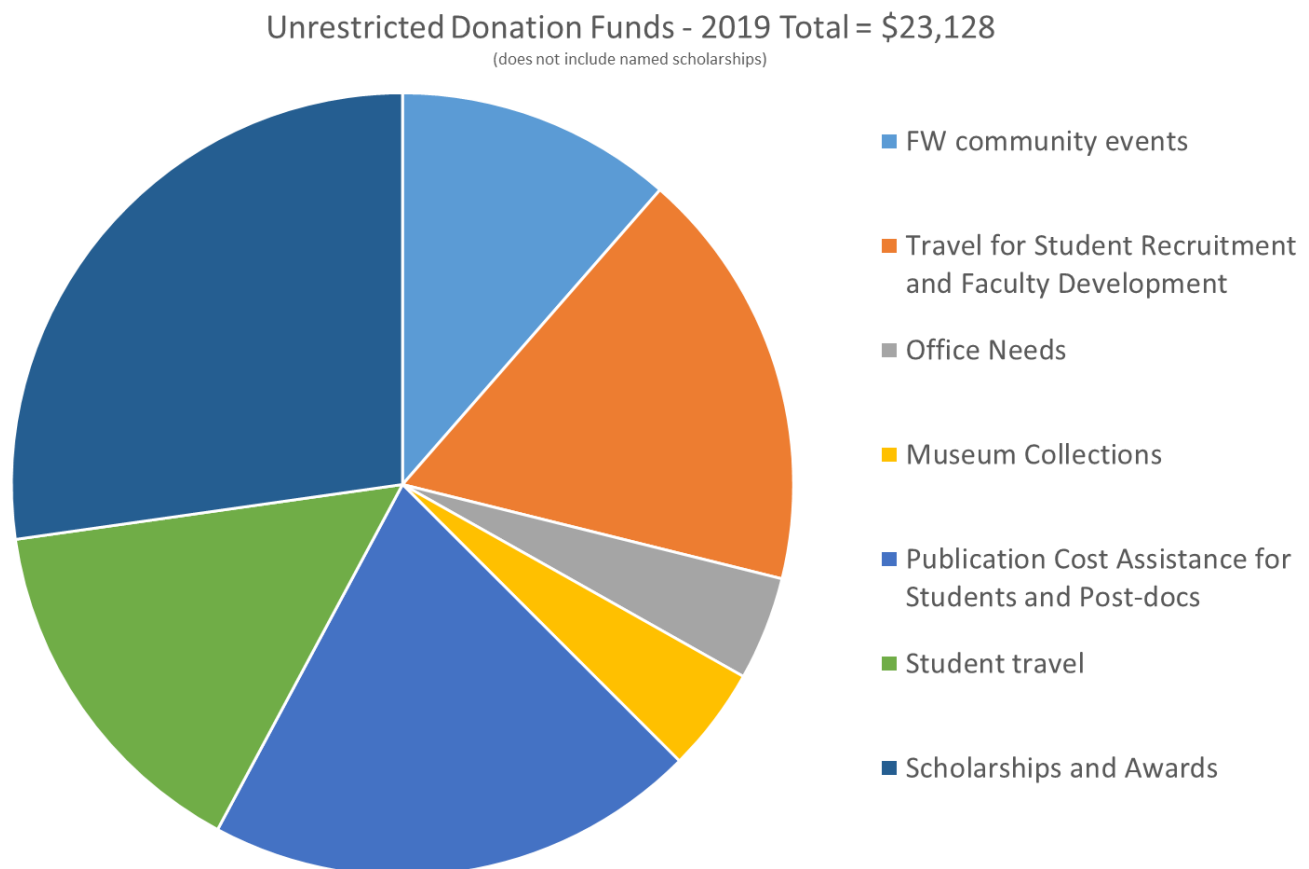
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What's in a donation?

The Department is very appreciative of those who help support our mission through donations. Donations come from our many alumni as well as other private citizens and interest groups who care about the conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitats. We have relationships with some donors that go back a long way. The club with the longest tenure as a donor is the Multnomah Anglers and Hunters; MAH has been making contributions to support undergraduate education in FW for over 75 years! We checked with other Fisheries and Wildlife programs around the country and this appears to be the longest such arrangement in the nation.

Monetary donations take two forms, dedicated and unrestricted. An example of the first is a named scholarship (e.g., Carl and Lenora Bond Scholarship); the department gave over \$200,000 to students in the form of directed, named scholarships in 2019. Unrestricted donations accrue in a single, unnamed account, and the interest generated by that account provides the Department Head with flexibility to direct funds to changing department needs. The graph below shows how FW spent unrestricted endowment funds in 2019. As an example, consider the story on the next page about our fish museum collection.

Additional examples of how we use unrestricted funds include student travel and publication support, travel for Selina and other staff for recruitment of new students, faculty development opportunities, and our department community events. Our Fall Picnic, Holiday Cheer Party, and Spring Graduation Celebrations are wonderful events attended by students, staff, faculty, and families. Finally, there are other ways alumni and friends can support our efforts including creating professional internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, serving as a mentor for a graduate certificate capstone student project, or volunteering to speak with our undergraduate or graduate student clubs. We welcome any and all contributions.



Collections give students hands on experience

By Peter Konstantinidis

The fishes museum collection was established in 1935 by Dr. R. E. Dimick as a teaching resource but became established as the depository for ichthyological research and regional surveys with the appointment of Dr. C. E. Bond in 1950. From the 1960's until today the collection has been constantly growing with both regional and international samples.

The fish collection is the largest collection in Oregon. It houses approximately 250,000 adult specimens and ca. 1.5 million larvae. Sizes range from a few millimeters to an eleven foot Common thresher shark that beached north of Waldport in the summer of 2019. About 90% are from Oregon and the PNW, but we also have specimens from Gabon, Peru, Iran, Japan, Antarctica, the Mediterranean, north and central Atlantic, Caribbean, and the China Sea.

The importance for research is represented not only in 14 loan requests during 2019 to national

and international institutions including countries as far away as Japan, but also in the support of our students. The collection supports several graduate students and undergraduate students seeking research experience. The specimens are also the fundament of the courses Ichthyology (FW 315) and Systematics of Fishes (FW 316), on-campus and online.

Our new annual course Systematics and Taxonomy of Larval Fishes (FW 528), and laboratory Larval Fish Identification (FW 529) are unique in the US. FW 529 is taught as a student course and workshop for professional consultants. Participants of the 2018 and 2019 workshops were students, consultants, and NOAA employees from the entire west coast. In 2019 we hosted close to 30 outreach events, reaching from touring the collections with two people to outreach events for schools, the Calapooia Watershed council, and the Oregon Coast Aquarium to name a few.



2019 Environmental Leadership for Youth program students in the fish collection, Corvallis, OR. Photo by Amanda Polley



ECAMPUS PROGRAM WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Our undergraduate Ecampus program has won the Online Learning Consortium's prestigious John R. Bourne Outstanding Online Program Award.

"We are extremely proud of our program and our partnership with OSU's Ecampus; it's fantastic to have our collective hard work acknowledged by such a great organization as the Online Learning Consortium," said Bruce Dugger, professor and associate head of the fisheries and wildlife department.

Thank you to the OLC and to our students, faculty, instructors, and advisors that help make this program as wonderful and as successful as it is.

It's been an amazing ten years of our distance learning program. We can't wait to see what the next ten will bring!

FW BY THE NUMBERS

168 Publications

\$9,755,080 Grant Dollars

\$200,000 Awarded Scholarships

819 Enrolled Students

» **707** Undergrad

» **133** Graduate

» **202** Grad Certificates

132 Graduated Students

» **105** Undergrad

» **27** Graduate

» **40** Grad Certificates

101 Intensive Internships

For the first time in our history, we graduated more students online than on campus.





Friends and Alumni Social, AFS TWS Joint Meeting, Reno, NV.

Photo by Liz Kelly

NEWS & REMINDERS

- » FW Generations coming Summer 2020
- » Survey of grads will be going out to all FW alumni - look for Selina's email Winter 2020
- » **SAVE THE DATE** FW 85th Anniversary celebration will be held in Corvallis, OR May 29-31, 2020. More details to come in the new year.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

- » Make a donation
<https://beav.es/Zma>
- » Get involved with student organizations and clubs
- » Volunteer to give a seminar or host a workshop

