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Fifty years after their debut, corporate matching gift programs continue to evolve.

When Philip Reed, chair of General Electric’s board of directors, introduced the first-ever matching gift program in 1954, it’s unlikely that he or anyone else could have foreseen the impact his idea would have on the philanthropic landscape. In the program’s first year, the GE Foundation matched nearly $200,000 in employee gifts to higher education—a success by any measure. Since then, thousands of companies have contributed billions of dollars to education and other nonprofits via corporate matches. Reed’s idea, so novel for its time, stemmed from his desire to see GE employees support their alma maters. He believed his employees would be more likely to give to colleges and universities if the company matched their gifts and that such gifts ultimately would benefit the company because they would help create a better-educated work force.

Over time, the matching gift concept evolved into a widespread practice that showcases companies’ efforts to be socially responsible, improves employee relations, promotes broad-based philanthropy and makes giving flexible. Although matching gifts generally represent a small fraction of an institution’s overall gift income, they can add up to hundreds of thousands—or even millions—of dollars those institutions otherwise would not have received. According to data compiled by the Council for Aid to Education for its annual Voluntary Support of Education survey, participating colleges and universities received $163.5 million in corporate matching gifts in fiscal year 2003 alone.

Loyola Welcomes a New Neighbor

Loyola Law School has a new neighbor: Belmont Primary Center #11. This K–2 facility mimics Loyola’s campus, with its eye-catching colors and sharp angles. Built by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to reduce overcrowding, it will house over 500 students.

Neatly sandwiched on two acres between Blaine and Albany Streets, Belmont Primary is built on a formerly vacant lot created by fires set during the LA Riots. Within its two stories and 33,790 square feet are 16 technology-friendly classrooms, a library, a nurse’s office, a multi-purpose community room, speech and physical therapy rooms and administrative offices. The building’s exterior is bordered by landscaping and new sidewalks, and the courtyard includes a playground and a grass playfield.

Some of the school’s features really stand out: students will lunch outside under a huge awning; a skylight floods the auditorium with natural light; kindergartners have a private play yard with a tricycle track! The campus is high-tech, with lots of computers and closed-circuit and regular TVs. Classroom sensors read temperature and humidity, and adjust the air conditioning. Ceiling lights turn on and off according to the amount of incoming daylight, and turn off completely when rooms are empty.

Later this fall, Loyola will welcome yet another new neighbor—a housing complex and childcare center will go up at Albany and James M. Wood Boulevard.

Belmont Primary is a welcome addition to the area. “We are delighted to have as our new neighbor Belmont Primary Center #11,” said Dean David W. Burcham ’84. “This is a neighborhood on the move and having another educational institute makes it even better.”
Matching gift programs have long suffered from a relative lack of visibility and widespread perceptions that they require lengthy and complicated processing—in other words, that they’re almost more trouble than they’re worth.

However, most firms and companies have streamlined the process to include convenient online or paper matching gift claims.

Matching gift programs are a valuable source of funding to the Law School. Our goal is to increase funding from matching gifts but it can’t happen without a donor initiating the process.

Some firms and companies who made matching gifts to Loyola:

- Bank of America
- Boeing
- DirecTV Inc.
- Edison International
- Heinz Company
- Honeywell, Inc.
- IBM
- Los Angeles Times
- Morrison & Foerster
- Musick, Peeler & Garrett
- NBC Universal
- O’Melveny & Meyers
- Pacific Life Insurance
- Sempra Energy
- Skadden Arps et al
- Southern California Gas Co.
- Tenet Healthcare
- The Walt Disney Company
- Toyota Motors
- Universal Studios
- Wells Fargo

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**Direct Examination**

1964 Thomas V. Girardi, partner at Girardi & Keese, was elected president of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

1968 Dale S. Gribow, whose firm is in Palm Desert, was named Businessman of the Year for the sixth time by the Business Advisory Council and the National Republican Congressional Committee. Gribow was also selected to join the Coachella Valley Leadership Program.

1973 Ralph B. Saltzman, a partner with Solomon, Saltzman & Jamieson, was recognized for the second consecutive year as a Super Lawyer by Los Angeles magazine.

1976 Al Jenkins was profiled by People magazine in March in an article on his long-running efforts to help African-Americans pass the California Bar Exam.

1979 Patricia A. Motz joined Brian Cave LLP as special counsel, focusing on business and financial issues.

1980 Linda Grant Williams joined Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP as a partner in its New York office. Grant Williams focuses on secured lending, public financing and real estate investments.

1988 Mark Poliquin and Douglas DeGrave ‘88 announce the formation of Poliquin & DeGrave LLP in Laguna Hills. The firm specializes in civil litigation, professional liability and construction defects.

1987 Fred Ranick and Bob Fuscello ‘70 faced off in the New York State Supreme Court during a 10-day jury trial. Both alums reside in Genesee County, a rural area in Western New York.

1984 George Boys joined Artemis International Solutions Corporation as executive vice president, general manager, Americas. Barry Black, deputy prosecuting attorney with Kootenai County, was named Idaho Prosecutor of the Year for juvenile prosecution and child advocacy by the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association. Stephen Jamieson, a partner with Solomon, Saltzman & Jamieson, was recognized as a Super Lawyer by Los Angeles magazine for the second consecutive year.

1985 Mark Cohen, president of Cohen Financial Group, was ranked the number one mortgage originator nation-wide by Mortgage Originator magazine. Regina Danner was named a shareholder with Richards, Watson & Gershon. Danner’s practice focuses on eminent domain, redevelopment and business and real estate transactions.


1990 Dennis T. Yokoyama was granted tenure and promotion to professor of law at Southwestern University School of Law. A member of the faculty since 1992, Yokoyama teaches criminal procedure and directs the school’s Legal Research and Writing Program.

1992 David Sunken joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP as corporate partner in its Los Angeles office. Sunken previously was vice president and general counsel for Earl Scheib, Inc.

1993 William C. Belanger was made a partner with Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP in San Diego. Belanger specializes in international telecommunications, electronic commerce, manufacturing and distribution. Gary J. Goodstein, formerly of Banger & Wolen LLP, formed a new partnership, Goodstein & Berman LLP. The firm specializes in business litigation, risk management and alternative dispute resolution. Evelyn Yaeger was named a Texas Rising Star for 2005 by Texas Monthly and Law and Politics magazine. Fewer than 2.5 percent of all attorneys in Texas have received this distinction.

1994 Christopher Kondon was elected partner with Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP in the firm’s Los Angeles office. Kondon focuses on employment and labor law and litigation. James Martin was made a partner with Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky LLP in the Washington, DC office’s litigation and dispute resolution group. David Newdorff was featured in The Recorder in March in an article on his recent defense verdict in an exesive for a lawsuit against two San Francisco police officers. He also prevailed on behalf of San Francisco in a published California Court of Appeal decision, State of California v. PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP. Veronica Nitschke joined the Orange County office of Preston Gates & Ellis LLP as an associate in the corporate securities/mergers and acquisitions practice. She most recently served as corporate counsel for Catalina Restaurant Group. Kristina Raspe is senior vice president and general counsel for Doheny Enterprises, a real estate investment firm.

1996 Michael W. Shonafelt was named a partner with the Irvine office of Nossaman Guthner Knock & Elliott LLP. Shonafelt’s practice focuses on federal, state and local environmental regulations for wireless communications and building industry clients.

1997 Anthony P. Diaz of the LA City Attorney’s Office was appointed to the California State Bar Foundation Board of Directors, named chair of Georgetown University’s Alumni Admissions Program Committee for Pasadena and elected to the LA County Bar Association’s Board of Trustees. Marco Martinez of Best Best & Krieger LLP was named city attorney for Montebello, CA. Byron P. Gee was made a partner with the LA office of Nossaman Guthner Knock & Elliott LLP in its water law, environmental and land use practice groups. Melissa W. Woo of the San Diego office of Best Best & Krieger LLP was named a partner of the firm. Woo practices civil litigation in state, federal and appellate matters.


1999 Rick Frenkel, a patent litigation associate with Irell & Manella LLP, served as a judge for the Western regional finals of the Giles Sutherland Rich Patent Moot Court competition.

2000 Irene Y. Lee joined Russ, August & Kabat, which focuses on intellectual property, real property and business litigation and transactions.

2001 David Ming Liu joined the Los Angeles office of Fulbright & Jaworski LLP as an associate. Previously, he was an associate at Hill, Farrer & Burrill LLP.


2004 Phillip Koebel authored an Op-Ed article in the Pasadena Star News: “Choice Voting Would Restore Our Faith in Democracy.” Raul Sabado of Guerrero & Chart LLP in Pasadena founded a chapter of the American Mock Trial Association at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and coached the team through two award-winning seasons. Sabado also teaches trial practice part-time in Cal Poly’s Political Science Department.

**JUDICIAL REVIEW** Comm. Stephen Leventhal ’63 retired from the LA Superior Court in March. Earlier in his career he was a deputy city attorney, serving as the Criminal Division liaison to the LA Police Department. Hon. Sandy R. Krieger ’75 was elevated from the LA Superior Court to Division Five of the Second District Court of Appeal. Krieger replaces Hon. Margaret M. Grignon ’77, who joined the LA office of Reed Smith LLP in its appellate practice group. Grignon retired from the CA Court of Appeal, Second District, in December 2004. She spent 14 years on the bench, authoring more than 2,200 opinions. Hon. Thomas L. Willhite, Jr. ’79 was elevated from the LA Superior Court to Division Four of the Second District Court of Appeal. Hon. Joan L. Stet ’81, a family court judge for Jefferson County in Kentucky, was elected president of the National Truancy Prevention...
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Association. She co-founded the association in 2002. Hon. Dorothy Reyes ’81, most recently of Reyes & Wolfe, LLP, was named to the LA Superior Court. Hon. Roger Ito ’89 until recently was a court commissioner with the central felony arraignment court in Whittier. He was appointed to the LA County Superior Court.

MARRIAGE PROPOSALS Robert Panman ’98 and Nicole Lederman are engaged to be married on October 1, 2005. Panman is an associate with Murchison & Cumming LLP. Ana A. De Santiago-Clark ’91 married Neal Clark on November 3, 2004. She is a deputy district attorney in San Diego.


LOYOLA ENTERTAINMENT ALUMNI NETWORK (LEAN) LUNCHEON Glen Kulick ’78, founding partner of Kulick, Gottesman, Mouton & Siegel, was the featured speaker at the LEAN luncheon on April 1, 2005 at Lunaria Restaurant in Century City. Kulick, a leading expert in the law of ideas, spoke on “Developments in Idea Protection.” Alumni interested in future LEAN activities should visit www.lfs.edu periodically.

ARMENIAN RECEPTION Mark J. Geragos ’82 and Brian S. Kabateck ’89 were recognized by Loyola Law School for their dedication to the Armenian community at a reception on March 3, 2005 at the Law School. Geragos and Kabateck, both of Armenian descent, won a landmark settlement against New York Life Insurance for Armenians killed in the Turkish Ottoman Empire.

PUBLIC INTEREST AWARDS RECEPTION The Alumni Office, in conjunction with Loyola’s Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF), held its second annual Awards Reception on April 6, 2005 at the Law School. Honored that evening were Danielle Jones ’98 of the Stanford Community Law Clinic, winner of the 2005 Public Interest Award, and Michael A. Geibelson ’95, of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, recipient of the 2005 Pro Bono Award. PILF is a student-based campus organization that promotes student involvement in public interest activities. PILF’s annual Auction and Casino Night, a major fundraiser for the organization, will be held on October 22, 2005 at the Law School.

ARMS OF THE LAW In recognition of the contributions of arms of the law alumni, the Alumni Association hosted its 2004-05 1995 Class Reunion “What section were we in?” was the question of the hour for alumni attending their 10 year reunion on June 9, 2005 at the Crescent in Beverly Hills. Over 60 alumni gathered to reminisce and catch up with former class and section mates. Alumni enjoyed looking at the first year photo book, brought by Donna Curtis, who organized the reunion with Karin Ham and Paul Fuhrman. Alumni interested in organizing a class reunion should contact Carmen Ramirez at Carmen Ramirez@lfs.edu or 213.736.1046.

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL 2005 COMMENCEMENT Ceremony was held on May 15, 2005 on the Loyola Marymount University campus. Four hundred and thirty-two Juris Doctor, 30 Master of Laws in Taxation and five Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration degrees were awarded. The academic procession included members of the Board of Overseers and Board of Governors, and Robert C. Baker ’71 served as procession marshal. The Honorable Bill Lockey, attorney general for the State of California, gave the commencement address.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY Judge Larry P. Figler ’74 and Magistrate Judge Carla M. Woehrle ’77 administered the state and federal oaths, respectively, to Loyola graduates who successfully passed the February 2005 State Bar Examination. On behalf of the alumni association, Michael J. Conway ’95, president of the Alumni Association Board of Governors, offered words of welcome to the new admittees.

2005 RECOGNITION The mentor program hosted its 2004-05 social on April 3, 2005 at the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Alumni and students enjoyed a first-rate brunch while sharing their experiences at Loyola. Guests also enjoyed touring the famous ocean liner, which took its maiden voyage in 1936.

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Thank you to the thousands of alumni and friends who chose to make a gift to Loyola Law School. This year we are committed again by our generosity, as we work to strengthen our faculty, academic programs, student body and overall reputation.

Thank you for your generosity, loyalty and partnership.
8th Annual Bob Cooney GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefiting the CANCER LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER
Sunday, September 18, 2005
COYOTE HILLS GOLF COURSE
1440 East Bastanchury Road
Fullerton, California (714) 672-6800

TOURNAMENT CHAIR: Ami Silverman ’87

10:30 A.M. Registration, Tee Packages and Putting Contest

12:00 NOON Shotgun Start. Scramble format. Team prizes in various categories, including gross and net for men’s, women’s and mixed teams. Individual prizes, including closest to the pins and longest drive, for both men and women golfers. Special prizes for holes-in-one.

5:00 P.M. Reception and Awards Dinner

FEES:

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER: $195
Includes tee package, 18-hole tournament, cart and green fees, box lunch, on-course refreshments, reception and awards dinner.

FOUR SOME: $780
Includes all individual player benefits for four players.

TEE SPONSOR: $1000
Includes on-course recognition with a sign at the tee, program acknowledgement and all individual player benefits for four players.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

LAW FIRM CHALLENGE: law firms, corporate law departments & public entity groups can compete in the “Law Firm Challenge” for the perpetual trophy named in memory of Charles “Chuck” Redmond ’74. This competition is not limited to alumni.

PUTTING CONTEST: winners receive a perpetual trophy named in memory of the first tournament chair, Fred Martino ’39. Both these awards are prominently displayed at the Law School.

$1 MILLION SHOOTOUT: new this year—one shot for a million bucks, sponsored by the law firm of Gilbert Kelly Crowley & Jennett in honor of the late Roger Kelly ’39.

Sponsorships: available at all levels.

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