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The Benjamin Ide Wheeler Society

A Strong Tradition of Charitable Support

Planned giving donors have provided essential philanthropic support that has enabled Cal to become one of the world’s great universities. The Benjamin Ide Wheeler Society was established in 1987 to recognize and thank these visionary individuals.

Becoming a Member

If you have provided for the University in a planned gift but have not yet informed us, please complete and return the attached response card. Soon after, you will receive a letter welcoming you into the Wheeler Society. Members are invited to special events on campus such as the summer tea hosted by the Chancellor.

We are very grateful to members of the Wheeler Society for carrying on a vital tradition of support. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Gift Planning about joining the Society or to learn more about charitable gift planning.

Recognizing a Devoted Leader

The Society is named for Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University from 1899 to 1919. Not only did President Wheeler transform Berkeley from a small western public university to one of the most distinguished centers of learning in the nation, he also was responsible for arranging the first life income gift to the University of California — a charitable trust from Jane K. Sather.

Designating Your Gift

The University appreciates receiving information from members of the Wheeler Society regarding the specific purpose of any planned gift. This allows the University to review your gift language to ensure that your philanthropic intention for the school, college, department, or program you wish to benefit can be implemented.

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