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## **Scholarship Wall Established at the LUC**

The University of Texas at Tyler Longview University Center Development Council has dedicated an endowed scholarship wall to recognize and honor those contributions that have improved and expanded educational opportunities for the citizens of Gregg County.

“Endowed scholarships make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students,” said Dr. Van Patterson, UT Tyler Longview University Center director. “An endowment creates a permanent legacy for Longview University Center students because only the interest is used to provide financial aid, while the principal continuously grows. Since their inception these scholarships have provided financial assistance to hundreds of students who are residents of Longview and pursuing their education at the UT Tyler Longview University Center”

The wall features the following endowed scholarships: Neal and Peggy Garland Scholarship, established 1999 by Neal and Peggy Garland; Hogan/Whitaker Endowed Scholarship, established 2003 by John and Gladys Whitaker; Laurie Ellard Bates Scholarship Fund, established 2003 by family, friends and peers; UT Tyler LUC Circle of Friends Endowed Scholarship, established 2008 from generous donations of Longview citizens; Jere J. Ruff and John Nay Thomas Scholarship, established 2009 by Eric Ruff, Barbara Pool and friends; and Jack Matthewson Mann Scholarship, created 2010 by the Mann family and friends.

“The endowed scholarship wall is located on the first floor of Garland Hall, adjacent to room 113,” said Patterson. “I hope the citizens of Longview will take a few minutes the next time they visit the LUC to read the plaques recognizing the generosity of those who believe that helping others is a good investment in the future of our community.”

The minimum level to establish a new endowed fund is \$10,000. For additional information about how to create an endowed scholarship at the UT Tyler LUC please call 903.663.8100



*Photo (L to R): UT Tyler Longview University Center endowed scholarship donors Eric Ruff, Lori Ruff, Barbara Pool, Jeanne Mann, Glenda Mann, Jack Mann Jr., Carla Mann, Nat Mann, Peggy Garland and Jay Garland.*