Surpassing our $17.7 million campaign goal, the College raised $21 million during Campaign UW: Creating Futures, a testimony to our more than 100-year legacy of philanthropy. Just as important as this monetary achievement is the growing awareness and support of the College’s role in sustaining our Northwest world and beyond. The outcomes we most value are an increased understanding of the ecological, social, and economic bases for the sustainability of our planet’s resources and the work of discovery and exploration to sustain these resources for future generations.

The three-way partnership of support from state funding, sponsored research, and private donors helped the College achieve many successes; notable accomplishments include:

- Continuing success in recruiting new faculty with the hiring of an additional assistant professor for academic year 2007-2008 in the field of natural resource economics (joining ten new faculty hired in the last two academic years).
- Ongoing programs in forest management, forest technology transfer, and the study of forested ecosystems carried out by the Precision Forestry Cooperative, the Rural Technology Initiative, the Stand Management Cooperative, the Olympic Natural Resources Center, the Center for International Trade in Forest Products, the Center for Sustainable Forestry, The Water Center, and the Wind River Canopy Crane Research Facility.
- A healthy research program, with total expenditures of $8,034,964 in fiscal year 2008.
- The Future of Washington Forests project, facilitated by the Northwest Environmental Forum, providing an opportunity for stakeholders across the state to come together to help sustain a threatened and highly valued resource for our state — our working forests.
- Continuing progress on the establishment of the Wind River Canopy Crane Research Facility as the Pacific Northwest Domain for the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON).
- Productive partnerships with the Washington Pulp and Paper Foundation to fund scholarships and fellowships in paper science and engineering and bioresource sciences; the PNW Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit to improve the scientific base for managing federal lands; and with our Visiting Committee and other advisory boards that serve our College so well.

You can take pride in how our College, with your generosity, is serving our region and the world.

The $2.5 million raised during fiscal year 2008 helped ensure excellence in our College, allowing us to support professional and intellectual growth for the educators, researchers, and students in all of our programs. It helped make possible our continued and growing engagement with the public we serve and enhanced collaboration across the University of Washington campuses and with our cooperating partners in institutions, organizations, and communities across the state, the nation, and the globe. We deeply appreciate your contributions and generous support during this remarkable campaign.

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that has been in use at the crane for 12 years. The new western hemlock old-growth forest and the atmosphere of the carbon flux between a 500-year-old Douglas-fir to help us design and purchase new instruments. “The understanding the role that natural forests play in the uptake understanding the global carbon cycle and the role that old—

Generous gifts during fiscal year 2008 from the Brainerd, Kingsgaard-Goldman, Lazard, 4445, and Willirforce Foundations, from Douglas and Margaret Walker, and from anonymous donors helped the Wind River Canopy Crane Facility (WRCCRF) update its carbon flux measurement instruments. These measurements play an important role in understanding the global carbon cycle and the role that old—

system, however, will be one of the first installations of the Campbell Scientific Inc. (CSI) closed—path system, which continuously monitors its own health and calculates carbon dioxide exchange in near real time. This new system will allow researchers to focus on specific components of the carbon cycle, like soil, woody debris, and leaves, resulting in a more accurate understanding of forest ecosystem carbon dynamics. Says Bibby, “We’d like to help answer an important question: Are old—growth forests in the Pacific Northwest continuing to accumulate carbon as a result of photosynthesis or are they net sources of atmospheric carbon dioxide as a result of tree death and decomposition processes?” The carbon flux data from Wind River will help us design the system and magnitude of changes associated with climatic warming.”

Adds WRCCRF Director Jerry Franklin, “Our carbon flux measurements are widely available to scientists, policy makers, and citizens who are involved in developing climate change policies. This information is being used in developing

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Located in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in southwest Washington, the Wind River Canopy Crane was erected in 1995 as a cooperative venture of the USDA Forest Service and the UW College of Forest Resources.
Ruth Mary and Don Close’s generous gift of $200,000 to UW Botanic Gardens for support of maintenance in the Washington Park Arboretum continues a long-standing family tradition. Years ago, Ruth Mary’s parents, Clarence and Marian Larsen, established an endowment to provide funding for the same purpose. In honor and memory of the Larsens, this gift will be added to her parents’ endowment. The Closes had been very active in the Arboretum Foundation — she had been a long-time member of the editorial board and Don served as president. When asked if they would help to fund Arboretum maintenance, Ruth Mary said, “We were both avid gardeners, so we know how important proper care is.”

In addition to managing plant health, UW Botanic Gardens grounds crews also install new trees in the Arboretum, from rare exotic species to beautiful local favorites. Some highlights from the 2007-2008 planting season included two specimens of Keteleeria evelyniana, a rare evergreen from the mountains and river basins of southwest China; Malus ‘Whitey’ (White crabapple), developed by Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels; and the great-great-grandfather; Cotinus coggyria ‘Curly Locks,’ a Deciduous elder with distinctively branching; and ilex aquifolium ‘Ferox Argentea’ (hedgehog English holly), an old cultivar that was first reported in England in 1682.

Gifts like the Larsen Endowment, which was established in 1980 and strengthened by the generosity of Ruth Mary Close in 2008, will help ensure healthy and inspiring Arboretum plant collections well into the future.
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