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Longtime Volunteer and Donor Endows Faculty Position

New endowed chair helps MU compete.

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An avid supporter of MU, Lowell Miller, BS Ag '57, MS '58, PhD '60, of Loch Lloyd, Mo., has given \$1.1 million to create the Lowell D. Miller Endowed Chair in Biochemistry. The gift was announced April 4, 2014.



Lowell Miller, BS Ag '57, MS '58, PhD '60, donated \$1.1 million to endow a chair in biochemistry.

“Dr. Miller’s generosity will allow MU to attract and retain the highest caliber biochemistry teachers and researchers for decades to come,” says Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin. “Endowed faculty chairs are essential to keeping MU competitive among the top research and teaching institutions in the country, and Dr. Miller’s gift will go a long way to elevate the university among our peers.”



Agriculture Dean Tom Payne introduces donor Lowell Miller to about 100 members of MU's Campaign Cabinet April 4, 2014.

Miller retired as a senior vice president of Marion Laboratories, where he directed research and development, and led scientists and other staff who created drugs for various human therapies.

Miller's previous gifts to MU include support for scholarships, campus landscape and a teaching kitchen. His gifts also bear the name of his late wife, Marian, BS HE '59, whom he met when they both were students at MU.

As a volunteer, Miller served as co-chair of the MU Life Sciences Center campaign committee as well as the For All We Call Mizzou campaign steering committee, which helped the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources raise \$60 million as a part of the university-wide \$1 billion campaign. He now serves on MU's National One Mizzou Campaign Cabinet.

"I have two major debts in my life that I will never be able to pay off — one to my late wife, Marian, and another to the University of Missouri," Miller says. "Both my wife and MU were instrumental to whatever success I may have achieved in life."

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