

## **Grant Gives UE Entrepreneurship a Boost**

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The spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation in the Schroeder Family School of Business Administration at the University of Evansville will have an added boost in the coming academic year, thanks to a generous grant from the Charlotte and Leo Peyronnin Family Fund in the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, a member of the Community Foundation Alliance.

The recent grant, for \$10,144, will be used to further carry out the school's mission to advance academic excellence by providing support for enrichment programs such as guest lectures, special academic projects, and the Evansville New Venture Creation Competition. The programs will be designed to encourage undergraduate students to stretch their imaginations and resources to explore the opportunities of entrepreneurship. By inspiring students to seek creative ways to develop new businesses, the activities funded by the grant will help to prepare UE students to become leaders in both the local and global economies.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Charlotte and Leo Peyronnin Family Fund in the Vanderburgh Community Foundation for this very generous gift to our School and the University of Evansville," said Robert Clark, dean of UE's Schroeder Family School of Business Administration. "Using this grant, we will be able to further increase the exciting educational opportunities offered to our students, and to enhance our engagement in the community."

The stated goal of the grant is to "provide support for academic projects and special initiatives, enabling the school to further promote the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation among undergraduate business students."

The Charlotte and Leo Peyronnin Family Fund was created in 1998 with a gift to the Vanderburgh Community Foundation by the Peyronnin family to recognize, honor, and perpetuate the couple's commitment to helping others in their community. Longtime residents of Evansville, Charlotte and Leo Peyronnin established a family tradition of providing generous, and usually anonymous, support for not-for-profit organizations that serve young people. In 1947 Mr. Peyronnin founded the Peyronnin Construction Company in Evansville which counts many tri-state landmarks among its accomplishments.

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