Alumni and friends are an essential part of the McCormick network: they provide opportunities, guidance, and support for faculty and students on many different levels. Within the past year more than 1,300 McCormick alumni and friends made gifts that will help students and faculty pursue educational and research opportunities at the intersection of global challenges and the knowledge required to solve them. Thank you.

Peter Barris (’74), a member of the University’s Board of Trustees, and his wife, Adrienne Barris, have given $5 million to endow a professorship in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Northwestern trustee David A. Sachs (’81) and his wife, Karen Richards Sachs, also have made a $5 million gift, which will endow a professorship in the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences.

With technology pervading virtually every aspect of life today, these endowed professorships will strengthen McCormick’s emphasis on computer science and systems and add momentum to the school’s innovative scholarship and teaching. Expanding the reach of computer science and systems across the University’s campuses and a variety of disciplines, they will increasingly affect the overall research enterprise at Northwestern.

Other major gifts include the following:

Bill Gantz, past chair of the McCormick Advisory Council, and Bob Shaw (’70, KSM ’81) and his wife, Charlene Shaw (WCAS ’70), made gifts to establish a translational fellows program, a McCormick collaboration with the Feinberg School of Medicine and the University’s Innovation and New Ventures Office.

Barry MacLean established an endowed fund to benefit programming at the interface of art and engineering, including the Data as Art class (featured on page 20).

Mary Meister (’98) and her husband, Ethan Meister, and Boris Vuchic (PhD ’95) made gifts toward the construction of a new Energy Materials Laboratory housed in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering.

Greg Merchant (PhD ’90) established an endowed fund to benefit the Department of Engineering Sciences and Applied Mathematics.

Todd (WCAS ’87) and Ruth Warren established the Warren Fellows in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The fellowships will provide competitive graduate aid packages.

Three funds to honor retired professors were established with support from McCormick faculty and alumni:

An endowed lecture series in honor of Jan Achenbach, Walter P. Murphy and Distinguished McCormick School Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Engineering Sciences and Applied Mathematics, and Mechanical Engineering

An endowed lecture series in honor of Ted Belytschko, Walter P. Murphy Professor Emeritus of Computation Mechanics and Civil and Environmental Engineering

An endowed graduate fellowship fund in honor of Johannes and Julia Weertman, Walter P. Murphy Professors Emeriti of Materials Science and Engineering

Other alumni made generous commitments to remember Northwestern and McCormick through their estate plans. If you would like to make a gift to McCormick, please contact Ben Porter, senior director of development, at 847-467-5212.