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# A Life-Changing Class Helps Alumna Discover Her Passion

**Carrie Liu Currier '96 always wanted to attend the University of Michigan. Growing up in Iowa, she cheered for the Wolverines alongside her father, a huge Michigan football fan who watched every game on television. The day Carrie got into Michigan was the best day of her life.**

As a first-generation college student, she didn't really know what to expect at the university. In true LSA fashion, she enrolled in a sampling of seemingly random classes her first semester, including, on a whim, an 8 a.m. international politics course taught by Ted Hopf.

"I was interested in politics, but not really that interested in politics. It just sounded like an interesting class and it was open," Carrie says.

That class turned out to be one of the most important choices she would make at Michigan, leading to her decision to major in political science. Carrie followed up with classes in Chinese politics.

"That first class in international politics just changed my outlook. It was a little bit scary. It was completely challenging. It was everything that I had been afraid college would be like—and also everything that I hoped it would be like," Carrie reflects.

She went on to earn an M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science, Comparative Politics and International Relations from the University of Arizona and is now the Chair of the Political Science Department and a professor of Chinese politics at Texas Christian University.

But her bond with the University of Michigan, where her passion for international politics was sparked, remains strong.

Recently, Carrie named a \$500,000 gift in her will to endow The Dr. Carrie Liu Currier Student Scholarship





Carrie Liu Currier's gift will make a lasting impact at U-M. She hopes it will also encourage others to plan ahead.

Fund at LSA for undergraduate students in political science or Asian studies.

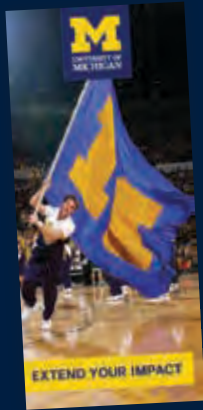
She was inspired to make a planned gift now, in part, by a friend who had recently made a gift to her own Big Ten alma mater.

Carrie hopes her gift will serve as a catalyst for other younger donors who are beginning to think about their estate plans. "More people should be thinking about trying to donate, especially when you're young like this. It's good to plan ahead," she states.

 Ready to start planning your future, like Carrie  has? Contact the Office of Planned Giving at (734) 615-2022 or toll free at (866) 233-6661 for help finding the right giving option for you.

## Did You Know?

The College of Literature, Science and the Arts is the largest of U-M's 19 schools and colleges.



## A LASTING IMPACT

You can make a big difference for Wolverines with a gift to benefit U-M in your will or living trust. Learn more about this easy way to make a difference by requesting a copy of our new guide, *Extend Your Impact*. Return the enclosed envelope to request your copy today.

# A Simple Gift, a Significant Impact

Your will is one of the most important documents you can own. It not only dictates how your assets and possessions will be divided after your lifetime, it ensures your loved ones are financially protected should something happen to you.

But, a will does even more than that: It plays a key role in creating your legacy.

### GIVE FROM YOUR WILL

In addition to caring for loved ones, you can also use your will to extend your support of the places that have had a major impact on your life, like the University of Michigan. With just one sentence, you can create a legacy that will impact Wolverines for generations to come while still being able to update your wishes as life changes.

### HOW TO GIVE FROM YOUR WILL:

1. Contact the Office of Planned Giving at (734) 615-2022, or toll free (866) 233-6661, or return the enclosed reply envelope to request sample language to use to make your gift.
2. Make an appointment with your estate planning attorney to create your will. If you already have a will, your attorney can draft a codicil to add your gift to the existing document.
3. Notify us of your intention. It would be our honor to thank you and welcome you as a member of the **John Monteith Legacy Society**. Plus, your generosity may even inspire others to follow in your footsteps. (Wishes of anonymity will be honored, of course.)

# Blended Giving

## Make an Impact Now and Later

There are many ways to make a difference at the University of Michigan. Some gifts let you see the impact of your giving today, while others don't go into effect until after your lifetime. A blended gift combines these two options, allowing you to make an even bigger impact on U-M students than you ever thought possible.

Making a blended gift is easier than you think. Simply choose a gift that works for you today and pair it with one for the future.

### Make an Impact Today

- Cash or check
- Stock or appreciated assets
- Tangible personal property
- Real estate
- Donor advised fund

### Make a Difference Tomorrow

- Gift in your will or living trust
- Retirement plan assets
- Bank or brokerage accounts
- Life insurance policies
- Life income gifts

### ONE GIFT CAN DO IT ALL

There are two ways you can use your IRA to support U-M, allowing you to make a blended gift with just one asset. Here's how:

1. **A gift for today.** If you are 70½ or older, you can transfer any amount up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to a nonprofit like U-M. This gift doesn't generate income, so you benefit even if you don't itemize on your taxes.
2. **A gift for tomorrow.** You can also name U-M as the beneficiary of your IRA. After your lifetime, the funds will pass to U-M, extending your impact and making a difference for future students.



### PLAN YOUR GIVING STRATEGY

Finding the best combination of gifts to meet your charitable and financial goals can be challenging. We are happy to work with you and your financial advisor or estate planning attorney to help you find the best giving options to meet your needs.



## A Campus Update

This has been a challenging year, for all of us. The Spring 2020 semester did not end as we had envisioned it and our students' time on campus will look and feel different this year. **But, it will still be amazing.**

At the University of Michigan, we are taking many precautions to Take Care of Maize & Blue while still providing students with an educational experience that is safe, accessible and life-changing.

We are also doing our part to help battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Michigan Medicine has performed 43,997 COVID-19 tests since the pandemic began and continues to provide quality care to those in need. Michigan Medicine was also one of three medical centers to receive \$7 million to study COVID-19 outpatient convalescent plasma therapy.

Support from friends like you ensures we can continue not only to pivot to meet the ever-changing needs of our students, but continue our important research. **Thank you for standing with us as we navigate these times and the times ahead.**