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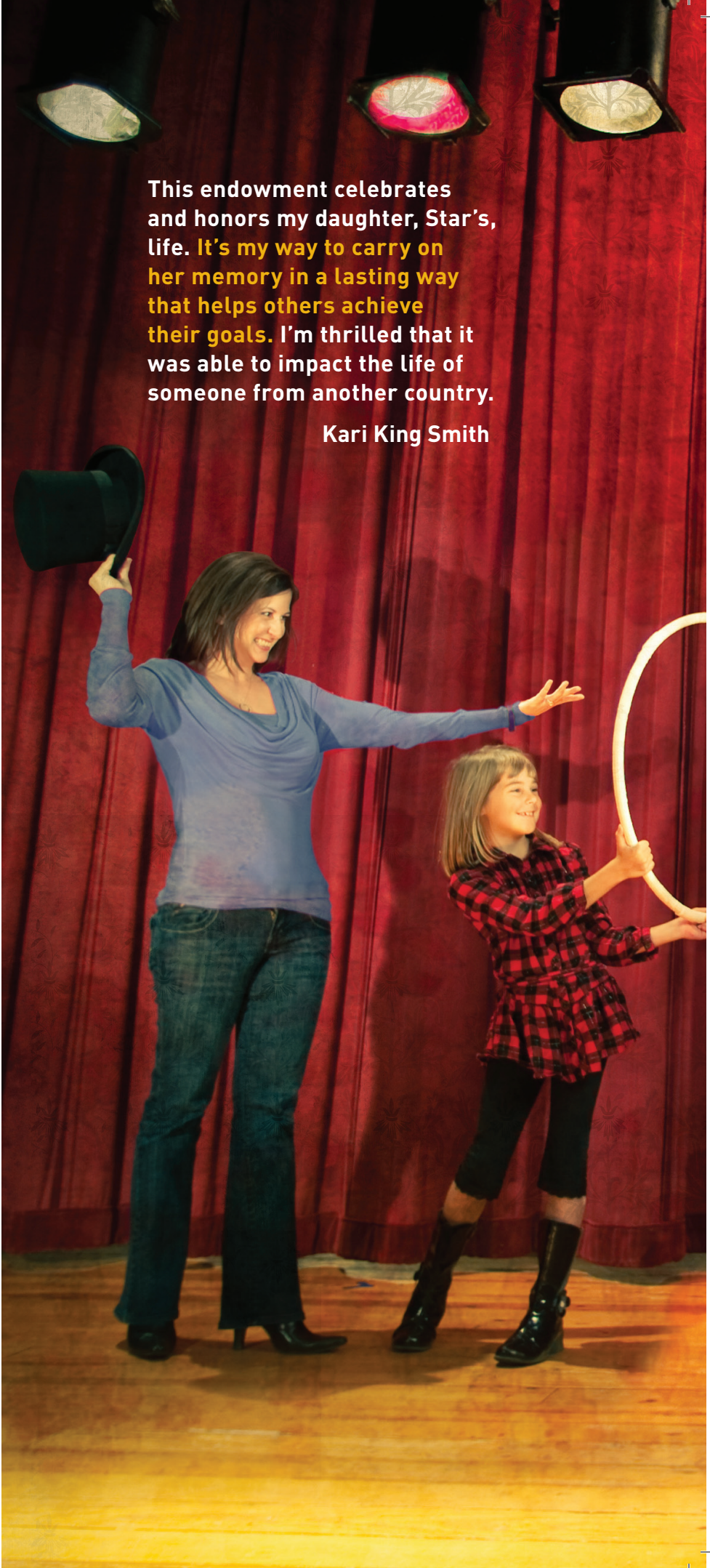
*Making a Difference*  
*Leaving a Legacy*

# ENDOWMENTS

...are self-sustaining sources of permanent funding for the benefit of A&M-Commerce students, and they provide long-term financial security for the university. As a donor, you may give to an existing endowment or create and name your own.


Your funds are held in perpetuity by the A&M-Commerce Foundation, and after reaching a \$10,000 minimum, the proceeds from your tax-deductible investment will be distributed as you wish. Provide scholarships to our students, support our faculty, or enhance a specific program or department—it's up to you!

When giving to A&M-Commerce you have flexibility and options; your gift of cash or stock can be used to fund your endowment immediately or through a five-year pledge. And bequests, family trusts, life insurance, and IRAs may be used to establish endowments as well.



This endowment celebrates and honors my daughter, Star's, life. **It's my way to carry on her memory in a lasting way that helps others achieve their goals.** I'm thrilled that it was able to impact the life of someone from another country.

Kari King Smith

A man in a grey suit and striped tie is performing a hula hoop act on a stage. He is lying on his back, smiling, with several white hula hoops around his waist and legs. A hand is visible on the left side, holding one of the hoops. The background is a red curtain with three stage lights hanging from above. The floor is wooden.

As an international student, I rely entirely on scholarships to pay for my education. This money means so much to me. I'm so thankful that Kari decided to give back.

Farai, Class of 2010

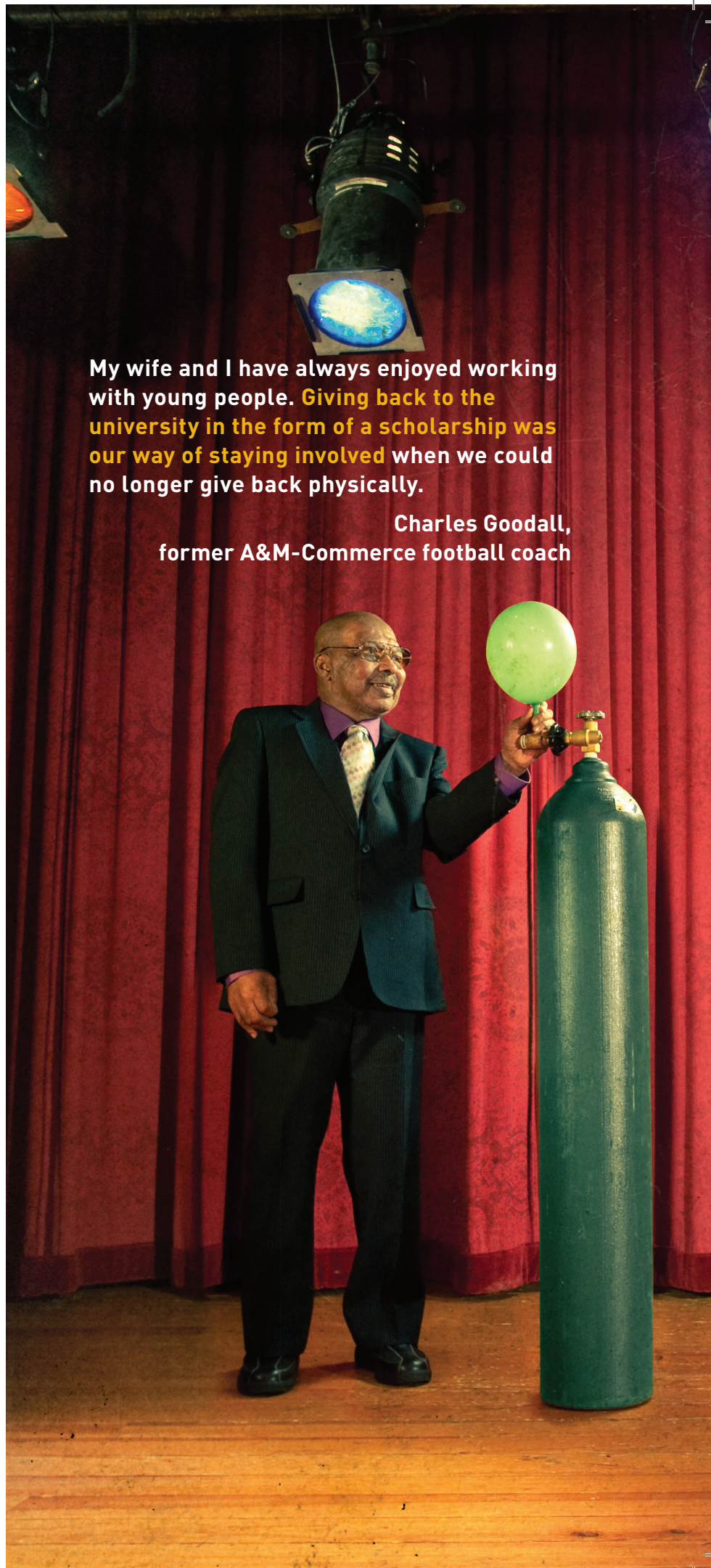
Kari King Smith (and daughter Saylor) provides students with a *lift* to get through school.

# THE NEED

A college education is no longer simply a way to get ahead. Today it is a requirement to enter the workforce.

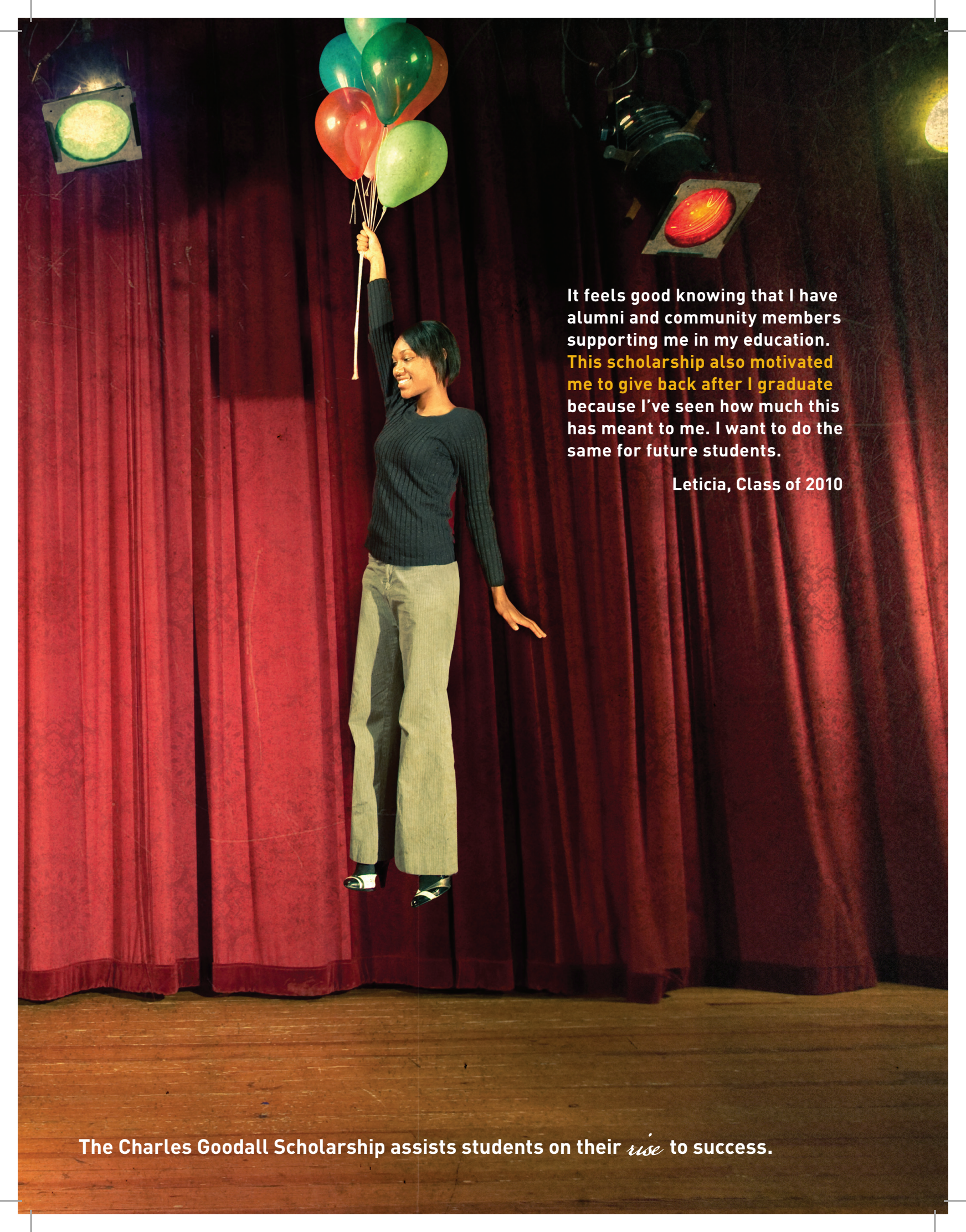
As Texas continues to trim the budgets of public institutions of higher education, tuition and fees grow to make up the difference. This increases the cost to attend college, shifting the burden to students and their families. Many A&M-Commerce students are first-generation college students, just like you were and have not been able to set aside enough money to pay the cost.

You can make a difference for our students by lessening the financial burden with a scholarship endowment.



My wife and I have always enjoyed working with young people. **Giving back to the university in the form of a scholarship was our way of staying involved** when we could no longer give back physically.


Charles Goodall,  
former A&M-Commerce football coach

A woman with short dark hair, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved sweater and light-colored trousers, is floating in the air on a stage. She is holding a bunch of colorful balloons (red, green, and blue) in her right hand. The stage is set against a backdrop of heavy red curtains. Two stage lights are visible: one on the left with a green lens and one on the right with a red lens. The floor is made of wooden planks.

It feels good knowing that I have alumni and community members supporting me in my education. **This scholarship also motivated me to give back after I graduate** because I've seen how much this has meant to me. I want to do the same for future students.

Leticia, Class of 2010


The Charles Goodall Scholarship assists students on their *rise* to success.

A photograph of a man and a woman on a stage. The man, on the left, is wearing a tan blazer over a light blue shirt and dark trousers. The woman, on the right, is wearing a purple long-sleeved top and dark trousers. They are both looking upwards and to the right. The woman is holding a thick, light-colored rope that extends diagonally across the frame from the top right towards the center. The background consists of a red curtain. Several stage lights are visible hanging from the ceiling, casting light on the scene. The floor is a patterned carpet.

**Those of us who have received a college education are richly blessed.** We started our endowment because we want other students to have the same opportunity we did to experience college life. That's also why our scholarship requires the recipient to get involved in a campus activity. Getting involved is what truly makes your college experience.

**Arlan & Bobbie Purdy**

The Arlan and Bobby Purdy Scholarship *lifts* students to new heights.



I remember sitting at the scholarship banquet and hearing them call my name. It was such a good feeling. **I knew they had faith in me; they knew I could succeed.**

Sage, Class of 2013

*“Getting involved is what truly makes your college experience.”*

*– Arlan & Bobbie Purdy*

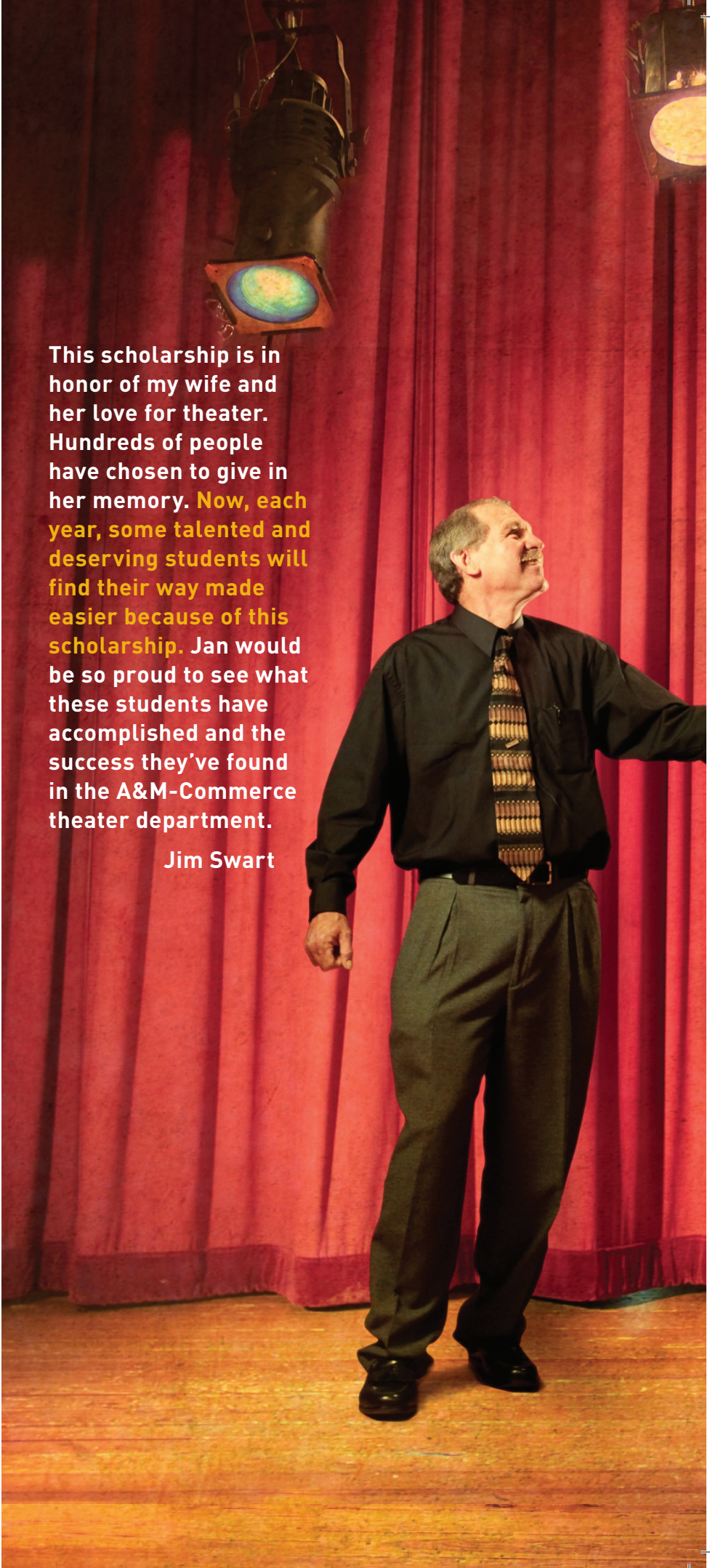
But Arlan and Bobbie Purdy know that you don't have to stop getting involved once you graduate. When the Purdys recognized the growing difficulty for students to attend college without scholarship assistance, they stepped in to give those young scholars a lift. With their family endowment, each year two scholarships are awarded to exceptional incoming freshmen like Sage Sullivan.

# ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

You can establish a named endowment to create a family legacy or to honor someone you admired and loved.

The Advancement staff will gladly assist you in making the experience special and rewarding. In addition, you will have the opportunity to direct your scholarship to any area and determine how your gift will benefit a deserving student.

You are kept informed of all activity regarding your endowment through an annual financial report.



This scholarship is in honor of my wife and her love for theater. Hundreds of people have chosen to give in her memory. **Now, each year, some talented and deserving students will find their way made easier because of this scholarship.** Jan would be so proud to see what these students have accomplished and the success they've found in the A&M-Commerce theater department.

Jim Swart



I'm so thankful to have worked alongside Janet in the theater department, and now to receive a scholarship in her memory. **This will go a long way in helping me achieve my goals** as an actress and as a playwright.

Angelica, Class of 2009


Jim Swart honors his wife while *paving* the way for student achievement.

This scholarship honors both the memory of my brother, Joe, and my parents' long legacy of teaching. They would be so proud of the students who have received this scholarship and gone on to succeed in their own classrooms.

Paula Harbour



The Joe Max Harbour Scholarship provides an *opening* to career fulfillment.

A woman with short blonde hair is kneeling on a wooden stage. She is wearing a black and white striped long-sleeved shirt and a black skirt. She is holding a microphone in her right hand and has her left hand raised near her face. The background is a red curtain.


Receiving this scholarship enabled me to graduate early and find a job that I absolutely love. I hope each day that I can pay it forward through my teaching.

Kristen, Class of 2009

## HOW

You can give to an existing endowment or you can choose to create and name a new endowment. Many choose to honor a loved one, recognize a favorite professor or create the endowment in their own name.

You may use either outright gifts or use deferred gift vehicles to establish named endowed funds. Outright gifts of cash or stock can be used to fund the endowment immediately or through a pledge over a period of up to five years. Deferred or planned gifts such as bequests, family trusts, life insurance and IRA's can be used to establish or grow an endowment.



Nancy and I worked hard to get through school. We had three kids, and it was challenging. We want to help students struggling with the same things—family, work and school. **It just feels right to give back.**

Dr. Keith & Nancy McFarland

As a working mom with three young kids, **this scholarship means the world to me.** When I found out I won, I screamed 'We won, we won.' Then my kids got up and started yelling, 'we won, we won' with me. They didn't know what we won; they just knew it made their mommy very happy.

Katherine, Class of 2009

Dr. Keith and Nancy McFarland provide the *lift* working students hope for.



*“Education changes lives; there’s no question about it.”*

*– Dr. Keith McFarland*

SCHOLARSHIPS provide access to the education our students need to transform their futures.

Having endured the financial strain of completing graduate studies while raising a family, the McFarlands created an endowed scholarship to support our students who have similar obstacles—like Katherine Ashby. After four decades in Commerce, the McFarlands have built a legacy of giving. By establishing an endowed scholarship, you can shape your legacy at our university and reveal a future of new career heights to someone who reminds you of the student you were.

# FAQ

## **HOW MUCH MONEY DOES IT TAKE TO CREATE AN ENDOWMENT?**

Your endowment will be established once your account reaches \$10,000.

## **CAN AN ENDOWMENT BE CREATED AND FUNDED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME?**

Yes. You may create an endowment with a minimum gift of \$2,000 per year for five years.

## **HOW MUCH OF MY ENDOWMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS?**

The earnings vary each year, depending on investment returns; however, the last five-year rolling average has been approximately 5%.

## **HOW CAN I KEEP TRACK OF MY ENDOWMENT?**

With annual financial reports, you will always be up to date on the activity of your endowment.

## **HOW ARE A&M-COMMERCE ENDOWMENTS MANAGED?**

Your endowment will be invested and managed by The Texas A&M University System Office of Treasury Services.

The System Endowment Fund is a professionally managed fund with investments in international, domestic and private equities, hedge funds, fixed income funds, and inflation hedging investments. At the end of each fiscal quarter, the interest is distributed, new deposits are made, and the market value is determined.

A portion of investment earnings (15%) are returned to the corpus of your endowment account to assure continual growth.

This scholarship gives me the resources I need to finish my degree in marketing. Without it, I would not be able to afford to go to college.

André, Class of 2010

Seeing the difference the scholarship has made in André's life inspires me, and gives me a fresh perspective on the value of education, and the importance of giving.

Mack Doster



The Donny David Doster Memorial Endowment *opens* doors for success.

*You've met eight students whose educational careers were advanced by endowments and the generous donors who made those advancements possible. Each story is one of giving back so others can move forward, creating a spirit of generosity that sustains our university and enriches us all. Whether you endow a scholarship, support a department or college, or contribute an unrestricted gift, you will positively impact students and A&M-Commerce for many years to come.*

*Are you ready to leave a **legacy**  
that makes a **difference?***

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