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**College of General Studies Obtains \$128,000 Annual Donation**

*Texas Alumnus Lessens Financial Burden by Awarding Five Full-tuition Scholarships*

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 11 – During a special reception held yesterday, the University of Pittsburgh College of General Studies Student Government, in conjunction with Alumni Relations, secured an annual donation of \$128,000 from Texas petrochemical company owner and General Studies alumnus, Tom R. Sloan. This substantial gift will cover five full-tuition scholarships for five College of General Studies students and constitutes the largest scholarship prize in that school's history. Mr. Sloan, who graduated from Pitt in 1984, said the scholarships would, "afford our future leaders the opportunity to totally immerse themselves in this outstanding institution."

Chancellor Mark Nordenberg, N. John Cooper, Dean of Arts and Sciences, and members of the College of General Studies Student Government hosted the reception that honored Mr. Sloan's commitment to the university and to the non-traditional student community. Chancellor Nordenberg stated, "with donations from inspirational alumni, such as Mr. Sloan, our non-traditional student population can continue to flourish as a strong segment of this institution and develop into the next generation of strong community and business leaders."

Additionally, College of General Studies Student Government president Kathleen O'Connor presented Mr. Sloan with a commemorative plaque, honoring him for his guidance, inspiration and financial support aimed at non-traditional student success.

The "Tom R. Slone Student Success Scholarship" will grant five \$25,600 awards each year, starting fall 2008. Eligible applicants must fill out an application packet, have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and be actively involved in community service. Students involved in either student government or another leadership role on campus are highly favored. Applications may be picked up at the College of General Studies Student Government Office, 824 William Pitt Union.

Finalists will be screened by the College of General Studies administration and a four-member student government panel. Award winners will have their names permanently placed in the McCarl Center for Non-Traditional Student Success, on the Cathedral of Learning's fourth floor.

The College of General Studies Student Government represents the College of General Studies undergraduate student body. The government advocates the needs of non-traditional students,

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including adult learners, part-time students, students who are employed full-time and armed service veterans. In addition, the group develops strong relationships with key College of General Studies alumni, providing networking and possible employment opportunities for students.

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