Chances are, if you knew that one of the top university museums in America — one unparalleled in its vast global art collections — existed in your city, you would do everything you could to help it thrive. Jay and Deborah ’60 Last are counting on it.

The couple just gave $1 million and pledged $14 million more as a matching challenge to the Fowler Museum at UCLA. “Many people don’t realize what a treasure the Fowler Museum at UCLA is,” says Jay Last. “Those of us who believe in preserving art and culture must do everything we can to sustain and grow it. Deborah and I hope that our gift will inspire other donors to give to this cultural gem in Los Angeles.”

Trained as a physicist, Jay Last is one of the eight founders, known as the “fathers of Silicon Valley,” of Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation. He also founded and is president of Hillcrest Press, a publisher of books dealing with California art, ethnic art, and graphic art. It’s a long way from Silicon Valley to Africa, but the Lasts have helped UCLA shorten the distance figuratively with nearly $40 million in total gifts and pledges — including gifts of valuable art — to the Fowler Museum.

Last has been collecting African art since 1961, and among his gifts to the Fowler is a collection of more than 300 artworks made by the Lega peoples of Central Africa. If the idea of a man of science devoting so

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SPEAKING OF THE CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

A Partner for Progress

UCLA and I go back. I started there in 1964 and later met my husband, Garen, on a blind date during our junior year. Since then our shared passion for wine has taken us around the world and, ultimately, to beautiful Napa Valley in Northern California. And our shared passion for UCLA has remained.

Philanthropy is something else we are intensely committed to, and I am thrilled that the university can help us fulfill our philanthropic aspirations. In UCLA, our non-profit organizations have found the perfect partner for another passion: promoting and improving brain health.

What goes on in Westwood, including at the two centers we established there and with the recently launched Depression Grand Challenge, fuels progress far beyond Los Angeles. The good work at UCLA in all realms crosses physical and demographic boundaries to reach into people’s lives. If you’re looking for a way to make a difference, UCLA has it.

The university keeps moving the world forward — with help from donors like you and me.

—SHARI STAGLIN ’66

Progress Report

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Thanks to the thoughtful generosity of donors like you, UCLA is 60 percent to campaign goal! Pore over the numbers at giveto.ucla.edu/our-progress.

Data as of 5/2/2016

A Contagious Campaign

Centennial fever continues to spread. In May we officially launched the campaign in Northern California with two events. Alumni and friends helped us celebrate and re-up our commitment to success. They also enjoyed a knockout performance by The Voice finalist India Carney ’15! More events — on campus, around California, and across the country — are on the horizon. UCLA has many reasons — and many regions — to celebrate.
Revolutionizing Cancer Research

Sean Parker founded music-sharing site Napster and was the first president of social media giant Facebook. It only makes sense, then, that he sees sharing as key to bolstering one of the most important medical advances of our time — cancer immunotherapy. In an unprecedented effort that reflects Parker’s record of being a pioneer, his $250-million gift launched the collaborative Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy, which includes $10 million in initial funding for UCLA, with an additional $10 million investment over four years.

The grant connects more than 40 laboratories and 300 researchers across six institutions: UCLA, UCSF, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Stanford Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. In an exceptional arrangement meant to accelerate progress, these centers have agreed to share intellectual property with each other, enabling all researchers to have immediate access to a wide array of core discoveries as they are made.

Immunotherapy mobilizes the body’s own powerful immune system to engage and eliminate cancer cells. It is a new model in the fight against one of the world’s most intractable diseases. “We are at an inflection point in cancer research, and now is the time to maximize immunotherapy’s unique potential to transform all cancers into manageable diseases and save millions of lives,” says Parker.

The Parker Institute has identified three key areas of focus to start: develop best-in-class T-cells, discover novel paths and new treatments to improve checkpoint blockade responses, and identify new tumor-specific markers for immune recognition.

As a member of this consortium — a formidable new foe in the fight against cancer — UCLA will build on its impressive record in cancer research and join forces with some of the nation’s most outstanding immunotherapy experts to bring the best treatments to patients faster.

To join the revolution in cancer research, contact Stephanie Witte at 310-206-3878 or switte@support.ucla.edu.

much of his life to collecting art sounds like the makings of an interesting story, that’s because it is. And Last has written it. In 2015, he published African Art and Silicon Chips: A Life in Science and Art, which illuminates the connections among his entrepreneurial, adventurous, and art-connoisseur spirits.

The Lasts’ matching challenge is intended to attract new donors who will join them in supporting one of L.A.’s most valuable assets. The Fowler is unique in that it brings the diversity and richness of the world to UCLA and to the people of Los Angeles. For example, “People who have never even heard of Timor can come to the Fowler and see how its colorful textiles are this Southeast Asian island’s primary vehicles of cultural expression,” says Marla C. Berns, Shirley and Ralph Shapiro Director of Fowler Museum at UCLA.

Contributions will support the Fowler’s pioneering global arts programming and its efforts to make the museum’s world-class collections accessible for teaching and research, to build a stellar curatorial team, and to grow a robust endowment.

To get in on the matching challenge and help fund the Fowler Museum’s future, contact Michael Ruff at 310-825-0663 or michael.ruff@arts.ucla.edu.
Equal to the Task: Giving Opportunity

Optimism and opportunity are hallmarks of UCLA. It is only fitting, then, that the university is now home to the Institute on Inequality and Democracy at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, whose mission, in part, is to “organize knowledge to challenge inequality.” Established with the support of two of UCLA’s most committed donors, Meyer ’49 and Renee Luskin, the institute launched in February under the superb leadership of Professor Ananya Roy, its inaugural director.

A world-renowned scholar, author, and teacher, Roy has said that “equality requires constant vigilance,” lest history repeat itself. Roy’s plans for the institute include analyzing and transforming racial, income, and other divides and disparities not only in the U.S., where they are not only hotly debated topics in the presidential election but also around the world — “across global South and global North.” Roy was born in Calcutta, India, a city marked by vast economic inequality.

The Luskins, avid advocates for social justice, long have directed their philanthropy toward that cause. They and Roy, who also holds the Meyer and Renee Luskin Chair in Inequality and Democracy, believe that UCLA — a great public university in a city that manifests inequalities but also mobilizes to fight them — is the perfect place for the institute.

Here’s your opportunity to help UCLA engender justice and equality in L.A. and beyond. Contact Kate O’Neal at 310-206-3059 or koneal@luskin.ucla.edu.

Making Headlines by Changing Them

What if tomorrow’s above-the-fold headline reads “Studies Show Dramatic Drop in Gun Violence”? If Dean Hansell, partner at Hogan Lovells, and UCLA Fielding School of Public Health have their way, it will.

Currently things are more ominous. In 2015, more than 50,000 incidents of gun violence, including 12,000 deaths, were perpetrated in the U.S. Mass shootings, homicides, and suicides are on the rise, making gun violence a serious public health issue with staggering physical, psychological, and economic costs.

That is why Hansell, who serves on the Fielding School’s board of advisors, made a gift to establish the Dean Hansell Fellowship to Address Gun Violence. Hansell’s gift will provide crucial seed funding for students and faculty to conduct innovative research with the potential to stem the epidemic of gun violence. The inaugural recipient of the fellowship is Danielle Dupuy, a PhD student in the department of community health sciences, whose work addresses youth violence. Dupuy’s project will teach coping and de-escalation techniques to youth detainees who are 6–8 months pre-release from detention facilities in Los Angeles County.

“It’s about breaking the cycle, giving these young people better options,” says Dupuy. “I’m so excited about the opportunity this fellowship gives me to make a difference.”

Hansell has been well recognized for his tremendous commitment to civic safety; he was a police commissioner for four and a half years. His generous gift provides an opportunity to change the narrative on gun violence to a hopeful one, making neighborhoods safer and saving lives.

To help UCLA Fielding School find solutions that save lives, contact Stephen Lucasi at 310-825-0992 or slucasi@support.ucla.edu.
When Minutes Matter

The phrase “time is of the essence” is never more apt than when it applies to getting treatment after a stroke — the leading cause of serious disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States. UCLA research has shown that in an ischemic stroke — caused by a blockage of blood flow to the brain — two million nerve cells are lost for every minute of interrupted blood flow. Rapid stroke care is crucial to ensure that the right treatment is administered. But first a CT scan of the brain is necessary to determine whether the patient is suffering an ischemic stroke, which calls for a clot-busting drug or clot-retrieval device.

Enter Arline and Henry Gluck, who have made a significant contribution to UCLA Health to implement a groundbreaking mobile stroke program. Mobile stroke units — special ambulances equipped with a portable CT scanner and a clot-busting drug — enable brain imaging at the first point of contact. Treatments to restore blood flow to the brain can be started before the patient reaches the hospital, lowering the risk of irreversible brain injury.

The UCLA Arline and Henry Gluck Stroke Rescue Program will enable the UCLA Stroke Center to conduct clinical studies and research into new treatments and approaches to acute stroke.

“The Gluck Stroke Rescue Program will play an important role in enabling us to provide state-of-the-art care for stroke victims across Los Angeles and eventually will expand this care to other Western states,” said Dr. John Mazziotta, vice chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences and CEO of UCLA Health.

Look around Los Angeles for the state-of-the-art vehicles that say “Gluck Stroke Rescue.” They’re leading the way to the very best care.

To help UCLA continue breaking ground in stroke care, contact Karen Colimore at 310-267-0496 or kcolimore@support.ucla.edu.

In the Right Hands

For two years, Jeff Raich saw specialists all over the United States for a mysterious and frightening lung condition. One specialist told Raich — who is in his forties and married with two young children — that he did not know what was wrong with him but that he probably had only six months to live and should put his affairs in order.

Instead, Raich put his fate in the hands of Dr. John Belperio in UCLA Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Belperio solved the mystery of Raich’s condition, correctly diagnosing him and treating him for a rare disease called pulmonary sarcoidosis. The cause of sarcoidosis, which produces inflammation of the lungs, is unknown, but, diagnosed correctly, it is quite manageable.

“Ending the uncertainty was the greatest gift my wife, Robin, and I could have gotten,” says Raich, co-president and co-founder of the global independent investment bank Moelis & Company. “We really wanted to give back to UCLA to show our gratitude to Dr. Belperio by supporting his research.”

And give they have, with a gift of more than $1 million in unrestricted, current-use funds to be used for research under Belperio’s direction. He is using the funds to investigate the molecular mechanism of organ rejection in lung transplantation, with the goal of prolonging patient survival.

Says Robin Raich, “We owe our future to Dr. Belperio. We gave him the gift to support the research he wants to do, which happens to be to improve survival rates for lung transplant recipients. We know the funds are in the right hands.”

To support inspired excellence in lung research at UCLA, contact Michelle Jacobson at 310-267-1213 or mjacobson@support.ucla.edu.
Research shows that quality mentoring can make a world of difference, particularly for college students as they navigate courses and career choices. With the goal of putting more young people from diverse populations on the path to careers in the sciences, Dean of UCLA College Life Sciences Victoria Sork has launched COMPASS (Creating Opportunities for Mentorship and Providing Access for Students in the Sciences). A mentoring initiative that nurtures scientific interest and talent among UCLA’s diverse high-achieving students, COMPASS got a recent boost from veteran entertainment banker and community leader Irene Romero.

Romero’s significant donation will enable world-class faculty to bring undergraduate and graduate students into their labs to work on substantive research with real-world relevance and influence. Such mentoring relationships, combined with the thrill of seeing how their work can be applied, help inspire and empower students to succeed in scientific fields.

“My goal is to ensure that we are providing opportunities in the sciences for students from all walks of life,” said Romero, a member of the UCLA Life Sciences Centennial Campaign Board who serves on the board of the California Science Center and in a variety of other philanthropic roles.

Angelica Riestra is the first in her family to graduate from college and the recipient of two fellowships. A doctoral student now, she is researching a parasite responsible for the world’s most prevalent nonviral, sexually transmitted infection. “When I first got to UCLA, I worked with a leading female scientist who saw my potential and inspired me toward a career studying infectious diseases,” says Riestra.

To learn how you can direct your donations to COMPASS, contact Ellen Beck at 310-206-6383 or ebeck@support.ucla.edu.