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In the spring of 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009, I mailed our newsletters to all BA and MA grads from MSU's Department of English; these alumni also received a request for a donation to help support our programs, faculty, and students.

To date, our generous alumni have responded to this request for financial support with donations totaling over **\$14,000** for the **English Advancement Fund**, which supports the travel and equipment needs of faculty and graduate students.

The generosity of our alumni has also allowed us to enrich the **Helen W. Skelton Scholarship** and the **Robert B. Holland Fund** as well as the **Ann Pittman Andrews Memorial Scholarship**, the **Linda Brasher/Mary Ann Dazey Memorial Scholarship**, and the new **Al Camus Award in Creative Writing**. Their kindness has also allowed us to attach a handsome supplemental check to each of the certificates received by students who won the scholarships and writing contests, listed above. On behalf of the students and my colleagues, I say thank you!

With hearty gratitude and pride we list here our most recent donors: **Mr. Robert J. Allen; Dr. C. Hunter Andrews; Mr. Philip J. Betbeze; Ms. Andrea Boone; Drs. Grace and Dean Boswell, Jr.; Dr. Thomas P. Caldwell; Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Boswell, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Tommie S. Cardin; Dr. Joseph E. Carrithers; Mrs. Barbara H.**

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Of course, our needs continue to grow. In addition to supporting our writing contests, we need further support for scholarships, for faculty travel, and for departmental equipment, especially for our **Clyde Williams Film Room** and our **Writing Center**.

If you're interested in making a tax-deductible donation to help us to meet these needs, please contact **Rob Jenkins, Director of Development** at MSU. You can reach Mr. Jenkins at 662-325-6762, or at rjenkins@foundation.msstate.edu. You may also click on "opportunities for donors" on our departmental website: <http://www.msstate.edu/dept/english>