

## New faces on the fundraising team

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has added two new faces to its fundraising team—Bernadine Douglas and Christopher Lambert.

**Bernadine Douglas** joins the university as assistant vice president of Institutional Advancement. She will manage fundraising programs and oversee the university directors of development.

“Bernadine brings a strong work ethic and understanding of how to work successfully in a complex organization,” says Dan Montplaisir, vice president



of Institutional Advancement. “We welcome the contribution she will make in expanding our ability and capacity for major gift fundraising.”



**Christopher Lambert** joins the university as director of development. An experienced estate and trust planning attorney, Lambert will work with university leadership to identify and cultivate donors, and solicit

annual fund and major gift donations from alumni, friends and corporations in support of the university.

“Chris brings a strong professionalism and background in building relationships with those who want to make a difference with their investments,” Montplaisir says. “He will focus on the Daytona Beach Campus’ funding priorities and work closely with the College of Business as it moves into a new 14,000-square-foot facility.”



### ALUMNI GIVING

• In the first year of Embry-Riddle’s *Raise the Rate, Just Participate!* Campaign, the Daytona Beach and Prescott campuses raised their alumni giving rates by 2 percent and 1 percent, respectively.

This year, to reach our goal, we need 2,700 alumni to make a gift of any size. If you’d like to help Raise the Rate and take your alma mater to new heights, go to [givingto.erau.edu](http://givingto.erau.edu) and click “Give Now.”

## Prescott professor’s legacy gift honors family

Denny Lessard, chair of the Aeronautical Science Department at Embry-Riddle Prescott, has always been about family. But when Lessard thinks family, he thinks beyond the immediate to include those earlier generations of Lessards who spent their lives making Arizona a better place to live.

So it was only natural that when Denny and his wife, Deborah, decided they wanted to show their dedication to Embry-Riddle and its students, they put a family spin on it. With a testamentary gift through their family trust, the Lessards established the Lessard Family Endowed Scholarship in Flight.

“This trust represents five generations of Lessards, living and working in Yavapai County,” Lessard says. “From mining and ranching, to civil service and education, the Lessards have served their communities and helped develop the future of Arizona.”

Once fully funded, the Lessard Family Endowment will provide scholarships for flight training and other related expenses to Arizona students seeking an Aeronautical Science Degree in preparation for a career in aviation as a pilot. But perhaps more



The Lessard Family Endowed Scholarship in Flight honors five generations of the Lessard family—like Alphonse and Virginia (pictured here) and Grover and Claire (below)—who have served and helped build a stronger Arizona.

important, the endowment will build a brighter future for Arizona.

“The Lessard family has always believed in and supported their country, state and fellow residents who made Arizona a great place to live and work,” Lessard says. “This endowment is dedicated to the education of future Arizona generations, so that they may have the opportunity to make further and greater contributions to their country and state through aviation.”

By including Embry-Riddle in their estate, the Lessards have joined the Legacy Society, a growing membership that maintains a heritage of achievement and success for many generations of pilots, engineers and business leaders.

Embry-Riddle supporters are eligible for Legacy Society membership when they inform the university, confidentially and in writing, that they have made a provision for a future gift through a bequest in a will or by naming Embry-Riddle a beneficiary in a trust, life insurance policy or retirement plan.

*If you’d like more information about how you can join Embry-Riddle’s Legacy Society, contact Dan Montplaisir, vice president of Institutional Advancement, at (386) 226-4928.*



## ISTAT gift keeps student press and media running

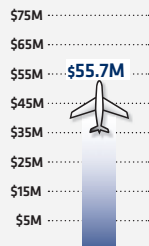
The International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading (ISTAT) Foundation contributed \$60,000 to help repair student offices housing the *Avion* student newspaper and the campus radio station, WERU. Both offices were heavily damaged during the 2006 Christmas Day tornado.

During the NBAA Convention in Atlanta, David Sutton, managing director of FedEx Aircraft Acquisitions and Sales (pictured below at center), and Roland Moore (pictured below at right), attorney for ISTAT, presented the check to Embry-Riddle President John P. Johnson. A plaque will be permanently displayed in the Embry-Riddle Student Center to recognize this contribution.



### TO SOAR

Campaign attainment to date:



\*As of Nov. 30, 2007

## Embry-Riddle students get Rolls-Royce treatment

Thanks to a recent scholarship contribution, Embry-Riddle students will benefit from a \$50,000 scholarship established by Rolls-Royce Corporation.

Above at left, David Waggoner ('86, DB), president of Defense Services and vice president of Customer Business at Rolls-Royce, presents Dan Montplaisir, vice president of Institutional Advancement at Embry-Riddle, with a check in support of this scholarship during Oshkosh AirVenture 2007.



**Embry-Riddle Prescott breaks ground on Haas Chapel** From left to right, Dan Carrell, former chancellor; John Olsen, Trustee Emeritus; Dr. David Rummel, former Trustee; Tamra Shadoan, Bill Haas' daughter; Nicollette Shadoan, Bill Haas' granddaughter; and Andy Fraher, associate dean of students, break ground on the new Fred and Fay Haas Chapel. The 3,800-square-foot structure will provide students and the campus community a place for fellowship and spiritual growth.



## Your signature can save them \$4,000

When you recommend bright, talented, motivated high school seniors who would do well at Embry-Riddle, you can save them \$1,000 a year for four years.

The students you refer to Embry-Riddle can automatically receive a **\$1,000 Alumni Endorsement Grant**, renewable annually for up to four years, toward their tuition for full-time undergraduate study at the university's Prescott, Ariz., campus or Daytona Beach, Fla., campus.

All you have to do is sign our Alumni Endorsement Grant form and submit it to us no later than **Jan. 15, 2009** (for students seeking Fall 2009 admission).

The form is available in the Embry-Riddle Application for Freshman Admission. Or you can get the form by:

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