

# A New Century – A New Legacy

## UNIQUE GIFT-MATCH OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT DEEP SPRINGS:

With the gift of his own estate, L.L. Nunn provided the original financing for a tuition-free education in tiny Deep Springs Valley, at a college unlike any other. But his gift alone did not maintain Deep Springs for long. For that it has taken the generous devotion of new generations of Deep Springers, former faculty and staff, their families and friends. In the 1990s, the College established the L.L. Nunn Society to honor those who committed part of their own estate to Deep Springs, just as L.L. did nearly a century ago.

Come 2017, Deep Springs College will be 100 years old and embark on a new century of Nunnian education here in Deep Springs Valley.

We hope that you will help Deep Springs secure that future by naming the College in your estate plans. While it's always good to plan ahead, especially for your estate, we have an added incentive this year. The Hitz Family Foundation has offered up to \$200,000 in matching funds to encourage and acknowledge such future planning on behalf of Deep Springs.

**Any future bequest plans you declare to us before June 30, 2017 will garner a 10% matching gift in actual dollars for our operations fund this year.**

Here's how it works: simply tear off the attached notification form, complete the necessary information and mail it to our office before June 30. Whatever value you assign to your planned future bequest will be matched at 10% (i.e. a \$50,000 bequest gift in the future will garner a matching \$5,000 gift to the college right now).

An estate gift is one of the most effective and economical ways to support the long-term viability – the future students – of Deep Springs. With proper planning, such gifts can reduce your estate's tax burden substantially and simplify the probate process. Your gift can be unrestricted to meet the college's most pressing needs, or earmarked for endowment, assuring your contribution will continue to support Deep Springs well into the future.

**If you've already named Deep Springs in your estate plans, use the enclosed form to let us know. If you haven't, please take this opportunity do so.**

In the past several years, contributors have bequeathed Deep Springs over \$6 million. Most of that has gone to our endowment, creating over \$250,000 of income for the college annually. We want to encourage at least \$2 million more in planned gifts leading up to the 2017 celebration. The more we know about potential income in the future, the better we can plan for the college's financial health, and that is the first step in assuring that Deep Springs' unique educational program will remain vibrant for our students for another century – a New Century.

On behalf of the Student Body, the faculty and staff at Deep Springs, thank you very much for your enduring support.

Sincerely,  
David Welle DS'80



## Ways of Supporting Deep Springs with a planned gift:

1. Your will. Declare “Deep Springs College” as the primary recipient of specified dollar amount, accounts, or property, or a specified percentage of your estate upon your death. Consult with your attorney to commit a will or keep it current.
2. Your life insurance policy. For modest monthly payments, you may purchase a policy identifying Deep Springs as the recipient of a lump sum payment upon your death.
3. Your retirement account. Name “Deep Springs College” as the beneficiary of a specific retirement account and all funds remaining in the account upon your death will pass to Deep Springs without impacting the rest of your estate distribution. This is often the ‘smoothest’ way to effect a gift to the college. Contact the financial institution holding your retirement account to prepare the necessary designation forms.
4. Charitable Remainder Trust. Establish an annuity fund with a financial institution (such as Vanguard, Fidelity, Charles Schwab, or others). Arrange for annual payments to yourself from the fund, with Deep Springs named as recipient of all remaining funds upon your death. This method may have substantial tax incentives; consult with a financial advisor in your state to learn the best option.

For ease of identification, we recommend you include the college’s physical address and phone number in your beneficiary documents:

Deep Springs College  
Deep Springs Ranch Rd.  
Hwy 168  
Big Pine, CA 94513  
760-872-2000

Please note that notification of your bequest plan is not a fixed ‘pledge’. We understand that life circumstances can change over time, but we believe that making earnest plans now is the best way to ensure those contributions will be available when the time comes.

**We know that many in the DS Community would like to contribute more right now, but are unable to. This matching gift offers a great opportunity to ‘give’ now by planning to give in the future. Please support Deep Springs by completing the attached form and mailing it to our office. L.L. Nunn’s legacy – *“the most innovative college in the country”* – will be your legacy as well.**

For questions, contact: David Welle, Development Director - 760-920-6432 - [dwelle@deepsprings.edu](mailto:dwelle@deepsprings.edu)

Planned Gift Notification Form

*By notifying us of your planned future gift, you will not only help us plan for Deep Springs' future financial health, you will also garner a matching gift for the college right now, equal to 10% of the value of your bequest (up to \$10,000 total match). If you prefer not to declare a value for your planned gift, the college will still receive a \$1,000 matching gift as recognition of your commitment.*

This letter serves as confidential notification to Deep Springs regarding my/our planned gift to benefit the college.

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I have named Deep Springs College as a beneficiary of my:

- Will
- Life Insurance Policy (Company: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Retirement Plan (Company: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Charitable Remainder Trust (Company: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- My bequest is stated as a percentage of my estate and is worth approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(please use your best good-faith estimate based on the approximate current value)
- My bequest is in the specific amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I prefer to keep the value of my bequest private at this time.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

For assignment of your gift, please complete the checks on the reverse side of this form, as well.

*Though not required, if you're willing to share a copy of the relevant pages from your will or beneficiary designation forms, please do so - it will help us maintain better records. Please return to:*

Planned Gifts  
Deep Springs College  
HC 72 Box 45001  
Dyer, NV 89010

Please apply my planned gift to Deep Springs College to the following use:

**Wherever the need is greatest**  
(this option is most popular among alumni surveyed)

**Capital Expense Fund**  
(restricted for as-needed expenses such as equipment replacement and building repair)

**Endowment, Unrestricted**

**Endowment, Restricted**

(The Trustees of Deep Springs invest all endowment funds in a diversified portfolio including equities and fixed income assets and by policy spend no more than a specified percentage of the endowment to support operations each year. The current policy is to spend 5% of the average value of long-term investments over the previous 12 fiscal quarters. The distinction between Restricted and Unrestricted Endowment is that TDS may use more or less than the percentage specified by the spending policy from the Unrestricted Endowment when necessary to meet the educational needs of Deep Springs, while use of funds from the Restricted Endowment is limited by the spending policy.)

Please include me in the published listing of L.L. Nunn Society members.

I prefer to remain an anonymous member of the L.L. Nunn Society.

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_