Carolyn Baum Centennial Challenge for Occupational Therapy

Founded in 1918, the Program in Occupational Therapy at Washington University School of Medicine is ranked the top occupational therapy program in the country by U.S. News & World Report. The impact and influence of this exceptional program reaches around the world, as our strong community of students, faculty, alumni, friends, and staff work together to shape the future of the profession in an ever-changing health-care environment.

Recognizing the occupational therapy program’s 100th anniversary in 2018, Carolyn Baum, the Elias Michael Director of the Program in Occupational Therapy, has generously established the $100,000 Carolyn Baum Centennial Challenge.

Many of today’s students must overcome significant financial challenges to pursue their educational dreams. In bolstering the annual fund, our largest source of support for OT student scholarships, we strive to make an excellent education attainable for all. Dr. Baum hopes her challenge will inspire alumni and friends to make a special centennial gift, ensuring that the best and brightest students become the health-care leaders of tomorrow.

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“The Baum Centennial Challenge lays the groundwork for another 100 years of superlative teaching and research at the Program in Occupational Therapy.”

David H. Perlmutter, MD
Executive Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs
Dean, Washington University School of Medicine

The Carolyn Baum Centennial Challenge for Occupational Therapy
If your gift or pledge will be paid from a donor-advised fund or private foundation, your gift will be an “intention” and not a legally binding pledge. You can change or discontinue your recurring gift at any time by simply contacting Alumni & Development at 877-215-2727 or annualfund@wustl.edu.

Your gift to Washington University is tax deductible to the extent allowed by U.S. and Canadian law. Please make checks payable to Washington University.

Celebrating 100 Years of Excellence
When you make a minimum gift of $100 to the Occupational Therapy Annual Fund, you will receive a centennial keepsake book reflecting on the program’s first 100 years (1918–2018) through photos, interviews, and stories. The commemorative book will be published in 2018, so visit alumni.wustl.edu/Baum to make a gift and reserve your copy today!

How the Challenge Works
The $100,000 Carolyn Baum Centennial Challenge matches all gifts to the Occupational Therapy Annual Fund with a gift for scholarships. Your gift or pledge of $5,000 or more will be recognized on a centennial plaque in a prominent location at the program.

Annual Fund Levels of Recognition*

- Annual Fund Donor $1 – $99
- Century Club
  - Century Club Member $100 – $249
  - Century Club Fellow $250 – $499
  - Dean’s Committee $500 – $999
- William Greenleaf Eliot Society
  - Eliot Society Member $1,000 – $2,499
  - Eliot Society Fellow ** $2,500 – $4,999
  - Eliot Society Benefactor ** $5,000 – $9,999
  - Eliot Society Patron $10,000 – $24,999
- Danforth Circle
  - Dean’s Level $25,000 – $49,999
  - Chancellor’s Level $50,000 or more

*Your recognition level is based on your gift and will not include matching dollars from the Baum Centennial Challenge.

**Donors may establish a named annual scholarship for each gift of $5,000 or more. Graduate and professional alumni age 35 and younger who have graduated in the past five years may establish a named annual scholarship with each gift of $2,500 or more.

Yes! I/We will participate in the Carolyn Baum Centennial Challenge.
- My/Our gift of $_________ is enclosed.
- I/We pledge* a total of $_________ (not including any matching funds) to be paid as follows:
  - Year 1 $______ Date______
  - Year 2 $______ Date______
  - Year 3 $______ Date______ (Fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30)
- My/Our first pledge payment of $_________ is enclosed.
- Please charge $_________ to the following credit card:
  - [ ] Amex  [ ] Discover  [ ] Mastercard  [ ] Visa
  - Acct. No. ______________________ Exp. Date__________
  - Name on card _____________________________________
  - Please print.

- My/Our employer will match this gift.
- ___________________________________________________

- I/We intend to recommend a gift via:
  - [ ] a donor-advised fund  [ ] a family foundation

- My/Our Name(s) _____________________________
- Address ___________________________________________
- City _______________________  State _____  ZIP __________
- Telephone _______________________  Home  [ ] Business  [ ] Cell
- Preferred email ____________________________

- I/We prefer no listing in the Honor Roll.

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Dr. Carolyn Baum
Carolyn Baum, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, has served as the Elias Michael Director of the Program in Occupational Therapy and professor of occupational therapy, neurology, and social work at Washington University since 1988. She has dedicated the past 50 years of her life to focusing on the power of occupational therapy to promote health and wellness. Dr. Baum has taught hundreds of students in the master’s and doctoral programs, inspiring them to become future leaders in the field.

Dr. Baum’s leadership has profoundly influenced the occupational therapy profession. Her contributions include research, literature and theory; globally-used assessment tools and teachings; commitment to developing occupational science; and advocacy for policy reform. She was named one of 100 influential people who shaped the history of the profession by the American Occupational Therapy Association in 2017.

Dr. Baum earned her bachelor’s degree in occupational therapy from the University of Kansas, her master’s degree in health management from Webster University in St. Louis, and her doctorate in social work with a concentration in social policy and aging from the Brown School at Washington University.