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# *The University of Dayton*

# *News Release*

## FOUNDING MEMBERS INDUCTED IN "THE JOHN STUART SOCIETY"

DAYTON, Ohio, November 30, 1983 -- The University of Dayton's John Stuart Society recently inducted its 23 founding members during a special dinner ceremony at UD. Membership in The John Stuart Society is bestowed on those individuals and families who make gifts of \$100,000 or more to the University of Dayton.

On March 19, 1850, John Stuart sold a farm to a group of Marianists who wished to open a school. He expressed his faith and trust in them and their plans by accepting, as their promise to complete the purchase, a medal of St. Joseph. From that beginning has grown the University of Dayton.

The symbol of The John Stuart Society is a sterling silver medallion. Designed by Louis Weber, of the University of Dayton's Fine Arts Division, the medallion commemorates the medal used as collateral by the Marianists in 1850.

Gifts of cash, gifts-in-kind, or various sorts of deferred gifts can make individuals and families eligible for The John Stuart Society. It is a part of the University's overall gift club program which includes four other components: The President's Club (in recognition of a \$10,000 commitment), the Hilltop Club (\$1,500 over three years), the Red and Blue Club (\$750 over three years), and Sustaining Sponsors (\$100 per year for three years).