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Gift helps students study abroad, supports national, international internships

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UM alumna Diane Triplett Holloway (right), with her husband, J.L. Holloway, have made a \$250,000 gift to support the Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy's Global Leadership Circle. Photo by Bill Dabney/UM Foundation

OXFORD, Miss. – The donor of a major gift to the **University of Mississippi** hopes to give students increased exposure to different cultures and people as they navigate opportunities to explore new places and professions, thus building a foundation for success and strengthening their empathy for others.

UM alumna Diane Triplett Holloway, of Nashville, Tennessee, made a \$250,000 gift to support the **Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy's** Global Leadership Circle. The GLC expands the growth and success of Women's Council scholars by underwriting national and international internships and study-abroad experiences.

The opportunities presented by the GLC offer students real-world experience and skills that complement their learning on campus and launch them into the next phase of their lives with confidence and professional opportunities cultivated through their travel and internship experiences.

"As I travel, I see things from a totally different perspective," said Holloway, a 1985 graduate of the **UM School of Education**. "Therefore, my appreciation for our world and the many different people in it grows.

"The GLC is providing a foundation for future success that cannot be taught in the classroom alone; it must be lived. Traveling brings unique wisdom."

Gray Duperier, a junior psychology major from Oxford with a minor in society and health, knows firsthand the truth in Holloway's statement. A GLC grant gave her the opportunity to live in Ireland for the spring semester.

"I experienced rainstorms that nearly carried me away, learned how to hop from bus to train to bus to get around various cities and how to have some 'craic' (fun) on my own in my new surroundings," Duperier recalled. "I saw amazing natural attractions and was able to hike often.

"I got to know many locals and found out for myself that the Irish people are some of the genuinely happiest groups of people I have ever come across."

Duperier's experience fulfilled a lifelong dream of studying a different culture and its effects on people.

"The GLC gave me the opportunity to see the similarities all people share despite very apparent cultural differences," she said. "Seeing the Irish way of living brought forth observations and questions that

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caused me to critically reflect on my life, which eventually led me to know myself better.

"I will always look back on my time abroad as one that has fundamentally changed me as a person."

Such transformation with personal growth is exactly what Holloway wants her gift to accomplish.

"My hope is that the experiences this gift enables will be as life-changing as my travels have been for me," said Holloway, daughter of longtime UM donors Faser and Jackie Triplett, of Jackson, who taught their five children the value of travel.

"The classroom is only one dimension of a young person's learning experience. My parents, and now the Ole Miss Women's Council, both recognized this. The Women's Council has set a trailblazing program in place to offer students the resources and opportunities they need to succeed in all aspects of their lives."

Holloway said the GLC's impact is profound: supporting students with professional training and career exposure while encouraging them to lean into new experiences, learn hard lessons and cultivate independence and practical skills.

The GLC also enables students such as Miley Ray, of Jackson, to have a broadened perspective of different cultures and traditions.

Ray is a rising junior with a double major in international studies and journalism and a minor in Italian. The GLC sponsored her travel experience in Italy.

"Getting to travel to the country where the language you are studying originated is always a rewarding experience, but I found this to be incredibly true for me since I am focusing on a less-commonly used language," Ray said. "It is difficult to find people in Mississippi who can speak Italian, so getting to field test my skills while immersing myself was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"It introduced me to such great people. My fellow students and the locals of the communities I encountered all challenged me to become more open to learning from others."

Holloway said her husband, J.L. Holloway, founder and retired CEO of Tenax Aerospace in Madison, shares her passions both for travel and for seeing students succeed.

"For us to help bring new opportunities and a broader world view, not to mention essential life skills, to each student the Women's Council reaches brings us great joy," she said. "I can think of no better way to amplify the mission and programs of the Ole Miss Women's Council than by enabling its scholars to access experiences such as those offered by the GLC."

OMWC program director Suzanne Helveston expressed gratitude for Holloway's gift, saying it will be instrumental in extending the GLC's mission.

"Now, more than ever, our students need to broaden their horizons and gain compassion for those who are raised in different cultures," Helveston said. "We fully intend to respond to that need by expanding our program offerings, reaching more students than ever."

The Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy is a group of female leaders and philanthropists committed to nurturing the development of students with a desire to contribute to create a caring, more ethical world.

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