That was the headline in *The New York Times* back in 1997, when the F.W. Olin Foundation announced the founding of Olin College. Olin was created through this initial act of generosity as well as subsequent gifts from the foundation. The spirit of philanthropy engendered by these gifts continues to permeate the college.

Fiscal year 2009 was one of the most successful fundraising years the development team has had to date, thanks to the willingness of the Olin community to pitch in. **Our alumni participation, at nearly 90 percent, makes us a national leader in this category among undergraduate institutions.** Parent participation (84 percent) and trustee participation (100 percent) were also extraordinary. From my perspective, these percentages are the most significant numbers in a year of good numbers in development. What these high participation rates mean is that our community finds great value in what we do and continues to support it. These are numbers we can take to companies, foundations and individual donors as a sign of how engaged the Olin community is and committed to the college’s success.

At the same time, while participation rates are important, we must continue to increase the dollars contributed each year. This will allow the college to fulfill its aspirations of redefining engineering as a profession of innovation and developing more effective educational approaches that can be shared with other schools.

Thanks for helping to keep the culture of philanthropy alive and growing at Olin!

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VP for Development, Family and Alumni Relations
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• **THE PHOENIX SOCIETY WAS LAUNCHED WITH 187 MEMBERS, NEARLY 30 PERCENT OF INDIVIDUAL DONORS.** The Phoenix Society is Olin’s premier giving organization for leadership donors who make an annual giving commitment of $1,500 or more.

• **THE MILLER SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED,** providing support to five students for summer research with faculty members.

• **A NEED-BASED NAMED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WAS CREATED,** providing 13 new scholarships of $5,000 each.

• **CLASS GIFTS SUPPORT COLLEGE.** The members of the Class of 2009 established a fund to support the project supplies available to students. Their generous gift joins those of previous graduating classes at Olin, which have supported sports and recreation programs (2008), sustainability (2007) and the summer book program (2006).

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