# M C K E N D R E E U N I V E R S I T Y



McKendree University '26 Campaign'

1st Direct Appeal Group - 'Best Foot Forward'

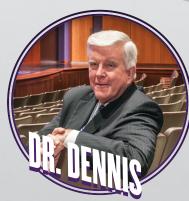
# **Direct Mail Shell - Interior**

Die-cut on heavy card stock to house loose print items and act as a supplementary brochure for sustained communications throughout the campaign.

Prominently features imagery of 'Dr. Dennis Socks', offered as an exclusive promotional item to thank donors for their celebration gifts.

Suplemental collateral reinforces the concept of a year-long celebration of the Dr. James Dennis and his 26-yer presidency.





Dr. Dennis has left major footprints at McKendree University. Now it is your turn!



### Mailer Envelope Front and Back





# DEAR BILL AND BARBARA,

For a quarter of a century, McKendree University has experienced tremendous advancement under the leadership of President Jim Dennis. The impressive growth in academic offerings and enrollment; the transition from College to University; the move from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II in athletics; and the additions of the Piper Academic Center, the Hett, and two new residence halls have transformed McKendree University into the great institution it is today!

Supporters like you will help to carry on the tradition of excellence at McKendree University. Your continued generosity helps the next generation of Bearcats take giant leaps! In celebration of Dr. Dennis' 26th and final year as President, I encourage you to make a gift of \$2600.00 to the McKendree University Annual Fund. As you may know, Dr. Dennis likes a great pair of socks, so as a thank you for your celebration gift in his honor, you will receive a limited edition pair of Dr. Dennis socks.

Throughout the year, you can rock your Dr. Dennis socks on #GivingTuesday, Founders Day, Commencement Day and Purple Fridays! Whether you're on campus or on your couch, you can connect with the McKendree community by sharing a photo of you wearing your Dr. Dennis socks on social media using the hashtag **#bestfootforward**.

Dr. Dennis has left major footprints on McKendree and now it is your turn to put your best foot *FORWARD*. Make your celebration gift today!

Sincerely Daniel Lett '91 Chairman of the Board of Trustees **CELEBRATING 26 YEARS** 

# BILL AND BARBARA,

Over the last 25 years, McKendree University has made huge strides under the leadership of President Dennis. The impressive growth in academic offerings and enrollment; the transition from College to University; the move from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II in athletics; and the additions of the Piper Academic Center, the Hett, two new residence halls, and an ice cream cart have made McKendree into the great place it is today!

As a young alum, you experienced and benefitted from many of these additions and changes. Dr. Dennis has left major footprints on McKendree and now it is your turn! I encourage you to make your first gift of \$26.00 to the Annual Fund in celebration of his 26th and final year as President. In return, you will receive a limited edition pair of socks featuring Dr. Dennis, a guy who appreciates a great pair of socks!

You can rock your Dr. Dennis socks on #GivingTuesday, Founders Day, Commencement Day, and Purple Fridays! Whether you're on campus or on your couch, connect with McKendree again by sharing your Dr. Dennis socks on social media using **#bestfootforward** and perhaps your own "Dr. D story."

Don't let these socks create serious FOMO... Put your **#bestfootforward** and make your celebration gift today! With your support, your graduating class can reach **26% participation** in honor of Dr. Dennis. Join your class today and help the next generation of Bearcats take giant leaps!

Sincerely,

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Dr. Joni Bastian Vice President for Student Affairs

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William McKendree Society Letter

Young Alumni Letter



Reply cards vary in appearance based on
previous donor activity. Reverse side of
reply cards are universal in appearance.

	How would you like to see your gift designated?
Please choose the payment method that is best for you.	Academic Instruction
Give online at giving.mckendree.edu.	Student Scholarship
Check enclosed. (payable to McKendree University)	Student Services
I authorize McKendree University to charge my credit card/debit card.	Where it is needed most
O VISA O MasterCard O Discover O American Express	
Card Number:	
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# CELEBRATING 26 YEARS

Please plan to join us as we celebrate the legacy of Dr. James M. Dennis as he completes his 26th and final year as President of McKendree University at the following events:



HOMECOMING & ALUMNI WEEKEND October 4-6, 2019 Lebanon Campus For more information, visit mckendree.edu/homecoming



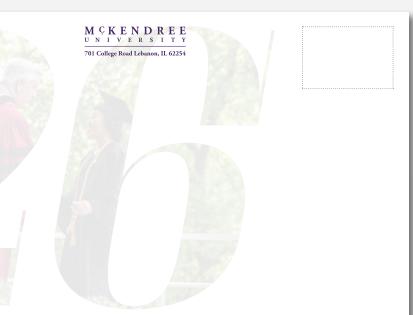
FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION February 20, 2020 The Russel E. and Fern M. Hettenhausen Center for the Arts



WILLIAM MCKENDREE SOCIETY SPRING CELEBRATION May 2, 2020 The Chase Park Plaza By Invitation Only



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY May 9, 2020 Lebanon Campus Front Lawn



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2<sup>nd</sup> Direct Appeal Group - #GivingTuesday

## **#GivingTuesday Social Media Blast**

Phase two of the '26 Campaign' was announced across a broad spectrum of social media platforms in order to raise awareness, build excitement, and maintain the frequency of our messaging, leading up to a 26-Hour Day of Giving on December 3, 2019.









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McKendree University @McKendreeU

Krys Major challenges her CLASS OF 2016 to join the movement today, #GivingTuesday! Help your class reach 26% participation in honor of President Dennis' 26th and final year at McKendree. Visit mckendree.edu/givingtuesday now! 🖤 🧦 🍢 #KnockOurSocksOff



9:00 PM · Dec 3, 2019 · Hootsuite Inc.



## **Young Alumni Postcard Mailers**



# #GivingTuesday is December 3, 2019

#### 26 Years

It is President Dennis' 26th and final year at McKendree and he's left some big shoes to fill!

#### 26 Hours

Join us for a 26-hour giving day to celebrate, honor and give back!

#### **26% Class Participation**

If you are a McKendree graduate, your class is officially CHALLENGED to reach 26% participation on **#GivingTuesday**!

#### 26 Dollars

A gift of \$26 or more to the Annual Fund will support the areas of greatest need at McKendree University. You will be thanked with a pair of President Dennis socks!

Celebrate · Honor · Give Back

Visit mckendree.edu/givingtuesday for more information, and follow #GivingTuesdayMcK and #KnockOurSocksOff on social media.

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# M C K E N D R E E U N I V E R S I T Y

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3<sup>rd</sup> Direct Appeal Group - 'Impact of Giving'

### **Variable Data Letter**

Shifting gears in terms of tone from the the first and second phase of our giving campaign, phase three largely eschews emotive-based messaging, and adopts a focused narrative that not only introduces McKendree's newest president, but also speaks to the merits of continued giving.

#### Dear Bill McKendree,

The start of the new year marked a change in leadership at McKendree University with the arrival of President Daniel C. Dobbins. As an alumnus from the Class of '81, and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, President Dobbins has begun to serve the institution in a new capacity with passion and excitement!

As this important transition is taking place in the life of the University, we will continue to build on the legacy of excellence, made possible by the support of so many people like you! On behalf of our students, faculty, staff and the entire McKendree community, thank you for being part of our journey over the last 26 years. Your previous gift of \$26 to the Annual Fund has helped make McKendree University what it is today, a place where remarkable things happen!

Whether you choose to give to McKendree University's Annual Fund, the area of greatest need, or another area of the University you are most passionate about – every gift makes a difference and goes to work for students, ensuring they receive an impactful McKendree experience!

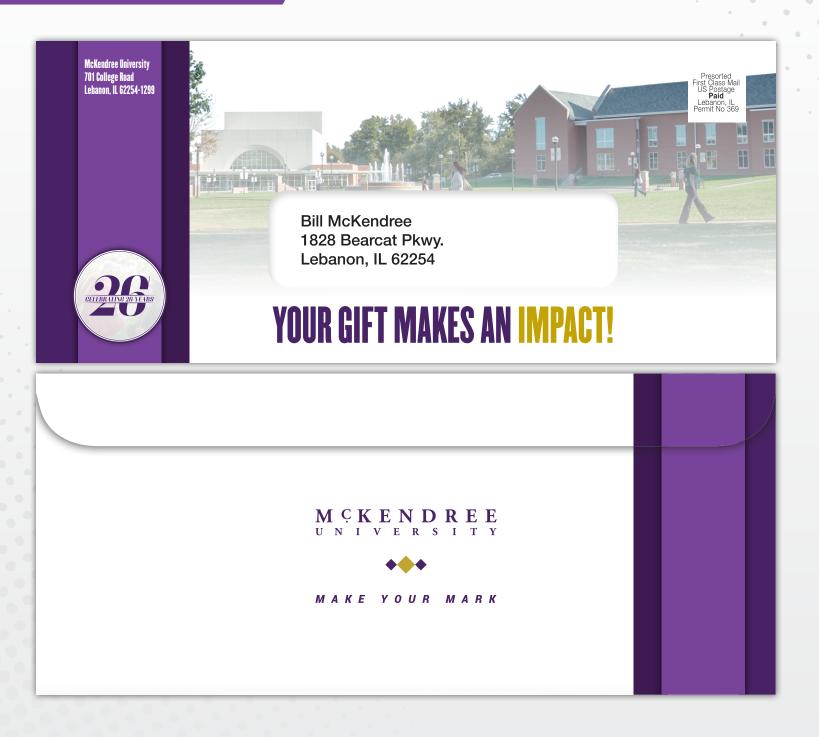
Join us as the McKendree story continues and we take our next steps forward. Please renew your gift before June 30th! You can do so by mailing your gift in using the enclosed materials or you can make your gift online at giving.mckendree.edu. For more information or to make your gift by telephone, you can call or text the Office of Development, Alumni and Parent Relations at (618) 537-6824.

Thank you in advance for investing in the future of McKendree University!

Holly Sallee '13, MBA '18 Director of Annual Giving and Advancement Systems



**Appeal Envelope Front & Back** 



CMCKAF20D3	VEST I'D LIKE TO RENEW MY GIFT IN SUPPORT OF SUBJECT OF DESCRIPTION SUPPORT OF DESSE ACCEPT my gift of:   >     \$1,026   William McKendree Society   \$260     \$126   \$260     \$260   \$126     \$126   \$126     \$100   \$100
Bill McKendree	Other 9   Please indicate one of the following areas of need: 9   Student Scholarships and Financial Aid 9
1828 Bearcat Pkwy.	
Lebanon, IL 62254	Academic Instruction
	Where it is needed most
Please correct any errors in your personal information.	

**Reply Device Front & Back** 

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SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:
FORWARD: The Campaign for McKendree University
Bearcats of the Last Decade
William McKendree Society
Life-Income & Bequests
Does your company offer a matching gift program?
O Yes
O No
Company Name:
Title:

Please CALL or TEXT the Office of Development, Alumni and Parent Relations at (618)537-6824 for assistance or to make a gift by telephone.

You may also make a gift online at giving.mckendree.edu

To cultivate maximum engagement across all alumni lists, a special mail piece was distributed to McKendree's 'Non-Giving Alumni' to remind them that there was still time left to celebrate the retirement of President Dennis. This piece also invited alumni back on campus for a celebratory farewell on Founders Day.

# **<u>CELEBRATING 26 YEARS WITH DR. DENNIS</u>**

Step up and recognize President Dennis for his 26th and final year at McKendree University by giving back! Make a gift of \$26 or more to the Annual Fund and receive an iconic keepsake - President Dennis socks! Your donation will support student scholarships, academic instruction, student services, campus maintenance, technology upgrades, and more. A LIMITED NUMBER of socks remain. Don't walk away without a pair!

# HOW TO MAKE A GIFT:

2. Call 618.537.6826 3. Mail donation to:

Office of Development, Alumni and Parent Relations 701 College Road Lebanon, IL 62254

1. Scan the QR Code or visit giving.mckendree.edu



Be part of the largest photo of people wearing their President Dennis socks! Join President Dennis and the McKendree community on Founders Day, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hett on McKendree's Lebanon campus!



