The Virgin Islands Consortium

Dale LeFebvre Donates $750,000 To UVI

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ST. THOMAS -- The University of the Virgin Islands on Wednesday received a donation of $750,000 from Dale LeFebvre, founder of the investment and holding company 35711 and manager of Anvil 1, LLC, a technology and knowledge-intensive consulting, advising and investment firm. Anvil 1 is a Research and Technology Park client (RTPark). The donation commitment will be disbursed to the university over a 15-year period and will initially support energy and process technology courses. Additional areas will be selected over the course of the donation period. The contribution will be divided annually between named scholarships for UVI students, and support for UVI academic programs.

“This commitment, which is a result of the company’s involvement with the RTPark, is a shining example of how the RTPark is fulfilling its mission and vision, and how Mr. LeFebvre continues to invest in the growth and quality of the University,” said UVI President David Hall. “His prior gift has strengthened our programs in various areas, and this one will do the same through scholarships and curriculum enhancements. We are delighted that Dale continues to invest in the future of the Virgin Islands by investing in UVI.”

In 2013, LeFebvre donated $350,000 to the University. “My interactions with UVI and the RTPark over time helped catalyze a focus on our current and future portfolio as the intellectual capital and have led to a focus on developing and implementing intellectual property on a promulgating scale for people of color in technology,” LeFebvre said.

Additionally, Anvil 1will provide support to academic and research areas and will work with the University to establish the US Virgin Islands as a place of good practice in the vesting, by serving as a corporate ambassador and thought

Dale LeFebvre

“The RTPark team is working hard to facilitate partnerships between our private sector clients and the University of the Virgin Islands,” said Dr. Gillian Marcelle, RTPark executive director. “These partnerships negotiated with President Hall’s leadership are deepening and providing opportunities to generate and share knowledge.”

“Mr. LeFebvre has been a friend and UVI stakeholder for many years,” said Mitchell Neaves, UVI vice president of Institutional Advancement. “His commitment to students and higher education is a testament to his generosity and foresight. He understands that the only way to positively impact our world is to invest in educating those poised to change your world. We value his partnership with this University.”

LeFebvre is a technologist, inventor, philanthropist, and poet. A native of Beaumont, Tex., he is a graduate of MIT’s Electrical Engineering Program, Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School. He has been a resident of St. Thomas since 2007. LeFebvre has refined and implemented a proprietary Transformational InvestingTM thesis that combines elements of research, venture capital, and buyouts.

“Impact investing is a new asset class, that describes investment firms which are as much concerned with financial returns as they are with making a significant positive impact on the communities in which they reside,” said Dr. Marcelle. “The UVI RTPark’s growth strategy for network members is to attract impact investment firms to the territory in larger numbers.”

In 2013, LeFebvre, donated $350,000 to the University. He established the LeFebvre Endowed Student Fellowship Award and the Oson VI, LLC Endowed Fund for Recruitment and Retention. The gift also funds two SAT preparatory programs at UVI.

Feature Image: RTPark Executive Director Gillian Marcelle, Dale LeFebvre of Anvil 1; UVI President David Hall, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Mitchell Neaves and Dr. James Maddirala, associate provost for Graduate, Global and Academic Affairs pose for a photo.