The Career Center is pleased to announce the first year of the Carleton Class of 1960: Developing Civic Leaders Nonprofit Internship Endowment Fund. This Class of 1960 Fund will begin by providing a stipend for two rising sophomore, junior or senior students to pursue unpaid/low paying summer internships during the summer of 2010. The first stipend is for a Class of 60 alumni recommended nonprofit internship, Denver Kids. The second nonprofit can be of your own choosing as long as it is in the nonprofit (independent) sector.

Carleton Project 60: Developing Civic Leaders grew out of a community service panel held at the Class of 1960’s 45th Reunion in June of 2005. After hearing classmates talk about the challenges and rewards of making a difference through their work with nonprofits, the group decided to introduce this opportunity to today’s Carleton undergraduates. Over the last four years, they did this by identifying nonprofit summer internships in organizations involved in bringing about systemic change in individuals and/or in their communities and acting as mentors to those students chosen for the positions. Carleton Project 60 was modeled after Princeton Project 55 (www.project55.org). Carleton Project 60 also joined The Alumni Network (TAN), made up of some 25 colleges and universities.

The Gift Committee of the Class of 60’s 50th Reunion Planning Committee has designated a part of their Class Gift to the Career Center to begin a Carleton Nonprofit Internship Endowment Fund, to which classmates may continue to contribute. Working toward making this an endowed fund attempts to ensure that internships in the nonprofit (independent) sector can be pursued by Carleton students applying for stipends from this Fund in perpetuity.

Applicants must have already accepted, or accepted contingent on being chosen to receive a stipend, an internship in a nonprofit organization involved in bringing about systemic change in individuals and/or in their communities. How a nonprofit internship directly relates to your career goals will not be a deciding factor in who is chosen to receive this stipend. Members of the Class of 60, following the philosophy of Project 60, believe that exposing Carleton students to the work of the nonprofit sector will be a valuable contribution to your life experience, world view and actions, no matter which career you ultimately pursue.