

Thanks to a generous contribution from founder and chair of Group O, Robert (Bob) Ontiveros, and his wife, Blenda, three Western Illinois University Quad Cities initiatives received a boost in May. The Ontiveroses announced Vibrant Neighborhoods project, the WIU Small Business Development Center/ International Trade Center (SBDC/ITC) on the Quad Cities campus and WIU-QC minority enrollment initiatives.

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400,000 households in a 15-county area community and economic development in  
of Iowa and Illinois. This will include two R XU KR V W FR P P X Q L W L H V D  
30-minute programs showcasing Hispanic Rives, vice president for Quad Cities and  
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support of Mr. and Mrs. Ontiveros," approved grant allows WIU to expand that  
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documentaries about celebrations  
The SBDC offers a variety of its  
Hispanic community: Mexican that can help a new business get  
Independence Day and Day of off the ground, such as one-on-one  
the Dead." business advice, marketing and branding  
consultation, economic impact analysis  
and much more. To help companies export  
or participate in global supply chains, the  
IDC can assist in understanding foreign  
neighborhood, which features WUDGH ]RQH V DQG HYDOX  
local vendors, food trucks and live- readiness to export, among other services.  
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"I offer my gratitude and appreciation to Western, and for this most recent gift, which will make a tremendous difference in the Quad Cities region," said WIU Bob and Blenda, for believing in Western Illinois University.

The investment in the Small Business Development Center/ International Trade Center at the WIU- Quad Campus will further establish these economic development entities on the , 8 4 & FDPSXV , W LV W  
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The outreach program reports to minority business owners.

funding to WIU-Quad Cities campus growth initiatives, including efforts to UHFUXLW QHZ ÀQDQFLDO S  
enhance Minority Enrollment Initiatives and scholarships.  
Blenda and Bob will offer educational opportunities to minority means to obtain a higher education," said Bob. "As community leaders, we need to

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 Archives Museum is the Shakespeare Section in the Division for the Blind at the  
 quote, "What is past is prologue." Library of Congress, followed by working  
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 That is why she wants to help Western Valley, IL, school district. She later was the fund will be used to acquire, preserve  
 Illinois University preserve and promote outreach librarian at the Alliance Library and promote materials documenting the  
 the history of west central Illinois. System and librarian for the Tazewell history of west central Illinois, with a  
 Rademacker has named WIU as the County Genealogical and Historical special emphasis on Brown County, where  
 S U L P D U \ E H Q H \ A F L D U \ R I D O L I H L Q V X U D Q F H her parents were long-time residents. It  
 policy to create the Keyes-Rademacker will include sponsorship of guest lecturers  
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"Although growing up in a home with very limited funds, available reading material was always a priority. My parents, Velma and Marshall Keyes, were lovers of local history, as well as being active in the Brown County Historical Society, with Velma being a charter member. With that background, I saw the need early on for preservation of the written word," shared Rademacker.

As many students were during the mid-point of the 1900s, Rademacker was an education major. She graduated from Western in 1960 with a degree in education and a minor in library science. While at Western, she worked in the library as a student worker, which she said  
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 career. need for additional funds to ensure proper operation. That is why she wanted to

"While minoring in library science, I became very interested in that work with ( Q G R Z P H Q W ) X Q G  
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 Osborn," she said. "Their enthusiasm : K L O H Y L V L W L Q J W K H \$ U F K L Y H V L Q : , 8 · V  
 helped in my decision to make libraries My pass Library to work on family  
 O L I H · V Z R U N μ history, I was impressed with the quality  
 of preservation being done by the staff

Her professional career began as librarians saving valuable materials for future generations," Rademacker explained. "As a proud WIU graduate, I decided to have



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“The Western Challenge is indicative of the type of support the University

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