“Trust. You know what you’re going to get,” Boyer says. “If they say they’re going to do it, you can take it to the bank.”

Binghamton faculty and students who participate in WISE projects benefit from the in-field experience outside the classroom. Innovation has even hired some of those students, in addition to other University alumni.

“The world is not the same as it was when I was brought into it,” Boyer says. “There is progress. There are improvements. This world is changing. I see the students here as being a great part of that change.”

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Why Joseph “Harry” Boyer Supports the Watson School

Boyer Gives $250,000 to Watson School Equipment Endowment

“I want them to have the tools in their hands to solve problems,” says Joseph “Harry” Boyer, founder, chairman and chief technology officer of Innovation Associates, Johnson City, N.Y. Engineers and computer scientists remain an essential part of the economic recovery of New York and the nation. As the cost of providing technology-based instruction continues to rise, Boyer’s generous gift helps support some of the most pressing equipment needs of Binghamton University’s Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science.

His gift also helped establish the Boyer Innovation Executive Boardroom on campus, where members of the Watson School and University conduct some of their most important meetings. But that’s not all. Boyer’s insatiable appetite for learning and support for the education of others extend further. For nearly a decade, Innovation — which provides pharmacy automation systems to customers across the nation — has turned to the University’s Watson Institute for Systems Excellence (WISE) for cutting-edge research expertise in simulation and modeling and process analysis and improvement.
As we close the books on Bold. Brilliant.Binghamton – The Campaign for Binghamton University, I think about how proud I am to be a part of this tremendous effort to support the students, faculty and programs of this exceptional University. With your help, we exceeded $100 million in this campaign.

Together, we're making a real difference. I look forward to celebrating the campaign's success with you during Homecoming Weekend on October 12-14, when you can stop by the Bold. Brilliant.Binghamton area at Tailgate and enjoy the other activities that will take place throughout the weekend.

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INSTITUTE CELEBRATES WORK IN THE HUMANITIES

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Grassroots political movements and literatures of the Americas are some of the areas of focus for IASH fellow Scott Henkel, an assistant professor of English.

“I can say without hesitation that my involvement with the institute has allowed me to produce a volume and quality of research that, quite simply, would not have been possible without its fellowships,” Henkel says. “Intellectual discoveries rarely come from isolated individuals, but rather emerge when people interact, share thoughts and drafts, debate with one another, and help to test and sharpen one another’s ideas. This is the goal of our weekly fellows meetings at IASH. ‘This community has allowed me to see ideas that would not have been possible to see on my own, it has improved my scholarship, and it has helped to forge a community among peers in other departments whom I otherwise would not have met. The IASH continues to gain momentum with key gifts from supporters. But those gains haven’t wiped out the need for additional financial support. Goals include adding a graduate-level research seminar in the humanities and having an end-of-year symposium, says IASH Director Bat-Ami Bar On. She says IASH wants to integrate and push further new concepts of ‘what it is to be human and the human condition that humanistic research has been pursuing.’

Jessica Frazier, MA ’09

Frazier’s work focuses on American women who traveled to Vietnam during the Vietnam War. In the 1960s and 70s, U.S. women activists in the peace movement and in liberation struggles turned to Vietnamese women for fellowship and inspiration, she says.

Peace activists saw Vietnamese women as collaborators against war and violence, while African-American, Chicana and Asian-American women in their respective liberation movements viewed Vietnamese women as fellow revolutionaries, Frazier says.

During her research trip, an archivist in Albuquerque, N.M., put Frazier in touch with a woman in the region who traveled to Vietnam in 1974, six months before South Vietnam fell to the North. The resulting interview from that meeting gave Frazier a first-person account of changes that occurred in Vietnam at the time. The information now makes up a critical part of the introduction to Frazier’s dissertation.

“Without the funding, ‘it would have been a lot more difficult,’” Frazier says about her trip. “I don’t know if I would have gone. The fact I got that interview was really key.”

Wheeler says she and Nieman, who is her husband, “know graduate students live on a very tight budget.”

“We both remember how difficult it was when you needed to travel to do research and you didn’t have any money,” Nieman says about their $20,000 commitment. “We thought that providing a grant that would support outstanding students ... would be a great investment.”

Frazier expects to finish her dissertation next spring.