

CORRECTION: Previously this report incorrectly associated Michelle Mosbacher with \$440,400 in contributions to Governor Perry instead of \$411,534. This resulted from our confusing Mosbacher's stepson, Robert Mosbacher, Jr., with her late husband, Robert Mosbacher, Sr. The numbers are corrected here. TPJ regrets the error.

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No Donor Left Behind: Gov. Perry Reaps \$6 Million from Regent Appointees

Austin: Rick Perry has collected almost \$6.1 million from the 155 people whom he has appointed to be non-student regents since becoming governor in late 2000. Over the past decade, 97 regent appointees gave to Perry's campaign—or 63 percent of Perry's regent appointees. Regents contributed both before and after their appointments.

Regent Appointee Contributions to Governor Perry (2001- Feb. 2010)

Amount To Perry	Board	No. of Appointees	Percentage Who Donated	Avg. Amount Contributed
\$1,588,820	University of Texas	16	81%	\$99,301
\$1,360,025	A&M University	14	86%	\$97,145
\$1,156,979	Texas Tech University	16	94%	\$72,311
\$873,882	University of Houston	15	87%	\$58,259
\$503,777	University of North Texas	16	44%	\$31,486
\$243,300	Texas Southern University	19	37%	\$12,805
\$223,116	Texas State University	16	88%	\$13,945
\$57,250	Midwestern State University	12	50%	\$4,771
\$44,181	Texas State Technical College	15	60%	\$2,945
\$3,750	Texas Woman's University	16	<1%	\$234
\$6,055,080	TOTAL	155	63%	\$39,065

Notes: Excludes Student Regents. Includes contributions by spouses of regents.

The *average* Perry-appointed regent overseeing a public university contributed \$39,065 to the campaign of the Regent-In-Chief. Regents at the elite University of Texas and A&M University contributed average amounts approaching \$100,000. Just the regents whom Perry appointed to UT, A&M and Texas Tech dumped \$4.1 million into Perry's campaign coffers. At the other end of the spectrum, Texas Woman's University regents contributed an average of \$234 to Perry's campaign.

Complaints about politicized regent appointments surfaced last fall after two Texas Tech appointees told the *Austin American-Statesman* that Perry campaign intermediaries pressured them to resign their posts after they endorsed Kay Bailey Hutchison's campaign to unseat the governor.¹ Ex-Texas Tech Regents Mark Griffin and Windy Sitton previously had contributed to Perry's campaign, though their donations fell well below the average Texas Tech regent contribution of \$88,092.²

Michele "Mica" Mosbacher was the top overall regent donor. This appointee to the University of Houston Board of Regents has contributed \$411,534 to Governor Perry's campaigns. Paul Foster, vice chair of the University of Texas System Board of Regents, contributed \$370,157. There are 21 regent appointees who contributed more than \$100,000 apiece to Perry's campaign.

¹ "Two former regents say Perry allies pressured them to resign," *Austin American-Statesman*, September 5, 2009.

² The Perry campaign collected \$3,500 from Griffin and \$2,250 from Sitton.

Gov. Perry's Top Regent Contributors

Total	Contributor	Board
\$411,534	Michele "Mica" Mosbacher	University of Houston
\$370,157	Paul Foster	University of Texas
\$348,171	Larry Keith Anders	Texas Tech University
\$277,500	James D. Dannenbaum	University of Texas
\$261,400	Lowry Mays	A&M University
\$259,914	Phillip David Adams	A&M University
\$241,290	Lawrence "Rick" Francis	Texas Tech University
\$240,002	R. Steve Hicks	University of Texas
\$232,262	Robert B. Rowling	University of Texas
\$227,910	Tilman Fertitta	University of Houston
\$225,000	Richard Salwen	Texas Southern University
\$223,000	Erle Nye	A&M University
\$213,666	J. Robert Brown	Texas Tech University
\$213,334	George "Brint" Ryan	University of North Texas
\$201,879	J.L. Huffines (died)	A&M University
\$193,115	John "Bobby" Ray	University of North Texas
\$184,500	Rita C. Clements	University of Texas
\$177,300	James Patrick Wilson Jr.	A&M University
\$133,333	J. Frank Miller III (died)	Texas Tech University
\$110,500	Mickey Long	Texas Tech University
\$105,184	William Eugene Powell	University of Texas
\$98,500	Morris Edwin Foster	A&M University
\$95,000	Alan William Dreeben	Texas State University
\$90,000	Robert "Bobby" Stillwell	University of Texas
\$78,000	Robert A. "Bob" Nickell	University of North Texas
\$51,769	Nancy R. Neal	Texas Tech University
\$51,000	James E. Schwertner Jr.	A&M University
\$50,277	Kevin J. Lilly	Texas State University
\$46,500	Welcome W. Wilson Sr.	University of Houston
\$39,449	James R. Huffines	University of Texas
\$38,000	Jacob M. Monty	University of Houston
\$37,032	Ida "Weisie" Clement Steen	A&M University
\$36,000	Richard A. Box D.D.S.	A&M University
\$32,272	Nelda Luce Blair	University of Houston
\$31,666	Dennis D. Golden O.D.	University of Houston
\$30,000	Carol Carlson Gunn PhD	Midwestern State University
\$22,000	Jim P. Wise	University of Houston
\$20,250	Charles Amato	Texas State University
\$19,779	Eugene J. Seaman	Texas State Technical College
\$18,554	Kent Morrison Adams	Texas State University
\$18,000	Carroll R. Ray	University of Houston
\$16,500	Janiece Longoria	University of Texas
\$16,000	Leroy L. Hermes	University of Houston
\$16,000	John Field Scovell	Texas Tech University

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