

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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events to a region including more than
400,000 households in a 15-county area
of Iowa and Illinois. This will include two
30-minute programs showcasing Hispanic
culture.
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support of Mr. and Mrs. Ontiveros,”
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will help us provide visibility to the
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documentaries about celebrations
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Hispanic community: Mexican
Independence Day and Day of
the Dead.”

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outdoor market, founded by
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neighborhood, which features
local vendors, food trucks and live
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The investment in the Small

“I offer my gratitude and appreciation
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to Western, and for this most recent gift,
which will make a tremendous difference
in the Quad Cities region,” said WIU
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Bob and Blenda, for believing in Western
Illinois University.”

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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
 5 X W K . H \ H V 5 D G H P D F N Has a teacher and librarian in the Green
 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 w
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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
 at the Braille and Sight Saving School generations," Rademacker explained. "As
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“The Western Challenge is indicative of the type of support the University

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