



Advancing the legacy of America's Darling

INTRODUCING
The Jay N. Darling Institute
at Drake University

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“A modern day Renaissance man, ‘Ding’ Darling was a master at bringing people together to realize dreams and create a better world through compromise while respecting nature. Now more than ever it’s time to reflect, develop, and create a sustainable institute dedicated to preserving one of America’s greatest treasures—while fulfilling the promise I made to Darling’s grandson, ‘Kip’ Koss, and his wife, Andrea.”

Sam Koltinsky, Director of Legacy Development

Located on the campus of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, The Jay N. Darling Institute will communicate Darling’s legacy and inspire others to make the world a better place. The Institute models excellence and elevates our ability to create sustainable change through collaboration and action.

It builds on a shared history dating back to June 7, 1926, when Drake University awarded Darling an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law to recognize his cultural achievements. To preserve his work, today Drake serves as the home of Darling’s art and papers including the *We Remember Him When* exhibit.

This new Institute takes another step in recognizing and celebrating Darling’s commitment to leadership, social change, environmental sustainability, journalism,

art, and education with the following vision:

- Academic programming for leadership development – social, political and economic change
- National and international leadership internship opportunities
- Workshops and conferences building on Darling’s national footprint
- An artist in studio program including Darling’s own sketchbooks, logs and never-before-seen artwork
- Collaboration opportunities for students in media services
- Our Outdoor Heroes curriculum program for elementary students
- Acquisition of Darling artifacts for research, study, and exhibit – including archiving Darling’s own films, audio recordings and handwritten notes
- Outreach to build upon partnerships with universities and organizations that provide Darling resources for research and development
- A Darling virtual reality experience

Preserve a legacy. Inspire change.

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Join us in carrying forward the legacy of Jay Norwood Darling and inspiring change among generations to follow. Your generous gift will make The Jay N. Darling Institute at Drake University a reality. Our capital campaign of \$3.5 million includes the following endowments and operational support:

- ✓ Executive Director, academic full-time position, including programming, internships, and exhibits and conferences
- ✓ Director of Legacy Development
- ✓ Cowles Library archival and internships
- ✓ Media services
- ✓ Content acquisition
- ✓ Our Outdoor Heroes curriculum for educators and youth