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THE CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY



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MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA,



Raising more than a half a billion dollars — or \$518 million — is no small feat for any institution. Yet, that is just what happened as a result of your generosity and dedication to The Catholic University of America.

Light the Way was the first campaign of its kind in University history. Originally slated to close in April 2022 with a \$400 million goal, it was extended for an additional year, with an increased goal of \$500 million.

Over the course of eight years, with the help of so many friends and benefactors, together we raised more than we ever expected. With this unprecedented support, here is what we are now able to provide:

- 16 new endowed chairs for a total of 28, more than doubling the number we had at the Campaign's outset;
- 13 new academic programs, centers, or institutes;
- Completely renovated or new academic buildings for the University — the 100% renovated Maloney Hall and the Conway School of Nursing building set to open next year;
- More than \$118 million for undergraduate and graduate student tuition awards; and
- Updates to campus facilities including the DuFour Center, Caldwell Chapel, engineering labs in Pangborn Hall, the new Garvey Hall dining commons, and other renovations and restorations across campus.

Our motto, *Deus Lux Mea Est*, is reflected in the important role each of you plays in lighting the way for future leaders, shaped by our shared commitment to faith and excellence.

Thanks to the combined efforts of community members — faculty, staff, alumni and their families, parents, and donor-stakeholders across the country — we have secured critical resources for our future as we move closer to attaining R1 research status and continue to expand our enrollment at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

I was not here when the plans for Light the Way: The Campaign for Catholic University were developed, but I have been privileged to have led the University to its incredibly successful conclusion. You will see in these pages the fruits of your giving. Whether it was \$10 or \$10,000, every dollar counted toward shaping the future of the University.

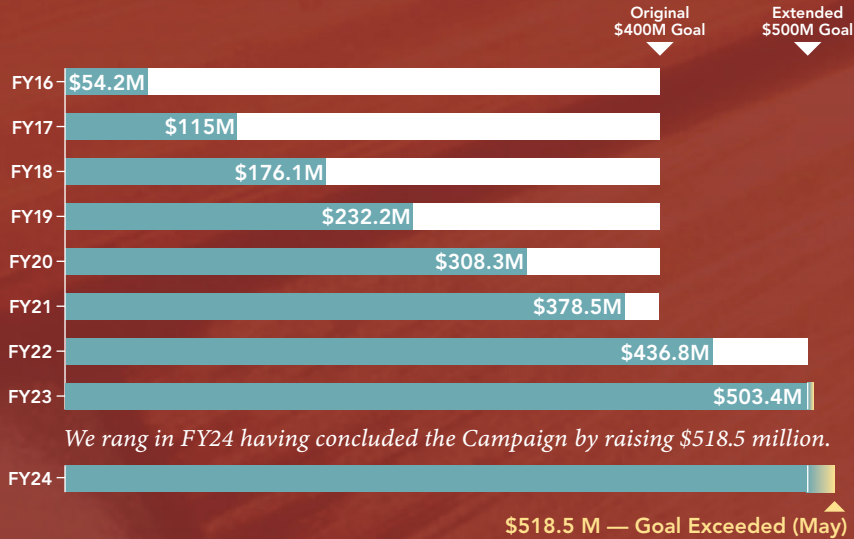
You helped us light the way, and we could not be more grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Kilpatrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter K. Kilpatrick
University President

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS



SCHOOL AND DIVISION TOTALS

- \$2.4M**
School of Canon Law
- \$5.7M**
School of Philosophy
- \$6.5M**
School of Architecture and Planning
- \$7.3M**
National Catholic School of Social Service
- \$13.3M**
Metropolitan School of Professional Studies
- \$17M**
Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, Drama, and Art
- \$19.4M**
Department of Athletics
- \$21.9M**
School of Engineering
- \$25.3M**
School of Theology and Religious Studies
- \$39.8M**
School of Arts and Sciences
- \$49M**
Columbus School of Law
- \$89.2M**
The Tim and Steph Busch School of Business
- \$109.7M**
Conway School of Nursing



\$83M
for University research



\$88M
for undergraduate student scholarships



\$30M
for graduate student scholarships and stipends



\$118.3M
for University-wide priorities and unrestricted support



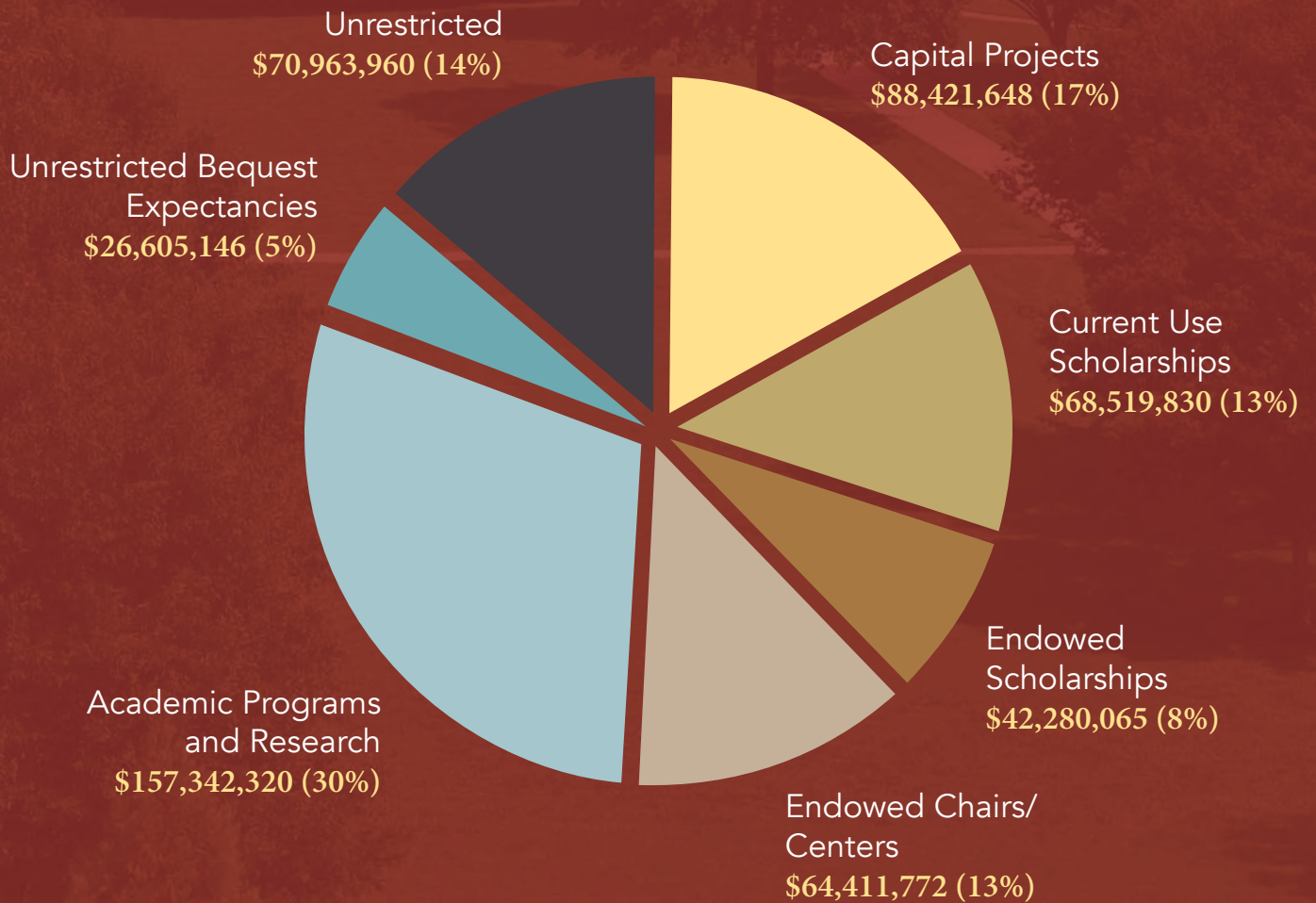
FOCAL POINTS OF THE CAMPAIGN

The three main priorities of the Campaign were creating a better academic environment, increasing student success, and providing ways to improve faculty excellence. Within each of those areas, key gifts that were made and celebrated during the 2022–2024 fiscal years are showcased in these pages. Over the course of the Campaign, 28,654 individuals — including 16,975 first-time donors made up of alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, corporations, foundations, and friends — made gifts in support of The Catholic University of America.





CAMPAIGN REVENUE BY PURPOSE



ACADEMIC

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PROGRESS TOWARD GOAL

105.5%



GOAL: 148M

\$156.2 million

A university's academic environment is at the core of each person's experience of the institution, showcasing the culture, values, and principles that guide its mission. Catholic University places a top emphasis on academic environment, and gifts made during the Campaign helped the University construct premier instructional facilities, create academic programs and centers, expand classrooms and laboratories, and develop new methods of teaching and learning.

FRANK HANNA GIFT HELPS TRANSFORM CATHOLIC EDUCATION



Frank Hanna, University trustee and strong advocate of the importance of Catholic education, provided a seven-figure lead gift to Catholic University's Institute for the Transformation of Catholic Education (ITCE).

The ITCE was founded in October 2021 to serve PK–12 Catholic schools across the country. The institute seeks to advance the distinctive excellence of Catholic education and serve as a catalyst for its renewal by providing formation and accreditation programs.

The institute's first priority was to develop a national accreditation program.

Accreditation is an important quality assurance process through which a school works with an external body to help measure that school's effectiveness in fulfilling its mission. Previously, there was no national accreditation structure designated specifically for Catholic schools. While a few states offer accreditation through their Catholic Conference, most schools work with one of the four major secular accreditation agencies. This process can cause a disconnect, as the secular model of excellence doesn't always fit easily with the model for Catholic school excellence.

When the University began seeking partners for the ITCE's work, they naturally turned to Hanna. He had helped co-found 13 new Catholic schools and educational institutions over 30 years, including the University's Busch School of Business, and he was the first member of the Busch School's Board of Visitors.

"From an early age, I have been interested in how society might be improved, whether through corporal works for one another, civic engagement, or education. Like many others, I ended up being particularly drawn to education, as it has such a long-term benefit for both the individual and for everyone that individual meets throughout life," Hanna said.

The University approached Hanna about being involved with the ITCE, and he knew that Catholic University would engage in strong research and development and that it has the credibility and capability to offer it nationwide.

Thanks to his commitment, the ITCE has made great progress. A nationwide search was conducted for educational leaders to help build the program, and the University welcomed Dr. Daryl Hagan, director of Catholic school accreditation, and Dr. Andrew Kremer, associate director of strategy and membership.

So far, 93 Catholic schools within three states are being accredited by Lumen Accreditation through Catholic University, Hagan said. In addition, ITCE is working to develop interdisciplinary degree and certificate programs for Catholic school teachers.

"For the longest time, our Catholic schools were thriving. Then we entered a period in which, as a whole, they weren't really thriving, but we continued to insist that they were," Hanna said. "Now I'd say we've moved to a consensus that, for a variety of reasons, we're not thriving. The percentage of baptized Catholics who attend Catholic schools continues to decline. And so the idea developed by Catholic University that there needs to be a transformation is appropriate for this moment of time."

The new accreditation program continues a long thread in the history of Catholic University. From 1912–1968, the University ran a Program of Affiliation that extended to seminaries, colleges, universities, and secondary schools across the country, providing an early form of accreditation.

TURRICHI FAMILY: CATHOLIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Lannette and Scott Turicchi were drawn to support the Catholic Entrepreneurship and Design Experience (CEDE), given its mission to form virtuous business leaders and principled entrepreneurs. CEDE educates both high school students and teachers about markets, entrepreneurship, and moral behavior.

CEDE also can help level the field, especially for students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds. For the Turicchis, entrepreneurship in education is the ability to reach every student where he or she is; it “encourages creativity, critical thinking, determination, and grit ... all things one needs to find personal success,” Lannette said.

The Turicchis appreciate the self-confidence that emanates from students participating in CEDE, which Lannette experienced first-hand when judging a business plan competition. They recognize this as a sign that CEDE is fulfilling its mission of using experiential learning to help high school students discern business as a vocation.

The Turicchi family chose to invest generously in CEDE so that it might continue to thrive. With their help, CEDE will be able to:

- Grow the number of partner high schools, which is currently 12, as well as two home school groups. Seven more are planning to add the program,

- Create new, high-value instructional content and support for the 22 current CEDE certified facilitators, as well as for future educators in the program,
- Host summer conferences for students and instructors that are designed for personal encounters and shared experiences, and
- Build momentum with marketing targeted to new donors and to the recruitment of new students, including those who chose to attend Catholic University and study in the Busch School of Business.

In addition to sharing their treasure, Lannette has shared her time and talent with CEDE. She served as a judge for a business plan competition for a CEDE high school in California. She saw in the students “nothing but confidence and joy,” concluding that CEDE is for anyone who wants to “instill the joy of learning in students.” Perhaps that joy is a sign that CEDE is on the path to fulfilling its mission — forming virtuous business leaders and principled entrepreneurs who create goods that are truly good and services that truly serve.





NEW NURSING AND SCIENCES BUILDING PREPARES TO WELCOME STUDENTS

In late 2021, Catholic University and the Conway School of Nursing celebrated the groundbreaking for a new nursing and sciences building.

Now preparing to open to students in 2024, the building sits between Maloney and Father O’Connell halls, and is in a similar collegiate gothic style to them. The building project also includes updates — a new gateway and a fountain — to the campus entrance on Michigan Avenue, N.E.

“Today is the convergence of a long tradition of leadership and academic excellence in the nursing school with a group of extraordinary, generous donors,” then-President John Garvey said at the groundbreaking event. “The building will not only serve as a home for our nursing students but the building and entrance enhancements will provide the entire University with a more beautiful campus gateway.”

Work began on the 102,000-square foot building in early 2022. Built and designed by Ayers Saint Gross, Robert A.M. Stern Architects, and Clark Construction, with an estimated cost of \$84 million, the new building will enable the Conway School of Nursing (CSON) to double enrollment and increase the size of its faculty. In fact, two new faculty members and staff have recently joined the school.

The new building also enables growth of programs, including the new Adult Gerontological Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care program and the 30-credit Master of Science in Nursing in Complex Healthcare Systems Administration, and will allow the CSON to develop a Center for Future Faculty.

The new building also features advanced instructional tools and many opportunities for students to experience real-world scenarios using immersive technology, a virtual reality suite, and the Cesar A. Caceres Simulation Center. According to Dean Marie Nolan, some of those on-screen experiences include virtually walking down the hall in a hospital and going into the rooms of different patients. There, students

will perform assessments and read electronic patient records, all while making decisions about care in a virtual setting, allowing CSON students to practice making decisions about prioritizing care to multiple patients at the same time.

Donors Bill Conway and his late wife, Joanne; Richard Banziger, B.A. 1981; and Jeff Rossi, B.A. 1975, J.D. 1978 — all members of the University’s Board of Trustees — made generous gifts in support of the building’s construction. Dean Emerita Patricia McMullen also helped garner philanthropic donations to fund the project.

Bill Conway and his late wife, Joanne, are the most generous donors in the University’s history, and Bill noted that he is grateful to be able to help realize the dream of the new building.

“I am blessed as a person with great faith. I figure that God’s in control and I’m not. Probably that’s a good thing. He’s given me and my wife all these resources, and what are we supposed to do with them?” he said at the groundbreaking. “There are many people who are God’s arms and legs here who helped make this happen: donors, my fellow trustees, and faculty of Catholic University School of Nursing.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony and building dedication is scheduled for late spring/early summer 2024.





NEW SIMULATION CENTER FOR CONWAY SCHOOL OF NURSING

FUNDING BY THE INSTITUTE FOR
TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTH CARE

Over the course of five years, a \$5 million gift from the Institute for Technology in Health Care (ITHC) to the Conway School of Nursing (CSON) will establish the state-of-the-art Cesar A. Caceres Simulation Center in the new nursing and sciences building. The facility will help Conway School faculty prepare students for the numerous scenarios they will face during their nursing careers.



A large portion of the second floor of the new nursing and sciences building will become the new simulation center. It will allow CSON faculty to expand available opportunities for simulation, as well as better integrate those experiences across all levels of curricula.

The Caceres Center will not only increase student capacity but will also alter the quality of the experience Catholic University can provide to its nursing students. It will include a debriefing room to review student performance during simulations, and a simulated recovery room and high-fidelity patient rooms will more closely mimic spaces in an acute care facility. In the building's virtual reality suite, students either wear virtual reality goggles, or work in an augmented reality setting where the walls will have medical scenarios students might encounter in the workplace projected upon them.

Dr. Cesar Caceres, who founded ITHC, was the son of a former Honduran ambassador to the United States. According to Dr. William Ayers, president of the ITHC board, Caceres was an internist and cardiologist who, in the late 1960s with a team of doctors, engineers, and computer programmers, found a way to make existing electrocardiograph machines talk to computers. When Caceres passed away, the proceeds from his estate were left to the not-for-profit institute which supports organizations involved in technology in health care, HIV treatment, and clinical engineering. The seven-member, all-volunteer ITHC board was charged with finding organizations to support with these additional funds.

CSON's number-five national ranking in *U.S. News & World Report* for its online graduate degree program got Dr. Ayers' attention.

"We realized how the mission of the nursing school in this area of simulation education in health care really fit our mission. All of those keywords are in there someplace: technology applied to healthcare," he said.

CSON Dean Emerita Patricia McMullen met with Ayers, and ITHC support of CSON seemed "a very easy fit," Ayers said.

ITHC funded several other grants to CSON in support of simulation and technology, providing money for the use of remote ophthalmoscopes to assess nurse practitioner student competencies for online students, funding various types of equipment in support of skills masteries, and advancing the University's telehealth competencies.

"Simulation provides a safe space to practice and learn and make mistakes without the risk of harming a patient," said David Want, M.S.N. 2017, D.N.P. 2020, assistant clinical professor in the CSON, director of simulation, and a nationally Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator. "Students then transfer those skills to real-life patients. It's a tool that produces better nurses and that results in better outcomes and healthier people."

STUDENT

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PROGRESS TOWARD GOAL

108.4%

GOAL: 110M

\$119.2 million

Growing and sustaining the Catholic University student population requires that the whole person be supported. The second goal of the Campaign included the addition of scholarships to help more students who needed financial assistance and elevate the entire community — with its variety of interests, perspectives, and backgrounds. We add to our outstanding academic offerings with opportunities for service, athletic achievement, and experiential programming that enrich students' lives and build lifelong relationships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

THE HEART AND SOUL OF GIVING AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The Light the Way Campaign allowed Catholic University to invest in not just our programs but also the physical spaces where our students live, work, and play. Donors who supported scholarships opened the doors of these spaces to more students than ever before.

Scholarships enable a great number of students to attend Catholic University who otherwise would not have this option available to them. The gift of a life-changing education is a priceless one, and numerous benefactors displayed their generosity through scholarship support during the Campaign in a multitude of ways:

With support from a generous bequest from the trust of **Dr. Joseph A. Clark, M.S. 1967, Ph.D. 1969**, an endowed fund to award scholarships to engineering students in need has been established. During his lifetime, Dr. Clark often spoke highly of Catholic University and shared with friends how much he valued his education in the School of Engineering. This gift will help transform the lives of Engineering students for generations to come.

1 Karen Coss Ridenour, M.S.N. 1972, wanted to ensure others have the same opportunity she did. Karen pursued a master's degree in nursing while working and raising two children. She couldn't have accomplished this goal without the help of two things: a federal grant that paid her tuition and helped secure childcare, and the love and support of her husband, Wells. Through several gifts — a bequest to create an endowed graduate nursing scholarship in the Conway School of Nursing, gifts for scholarships for current graduate nursing students, and others to support both the Conway School and the Busch School of Business — Karen aimed to ensure those with values similar to her own were able to get an education from a university that supports those values.

2 Thanks to the leadership of the Board of Trustees and the generosity of our Catholic University community, as well as dedicated philanthropic support from Ascension Health, the University created gap-filling Impact Scholarships. Rob Neal, University Trustee, led the effort, funding 20 Impact Scholarships to enable first-year students, who could not otherwise do so, to make the choice to attend our school. Said Neal, Impact Scholarships “allow us to make the remarkable benefits of a Catholic University education available to highly qualified applicants who will not only add greatly to the diversity and academic rigor of the University, but also benefit from the great grace of a Catholic University education.” Since 2021, hundreds of students have received Impact Scholarships, allowing them to make their dreams of pursuing a Catholic University education a reality.

3 A gift from the combined estates of Sister Mary Vincentia Joseph, M.S.W. 1958, Ph.D. 1974, and Sister Ann Patrick Conrad, Ph.D. 1985, established a new endowed scholarship for underrepresented and international students in the Master’s in Social Work program. Both sisters served as professors and as deans at the National Catholic School of Social Service at Catholic University. The sisters used their pioneering teachings on ethics, spirituality, and social work to advance social policy and also spread these teachings across the globe via the school’s programs in the Philippines and Chile.

4 Dr. Themistocles D’Silva, Ph.D. Chemistry 1964, made a gift in memory of his late wife, Dr. Rose Marie D’Silva, also Ph.D. Chemistry 1964, who passed away in June of 2019. They met while studying at Catholic University. The Rose Marie D’Silva Endowed Scholarship, which benefits undergraduate students, recognizes her dedication as a chemistry teacher and symbolizes her commitment to quality education for all.

5 John Cahill, B.A. 1989, has several relatives who attended Catholic University. John’s great-grandfather, Leo F. Stock, earned a doctoral degree here in 1920

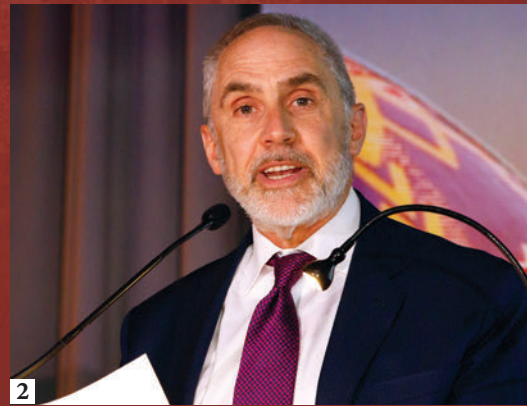
and taught in the University’s history department for most of his career. His grandfather, Leo F. Stock Jr., B.A. 1923, received his engineering degree from Catholic University and successfully advocated for the Brookland Metro Station to be located here. A distant relative, Col. Jehiel Brooks, built (around 1840) the Brooks Mansion, now adjacent to campus; his estate was subdivided after his death, and that land became our Brookland neighborhood. John and his wife, who also has family connections to Catholic University, honored their legacy through the Leo F. Stock Impact Scholarship. Their gift provided three scholarships for incoming undergraduate students, particularly those who are active in their community through service and volunteerism.

6 Larry and Lynn Blanford, having contributed significantly with their service on various boards at Catholic University and to the renovation of Maloney Hall for the Business School, turned their attention toward direct support of students. They generously funded Impact Scholarships of various amounts and lengths for students at the Busch School and the Rome School. The Blanford family chose to support scholarships to help grow enrollment at these schools, which, in turn, helps to strengthen our academic programs.

7 Vincent A. Sheehy III, B.A. 1951, and his wife, Helen, began a tradition of supporting scholarships for students at the Metropolitan School of Professional Studies (MSPS), which their children continued, establishing the first endowed scholarship for the MSPS in honor of their parents. The MSPS educates a diverse student body, specializing in classes for non-traditional, adult learners who seek to improve academically and professionally. The Sheehy family participates in the MSPS graduation each year and is grateful to be reminded “of what people go through in life and the resilience that so many people have.” Vincent Sheehy IV says that, ultimately, he “hopes my family is remembered for helping create a more just society.”



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GARVEY HALL: FIRST NEW UNIVERSITY BUILDING SINCE 2006

December 5, 2022, was a red-letter day for Catholic University, when the Cardinal community celebrated the opening of Garvey Hall, the long-awaited new campus dining commons and the University's main dining space.

Garvey Hall replaces The Eatery in the Pryzbyla Center, which seated fewer than 200 people at a time. In contrast, Garvey Hall features both indoor and outdoor seating areas and offers space for 490 students to dine simultaneously.

The space is named for the University's 15th President, John Garvey, and his wife, Jeanne. The former President, his wife, and many of their family returned to campus for the ceremony.

University Trustees Elizabeth Meers and Juan Jones offered thanks to the many donors whose gifts made the building possible. In total, 30% of the building's \$40 million cost was funded through philanthropy, including an anonymous donor couple who made an \$8 million gift to the project and suggested the building be named for the Garveys.

"We're calling it 'Garvey Hall,' but a lot of other people did the work," the former president said, including donors, University architects, and staff. "I tried to head this off. At a

meeting last year, I asked the anonymous donors if they had a favorite saint they would like to name the building after. There was sort of an embarrassed silence, and then they said, 'We were thinking we'd like to name it after you and Jeanne.'" Humour aside, the former president was moved to be so recognized.

President Peter Kilpatrick thanked Mr. Garvey, and all his predecessors, for leaving him a firm foundation upon which to build. He also said that Garvey Hall — "one of the finest facilities built in higher education this year" — would be a different type of classroom for Catholic University students.

"Our community is the greatest asset that we have," President Kilpatrick said, adding that Garvey Hall will become a special home for Catholic University students. "And the most important learning is not done in the classroom, but with others, after classes. It involves seeking answers to the bigger questions like: 'What's my vocation?' 'Who will be my best friends?' and 'Who will I spend the rest of my life with?'"

- Byron and Giessuebel Dining Rooms:** The Smith family — Board of Trustees Chair Victor Smith, J.D. 1996; his father, Trustee Emeritus Van Smith; and his sister, Susan Smith Newell, J.D. 1993, M.A. 1994, who also serves on the Columbus School of Law Alumni Council and is a past Board of Visitors member for the school — contributed \$1.2 million to name the West Dining Room for past University President Father William Byron. The Giessuebel family — Brian and Frances, who serve on the Parents Council and School of Theology and Religious Studies Board of Visitors, along with their son, Joseph, a member of the Class of 2023 — also were recognized during the opening celebration for their gift, which named the Giessuebel Tower Dining Room.



- Center for Academic and Career Success:** Garvey Hall is also home to the Center for Academic and Career Services (CACS), and the suite of rooms where it is located is named for Jeanne Garvey through a gift made by Trustee Emeritus Tim Scheve, B.A. 1980, and his wife, Ann. CACS, which previously was housed on separate floors of McMahan Hall, provides guidance, resources, and support for students and alumni to achieve academic and career goals. In its location, it is more visible and accessible, and it gained private offices for advising and coaching, meeting rooms for virtual programming, and access to an open space for group live, virtual, and hybrid programming.



- Ms. Willie Joyner Dining Room:** The event also saw the announcement of a special honor for a dedicated University employee, Ms. Willie Joyner, who has been with Catholic University for nearly 50 years. As a result of a love for generations of University students, several alumni kickstarted a drive to name the East Dining Room in her honor, to which other alumni and friends also contributed.



“More than 40 years ago, I worked while I was in college — like most of my fellow students here. In 1980, in my sophomore year, I started working in what was then Cardinal Dining Hall, in charge of beverages at lunchtime. Ms. Willie Joyner was my coworker, greeting students at the door and punching the paper meal plan cards we used to carry,” said Ed Gillespie, B.A. 1983, who launched the campaign with the help of Vinny Sica, B.M.E. 1983, and Mary Jo Parino, B.A. 1983, and their respective spouses, Kathy, Ellen, and Rich.

Gillespie said he was the first in a long line of Ms. Willie’s “babies,” students she cared for as if they were her own.



THE DIAMOND PROJECT

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS PLAY SEASONS UNDER THE LIGHTS



Robert J. Talbot Field welcomed the 2023 season for the Cardinals with a new feature: stadium lights.

The baseball and softball teams faced common enemies: a setting sun and a dark field. While the teams have thrived despite this — the baseball team earned a spot in the 2022 Division III College World Series — the lack of light impacted everything from practice times to game locations and, at worst, the possibility for wins.

For Associate Head Coach Bobby Picardo, the lack of lights affected the primary coaching goal, which is player development.

“You spend all this time on the road recruiting potential student-athletes, but it’s what you do with them when you get here,” he said. “When your whole team is able to practice together, you get better.”

But the practical implications for the lights go beyond performance. Players shared that the field serves as a hub for former, current, and future members of the teams to come together and connect, perform, and inspire. Members of the softball and baseball teams expressed a feeling that the upgrades to the field give them the opportunity to return to a part of campus they would always be able to call “home.”

Talbot Field has been home to the Catholic University baseball and softball teams since the 1980s. In 2007, the field underwent significant renovations, including

new stadium seating, a state-of-the-art press box, fencing with a windscreen, and a warning track. The lights are the latest addition and a part of the Diamond Project, an initiative seeking to improve the student-athlete experience by upgrading the field.

Thanks to a generous \$2.3 million gift from the Jones family — Juan and Lisa Jones, P ’20, and their son, Christian, B.A. 2020, who is a four-year member of the baseball team — the first phase of the four-phase project (which includes installing championship-level lighting structures) is complete.

Alumnus Christian Jones stated, “I would say, in general, it’s amazing just to be able to pay it forward. Obviously, my time at Catholic University is over and went by very quickly. I think about it all the time! But the fact that I know that the younger guys are going to be able to use those lights is great.”

Picardo said they hope to add more night games to the schedule and eventually host the conference tournament.

“When you’re a kid and you’re in Little League and you’re playing under the lights, there’s an excitement that never goes away,” Picardo said. “There’s just something about night baseball.”

“Catholic University Baseball is forever grateful to Juan and Lisa Jones (parents of baseball alumnus Christian Jones, Class of 2020) for their tremendous support throughout the Light the Way campaign and for funding lights for both Talbot Field and our softball field. Now that the lights have been installed and are fully operational, we are looking forward to reaping the benefits that will significantly enhance our student-athletes’ experiences, including: providing the flexibility to schedule efficient and effective practices that don’t conflict with our players’ rigorous class schedules, adjusting game start times to overcome weather challenges and play make up games, hosting our Landmark Conference and other multiple team tournaments throughout the year, and generating the electric atmosphere and true thrill of playing night games here on campus at Catholic University.”

HEAD BASEBALL COACH ROSS NATOLI



VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

In late 2022, Catholic University was awarded \$1.4 million in federal grant funding to launch a program that will help U.S. military veterans prepare for, and graduate from, college. The program, called Veterans Upward Bound (VUB), is administered through the Metropolitan School for Professional Studies (MSPS) and helps 125 veterans annually who are residents of the District of Columbia and do not hold a bachelor's degree. Two-thirds of them are either low-income students, first-generation college students, or both. The grant runs for five years, through 2027.

“We look forward to assisting D.C.’s brave veterans in improving their lives through education,” said Vincent Kiernan, dean of MSPS. “Completing a bachelor’s degree can be an important step for a D.C. veteran in developing a productive, post-military career and bolstering their economic security.”

According to Kiernan, District of Columbia veterans rank almost six percentage points lower than non-veterans in having completed a bachelor’s degree. Degree completion is crucial in helping them compete for jobs in the District, many of which are held by Virginia and Maryland residents instead.

According to the 2020 American Community Survey’s five-year estimate, 24,925 veterans aged 25 or older live across the District’s eight wards; and that number is thought to be an undercount. The same survey estimated that nearly 10% of these veterans have an income below the federal poverty level and would, therefore, qualify to take part in the VUB

program. More than 3,800 either don’t have a bachelor’s degree or are first-generation students. Some never completed high school.”

Through the VUB program, Catholic University will provide coaching and assistance for these veterans to prepare for college, submit admissions applications, and enroll. Kiernan said the University will also provide non-credit, brush-up classes in academic skills such as math, writing, science, and language.

“We also will arrange tours of local college campuses and help them understand how to use federal financial aid and veterans benefits to pay for college. We’ll help them understand how to receive college credit for their military experience and training,” Kiernan said.

Kiernan added that MSPS has also developed partnerships with Truist to provide instruction on financial literacy and with Community Renewal International — the 2022 Opus Prize Laureate — to help participants strengthen their sense of personal mission through servant leadership in their communities.

MSPS has a long history of helping veterans and U.S. service members earn or complete their education. It offers courses that are eligible for the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program, and the University is also designated a Yellow Ribbon Program participant.



FACULTY

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The third goal of the Light the Way Campaign was to strengthen the University’s commitment to scholarship through the addition of faculty, endowed professorships, graduate scholarships, and research programs. Through this effort, 16 endowed professorships were added to the University.

ENDOWED CHAIRS

Over the course of the Light the Way Campaign, a number of generous benefactors enabled Catholic University to more than double the number of endowed chairs and professorships. Within the last two years, many made gifts to create endowed chairs.



The Estate of Dr. Louis Corvese, B.A. 1950, M.S. 1953: Bill DeMagistris, J.D. 1973, said his cousin, Dr. Corvese, was a retired orthopedic surgeon and U.S. Navy veteran who graduated from the Yale School of Medicine and practiced for more than 40 years, loved studying, and was a true intellectual. He loved the University, and passed away in 2021. In his will, through a trust and the designation of his IRA, Dr. Corvese gave more than \$4.7 million to the University, which will be used not only to support the physics and chemistry departments but also to create the Dr. Louis Corvese Endowed Chair in Chemistry.



The Knights of Columbus and an Anonymous Donor: In November 2022, Kevin Walsh was installed as the inaugural Knights of Columbus Endowed Professor of Law and the Catholic Tradition within the Columbus School of Law. The chair position, as well as the Project on Constitutional Originalism and the Catholic Tradition, which Walsh co-directs, was made possible through combined gifts totaling \$4 million. The Knights of Columbus, which have a long-standing relationship with the University, gave \$1 million, while an anonymous donor gave \$3 million. This later gift is overseen by Board of Trustees Member Leonard Leo, P '21.



His Excellency Basil H. Losten, S.T.L. 1957, bishop emeritus of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of Stamford, Connecticut: Through family legacies left to him by his parents and siblings, Bishop Losten — a priest for 65 years and a bishop for 51 — made a gift of \$5 million to not only

endow a professorship in his name but also to endow graduate student stipends and create the new Center for Ukrainian Church Studies within the School of Theology and Religious Studies' Institute for the Study of Eastern Christianity. In late September of 2022, Father Peter Galadza was installed as the first chairholder. During the ceremony, Bishop Losten said he was very pleased to be part of the University and to support it.

“Some of my greatest days were spent here,” he said, adding of his family legacy, “there was no better thing to do with it than help the University.”



Grace Hobelman, a longtime supporter and member of the Board of Visitors of the School of Theology and Religious Studies (TRS), strongly desired to honor her husband Carl. To do so, she recently transferred her endowed priestly scholarship fund, the Carl and Grace Hobelman Endowed Priest Scholarship Fund, to create a chair in Catholic Moral Theology in his memory. The Grace P. Hobelman Endowed Chair in Catholic Moral Theology in memory of Carl D. Hobelman will greatly impact those seeking advanced degrees within TRS.

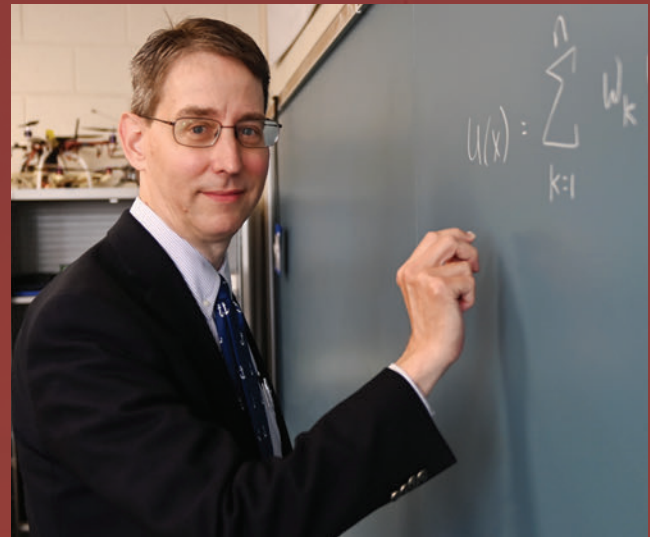
School of Engineering adds two endowed chairs in 2023
Two endowed faculty chairs established under Light the Way have catapulted the School of Engineering toward its goal of doubling its undergraduate enrollment over the next five years. This growth will enable the school to capitalize on its strengths and to answer market demand for highly-skilled, ethical engineers. To help achieve this goal, Trustee Leonard Leo has directed a philanthropic gift of \$10.5 million for the

establishment of these endowed chair positions. Throughout the 20th century, our Engineering faculty members have trained leaders in industry, government and the military. This investment will ensure that legacy continues.



The **Saint Albert the Great Chair for the School of Engineering** has been awarded to Santiago Solares, Ph.D., Chemical Engineering. Saint Albert is the patron saint of scientists; Professor Solares teaches our students in the areas of structural mechanics and dynamics. His research at Catholic University will focus on the nanoscale mechanics and measurement science of both natural and artificial systems (i.e., the mechanical behavior and measurement of systems that are so small that we quantify their dimensions in nanometers; for reference, the average width of one human hair is 50,000 nanometers).

Work of this type includes, for example, the study of the attributes of cancerous cells that give them the ability to migrate and initiate secondary tumors, away from the primary tumor, through metastasis. Professor Solares looks forward to helping form well-rounded professionals, relying on his industry experience and academic expertise as he guides students in both. He is “pleased to be working in an environment that fosters a dialogue between Faith and Reason, in collaboration with other faculty members at the University.” Professor Solares believes that internal collaboration can harness the School’s synergies and help make it a leader in its field.



The **Saint Abbo of Fleury Chair for the School of Engineering** has been awarded to Jeffrey W. Herrmann, Ph.D., Industrial and Systems Engineering. Saint Abbo was a scholar of philosophy, mathematics, and astronomy; Professor Herrmann teaches courses in control systems and in engineering decision-making and risk management. He also looks forward to adding a robotics course to his schedule. Professor Herrmann will continue his research on metareasoning (i.e., giving robots the ability to make intelligent decisions so they can deploy their limited computational resources efficiently). Optimizing the performance of robots, which have limited resources onboard, allows humans to give tasks that are dangerous, dirty, or dull to these robots — for example, sending a rover to Mars or using a robot to clean up nuclear waste.

Professor Herrmann looks forward to “working with other faculty members at Catholic University in giving students the opportunity and skills to become good engineers and, more specifically for some, to learn how to design, develop, test and deploy robotic systems that have a wide variety of successful applications.”

The addition of these esteemed faculty members has helped to ensure that the School of Engineering will grow. This growth will provide society with more engineers and computer scientists who are thoughtful, well-rounded individuals, practicing science in the light of faith. Our graduates are trained to solve complex technical problems while thinking deeply about the moral, ethical, and social issues that relate to technological development — ensuring that the advances they enable serve to benefit humanity.

CONWAY GIFT FOR FACULTY SUPPORT

In addition to supporting nursing scholarships and substantial funding of the University's new nursing and sciences building, Bill Conway and his late wife, Joanne, also supported the eponymous Conway School of Nursing (CSON) through a \$10 million gift that will enable the school to increase the number of faculty positions. Due to these generous gifts, the Conways are the largest donors in Catholic University history.



“When I came in as the new dean, met with the faculty, University leadership, and other critical stakeholders and evaluated our goals for expansion, I saw the need for more faculty to achieve these goals,” said Dean Marie Nolan, Ph.D. 1989. “I spoke with both (former) President Garvey and Mr. Conway, who, together with his wife, Joanne, were nice enough to say ‘we can help with this.’ Their very generous donation to fund the initiative of new faculty is really transformational for us.”

In seeking to reduce the national nursing shortage by supporting the education of new nurses, the Conways also understood the need for more faculty to teach those students. This latest Conway gift will fund salary support, stipends for research and administration, and other start-up costs.

“We were blessed with the resources to be able to further help the University achieve its goal of increasing both enrollment and faculty in the nursing school,” said Bill Conway. “It is exciting to see the nursing school continue to grow.”

Currently, the CSON has 21 full-time faculty members. Additional full-time faculty positions that are needed include clinical faculty to teach at both the baccalaureate and graduate level, research faculty to teach and advance the science of nursing, and an associate dean for administration to support the advancement of our academic programs.

The Conway gift will enable Nolan to hire a psychiatric nurse practitioner. Nolan explained that many people of all ages

are experiencing mental health problems and some of these conditions were exacerbated by the pandemic. Because of the increase in mental health problems, nurses at all levels need to be well-prepared to assess and treat mental health conditions and to promote positive mental health.

“We want our students to be well prepared in mental health and psychiatric nursing. So, one of the Conway faculty positions is targeting the psychiatric, mental health specialty,” said Nolan.

Increased class size is another factor that the Conway gift will help Nolan address. Like many other college and university nursing programs, Catholic University has had to turn away interested applicants due to lack of faculty, as well as a lack of locations where students can be placed for clinicals.

“Noting her gratitude again for the Conway’s gift, Dean Nolan said, “This is just such a welcome contribution to our school. Bill and Joanne Conway have given so much to us, obviously. The fact that we have this magnificent new building being built is the physical demonstration of their confidence in the next generation of nurses being produced at the Conway School of Nursing.”

The school ranked fifth nationwide by *U.S. News & World Report* for its online master’s program in nursing, and according to results released in late January, it was also ranked 13th in the nation for its online master’s program for family nurse practitioners.



CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE GIFT

An anonymous donor made a \$3 million gift to the School of Architecture and Planning to further fund the program in Classical Architecture and Urban Design, headed by Professor James McCrery. The concentration is unique to Catholic University, as most architecture schools teach either one or the other.

According to McCrery, what is unique here at Catholic University is that while other university architecture programs might teach strictly classical architecture or focus only on modernist styles, the University's School of Architecture teaches both alongside each other.

"The result is that each discipline benefits from and is strengthened by the other," said McCrery.

The anonymous gift fulfills one of the goals that Dean Mark Ferguson hoped to achieve when he took over the school's leadership in 2020. "There is an opportunity at Catholic University to break down boundaries between factions advocating for one aesthetic or the other, and to encourage discourse between competing points of view. By bringing them together, the faculty and students will discover common goals and expose the principles underlying all great buildings and cities."



NCSSS ANSWERS THE CALL

**SERVING THOSE IN NEED,
SEEKING JUSTICE FOR ALL**

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration awarded the National Catholic School of Social Service a five-year, \$3.2 million grant.

Given to only 79 programs across the country, the grant supports students from disadvantaged backgrounds and underserved communities. It funds scholarships that the National Catholic School of Social Services (NCSSS) uses to recruit, support, and train these students as future social workers in its Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program. It is a five-year grant that requires an annual renewal.

Upon securing the original grant, NCSSS partnered with local colleges and universities, including historically black colleges and universities, to promote the HRSA scholarships to undergraduate students. NCSSS also worked with local health and human services organizations to recruit paraprofessionals interested in pursuing an M.S.W. degree.

Catholic University's HRSA scholarship recipients include those who are first-generation students, come from a family that receives public assistance, are from low-income households, or have a physical, learning, or mental impairment.

NCSSS has used the HRSA grant to enhance its recruitment of racial and ethnic minority students, who are historically underrepresented in health professional careers, and the school has benefited from these students' unique perspectives. To date, 22 HRSA Scholars have graduated with M.S.W. degrees. They are a diverse group, identifying as African American, African, American Indian, Hispanic, and White. By offering both on-campus and online courses, NCSSS has increased its ability to recruit HRSA Scholars, many of whom work full-time and have families and, therefore, need the online option, which has been crucial to their success.

NCSSS embodies Catholic University's mission of service and remains faithful to its mission of preparing students to go forth and reach the marginalized, its guiding principle for more than 100 years. With these targeted scholarship resources, NCSSS is helping students who will receive expert training to help a wider population who are less fortunate.



GIVING CHALLENGES SUPPORT THE FUND FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Catholic University is grateful to those who support the University during our annual giving days, including Founders Day, celebrated each April, and the Athletics Giving Challenge, a fun competition held each November to help secure additional funding for our dedicated Cardinal student athletes and support coaching priorities.





WITH GRATITUDE AND HOPE

Throughout the closing years of the Light the Way Campaign, Catholic University held a number of select events to thank the generous donors who support the University through their philanthropy in support of our Campaign goals.

These event included the Gratus dinner, to celebrate donors and scholarships; 1887 Weekends, to further engage and thank members of the 1887 Society who make leadership annual gifts; the dedication of Angels Unawares and its permanent installation in Welcome Plaza, made possible by the generous gift of donor Jacqueline Mars; and the Campaign close celebration, Lux. All of these events were opportunities to honor donors who give with the utmost dedication or at the highest levels. We are so grateful for all of those who helped us Light the Way and surpass our Campaign goal.

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