



COLLEGE and GRADUATE SCHOOL of ARTS & SCIENCES



FRIENDS WHO SO GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO ARTS & SCIENCES

WITH YOUR HELP WE RAISED

\$778,800,000 FROM 110,000 GIFTS

In 2013, the College Foundation set an ambitious goal to raise \$750M by 2025 to support the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences as part of the University's Honor the Future campaign.

Spanning the leadership of three deans, the fundraising priorities included preserving and enhancing faculty and graduate student excellence, establishing a leading institute for democracy, and providing a second-to-none undergraduate experience through scholarships, groundbreaking curriculum changes, and multiple innovative programs supported by the College Fund.

The inspired purpose from Arts & Sciences, the ceaseless effort by the College Foundation, and the unprecedented generosity from donors enabled us to surpass our goal and transform the academic heart of the University.

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#### **REFLECTING ON TWELVE YEARS OF IMPACT**

Former Foundation President looks back on how the campaign addressed highly impactful strategic priorities for Arts & Sciences and UVA.

The conclusion of the *Honor the Future* campaign marked

an important milestone in the never-ending pursuit of excellence in Arts & Sciences. Having presided over the College Foundation for the entirety of the campaign, I can't help but reflect on the countless new relationships forged that, in the aggregate, have led to transformational progress in the College.

Spanning the service of two University Presidents and three deans, the campaign addressed highly impactful strategic priorities of Arts & Sciences and the University. It's fair to call the campaign a great success from a fundraising point of view, but campaigns must also have a purpose. We all take pride in knowing that this campaign delivered on a series of critically important purposes that have elevated and transformed our academic environment and reputation. It also resulted in a quadrupling of the College Foundation's endowment, which serves to eliminate vulnerability of positions and programs in Arts & Sciences that donors have generously endowed.

Along the way, I learned that fundraising for the College's priorities is noble work. It has led to new and deep friendships, which I cherish. To everyone who supported the campaign, and especially to those whom I have gotten to know well, I extend my most sincere personal thanks. Your gifts are what make Arts & Sciences extra special. It's hard to imagine how it would be without your support.

#### **EUGENE R. SCHUTT JR. '75, PAR '02**

Former President (2009-2025), The College Foundation of the University of Virginia



*\$778,800,000* 

**RAISED FOR ARTS & SCIENCES OUT OF \$6.1B RAISED ACROSS UVA**  \$29,000,000 OVER OUR \$750M GOAL

\*779M + \*101M = \*880,000,000

ARTS & SCIENCES MATCHING FUNDS

TOTAL IMPACT TO **ARTS & SCIENCES** 

~110,000

**TOTAL GIFTS TO ARTS** & SCIENCES

*151* 

**GIFTS OVER** \$1 MILLION

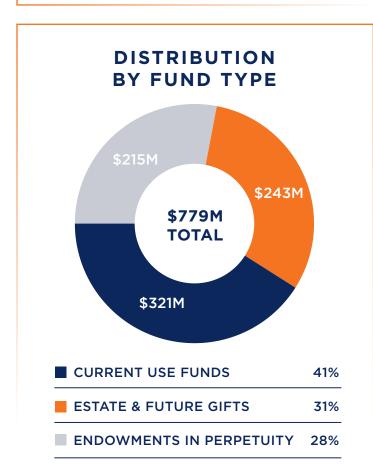
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**DONORS TO ARTS & SCIENCES**  **FIRST TIME DONORS** 

# CAMPAIGN by the NUMBERS

339 NEW ENDOWED FUNDS CREATED



342 ESTATE GIFTS MADE DURING THE CAMPAIGN

59 ESTATE GIFTS OVER \$1 MILLION

Including the Generous Planned Gifts of Patricia '87 and Charles Elcan, Erik Hirsch '95, J. Sanford Miller '71, and Alexander Sloane '74

#### **GIFTS BY PURPOSE**

**ACADEMIC** 26% **PROGRAMS** FLEXIBLE, UNRESTRICTED, 19% & CURRENT USE - COLLEGE FUND **FACULTY** 15% **SUPPORT UNDESIGNATED** 14% **ESTATE AND OTHER GIFTS** RESEARCH **GRADUATE** 10% **FELLOWSHIPS OTHER** 5% **UNDERGRADUATE SUPPORT** 

# MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

As the new President of the College Foundation, I am humbled by the generous support of alumni, parents, and friends of the College throughout the twelve years of the University's *Honor the Future* campaign. Across the tenure of three Deans, caring donors like you helped advance the strategic priorities for Arts & Sciences, strengthening its liberal arts program and elevating the University of Virginia.



Together, you've made it possible to replace top faculty during a generational wave of retirements. You've helped A&S re-imagine a dated and decades-old undergraduate general education curriculum that is now the envy of peer institutions. You have put UVA on the map as a center for exceptional research and scholarship on democracy. And you have prioritized graduate excellence, assuring that endowed fellowships create more competitive offers that attract the very best PhD candidates.

This unparalleled fundraising success would not have been possible without the leadership and guidance of my predecessor, Eugene R. Schutt, Jr. '75, who, while President, directed the efforts of the College Foundation's committed staff in support of the academic mission of Arts & Sciences for 16 years.

The College Foundation, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, is ever more focused on its mission to help advance Arts & Sciences. There is more exciting work to do, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with you—our loyal and committed supporters.

It is my honor to serve the University and Arts & Sciences as President of the College Foundation, and I can't thank you enough for your steadfast support.

#### MATT S. ERSKINE COL '92, PARENT '22 & '23

President, The College Foundation of the University of Virginia





## MESSAGE from the DEAN

TOGETHER, YOU REALIZED AN

UNPRECEDENTED

PHILANTHROPIC ACHIEVEMENT

FOR ARTS & SCIENCES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Dear Arts & Sciences Community,

As the *Honor the Future* Campaign concludes, I share my deep gratitude for the extraordinary generosity of our donors. Thanks to you, we have:

- Hired outstanding faculty during a significant generational transition, ensuring our students learn from the best minds in their fields.
- Added new endowed professorships and dedicated Faculty Excellence Funds, helping us recruit and retain extraordinary faculty.
- Positioned UVA as a national leader in democracy studies through the A&S Democracy Initiative, now part of the Karsh Institute for Democracy.
- Transformed our academic programs to include a unique First Year curriculum that provides the basis for an exceptional undergraduate student experience.

During this groundbreaking campaign, we launched a bold Graduate Excellence Campaign, which has already made a profound difference. It took 133 years to build a \$100 million endowment for the Graduate School—yet in less than two years, we succeeded in garnering commitments to double it, marking an unprecedented achievement in support for graduate education nationwide.

We are competing for—and winning—the best graduate students and the best faculty, strengthening our mission for the future. These preeminent scholars and teachers will advance our commitment to creating a second-to-none undergraduate student experience in the years ahead.

Your contributions affirm the enduring value of a liberal arts education—one that cultivates critical thinking, creativity, and citizenship in service to a better world. These enduring skills are more vital than ever in our rapidly changing world.

We will build on this strong foundation and move from meaningful progress to something truly transformative, mindful that the pathway for UVA to become the best public university in the nation and among the very best anywhere in the world runs directly through the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences. Thank you for making it all possible.

With deepest gratitude,

#### **CHRISTA D. ACAMPORA**

Buckner W. Clay Professor of Philosophy and Dean, College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

# ADVANCING the MISSION THROUGH KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

#### PRESERVING FACULTY EXCELLENCE

\$145.8 MILLION

Investments in endowed professorships and research funds attracted and retained top scholars and advanced cutting-edge research, enriching the student experience.

#### FUELING POSSIBILITY THROUGH THE COLLEGE FUND \$143.8 MILLION

By providing flexible funds to address unexpected or pressing needs, the College Fund and other unrestricted gifts strengthened every department, enabling critical work including innovative programming, faculty recruitment and retention, enhanced advising, and expanded research opportunities to ensure students receive a world-class liberal arts education.

#### **ELEVATING GRADUATE EXCELLENCE**

**\$104.2 MILLION** 

Transformative gifts doubled the Graduate School's endowment in two years and enabled the University to compete for top PhD candidates, attract leading faculty, and elevate departmental rankings, thereby enhancing learning at all levels and strengthening the University's academic reputation.

#### **ESTABLISHING THE DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE**

**\$71.9 MILLION** 

Philanthropy positioned UVA as a global leader in democracy studies, leading to the creation of the Karsh Institute of Democracy and funding research and activities that address threats to democratic governance worldwide.

#### **EXPANDING UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

\$57.1 MILLION

Scholarship support upheld UVA's promise to meet 100% of demonstrated financial need, opening doors for talented students and reducing financial stress, while freeing resources to enrich the undergraduate experience.

#### RE-IMAGINING THE COLLEGE CURRICULUM

**\$15.3 MILLION** 

Donor support enabled the launch of the Engagements Curriculum, replacing large lectures with small, seminar-style courses that foster critical thinking and interdisciplinary learning—making UVA's first-year experience a national model.

#### **AMPLIFYING DONOR GENEROSITY**

**\$100.5 MILLION** 

Recognizing the importance of Arts & Sciences' strategic priorities, the University committed \$100.5M in matching funds to increase the impact of unprecedented donor support for endowments. The combined donor and University funds held in perpetuity will ensure excellence in the College for future generations of students and faculty.



Investments in research funding, endowed professorships, and faculty excellence funds played a pivotal role in attracting, retaining, and empowering outstanding scholars across disciplines. These resources enabled faculty to pursue bold research agendas, mentor graduate students, and bring cutting-edge knowledge into the classroom.

This strategic support has helped build and sustain a world-class faculty whose work shapes the frontiers of knowledge and directly enhances the undergraduate experience. Students benefit from learning in an environment where faculty are not only exceptional teachers, but also active researchers and thought leaders in their fields. The campaign's impact is felt every day—in the vibrancy of classroom discussions, the rigor of academic inquiry, and the inspiration students draw from faculty who are deeply engaged in their work.

The College has laid a strong foundation for continued excellence, ensuring that future generations of students will learn from and work alongside some of the most talented minds in academia.

**DONORS COMMITTED** 

\*145.8\* MILLION

FUNDING 36 ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS—INCLUDING THOSE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY JOHN L. NAU III '68, ROBERTA SENECHAL DE LA ROCHE, AND THE KAPNICK FAMILY

\*Including matching University Strategic Investment Funds



### ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS BRING WORLD-CLASS FACULTY TO UVA

Endowed professorships are among the most powerful tools for attracting top faculty.

They provide the prestige and resources that allow UVA to recruit scholars who shape their fields and inspire students.

JESSE BALL, professor of Creative Writing and acclaimed author, exemplifies this impact: he holds the *Sydney Blair Memorial* 

Professorship in Creative Writing, a position made possible through a generous gift from the Kapnick Foundation.

Ball's connection to UVA began through the *Kapnick Writer-in-Residence Program*. This program invites distinguished writers to Grounds for short-term residencies, giving students unparalleled access to leading voices in literature. Ball's time as a *Kapnick Writer-in-Residence* forged the relationship that ultimately led him to join the faculty permanently.

Endowed chairs and visiting residencies transform UVA's academic landscape by ensuring that students learn from exceptional faculty whose creativity and expertise elevate the University's reputation worldwide.

## FACULTY ADVANCING CRITICAL RESEARCH

Philanthropic support is one of the most powerful drivers of discovery.

It provides the resources that enable faculty to pursue bold ideas and tackle urgent challenges—such as Alzheimer's disease, which affects millions worldwide.

GEORGE BLOOM, professor of Biology, Cell Biology, and
Neuroscience, has made significant progress in uncovering how
toxic proteins drive Alzheimer's disease—Thanks to research support from the Owens
Family Foundation and other donors. His research is laying the groundwork for future
therapies and bringing hope to patients and families around the world.

Private investment in faculty research does more than accelerate scientific breakthroughs; it creates opportunities for students to learn from leading experts and strengthens the University's reputation as a center for innovation. By supporting faculty research initiatives, donors ensure that UVA remains at the forefront of discoveries that improve lives.





# THE COLLEGE FUND

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS PROVIDED IMMEDIATE IMPACT AND LASTING CHANGE CRITICAL TO ARTS & SCIENCES.

By delivering flexible resources to meet urgent and evolving needs, the College Fund and other unrestricted gifts provided vital stability for Arts & Sciences. These funds offered immediate support that kept critical work moving forward strengthened every department and program, and ensured students continue to benefit from a world-class liberal arts education.

**DONORS COMMITTED** 

\$143.8 MILLION

IN COLLEGE FUND AND OTHER UNRESTRICTED GIFTS INCLUDING LEAD GIFTS FROM FRANK '85 AND NANCY BYNUM, LAW '83

27,260 **DONORS GAVE TO** THE COLLEGE FUND

OF DOLLARS RAISED FOR THE COLLEGE FUND WERE FROM BENEFACTORS SOCIETY MEMBERS (Donors who gave at least \$2,500 in a year)

\$41.3M from 1,518 multi-year pledges COMMITTED TO THE COLLEGE FUND DURING THE CAMPAIGN

#### **IMMEDIATE IMPACT, LASTING CHANGE:** THE COLLEGE FUND ADVANTAGE

Gifts to the College Fund during the campaign enabled transformative progress across all of Arts & Sciences, including in the critical areas highlighted below:

#### **UNDERGRADUATE EXCELLENCE**

College Fund investments elevated the undergraduate experience in numerous ways such as dramatic improvements to pre-major advising, numerous innovation opportunities in classroom learning, and broader availability of experiential learning opportunities including hands-on research, study abroad and career internships.

#### **GRADUATE SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION**

Early investment of almost \$3M from the College Fund raised stipends over 15% for PhD students. This initial funding led to a flywheel of success that's still growing—gifts that doubled the endowment, more applications, higher quality applicants, increased acceptances, and top PhD students choosing Arts & Sciences over premier programs that had not lost to UVA in decades.

#### RECRUITMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY FACULTY

College Fund support played a pivotal role in recruiting and retaining world class faculty from competing offers by top-ranked departments across peer universities. Supporting faculty research and other academic pursuits, as well as external engagement with higher education colleagues around the world, enabled Arts & Sciences faculty to earn prestigious National Academy honors and ensured that the College remains a destination for exceptional scholars.

#### STRATEGIC RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

The College Fund provided a portion of the \$25M that Arts & Sciences set aside to advance groundbreaking research. Faculty were awarded seed grants that provide crucial resources to launch promising new research projects and allow researchers to gather preliminary data to build competitive proposals for external grant applications. More recently, College Fund gifts helped fill critical gaps in federal funding, ensuring continuity for essential projects. Flexible funds to support research needs fostered innovation, ensuring UVA remains at the forefront of discovery across disciplines.

#### **INNOVATION IN ACTION**

When the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted traditional learning, the College Fund enabled Arts & Sciences to pivot rapidly to remote instruction. It also supported the launch of UVA LaunchPad—an eight-week virtual program offering courses, bootcamps, and hands-on projects to replace canceled internships. These swift, creative responses exemplify the power of unrestricted support. LaunchPad has since been re-imagined to scale transformative opportunities like this for many more students.

# Elevating GRADUATE EXCELLENCE

## TRANSFORMING GRADUATE EDUCATION AND ACCELERATING UVA'S PATH TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Endowment support for Graduate Excellence is delivering results that are reshaping the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences. **Thanks to donors, endowment commitments supporting PhD students have doubled in the last two years.** Arts & Sciences is now competing successfully for some of the most talented PhD students and attracting world-class faculty who elevate research and teaching across the University.

Newly endowed fellowships, increased stipends, and a commitment to maintaining the size of our PhD programs while many peer programs have been forced to contract have made UVA a number one choice for top scholars, reversing years of disadvantage. These investments ripple outward—expanding research, energizing professors and enriching undergraduate education through smaller classes, research opportunities and engaged mentoring.

This transformation, made possible by donor partnership, has positioned UVA as a leader among public universities. Every gift is fueling progress toward a future where UVA sets the standard for excellence in graduate education.

**DONORS COMMITTED** 

*\$104.2\* MILLION* 

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OF THE HONOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN

\*Including matching University Strategic Investment Funds

60 FULLY ENDOWED FELLOWSHIPS PROVIDED BY DONORS

28 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FUNDS PROVIDED BY DONORS

"Graduate students are the lifeblood of the College and at the heart of everything we seek to accomplish in the social sciences, arts, humanities and sciences."

- Brent Gunnoe, Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Commonwealth Professor of Chemistry



History PhD candidate Justin Winokur is uncovering how the United States transformed its role on the world stage after World War II—a shift that still shapes global politics today. His dissertation, *Relentless Struggle: The American National Security State, 1945–1963*, examines how policymakers built a political, economic, and cultural system capable of sustaining a permanent global military presence.

Justin's research draws on extensive archival work and his experience at Harvard Kennedy School, where he collaborated with leading public policy analysts. His work has already gained national attention, including a published article in Foreign Affairs analyzing how Cold War-era assumptions continue to influence U.S. foreign policy.

#### THANKS TO THE THE NORMAN A. GRAEBNER BICENTENNIAL FELLOWSHIP,

Justin has the freedom to pursue this ambitious project, positioning him as a rising voice in the study of American foreign relations and its enduring impact on today's world.

## RACHITA DASH: ADVANCING DRUG DISCOVERY THROUGH GRADUATE RESEARCH

Fifth-year chemistry PhD candidate Rachita Dash is tackling one of the toughest challenges in drug development—how life-saving medicines penetrate bacterial defenses to reach their targets. Working in UVA's Pires Lab, she studies the "molecular grammar" that governs cellular penetration, using innovative tools like bio-luminescence tracking and cyclic peptide analysis. Her research could accelerate the design of effective antibiotics, especially against diseases like tuberculosis.

#### THANKS TO THE LITTLETON GLOVER ENDOWED GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP,

Rachita has been able to focus on groundbreaking work that has earned international recognition and multiple publications. Her efforts exemplify how graduate support fuels discoveries that address global health challenges.

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A BOLD VISION IN ARTS & SCIENCES LEAD TO A UNIVERSITY-WIDE INSTITUTE SHAPING THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY.

The University of Virginia's historic ties to the birth of American democracy—founded by Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, and located near our nation's capital—provided the foundation for an ambitious undertaking. Under the leadership of Dean Ian Baucom, and with the help of generous donors, the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences launched the *Democracy Initiative*, a transformative effort to confront global threats to democratic governance and position UVA as a beacon of interdisciplinary research and scholarship.

Anchored by the John L. Nau III Core Lab on the History and Principles of Democracy and strengthened by cross-school collaborations, the Initiative united scholars across disciplines to examine, defend, and advance democratic principles. This work established UVA as a leader in democracy scholarship and public engagement, laying the groundwork for the Karsh Institute of Democracy, a pan-University institute dedicated to addressing the most urgent challenges facing democracy today.

#### DONOR SUPPORT HAS BEEN PIVOTAL AT EVERY STAGE OF THIS JOURNEY.

From funding the Nau Core Lab to enabling the expansion into a University-wide institute, philanthropy has powered groundbreaking research, innovative programming, and global partnerships. With the construction of the Karsh Institute's permanent home—a hub for scholarship and civic dialogue—UVA will remain at the forefront of shaping democracy for generations to come.

**DONORS COMMITTED** 

\$71.9\* MILLION

INCLUDING LEAD GIFTS FROM JOHN L. NAU III '68, THE BROWN FAMILY, AND A \$10 MILLION GIFT FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR

\*Including matching University Strategic Investment Funds



## REFRAMING DEMOCRACY THROUGH HISTORY

Global Perspectives: Strengthening UVA's Leadership in Democracy Scholarship

INDRANI CHATTERJEE, a leading historian of South Asia, exemplifies the transformative impact of the Democracy Initiative. As the John L. Nau III Distinguished Professor of the History and Principles of Democracy, Chatterjee's research explores the intersections of gender, religion, and politics from

the late 17th to the 20th centuries—bringing critical global context to the study of democratic principles.

This endowed professorship, made possible through donor support, attracts world-class scholars whose expertise deepens UVA's interdisciplinary approach to democracy.

By investing in the revolutionary Democracy Initiative, donors ensured that UVA remains a destination for exceptional faculty who challenge assumptions, broaden perspectives, and advance scholarship that informs democratic practice worldwide.

#### DEMOCRACY360: TURNING IDEAS INTO ACTION

A Signature Program Driving Public Engagement and Solutions

THE KARSH INSTITUTE'S DEMOCRACY360 convenes thought leaders, policymakers, and citizens biannually for a three-day summit focused on the most urgent challenges facing democracy today. Through panels, workshops, and community conversations, *Democracy360* transforms research into actionable strategies—bridging the gap between scholarship and civic life.

The Democracy Initiative created this signature event with early philanthropic support. Generous donor support continues to fuel programming that amplifies UVA's role as a convener of ideas and a catalyst for change. Donors have helped to create a platform where diverse voices come together to strengthen democratic systems locally, nationally, and globally.

# Expanding UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **ENSURING ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY STUDENT**

The University of Virginia is one of only two public institutions in the nation that make admissions decisions without regard to financial need and guarantee meeting 100% of demonstrated need for every student. This commitment ensures that talented students can attend UVA regardless of their financial circumstances. For the 2025-26 academic year:

- 32% of Arts & Sciences undergraduates received need-based financial aid
- The average amount awarded was \$31,582 per student

Meeting this need is a significant financial responsibility which the College—the largest school at UVA—must fund from the tuition revenue it receives.

During the campaign **donors created more than 85 new scholarships** to support Arts & Sciences students. Scholarship endowments not only help current and future students who otherwise could not afford a UVA education, but they also allow the College to direct a larger portion of tuition revenue toward enriching the undergraduate experience and ensuring academic excellence in perpetuity.

#### DONOR GIFTS HAVE MADE A DIRECT AND LASTING IMPACT.

Every scholarship fund helps open doors for deserving students and strengthens UVA's ability to uphold its promise of affordability, transforming lives for generations to come.

**DONORS COMMITTED** 

\$57.1\* MILLION

AND CREATED OVER 85 NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BENEFITING HUNDREDS OF ARTS & SCIENCES STUDENTS.

\*Including matching University Strategic Investment Funds



#### **OPPORTUNITY IN ACTION**

Aminah Mason's UVA journey was shaped by scholarship support, community involvement, and a deep commitment to help others.

AMINAH MASON '25 majored in sociology and media studies. She is an Echols and Questbridge Scholar. Her time at UVA was enriched by her involvement in various extracurricular activities, including serving as a peer advisor for the Office of African-American Affairs and participating in fashion clubs like Fashion for a Cause and Africa Day.

The Beverly Byrd Mills Bicentennial Scholarship Aminah received was transformative, alleviating financial stress and enabling her to fully engage in her academic and extracurricular pursuits.

"This scholarship has changed my life and allowed me to experience access to resources I would have never received if I didn't go here. It has provided me with flexibility and appreciation for the various expenses of college and it has reduced my anxiety and stress when it comes to finances."

- Aminah Mason '25, Beverly Byrd Mills Bicentennial Scholar

# Re-imagining the COLLEGE CURRICULUM

#### AND TRANSFORMING THE STUDENT AND FACULTY EXPERIENCE

Arts & Sciences has taken bold steps to ensure students thrive in a rapidly changing world—progress that was fueled by the generosity of donors who believed in the power of innovation. Their support enabled the College to launch a pilot program that has become the foundation of a new curriculum. First-year *Engagements* classes—small seminars that immerse students in interdisciplinary learning and sharpen skills in critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and persuasive communication—have replaced large, impersonal lecture courses.

This shift is more than structural—it's cultural. For students, the *Engagements* create classrooms where ideas are tested, debated and refined, fostering intellectual curiosity and civil discourse. Students report feeling more connected to faculty and peers and more confidence in expressing their thoughts. Engagements introduce habits of mind—such as ethical reasoning and evidence-based argument—that students carry into their majors and careers.

**Faculty experience has been equally transformative.** For several years, professors step away from normal teaching loads to co-design courses with faculty from multiple disciplines and learn effective strategies for leading first-year student seminars. Following the Engagements experience, they carry reinvigorated teaching approaches back to their home disciplines and often reconnect later with their first-year students in higher level courses. The program has strengthened educational connections across departments, and demand to teach the *Engagements* remains high.

More recently, additional philanthropic support enabled the *Engagements* to become the backbone of a transformational advising redesign in the College. First-semester *Engagements* faculty provide personal guidance over a student's first two years before declaring a major. Early results show significant gains in student satisfaction and engagement.

**THE IMPACT OF THE NEW CURRICULUM IS FELT EVERY DAY**—in energized faculty, empowered students, and a College that is setting the standard for what higher education can be.

**DONORS COMMITTED** 

\$15.3 MILLION

**INCLUDING A LEAD GIFT FROM THOMPSON DEAN '79** 



"The Engagements were designed not only to introduce our first-year students to new ways of thinking and knowing that are vital to success in College, but also to provide our faculty space and time to reinvest in their teaching."

- Bo Odom, Assistant Dean and Director of Academic Initiatives

10,156

STUDENTS THROUGH PROGRAM TO DATE

165

FACULTY HAVE TAUGHT IN THE ENGAGEMENTS

2017-2018

ACADEMIC YEAR PILOT STARTED

2023-2024

FULLY SCALED AS GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

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#### GIVING HAS PERSONAL MEANING FOR EVERY DONOR

"My gifts are an investment in UVA's future. I give to help attract and retain exceptional faculty, support deserving students, and create opportunities that will enrich the educational experience for generations to come."

- ERIK HIRSCH 195

"As UVA graduates and parents, we wanted to create something that connects our passion for early childhood education with the University's mission. By establishing the Elizabeth and Walker Simmons Bicentennial Fellowship Fund, we hope to advance brain science research that informs childhood development and drives greater investment in early childhood education. Our goal is to help UVA attract outstanding graduate students and strengthen the University long into the future."

- LIZ SIMMONS '93

"My hope is that the Arts & Sciences Bicentennial Scholarship opens the door for students who might not otherwise afford a UVA education, giving them the same transformative experience I enjoyed. I believe the ideas, skills, and lifelong relationships they build here will empower them to make a meaningful impact in the world and they become their own version of an Honor Man or Woman."

- LISA SMITH '85

## BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Together, we have achieved something extraordinary.

Your generosity has transformed the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences—preserving its historic place as the heart and intellectual center of UVA and elevating the entire University. Your gifts reflect more than numbers—they represent lives changed, ideas advanced, and a future strengthened.

The Honor the Future campaign was never about just meeting a goal; it was about creating lasting impact. With the record-breaking philanthropic partnership between the College Foundation and our amazing donors, Arts & Sciences, the academic home of 62% of UVA's undergraduates and 40% of PhD students across UVA's 12 schools, stands ready to lead boldly into the next chapter, shaping scholars and citizens who will make a difference in the world.

THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN THIS MISSION AND FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE.

## RECOGNIZING DONOR GENEROSITY

This campaign was powered by thousands of donors whose vision and commitment made every achievement possible.

To honor this extraordinary generosity, we are proud to present the Honor Roll of Donors, featuring:

- Donors whose cumulative commitments reached \$100,000 or more during the campaign
- Alumni, parents, and friends who pledged five years of support to the College Fund during the campaign through an Honor Pledge or Founder's Challenge Pledge
- All endowments established throughout the campaign, ensuring lasting impact

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL INSPIRE AND SUSTAIN EXCELLENCE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

Explore the Honor Roll of Donors at give.as.virginia.edu/honor-roll-donors.



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