

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

BLUEPRINTS FOR TOMORROW

ANNUAL REPORT
2024/2025





A LETTER FROM THE INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Each day at Indian River State College, I meet students whose stories remind me why our mission matters so profoundly. Some are the first in their families to attend college. Others are working parents balancing jobs, classes, and the needs of their families. Many arrive uncertain about their future, but all share a common determination—the desire to build a brighter tomorrow.

Because of your support, tomorrow is becoming a reality. Together, we are not only transforming individual lives but also strengthening the economic and social fabric of our region. More than 77% of Indian River State College graduates remain in our district, where they serve as teachers in our schools, nurses in our hospitals, innovators in our businesses, and more. Their success fuels workforce growth, expands opportunity, and creates resilience that benefits us all.

Education has the power to change the trajectory of a student's life—and, in turn, the future of a community.

At Indian River State College, we see this transformation every day. With the unwavering dedication of our faculty and staff and the steadfast support of friends like you, our students' hopes become achievements, and their potential becomes progress for us all. On behalf of the entire College community, I want to thank you for believing in our students and in the promise of education. Together, we are truly building brighter futures.

Very respectfully,

Dr. Timothy E. Moore

President, Indian River State College

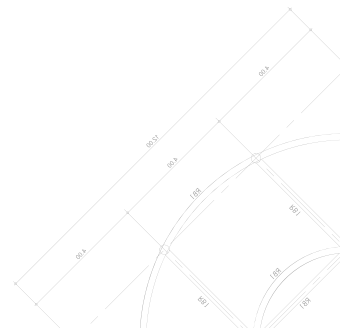


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A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

Each year, the Indian River State College Foundation is privileged to witness the life-changing power of education at work. Together, we are not just investing in students—we are building brighter futures for families, our communities, and entire generations.

This year's Annual Report, Building Brighter Futures Blueprints for Tomorrow, reflects the essential role that your support plays in making this transformation possible. Your generosity fuels scholarships, strengthens academic programs, and creates opportunities for students who might otherwise face insurmountable barriers to achieving their dreams.

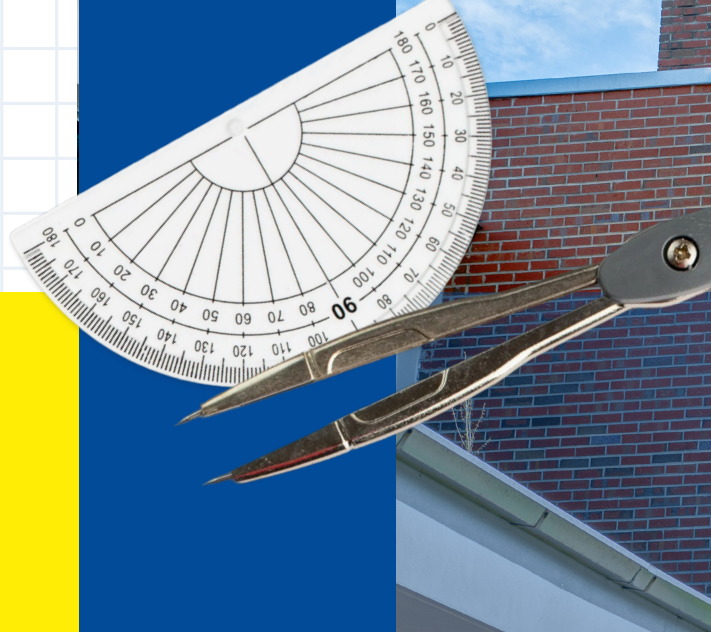
As Board Chair, I am proud of the progress we have made—but even more inspired by what lies ahead. Our Board is committed to guiding the Foundation with integrity, transparency, and vision. We continue to focus on expanding access to higher education, sustaining the Promise Program, and growing the resources that will ensure Indian River State College remains a driving force for economic mobility in our region.

On behalf of my fellow Directors, thank you for joining us on this journey. Your belief in our mission turns possibility into reality and gives students the power to chart their own course toward a brighter tomorrow. Together, we are not just keeping the promise—we are shaping the future.

With gratitude,

Ryan C. Abernethy

Chair, Indian River State College Foundation Board of Directors



POWERING TODAY'S JOURNEY
TOWARDS TOMORROW'S

OPPORTUNITIES



SCHOLARSHIPS

2024-2025 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS



\$2.95
293+
1217

MILLION
DOLLARS
FUNDED

ACADEMIC
SCHOLARSHIPS
FUNDS

SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED



- AAUW - Vero Beach Branch Endowed Scholarship
- AAUW - Vero Beach Branch Scholarship
- Abbey Family Fund Scholarship
- Adam Ricci Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship
- Adele Conticello Songbird Scholarship
- Adele M. and Joseph A. Romer Endowed Scholarship
- Adele Romer Scholarship
- ADK (Alpha Delta Kappa) - Memorial Scholarship
- Adriane L. Santiago Memorial Scholarship
- Agricultural Endowment Scholarship
- Albert and Mary Ellen Nowak Endowed Scholarship
- Alice Stewart Boyd Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- All County Ambulance EMT Scholarship
- Amelia Ann Shuck Endowment
- Andreas Panayiotou Memorial Scholarship for Electronics Engineering Technology
- Anne R. Snyder Endowed Scholarship
- Anne Wilder Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Ann M. Scollay Education Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Ann Polk Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Arnowitt Accounting Endowed Scholarship
- Arnowitt Endowed Scholarship
- Arthur & Marian Block Memorial - Indian River State College Bachelor's Degree Scholarship
- Askeland George Family Endowed Scholarship
- Axel Hallstrom Endowment
- Scholarship
- Barbara Pennell Memorial Endowed Scholarship
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- Bob and Ruth Young Memorial Scholarship from the St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club
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- Burgart Endowed Scholarship
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- CeeCee Ross Lyles Memorial Scholarship
- Charlene Hoag Memorial Scholarship
- Charlotte B. Forestier Private Foundation Trust Honors Scholarship Endowment Fund
- C. Harold Porter Memorial - Indian River State College Bachelor's Degree Scholarship
- Chi Chiou Liu, M.D. Endowed Scholarship
- Child Development Endowed Scholarship
- Christina M. O'Brien Memorial Scholarship
- Coffman Collection Scholarship
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- Connors Family Endowed Scholarship
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- Culinary Institute - Restaurant Management Scholarship
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- David L. McKeever Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Decker & Lyons Endowed Scholarship
- Deena & Joel Wynne Scholarship
- Delaney G. Bottorff Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Det. James A. Cozine Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship
- Devin Herndon Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Donald and Norma Kerkow Scholarship
- Dot and Bud Adams Endowed Scholarship
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- Dr. Charles Perl Scholarship
- Dr. Duane Patrick Chin-Quee Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Robert and Nancy Bedingfield Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Dr. W. Hinson Jones and Grace Keller Jones Scholarship
- Early Childhood Education Professional Development Scholarship Fund
- Earnie and Virginia E. Rogers Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Ed Drondoski Memorial Scholarship
- Ed Musgrove Memorial Scholarship
- Edward L. Allen Endowed Scholarship
- Eleni Deslis Character Counts Scholarship
- Elinor Gardner Marvin Fine Arts Scholarship
- Elizabeth Thomas Mathematics Endowed Scholarship
- Elmer Stapleton Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Environmental Land Development Scholarship
- Ethel "Hutchie" Altobello Nursing Scholarship
- Evelyn and Floyd Welch Scholarship
- Feibel Music Scholarship
- Flash Auto Electric Endowed Scholarship
- Florida Blue Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship
- Florida Paralegal Scholarship - TC Chapter
- Florida Power & Light Company Endowed Scholarship
- Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association Scholarship FWPCOA Region V
- Fort Pierce Art Club Scholarship
- Fort Pierce Sportfishing Club-Stan Blum Memorial Scholarship
- Fort Pierce Sunrise Kiwanis Club Scholarship
- Frances and Ronald Jaffe Foundation Scholarship
- Francis J. "Skip" O'Boy Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Frank Amato Memorial Scholarship
- Frank and Betty Williamson Endowed Scholarship
- Frank L. Watkins, Jr. Legacy Scholarship
- Frost Public Safety Scholarship
- Garden Club of Indian River County Scholarship
- George P. Stanich Memorial Transfer - Indian River State College Bachelor's Degree Scholarship

- Gertrude E. Skelly Health Sciences Scholarship
- Glendola Moye Scholarship
- Gracie Bryant Endowed Scholarship
- Grand Harbor Community Outreach Scholarship
- Greer K. Maeder & Arleen Krajicek Endowed Scholarship
- Greg and Garret Russakis Endowed Memorial Automotive Scholarship
- Harriet A. Heuser Endowed Business Scholarship for Women
- Hawley Ades -Vista Pines Music Scholarship
- Hefflebower Endowed Scholarship
- Henry Family Trust Nursing Scholarship
- Hobe Sound Community Chest Scholarship
- Howard T. Tee, M.D. Employee Scholarship
- Hoyt Howard Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- IME - BECA Scholarship
- Indian River County Bar Association
- Indian River County Cattlemen's Endowed Association Scholarship
- Indian River County Florida Retired Educators Association Scholarship
- Indian River Region - Antique Automobile Club Scholarship
- Indian River State College Alumni Association Mascot Scholarship
- International Club Scholarship
- Investing in Youth Scholarship (Workforce Development Board)
- Irby Family Scholarship
- Indian River State College Baccalaureate Nursing/Health Science Scholarship
- Indian River State College Baccalaureate Scholarship
- Indian River State College Employee Endowed Scholarship
- Indian River State College Foundation Metlife Scholarship
- Indian River State College Nursing and Health Science Endowed Scholarship
- Jack F. Bylsma III Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Jack Ivy Detachment Marine Corps League Scholarship
- Jack Ivy Detachment Marine Corps League- Corporal Ian Zook Memorial Scholarship
- Jack Ivy Detachment Marine Corps League - John A. Colucco HM 2nd Memorial Scholarship
- Jacques Teich Memorial Scholarship
- James and Virginia Merrill Endowed Scholarship
- James B. and Nellie L. Brinkley "Brinkley Scholars" Endowed Scholarship
- James R. Reap Endowed Accounting Faculty Scholarship
- James W. Mueller Memorial Indian River State College Bachelor's Degree or Transfer Scholarship
- Jean and Jack Fielden Indian River State College or Transfer Scholarship
- Jeff Martin Memorial Scholarship
- Jennie Bsharah Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Jeremy Wigglesworth Memorial Scholarship
- Jerry M. Herold Memorial Scholarship
- Jimmie Anne Haisley Endowed Book Scholarship
- Jimmie Anne Haisley Endowed Scholarship
- JML Memorial Health Care Scholarship
- Joanne Bury Physical Therapist Assistant Scholarship
- John and Helen Price Endowed Scholarship Fund
- John Donahue/EDC Scholarship Fund
- John's Island Community Service League Employee Scholarship
- John's Island Community Service League Scholarship
- Juanita Brown Memorial Scholarship
- Junior League of Martin County Scholarship Fund Endowed
- KAL/EM Scholarship
- Kapell Family Scholarship for Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Program
- Katrina Ribakoff Memorial Indian River State College or Transfer Scholarship
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- Kenneth Wright Memorial Scholarship
- Kight Scholarship Fund
- Kimberly Ann Bergalis Scholarship
- Kyle Wahl Memorial Scholarship
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- Lawrence G. and Laura Clayton Scholarship
- Leroy and Iris Pressley Endowed Scholarship
- Linda King Hammock Endowed Scholarship
- Link Foundation Distinguished Scholar Award Scholarship
- Lorraine Winn Memorial Nursing and Health Sciences Single Mothers Scholarship
- Lothar Zeran Endowment Scholarship
- Lothar Zeran Rotary Club of Vero Beach Scholarship
- Lowenstein Endowed Scholarship Fund
- LSB Scholarship
- Lt. William H. & Ann M. Smith, Jr. Memorial Firefighters' Endowment Scholarship
- Ludwig-Obluck Scholarship
- Lynn Alan Wenrick Memorial Scholarship
- Madison Hodges WQCS Scholarship
- Major Charles Winn Veterans Nursing Scholarship
- Marilyn C. Link Endowed Scholarship
- Marjorie H. Routt Scholarship
- Marjorie March Scholarship Fund
- Marsha Pearsaul Van Arman Education Scholarship
- Marydonna McGee Memorial Scholarship
- Mary L. Fields Endowed Scholarship
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- Massey Family Endowed Scholarship
- Matthews Media Scholarship
- Maureen J. Oummadi, R.N. Scholarship
- Maxwell and Doris King Scholarship
- McConnell Family Endowed Scholarship
- McSpadden Nursing & Health Science Endowed Scholarship
- Michael Abt, Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Michael Chance Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Michael Sawicki Memorial Scholarship
- Mikati Endowed Scholarship

• Mildred E. Daniels Endowment Nursing Scholarship	• Port St. Lucie AAUW Scholarship	State College Bachelor's Degree Scholarship Fund	• Stephen Melvin "Quest For Knowledge" Endowed Scholarship
• Miles Grant Country Club Scholarship Fund	• Port St. Lucie American Legion Auxiliary Unit 355 Nursing Scholarship	• Rosalie S. Jay Memorial Scholarship (for incoming Indian River State College students)	• St. Lucie County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen Scholarship Fund
• Nancy & Michael Smith Endowed Scholarship	• Port St. Lucie Business Women/Kay Schaeffer Memorial Certificate or Degree Scholarship	• Roseann Gregory Endowment Scholarship	• St. Lucie County Fair Association, Inc. Youth Scholarship
• Nathan Bowerman Endowed Scholarship	• Port St. Lucie Business Women Kay Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship (Bachelor)	• Royal Palms of St. Lucie Scholarship	• St. Lucie County Hundred Club, Inc. Endowed Scholarship
• National Wild Turkey Federation Indian River Penwa Strutters Chapter & Women of the Outdoors Scholarship	• Port St. Lucie Business Women Kay Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship (High School)	• Rufus Alexander and Jay Sizemore St. Lucie County Fire District Scholarship	• St. Lucie County Master Gardeners Scholarship
• Nell Rogers Memorial Scholarship	• Port St. Lucie Hispanic American Club Scholarship	• Saint Lucie River Chapter Daughter of the American Revolution - Gold Star Scholarship	• St. Lucie County Scholarship Fund
• Nowak Endowed Scholarship	• Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary Club Scholarship	• Saint Lucie River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution - Female Veteran Scholarship	• St. Lucie County Upward Bound Scholarship
• Ocean Village "AWOL" Scholarship	• Raphaelian Family Scholarship	• Saint Lucie River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution - Norma Kerkow Memorial Scholarship	• St. Lucie West Garden Club Scholarship
• Olive & Osmond Peterson - A.E. Backus Endowed Scholarship	• Ray Collins Memorial Scholarship - Rotary Club of Vero Beach-Sunrise	• Saint Lucie River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship	• Strelsa H. Schreiber Memorial Scholarship
• Orchid Outreach Scholarship	• Raymond and Louise Dubrowski Endowed Scholarship	• Santa Feketa Education Scholarship	• Stuart Rotary Charitable Foundation Endowed Scholarship
• Owen Foundation Endowed Scholarship	• Reach Into The Future Endowed Scholarship	• Scott J. Bishop/Lorie M. Kulzer Memorial Scholarship	• Taronto Endowed Scholarship
• Parker Hannifin - Vero Beach Scholarship	• Reginald M. Woodall Endowed Scholarship	• Sea Oaks/Homeowners Employees Learning Program, Inc. Scholarship	• The Brenntty at Vero Beach Employee Scholarship
• Patricia Jo Bryant Memorial Scholarship	• Restoring the Village Endowed Scholarship	• SF Endowment	• The Joan O'Steen Promise Endowed Scholarship
• Patricia M. Atkinson, R.N. Nursing Endowed Scholarship	• Richard Barsalou Memorial Endowed Scholarship	• SF Scholarship Fund	• Theodore Kamien Memorial Scholarship / Gold Coast Branch of American Public Works Association
• Patricia McQueen Memorial Scholarship	• Richard C. Moore Scholarship	• SGA Leadership Scholarship	• Thomas A. Scott Medical Laboratory Technology Scholarship
• Patterson Endowed Scholarship	• Richard R. Greene Engineering Scholarship	• Sgt. Robert Valentine Memorial Scholarship	• Tia's Helping Hands Special Education Endowed Scholarship
• Paulie Fund Foundation Endowed Scholarship	• Robert Alan Parks Endowed Scholarship	• Sheriff Deryl Loar Scholarship	• Treasure Coast Blues Society "R. Dale Trefelner Music Scholarship"
• Pauline MacArthur Vocational Scholarship	• Robert J. Councilman Memorial Respiratory Scholarship	• Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship Fund	• Treasure Coast Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs Association Scholarship
• Paul "Pete" J. Hegener Memorial Scholarship	• Robert Morgade Memorial Scholarship	• Southern Eagle Scholarship	• Treasure Coast Fire Chiefs Association Scholarship
• P.E.O. Florida Chapter HW Scholarship	• Ronald Saxton Endowed Scholarship	• South Florida Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine Scholarship	• Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities (TCRLC) Annual Scholarship
• Philippine-American Association of the Treasure Coast, Inc. (Phil-Am) Endowed Scholarship	• Ron Roberts Scholarship Fund	• Specialist Jordan C. Schumann Memorial Scholarship	• Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities (TCRLC) Endowment Scholarship
• Pioneer River Press Scholarship	• Ron Slade Memorial Scholarship - Rotary Club of Vero Beach Sunrise	• Standish L. & Hazel N. Crews Memorial Scholarship	
• PNC/Maltby F. Watkins, M.D. Endowment Fund Scholarship	• Rosalie S. Jay Memorial Indian River		

- Treasure Coast Women in Construction Endowed Scholarship NAWIC
- Valeda C. Mueller Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Vega Scholarship
- Vero Beach Theatre Guild Scholarship
- Veterans Council of Indian River Scholarship
- Villar-McCarthy First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- Viola Harris Memorial Scholarship
- Wallace and Patricia Neilson Memorial Scholarship
- Walter and Lalita Janke Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund
- Wendell Vincent "Morty" Allison II Memorial Scholarship
- Wilbur Wallace Jones Memorial Indian River State College Bachelor's Degree Scholarship
- Willard & Mary Etta Bowers Endowed Health Science Scholarship
- William and Helen Thomas Nursing and Health Science Scholarship Fund
- William "Coach Billy" H. Livings Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- William Lamm Memorial Scholarship
- William T. Piper Scholarship
- Wisniewski Endowed Scholarship Fund





PAULIE FUND FOUNDATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

CREATED TO HONOR A FRIEND, THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES \$2,000 ANNUALLY TO A DIGITAL MEDIA PROGRAM STUDENT AND KEEPS HIS MEMORY ALIVE.

In 2020, friends and family of Paul Lefavi established the Paulie Fund, a donor-supported organization dedicated to honoring Paul's passion for creative learning and digital arts, as well as his unwavering commitment to students. Through community-driven events such as golf tournaments, pub crawls, and 5Ks, the Paulie Fund raises vital resources to sustain the Paulie Fund Foundation Endowed Scholarship at Indian River State College (IRSC)—ensuring Paul's legacy of creativity and mentorship continues to inspire future generations.

Paul was a cherished member of the Indian River State College family for more than 20 years before his passing in 2019 due to complications from Mantle Cell Lymphoma. Throughout his 17-year career with the College, he played a pivotal role in

bringing numerous stories to life, advancing video productions, supporting online learning initiatives, and showcasing the achievements of others.

The first Paulie Fund Foundation Endowed Scholarship was awarded during the 2021–2022 academic year, totaling \$500 for a student in the Digital Media Program.

Today, thanks to the generosity of the Paulie Fund and the community's steadfast support, the scholarship has grown to provide more than \$2,000 annually to deserving students at Indian River State College. Paul's spirit endures in every student who dares to dream, create, and achieve with the support of this scholarship.

Kate Beckwith Woody, a native of Pittsburgh and Chatham University graduate with a degree in Human Service Administration, is making a meaningful impact through her generous support of Indian River State College. Known for her dedication to education and the arts, Kate's philanthropic efforts are advancing the college's mission and creating new opportunities for students.

Her passion for supporting cultural and educational institutions is evident in her involvement with the Women's Committee of the Carnegie Museum of Art, where she played a key role in managing the prestigious antique show. This commitment to community enrichment is reflected in her generous contributions to educational organizations, which underscore her belief in the transformative power of learning.

Kate's history of supporting schools is long-standing. She has been an active donor to The Ellis School and St. Edward's School in Pittsburgh, helping to enhance programs and provide resources for future generations. Now, as a supporter of Indian River State College, Kate continues this legacy by contributing to initiatives that expand access to education and empower students to achieve their goals.

Through her philanthropy, Kate Beckwith Woody exemplifies the vital role donors play in shaping the future of education. Her generosity helps ensure that Indian River State College can continue to offer quality programs and foster a thriving academic community.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

KATE BECKWITH WOODY

PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY

The President's Society honors the remarkable generosity of donors whose commitment fuels excellence at Indian River State College. Their philanthropy empowers student success, strengthens the community, and helps shape a brighter future for generations to come.

All County Ambulance

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St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners

St. Lucie County Hundred Club, Inc.

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The Aaron Project

The Florida College System Foundation

The National Board of Respiratory Care

Thomas A. Scott Charitable Foundation Inc.

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The Legacy Society celebrates visionary donors whose planned gifts create lasting opportunities for future generations. Their generosity sustains our mission, empowering students to achieve their dreams and build a stronger community for years to come.



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For more than 25 years, Margaret Wisniewski and her late husband, Stan, have been among the most dedicated supporters of the Indian River State College Foundation. Together, they championed initiatives that touched nearly every corner of The River—supporting the Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning, advancing innovation through the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, uplifting the arts, and opening doors for students through scholarships.

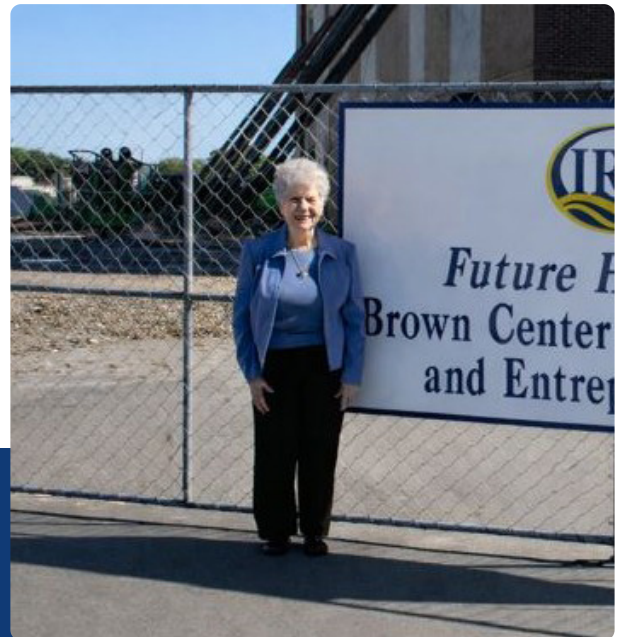
Margaret's giving has always been both visionary and deeply personal. Over the years, she has supported the College through annuities and even by donating a residence—extraordinary gifts that reflect her unwavering belief in the mission of Indian River State College and its ability to transform lives.

Her generosity did not end there. In a remarkable act of forward-looking philanthropy, Margaret included the Indian River State College Foundation in her estate planning.

Through this planned gift, she significantly bolstered her endowment, bringing it to an impressive \$300,000. This enduring fund now provides approximately \$15,000 in scholarships annually—support that will continue to empower students year after year.

Margaret's legacy is more than a testament to her generosity; it is a promise to future generations. Her thoughtful estate planning ensures that students at The River will always have access to the resources, opportunities, and encouragement they need to succeed.

Her story demonstrates the profound impact that planned giving can have—extending generosity far beyond a lifetime and creating a lasting current of opportunity for all who come after.



2024–2025 LEGACY GIVING

A TRIBUTE TO LASTING GENEROSITY - MARGARET WISNIEWSKI

INDIAN RIVER
STATE COLLEGE
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Legacy Society

THE 2025 ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

H. GILBERT “GIL” CULBRETH, JR.

The Indian River State College Foundation honored H. Gilbert “Gil” Culbreth, Jr. as the 2025 Entrepreneur of the Year, recognizing his visionary leadership, community service, and lifelong commitment to the values of free enterprise. A fourth-generation Okeechobee resident, Culbreth has expanded the Gilbert family’s 1924 fuel business into a diversified group of companies—Gilbert Oil, Gilbert Chevrolet, Gilbert Ford, Gilbert Realty, Gilbert Cattle Company, Gilbert Transports, and Gilbert Outdoors—that anchor the region’s economic vitality.

Established through the partnership of the Indian River State College Foundation, the Lambert Foundation, and 13 founding members, the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship Program celebrates innovation, progress, and the entrepreneurial spirit that drives community prosperity. Through his enterprises, Culbreth has created jobs, strengthened local industry, and modeled servant leadership and philanthropy rooted in faith, integrity, and perseverance.

“Gil represents the very best of entrepreneurial spirit,” said Dr. Timothy E. Moore, Indian River State College President. “His legacy continues to inspire future business leaders across our region.”





ENTREPRENEURS OF THE YEAR

- 2000** Dan K. Richardson
- 2001** Robert L. Brackett
- 2002** Raymond J. Oglethorpe
- 2003** Alto "Bud" Adams, Jr.
- 2004** Barnette and Hariot Greene
- 2005** John J. Schumann, Jr.
- 2006** Sidney M. Banack, Jr.
- 2007** Donald C. Proctor
- 2008** Vernon D. Smith
- 2009** Frank "Sonny" Williamson, Jr.
- 2010** Alma Lee Loy
- 2011** Richard H. Houghten, Ph.D.
- 2012** James W. Coffey
- 2013** Thomas L. Corr
- 2014** Ronald L. Edwards
- 2015** Bobby and Marygrace Sexton
- 2016** Scott Deal
- 2017** Timothy Girard
- 2018** P. Allen Osteen
- 2019** Michael Brown
- 2020** Robert Stork
- 2021** Arthur "Art" Allen
- 2024** William "Bill" Marine
- 2025** H. Gilbert "Gil" Culbreth, Jr.



**CURRENTS OF GRATITUDE
GUIDING TODAY AND**

SHAPING TOMORROW

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YOU KEEP THE RIVER MOVING FORWARD.**

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Service League
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2024-2025 PROMISE PROGRAM

Fueled by your generosity, the Promise Program is reshaping the future of higher education across Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties. Supported by the Foundation, and private philanthropy of donors like you, Promise provides eligible high school graduates in our four-county district the opportunity to earn an associate degree tuition-free. The Promise Program ensures that cost is never a barrier to a college education—nor to a student’s potential.

This bold initiative reflects the Foundation’s enduring commitment to expanding access, advancing economic mobility, and strengthening our region’s workforce. With clear expectations—full-time enrollment, summer coursework, and academic performance—the program fosters persistence, accountability, and success. Promise has driven higher retention and completion rates, particularly among first-generation and under-resourced students.



Your investment is not simply funding tuition, it is fueling futures, stabilizing families, and building the talent pipeline our communities and employers rely on. Together, we are keeping the promise of opportunity for every student willing to work for their future.



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PROMISE
STUDENTS

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN OUR
DISTRICT ATTENDING INDIAN RIVER
STATE COLLEGE THROUGH THE
PROMISE PROGRAM



EMPLOYEE GIVING AT

INDIAN RIVER

Last year, Indian River State College faculty and staff came together in a powerful show of support through the Flying Higher employee giving campaign.

This initiative invited employees to invest in the future of Indian River State College by choosing from four meaningful areas of impact. Many gave to departmental needs, helping their own teams enhance resources, innovate, and better serve students.

Others supported the Promise Program, which continues to transform lives by providing tuition-free access to higher education for eligible students in the region.

Gifts to the greatest need offered flexible support, allowing the college to respond quickly to emerging priorities and opportunities.



Contributions to the Employee Endowed Scholarship helped build a lasting legacy—one that will support students for generations to come, thanks to the collective generosity of those who believe in the power of education.

IRSC employees demonstrated that giving is not just about dollars—it's about dedication, belief in the mission, and a shared commitment to helping The River soar.



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THE RIVER'S 2024-2025

SUCCESS STORY

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH MEASURABLE IMPACT

Indian River State College's commitment to student success and community impact has yielded remarkable results in the 2024-2025 academic year, demonstrating the transformative power of strategic investment in education and the critical role of Foundation support in achieving these outcomes.

<https://irsc.edu/about/accreditation/student-achievement-data/>

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT LEARNING

Indian River State College's dedication to educational quality is evident in its comprehensive assessment initiatives. This year, 323 courses underwent rigorous review as part of the College's 5-year curriculum cycle, ensuring that academic standards remain current and relevant.

Two hundred and twenty-two individual artifacts from 12 diverse courses across disciplines, including chemistry, philosophy, and history, were submitted. With 117 artifacts reviewed by 16 faculty volunteers, this collaborative assessment approach exemplifies The River's commitment to continuous improvement.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND RETENTION

Mental health services have supported 470 students, with an impressive 81% retention rate among participants, since its launch.

MAKING STRIDES

Student success rates tell a compelling story of educational impact. The redesigned SLS 1501 student success course reached 2,858 students, with those who completed all modules achieving a remarkable 76% success rate in fall courses, compared to just 43% for non-participants, making the implementation of this new course crucial to student success. Innovation in high-impact learning supports academic momentum and career readiness by connecting students to practical, experiential learning.

The River's commitment to adopting high-impact learning practices, particularly active/experiential learning, was demonstrated through its outreach to 590 science students via Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs).



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCESSIBILITY

The college's outreach efforts demonstrated an unprecedented level of community connection, with 244 activities reaching more than 28,400 attendees—deepening awareness of academic programs, strengthening local partnerships, and reinforcing the college's role as a trusted community anchor.



INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT

Strategic investments in learning environments yielded measurable benefits.

The Student Help Desk, has supported 1,865 students with technology and academic resources. Major facility improvements, including \$3 million in U.S. Department of Justice funding for the Public Safety Training Complex, enhanced training capabilities across multiple programs.



TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN INITIATIVE



Since 1996, the Indian River State College Foundation has served as the lead agency for Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties. To date, 1,414 scholarships have been awarded to low-income, at-risk students throughout the four-county area.

Selecting students in the 9th grade enables Take Stock in Children to implement a multi-year model that provides early intervention to children who are often overlooked and underserved. This program model includes support services through a volunteer mentor, a college success coach, and college-readiness workshops, while mitigating financial barriers to higher education by providing college scholarships.

Upon enrollment in the Take Stock in Children program, students and their parents/guardians sign contracts agreeing that the student will remain drug- and crime-free, maintain good grades and behavior, and graduate from high school. Graduates of the Take Stock in Children program receive a Florida Prepaid Scholarship to help cover the cost of college tuition. Their Associate Degrees must be earned at Indian River State College.

To earn a Bachelor’s degree, they are more than welcome to earn it at Indian River State College or transfer to another Florida public college or university. By setting high expectations for their academic future, Take Stock in Children helps students prepare for success in postsecondary education.

THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS:

During the 2024-2025 academic year, 60 students earned college degrees across various levels of higher education, including 10 certificates, 36 associate degrees, 12 bachelor’s degrees, one master’s degree, and one PhD.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: 47

9TH GRADE STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS: 59

MENTORING SESSIONS: 3,419

EDUCATION FOR LIFE

THE FIELDEN INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

*Fielden Institute
for Lifelong Learning*

AT INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

The institute continues to inspire adults aged 50 and above with its enriching, diverse educational programs. This year, the community of passionate learners program has flourished, embracing courses designed purely for the joy of discovery. From exploring classic and contemporary literature to engaging in thought-provoking discussions on current events and history, participants have expanded their horizons in a welcoming and supportive environment.



Culinary arts classes have delighted the senses, while language courses have opened doors to new cultures and connections. The Fielden Institute remains committed to fostering curiosity, creativity, and camaraderie among mature learners, proving that education is a lifelong journey.

Indian River State College is proud to celebrate a year of growth, vibrant learning, and meaningful friendships, and looks forward to continuing this inspiring mission in the years ahead. Together, let's embrace the joy of learning at every stage.





SHAPING THE FUTURE

From advanced manufacturing to the performing arts, Indian River State College connects education to opportunity—preparing graduates for meaningful, high-impact careers.

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing at The River opens the door to one of Florida's fastest-growing career fields. Florida ranks among the top states for manufacturing jobs, and Indian River State College prepares students for high-demand roles with hands-on training and industry credentials. With strong employer partnerships and programs in industrial automation, precision machining, CNC machining, mechatronics, and more, graduates gain direct pathways to skilled, well-paying careers.



LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE SCIENCE

At the state-of-the-art Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex, Indian River State College proudly prepares future public safety professionals through its nationally recognized Law Enforcement and Fire Science programs. Law Enforcement cadets complete Florida Basic Recruit Training in defensive tactics, firearms, crisis response, and community policing. Fire Science students train in fire behavior, emergency operations, and life-safety practices. Graduates are fully prepared for service as police officers, corrections officers, firefighters, and emergency responders—protecting and strengthening communities across Florida and beyond.



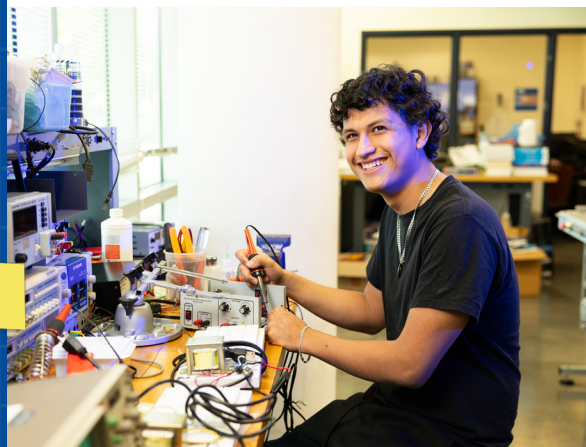
PROJECT STAGE

Project STAGE prepares students with unique abilities for meaningful careers through specialized training, internships, and ongoing support. By partnering with employers across the Treasure Coast, students gain real-world experience, build professional portfolios, and practice interview skills. With a strong focus on employment and independence, the program ensures graduates are workforce-ready—achieving a current 70% employment rate.

TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMS ADDRESSING THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR ECONOMY

ENGINEERING

Indian River State College offers powerful pathways into high-demand engineering and electrical engineering technology careers. Students build strong academic foundations in calculus, physics, chemistry, and advanced math, preparing to transfer into bachelor's programs—including Direct Connect transfer to UCF's Mechanical Engineering program after completing the AA degree. Hands-on learning takes place in modern labs, with opportunities in robotics, solar energy, lasers and photonics, and automation systems. This equips students with industry-ready skills and certifications for careers in telecommunications, aerospace, national defense, medical technology, manufacturing, and rapidly growing renewable-energy fields



PERFORMING ARTS

At The River, Performing Arts and Music programs prepare students to shine on stage and beyond. Opportunities abound—students train in acting, musical theater, dance, directing, technical theater, or vocal/instrumental performance while participating in productions and ensembles. The McAlpin Performing Arts Center proudly celebrated its 45th season, showcasing beloved classics and regional premieres, offering opportunities for students to perform, direct and design, and for the community to experience unforgettable live theater and musical performances.



CAREER SERVICES

Indian River State College empowers students and alumni to confidently enter the workforce and build lasting careers. The Career Services department offers comprehensive guidance, including career assessment and advising, résumé development, mock interviews, internships, career expos, job search strategies, and transfer support with partnering universities. From co-advising and graduate school preparation to online, in-person, and telephone services, Indian River State College provides personalized tools for every stage of a learner's journey.





VETERANS CLAY SHOOT



The Indian River State College Foundation's Annual Clay Shoot, held February 21, 2025, at the OK Corral Gun Club, brought together 136 participants and raised a record-breaking \$153,000 in support of student veterans and military family services.

Initially planned for Veterans Day but rescheduled after Hurricane Milton, the event united community members and veterans across generations—from World War II hero Richard Rossi to Medal of Honor recipient SSG David Bellavia. Guests enjoyed a day of competition, raffles, and fellowship, with Gordon & Partners earning top team honors and Jim Anderson taking the individual high scorer award.

The funds raised will provide scholarships, career assistance, and essential support programs that transform the lives of Indian River State College's student veterans and military families.

These services are critical to helping veterans transition successfully into civilian and academic life, offering not only financial relief but also mentorship and career-readiness opportunities.

The record-breaking success of this year's Clay Shoot ensures the Foundation can expand its reach and deepen its impact on those who have served the nation.

With overwhelming community support, the Clay Shoot highlighted the enduring bond of brotherhood among veterans while showcasing the College's unwavering commitment to service, education, and opportunity.

THE PROMISE CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Indian River State College Foundation's 2025 Promise Cup Golf Tournament, held on May 16 at the PGA Golf Club at PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, raised an impressive \$85,000 to support the Indian River State College Promise Program.

The event brought together 120 golfers for a day of camaraderie, competition, and generosity in support of tuition-free associate degrees for local high school graduates.

The funds raised through the Promise Cup directly fuel the expansion of the Indian River State College Promise Program, which removes financial barriers for graduates across Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee counties.



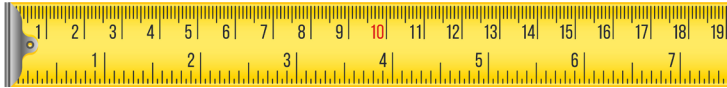
“The Promise Cup represents more than just a day on the golf course,” said Annabel Robertson, Vice President of Institutional Advancement. “Every swing helps remove financial barriers to higher education for students across our four-county region.”

With the enthusiastic support of sponsors, participants, and community leaders, the 2025 tournament underscored the transformative power of education and the Foundation's ongoing commitment to expanding opportunity for all.

Indian River State College plans to continue amplifying the impact of this event and mission every year.



RIVER STUDENTS GIVE BACK



AFTER THE TORNADO STRIKE: SPANISH LAKE

In the wake of last year's devastating tornadoes that tore through the Spanish Lakes community, students and employees from Indian River State College stepped up to support their neighbors in need.



More than 175 volunteers from Indian River State College participated in cleanup efforts, demonstrating the college's deep commitment to service, leadership, and community resilience.

Armed with tools, gloves, and a spirit of compassion, Indian River State College volunteers worked tirelessly to clear debris, assist with minor repairs, and provide comfort to residents affected by the storm. Their efforts focused on restoring not just property, but hope—helping families salvage belongings, secure damaged homes, and begin the long road to recovery.

The cleanup initiative was part of The River's broader commitment to civic engagement and student leadership. By responding to real-world challenges with compassion and action, Indian River State College students continue to embody the values of service and solidarity that define the College's dedication to education that extends beyond academics and into service-driven action.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Indian River State College proudly welcomed over 3,000 students during its new student orientation (NSO) held on August 14th and 15th, 2025. Designed to ease the transition into college life, the two-day event kicked off at the Massey Campus before continuing at each student's respective home campus.

Now in its third year, NSO has become a cornerstone initiative to enhance the student experience. This year's sessions featured a wide range of engaging and informative activities, including an Alumni Panel, overviews of Academic and Student Services, Military and Veteran Services, Campus Safety and Security, Parent Sessions, a lively cook-out and social, and, to conclude, "Motivational Magic", which consisted of entertainment, as well as a series of speakers and educators.

Building on its long-standing commitment to delivering affordable, high-quality education to students throughout the Treasure Coast area, many graduates will complete their studies without incurring debt thanks to the College's effective Promise Program.



“We are thrilled to welcome another outstanding class to Indian River State College,” said Dr. Timothy E. Moore. “This strong enrollment reflects our continued commitment to innovative, accessible education that transforms lives and strengthens our community. Through programs like Promise, we are ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent students from achieving their dreams and contributing to our community’s future.”



HIGHLIGHTS

- STRONG ENROLLMENT:** More than 16,000 students have enrolled for Fall 2025, highlighting continued trust in Indian River State College's educational offerings.
- PROMISE PROGRAM SUCCESS:** Over 2,000 high school seniors from the Class of 2025 have pledged to attend Indian River State College tuition-free through the Promise Program, which eliminates financial obstacles for students seeking Associate Degrees.
- ONGOING GROWTH:** While many colleges nationwide experience declining enrollment, Indian River State College continues to see steady growth.
- FIRST-GENERATION ACHIEVEMENT:** More than half of enrolled students are the first in their families to attend college, underscoring the College's commitment to expanding access to higher education.

Indian River State College educates over 24,000 students each year across Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties, providing more than 130 programs that include:

- BACHELOR'S DEGREES
- ASSOCIATE DEGREES
- TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES
- APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMAS
- CAREER TRAINING OPTIONS

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Commencement at Indian River State College is a celebration of perseverance, achievement, and new beginnings. In May 2025, Indian River State College hosted six ceremonies, conferring diplomas and certificates to a diverse Class of 2025. Highlights included speakers:

🕒 **CHRIS B. WILLIAMS**, a dynamic motivational speaker and former ESPN analyst.

🕒 **LA TOYA YOUNG**, an Indian River State College graduate and trailblazer as the first African American female fire paramedic in St. Lucie County.

🕒 **ST. LUCIE COUNTY SHERIFF RICHARD DEL TORO**, an Indian River State College alumnus.

🕒 **DR. RAYNA LETOURNEAU**, executive director of the Florida Center for Nursing.





Abelard Cesar, Academic Coordinator at Indian River State College, performed the national anthem, and first-generation students and veterans were recognized, with their families and friends cheering in person.

This milestone marks the next steps for graduates—whether transferring to a four-year university, entering the workforce, or pursuing further studies—and reflects The River's commitment to empowering lifelong learning and community impact.



BUILDING STRONGER

THE RIVER SPORTS TEAMS CONTINUE A LEGACY OF SUCCESS.

In 2024–25, Indian River State College Athletics continued to exemplify excellence in both competition and character.

The Men's Basketball team delivered a thrilling season finale with an 88–87 victory over Santa Fe, showcasing resilience and teamwork that led several players to earn conference honors and transfer to four-year universities.



The women's volleyball team demonstrated tenacity through multiple five-set battles, including a standout match against Hillsborough Community College, reflecting the team's growth and competitive spirit.

Indian River State College Baseball celebrated individual success, with standout Jake Weatherspoon earning a Gold Glove and committing to the University of Virginia. At the same time, the team maintained its strong tradition of developing NCAA-level talent.

The Softball program laid a solid foundation through fall scrimmages and regional showcases, emphasizing player development and team chemistry.

In aquatic sports, Indian River State College's dominance remained unmatched—Men's Swimming & Diving secured its 51st consecutive NJCAA national title, and the Women's team earned its 47th, continuing a legacy of elite performance and academic achievement.

These accomplishments are made possible through the generous support of Indian River State College Foundation donors, whose contributions empower student-athletes to excel in their sports, succeed academically, and lead with purpose beyond college.



SOLARIS ALBURY

The Power of Promise



I've always been someone who dreams big, but growing up in Vero Beach, I wasn't always sure how to turn those dreams into reality. During high school, I discovered a passion for leadership and management, but my ability to pursue those interests was limited by the lack of financial resources. Thanks to the Promise Program, I'm the first in my family to attend college and earn a degree. The freedom from the burden of student debt allows me to focus fully on my studies and take advantage of the many opportunities around me—helping me grow both academically and personally.



The Promise Program is preparing me to give back to my community and pursue my dreams with confidence.”

FINANCIAL REPORT

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Assets

Current Assets	\$14,760,973
Long-term Assets	\$8,749,087
Long-term Investments	\$134,040,819
Total Assets	\$157,550,879

Liabilities

Short-term Liabilities	\$3,576,238
Long-term Liabilities	\$3,422,135
Net Position	\$150,552,506
Total Liabilities & Net Position	\$157,550,879

A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As you have seen throughout these pages, the story of Indian River State College is also the story of you—our donors, partners, and friends. Your generosity powers today's student journeys and opens the door to tomorrow's opportunities.

At the Foundation, we are deeply committed to stewarding your investments with care, transparency, and vision. With your support, we are not only meeting the needs of today's students but also creating a sustainable path for future generations—ensuring that education remains a catalyst for personal success and community prosperity.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this important work. Together, we are securing the promise of a brighter future for our children, our families, and our community.

With gratitude,

**Annabel
Robertson**

Vice President for Institutional
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