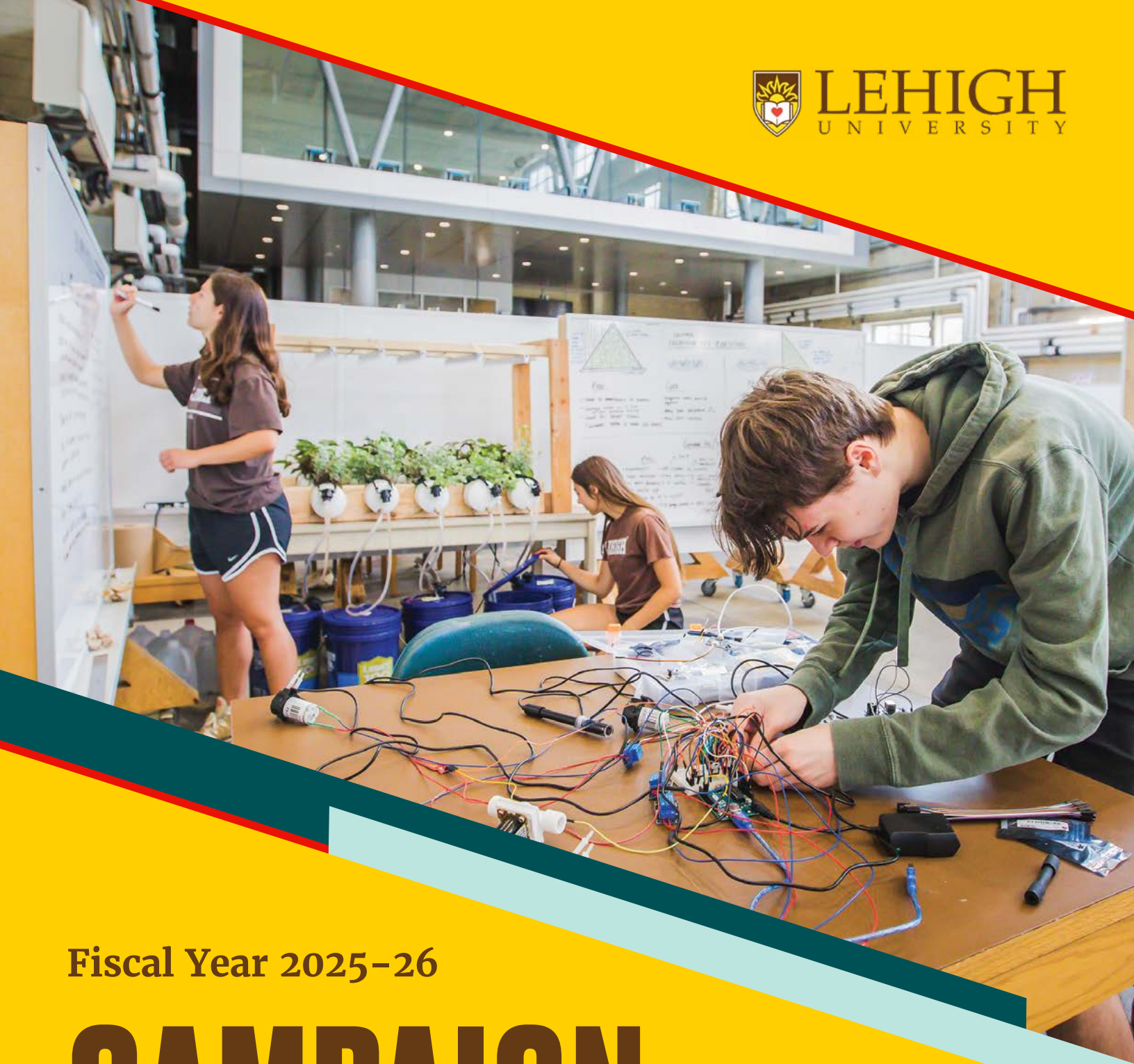




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Fiscal Year 2025-26

CAMPAIGN IMPACT REPORT



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STRATEGY & VISION



LET'S BE CLEAR FROM THE START: LEHIGH IS THRIVING.

While some people are publicly questioning the cost and value of a college education, and other institutions are facing financial instability and enrollment challenges, Lehigh's momentum continues. That success is no accident. It's the result of a clear strategy, a bold vision, and a steadfast community.

It began in 2023 when we launched the Lehigh strategy, *Inspiring the Future Makers*. It continues to guide us and proves effective as a living, breathing document that focuses on student outcomes, deeply interdisciplinary programs, research output and impact, and commitment to community.

In those areas, we continue to set an excellent pace. This year, our student retention reached 94%, moving us closer to our goal of 95% and well ahead of the national private college average in the low 80s. Despite a difficult hiring environment, 92% of graduates were employed, attending graduate school, or otherwise placed within six months of graduation.

Outcomes like these are getting noticed. *U.S. News* ranked Lehigh among its top 50 colleges and universities for the third consecutive year. We also sit at No. 24 for Best Value and No. 26 for Best Return on Investment. LinkedIn recognized us as No. 17 on its list of the nation's best colleges and universities. *Forbes* awarded us an A+ for financial health.

This year, we launched Explore Lehigh, a three-year pilot program that admits students before they choose a college, attracting 400 applicants for 30 spaces. We are reimagining our first-year engineering curriculum through First Year Rossin Engineering, another pilot that will scale and grow thanks to a dedicated lab funded by a \$10 million gift. These programs embody our commitment to interdisciplinary and exploratory education.

As for research this year, we have increased program funding and patent applications. We celebrated our first anniversary of being named a Carnegie R1 institution, placing us in the top third of research universities nationwide. And

we continued the work in three newly established university-wide research centers focused on electrification solutions, assistive technologies, and catastrophe modeling.

As research and academics drive impact, community defines Lehigh. We are committed to fostering a community where diverse perspectives are respected and where we support each other whether across our campus, in the classrooms and labs, or on the fields of play.

This past year, Lehigh adopted the so-called Chicago Principles of Free Expression, reinforcing work already underway to foster thoughtful, respectful dialogue. In our Compelling Perspectives series this year, we focused on artificial intelligence, welcoming journalist Arianna Huffington, U.S. Sen. Dave McCormick, and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak.

Our athletes and the students and fans who support them also represent the strength of our community. Those fields, arenas, and stadiums unite us in many ways. What a year our athletics teams had, celebrating championships in football, men's basketball, and wrestling. We launched our inaugural season of varsity women's wrestling, which already has crowned one national champion, three All-Americans, and seven scholar All-Americans.

While the wins matter, more importantly, we are ensuring athletics remains deeply connected to the everyday Lehigh experience, woven into the education and development of all students. Watch for more integrated and interdisciplinary opportunities through the Center for Peak Performance.

We have also made a commitment to our infrastructure. This year, we unveiled *Making the Future: A Plan for Lehigh's Campus*, a 30-year vision for the university. That plan began with the Clayton University Center at Packer Hall, which we dedicated on Founder's Weekend — and opened ahead of schedule and under budget.

In partnership with the city of Bethlehem, we opened the first public trails in Forest Park, bringing to life the natural space on our campuses. We are

planning a groundbreaking for East Hill, a 371-bed residence hall, to meet the growing demand for a Lehigh education.

As you may know, we continue to receive record numbers of applications — this year's record eclipsed two previous record-breaking years. We are committed to providing financial aid and scholarships to ensure a Lehigh education is within their financial reach. 58% of our undergraduates receive some form of financial aid. More than 200 students this past year took advantage of the Lehigh Commitment, a full-tuition grant for students from households whose annual income is less than \$75,000.

All of this is made possible by the generous support of our alumni and friends for *Go Beyond: The Campaign for Future Makers*. The campaign is well past the \$1 billion mark and is in its final sprint toward our \$1.25 billion goal.

So many of you continue to step forward to make a gift, offer advice, mentor students, and launch careers. It illustrates your commitment to Lehigh and the students who define today's experience at South Mountain. While today's Lehigh may be different from the one many of us knew, it still demands the same grit, pragmatism, innovation, drive, and resolve as it did back in my day.

Thank you for your spirit and support. While we are thriving now, we can't stand still. We must continue our momentum to fulfill our strategy and define a future that's ours for the shaping.



Joseph J. Helble '82
President of Lehigh University

BY THE NUMBERS

GO Beyond: The Campaign for Lehigh

Lehigh continued to show strong momentum toward achieving the \$1.25 billion goal of GO Beyond.

Campaign to Date (as of June 30, 2026)

\$1.098 Billion

toward \$1.25 billion

\$329 Million

for scholarships and financial aid

\$334 Million

for research, capital projects, and faculty support

\$435 Million

for the student experience

70,389

donors

55%

of alumni engaged through events, volunteering, networking, fundraising, and digital interactions

2 new academic buildings

3 new residence halls

2 new endowed deanships

7 new endowed chairs

5 new endowed coaches

423 new endowed scholarships

2026 IN REVIEW

The 2026 fiscal year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026) was the second-most successful fundraising year in the university's history.

16,216

donors

\$92,093,590

raised

6,322

donors to the Lehigh Fund

\$5,215,063

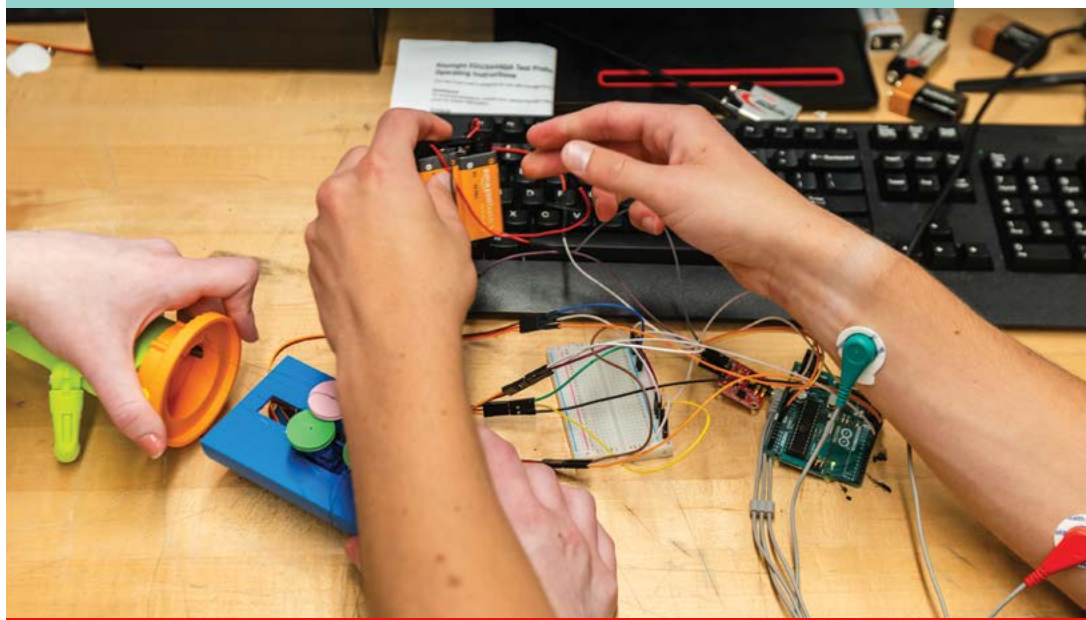
raised for the Lehigh Fund

30%

of alumni were engaged

"These are exciting times.

Such vision demands that we communicate our strategy, develop clear plans, and find partners who share our beliefs and then, of course, support those ideas with their time, talent, and investment."



SUSTAINING SUCCESS REQUIRES A FEW THINGS THAT WE HAVE IN ABUNDANCE AT LEHIGH.

One is top talent. That's you! Our students do amazing things as learners, researchers, athletes, entrepreneurs, global scholars, and leaders. The faculty who teach, mentor, and drive scholarly endeavors recognize the impact these students will make in the world.

Those students soon start careers, build families and communities, and become engaged alumni. They follow Lehigh on social media, cheer on our success, attend lectures and games, join our affinity and professional networks, and take that distinct Lehigh blend of IQ and EQ into the world.

Engaged alumni are most often philanthropic alumni. And philanthropy, the work my team does day in and day out, makes our vision come to life.

That leads to the second component of sustaining success: a growth mindset. Lehigh has wonderful momentum and continues to set its sights on where it can and should go next.

These are exciting times. Such vision demands that we communicate our strategy, develop clear plans, and find partners who share our beliefs and then, of course, support those ideas with their time, talent, and investment.

I am proud to say that your generosity and engagement around our shared vision have helped Lehigh sustain — and, better yet, exceed — the success we began to chart last year. In fiscal year 2024–25, we raised more than \$90 million and surpassed \$1 billion en route to our campaign goal of \$1.25 billion. That success was something this community wanted to sustain.

And sustain it you did. In fiscal year 2025–26, we raised more than \$92 million and moved even closer to our campaign goal.

Your investments have strengthened key areas across campus and supported initiatives that continue to set the Lehigh experience apart. You have brought so many visions to life:

- The dedication of the renovated Clayton University Center at Packer Hall, the hub of campus life.
- A new lab to house the work of the innovative curriculum for first-year engineers.
- The naming of key positions in athletics and the arts.
- The commitment to ensure global leadership development remains a student-experience priority.
- The launch of an endowed scholars program for undergraduate students in interdisciplinary programs.

And, one especially close to my heart, the creation of numerous scholarships. So many students have the grit and determination to call Lehigh home but lack the resources to make it happen. Those of you who endow scholarships and support the Lehigh Fund ensure that deserving students can learn and grow on South Mountain.

Thank you for your sustained support of Lehigh. From the classrooms to the labs, from fields to the stadiums, from global locales to the local community, you are putting Lehigh talent and knowledge into practice. You hold us up and cheer us on. You are the reason *GO Beyond: The Campaign for Future Makers* continues to make a meaningful impact and propel this institution forward.

I am excited to see what we do next!



Carol Packard

Vice President, Development and Alumni Relations

GROWTH & DRIVE



2026

NOTABLE GIFTS



Engineering



David B. Jackson '67, Patricia Jackson, and Suzanne Jackson, and the Suzanne and David Jackson Foundation made a \$10 million gift to fund the Jackson Laboratory, a renovation within the historic Packard Laboratory to create a new space for First Year Rossin Engineering, an innovative curriculum that empowers first-year students to begin designing and building from day one.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

James R. Maida '85 P'17 P'19 and **Sharon O. Maida P'17 P'19,** through the James and Sharon Maida Foundation, established a \$4 million endowed scholars program for undergraduate students in interdisciplinary programs and provided support for a \$1 million matching challenge to create endowed scholarships for undergraduate students enrolled in interdisciplinary programs.



Martin D. Baron '76 MBA'76 H'14 committed \$1 million to create the first endowed fund for student emergencies, providing direct financial support to students with financial need facing urgent and unexpected expenses as well as travel needs during scheduled academic breaks.

Weston M. Hicks '79 and **Ann L. Hicks '80** established a family endowed scholarship for first-generation students with high financial need in the College of Business. This \$1.5 million endowment covers full tuition, room and board, and fees.

Jane P. Jamieson '75 and **Frederick H. Jamieson '74** made a \$1.86 million gift commitment to grow their financial aid endowment fund that supports women majoring in STEM disciplines.

Paul R. Knollmeyer '87 and **Phyllis Knollmeyer** created a family endowed scholarship for a student studying in the College of Business.

John L. Nuss '74 and **Susan Nuss** created an endowed scholarship for students from Carbon County and made a \$1.4 million bequest that will strengthen the fund.

David L. Squier '67 P'92 and **Sue S. Squier P'92** added to their scholarship fund for students in the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science.

Supporting People



Marc A. Falato '87 and **Pun Punyaratabandhu** made a \$2.5 million gift to establish the Marc Falato '87 Executive Director of the Zoellner Arts Center, a position currently held by **Mark Wilson**. The gift ensures visionary leadership will continue enriching the cultural life of Lehigh and the broader region.



Andrew F. Vandergrift '79 and **Marybeth Vandergrift** made a \$2.5 million lead gift to name the Vandergrift Family Head Football Coach. When fully realized, the \$5 million endowment will fund the position currently held by **Richard Nagy**.



Christine Ussler '81 made a \$2 million planned gift commitment to the College of Arts and Sciences to establish the Christine Ussler '81 Endowed Chair in Architecture, supporting distinguished practitioner-educators who teach and inspire future generations of architects.

Jeffrey H. Burbank '86 and **Cynthia Burbank** made a \$1 million gift to advance the College of Health's experiential learning. The gift includes three distinct components, including the creation of the director of internships and employer partnerships, a role that will help scale the college's career preparation goals.



Through McLeod Blue Skye Charitable Foundation, **Chris McLeod P'08** and **Elaine McLeod P'08**, together with their son, **Colin McLeod '08 MS'11**, made a \$1 million gift to establish the Lehigh Venture Studio, designed to help students move entrepreneurial ideas toward reality at Lehigh's Office of Entrepreneurship.

Research



H.S. Lee Family Foundation, thanks to the engagement of **Hyo Sang Lee MS'76 Ph.D.'80** and his family, made a gift to create the AI Initiative Fund, supporting graduate AI education, collaborative projects with local companies and organizations, and a prize recognizing commercially promising AI products.

Student Experience

The Iacocca Family Foundation continued its longstanding support with a commitment of \$1 million to the Lee Iacocca Institute for Global Leadership, helping deliver meaningful learning opportunities for Lehigh students and partners worldwide.

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS

Elevation of the Arts

Lehigh reorganized several key areas of the institution to reflect the essential importance of creative expression, technological agility, and educational innovation. A new unit, Arts and Libraries, led by **Greg Reihman P'25**, vice provost for Arts and Libraries, will bring together the university's libraries, Zoellner Arts Center, and Lehigh University Art Galleries with a focus on elevating the arts, enhancing their visibility, and integrating them with the university's broader strategy. Simultaneously, the university is strengthening information technology services by aligning them with the Division of Finance and Administration.

Clayton University Center at Packer Hall: Dedication

More than 200 students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and friends crowded into the first-floor Living Room of the revitalized Clayton University Center to raise a toast to the renovation and dedication. It marked a special moment as donors gathered around the unveiled donor wall to find their names. Special recognition went to lead donors **Kevin L. Clayton '84 P'13** and **Lisa A. Clayton P'13** for their \$20 million gift to the project.



Lehigh West

Lehigh West continues its robust programming to provide students with unique access to Bay Area startups, tech hubs, and entrepreneurial opportunities.

- **LehighSiliconValley:** A flagship week-long program, hosted by Lehigh's Baker Institute, that immerses students in the San Francisco Bay Area entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- **Startup Academy:** A cutting-edge academic program, in partnership with Lehigh's College of Business, that connects students with internships at pioneering startups.
- **The Innovation Internship:** A high-impact, experiential learning opportunity for Lehigh students seeking an integrated internship experience in entrepreneurship, innovation, or social impact.
- **Silicon Valley Social Impact Fellowship:** A cohort of undergraduate and graduate students addressing Bay Area social and economic challenges, developed by Lehigh's Office of Creative Inquiry.



Future Makers: Space Innovation

Jared Isaacman inspired the Lehigh community by discussing his journey from high school dropout to successful entrepreneur, philanthropist, and aerospace pioneer, kicking off the Future Makers Speaker Series with Provost **Nathan Urban**. Isaacman also created a space innovation fund to support aerospace initiatives, scholarships, and student organizations at Lehigh.

Board Leadership

Vincent Forlenza '75 concluded his term as board chair. Since joining the board in 2011, Forlenza's tenure was marked by guiding the university through the complexities of the global pandemic. Over the past four years as chair, he oversaw the modernization of institutional governance, the launch of Lehigh's 10-year strategic roadmap, *Inspiring the Future Makers*, the successful progression of *GO Beyond: The Campaign for Future Makers*, and the campus plan *Making the Future*.

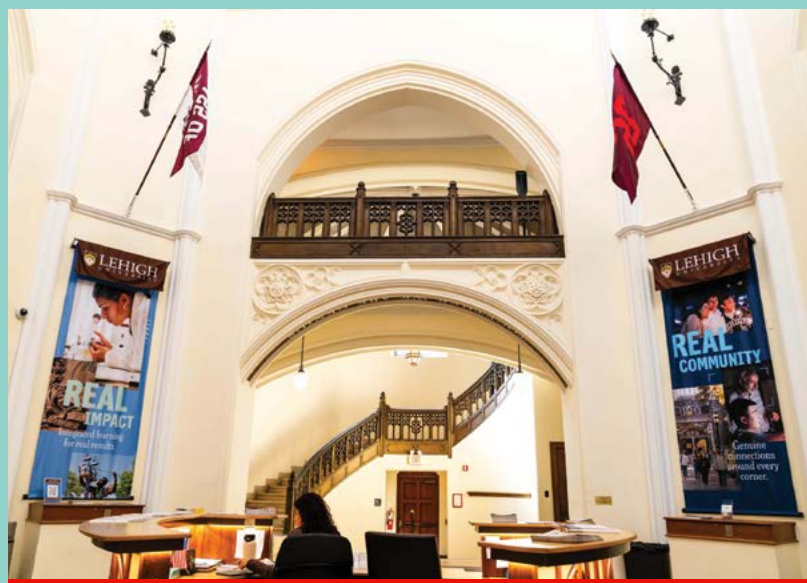
James R. Maida '85 P'17 P'19 was selected and confirmed as the next chair by the Lehigh University Board of Trustees.

Ann Lewnes '83 P'22 retired from her role as trustee.

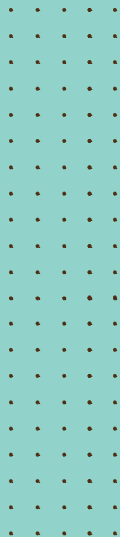
Christopher James "CJ" Fraleigh '86 P'21, **Kenneth Frieze '90**, **Dipti Gulati '90**, and **Daniel Pietrzak '97 P'28** began four-year terms as trustees.

Real People. Real Learning. Real Progress.

Lehigh introduced a new brand expression campaign, "Real", emphasizing Lehigh's distinct strengths and outstanding outcomes.



NOTABLE INITIATIVES



Soaring Together

Soaring Together brings together community and measurable outcomes. What began as a way to commemorate the 50th anniversary of coeducation at Lehigh has grown into an initiative that represents the university's ongoing commitment to building a welcoming community where everyone can thrive. The program celebrated its fifth anniversary and released an impact report tracing its remarkable growth.

SOARING TOGETHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- 54 total scholars
- 10 new scholars in the Class of 2030
- **Carter M. Lyons '97** and **Meredith H. Lyons** established the 10th endowed scholarship to support students in the program.
- 43 total Soaring Together events engaged 716 alumni, students, and parents.
- 1,589 donors supported the Soaring Together Initiative in FY26.
- 512 donors supported the Women of Lehigh Scholarship Fund in FY26.

As of May 2026, 80% of Soaring Together Scholars had participated in experiential learning opportunities funded by the Soaring Together Impact Fund in partnership with Lehigh360, an initiative that equips every Lehigh student with the information, access, and support needed to pursue the university's wide array of signature high-impact programs.



The Soaring Together Women's Summit:
Save the date for April 2-3, 2027





Giving Day + March Mania

In its third year, the combined challenge for Lehigh eclipsed its goal as alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, and friends supported the full range of university experiences while advancing financial aid.

ALUMNI ADVOCATES

- 245 advocates helped generate 648 gifts, recorded 33 personal videos, and raised \$64,895.

CHALLENGES AND MATCHES

- 128 matches and challenges contributed \$1,170,293 to drive momentum and participation.
- The 50 State Challenge unlocked \$20,000 for the Lehigh Fund.
- 388 students made a gift, surpassing the 200-donor goal.
- 551 parents helped unlock therapy dogs and sweet treats for students during final exams.
- A Board of Trustees challenge unlocked \$203,000 for the Lehigh Fund after it eclipsed 250 donors.

ATHLETICS ALUMNI PARTICIPATION

Alumni showed their passion for their teams!

- 46.1% Women's Soccer
- 27.6% Women's Basketball
- 21.6% Softball
- 19.6% Men's Lacrosse
- 17.7% Men's Wrestling
- Cross Country and Track and Field had the most donors (371) while Football raised the most from challenges (\$266,442).

\$3,224,105 raised

5,664 gifts

4,330 donors

CAMPUS-WIDE

\$1,711,480 raised

3,004 gifts

2,652 donors

ATHLETICS

\$577,722 raised

LEHIGH FUND

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT



New Association Board Members

Each year, the Lehigh University Alumni Association (LUAA) welcomes new board members nominated by their peers for their leadership, dedication, and school spirit. The LUAA board welcomed four new members — **Kate Novak '04 M.Ed.'05**, **Adam Goldstein '16 M'17**, **Ralph Jean-Noel '15**, and **Jonathan Stiegler '99**.

Alumni Events

Nearly 16,000 individuals registered for at least one of the 308 events held on campus, with regional clubs, across the U.S., around the world, and virtually.

Volunteer Engagement

- 1,283 alumni gave their time in more than 100 volunteer positions, and 54% were also donors.
- 3 Leader to Leader Volunteer Webinars
- 10 Lehigh in Action community engagement events

Young Alumni

- 3,287 unique young alumni engaged
- *Little Brown Book* introduced the Classes of 2025 and 2026 to a wide variety of alumni opportunities.
- 36 serve on Young Alumni Council.

Professional Alliances

LEHIGH WALL STREET COUNCIL

- Honored **Sarat Sethi '92** with the James A. Greenleaf Award at its Spring Reception.
- 2 networking events with 108 alumni in attendance
- Financial Services Forum held panel discussions on campus featuring 94 alumni.

LEHIGH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

- Recognized **Christopher Porrino '89** at its Spring Award Dinner.
- 46 alumni attended networking happy hours.
- 1 on-campus engagement event drew 72 attendees.

LEHIGH ALUMNI SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE

- 4 networking events with 87 in attendance

HEALTH CARE MENTORSHIP

- The inaugural program matched 11 alumni mentors with 19 student mentees.

FINANCE MENTORSHIP

- 55 mentors (150% increase)
- 124 student mentees (275% increase)
- 1 networking event with 31 alumni in attendance

Affinity and Regional Networks

Faculty and university leadership were featured at 18 regional events in New York City, Boston, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., San Diego, Los Angeles, and the Lehigh Valley. Internationally, alumni gathered in London, Beijing, Shanghai, Bengaluru (India), Istanbul, and Bangkok.

- 17 affinity events engaged more than 700 alumni, parents, students, and friends.

LEHIGH CONNECTS

- 7,428 messages were exchanged between alumni and students on Lehigh Connects, the exclusive online platform that helps them network and grow professionally.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

- 15 Mountain Talks webinars on a range of topics attracted 2,400 registered participants.

Traditions

- 34 Sendoff events with more than 1,150 attendees
- 80 flag bearers marched at Rally.
- 57 Rivalry telecasts across 30 states with approximately 1,600 attendees
- 13 Championship Round telecasts
- 1,015 registered for Reunion

Get Involved



Interested in everything happening at Lehigh? Get involved and reconnect with your love of Lehigh!



ANNUAL GIVING

Annual gifts are put to use immediately, according to donors' designations, to support programs and teams, renew campus, address specific needs, and advance new opportunities.

Annual Giving Impact

\$23,905,302 raised

IN ANNUAL GIVING

19% increase

OVER LAST YEAR

Lehigh Fund

Gifts to the Lehigh Fund support the university's highest priority: financial aid and scholarships. The fund makes it possible to attract outstanding students who see themselves as future makers and know the Lehigh experience will cultivate their talents while providing impact-driven opportunities.

6,322 donors

\$5,215,063 raised

FOR THE LEHIGH FUND

4,494 gifts

OF \$500 OR LESS

Gifts

An anonymous family made a \$1 million commitment to the Lehigh Fund, which inspired Lean into Lehigh, a \$250,000 matching gift campaign. Over two months, the campaign raised \$264,591 from 102 donors and successfully engaged current, previous-year, and lapsed donors.

James N. Stanard '70 and **Janet Stanard** made a \$500,000 gift to the Lehigh Fund.

Giving Tuesday

In its second year participating in the global day of philanthropy, Lehigh raised more than \$66,000 from over 200 donors.

Matching Gifts

By encouraging donors to maximize corporate matching gift opportunities, Lehigh increased matching gift revenue by 24% year over year, raising \$713,552 from 932 gifts. These marketing efforts earned a national award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Young Alumni and Student Engagement

657 young alumni donors made a gift.

A student philanthropy committee was formed that boasts 36 members. They are benchmarking peer institutions and developing plans to deepen students' understanding of philanthropy.

917 undergraduate and graduate students from the Class of 2026 signed the Lehigh Promise, joining 798 signers from the Class of 2025. Together they committed to building connections, getting involved, upholding traditions, and investing in Lehigh. Of the Class of 2025 signers, 159 participated in activities and 9% made a gift.

Gifts from **James S. Bancroft '68** and **Juliana Bancroft** and **Greg Scaven '85** and **Lorraine Scaven** helped establish the Lehigh Promise Fund to support financial aid. The fund will continue to grow as Promise signers fulfill their annual \$20 investment, with \$10 directed to a Lehigh passion and \$10 supporting the Promise Fund.

CROWDFUNDING

Fourteen student clubs participated in a student-led crowdfunding campaign, raising nearly \$26,000 from 137 donors.



News

Catherine A. Hovey '87 P'28 and **Michael W. Hovey P'28** were named the new Parents' Council co-chairs.

Parents' Council reached record membership with more than 130 members who contributed \$3.4 million.

The group held several events throughout the year, including a fall gathering with speakers **Jeremy L. Gibson P'28**, Murray H. Goodman Dean of Athletics, and **William Crow**, director of the Lehigh University Art Galleries. The council also hosted breakfast before Commencement and several virtual sessions. Members graciously volunteered to host reception and sendoff events.

Legacy families celebrated their undergraduates at a lunch on Commencement weekend.

\$22,975,064.35

IN PARENT GIVING

3,745

PARENT DONORS

\$3,400,000

PARENTS' COUNCIL GIVING



PARENT GIVING



ATHLETICS GIVING

Team Champions

Football

PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Men's Basketball

PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Men's Wrestling

EIWA TEAM CHAMPIONS

National Champion

Audrey Jimenez '28 captured the NCAA Championship at 110 pounds and was named the NCAA Championship Outstanding Wrestler, NCAA Women's Wrestler of the Year, and received the USA Wrestling trophy as the nation's best women's college wrestler.

News

Jeremy L. Gibson P'28, Murray H. Goodman Dean of Athletics, was installed as dean on October 18, 2025.



Softball standout **Jenny Bender '03**, men's soccer star **Andrew Mittendorf '99**, and former student-athlete, longtime administrator, and Dean of Athletics **Joe Sterrett '76 M.Ed.'78 P'03 P'05 P'07 P'09** were inducted into the Roger S. Penske/Lehigh Athletics Hall of Fame.

Hosts with the most! Lehigh Athletics hosted its 40th annual Partnership Golf Classic as well as a home Football Championship Subdivision second-round playoff football game.

Defensive coordinator **Rich Nagy** was named the Vandergrift Family Head Football Coach.

Gifts

Paul R. Knollmeyer '87 and **Phyllis Knollmeyer** made gifts to support the development of the Center for Peak Performance, as well as an expansion at Saucon Valley Country Club to create dedicated facilities for student-athletes at one of the nation's premier clubs.

\$11,829,908 raised

IN ATHLETICS GIVING

\$5,034,965 raised

IN ATHLETICS ANNUAL FUND

5,575 donors

ANNUAL FUND



Donald F. Textor '68 and **Elaine R. Textor**, through the Textor Family Foundation, made a gift to renovate and enhance the Caruso Wrestling Complex.

Susan F. Sachs '77, who once won a league title as a women's basketball player, created an endowment for global travel for the women's basketball team. In summer 2026, the team will travel to Greece to play two international games, take a cooking class, and visit sites like the Acropolis, the Kallimarmaro Olympic Stadium, and the Giannis Antetokounmpo Court.

Anne E. Tierney '03 MS'04 wore number 41 on the women's basketball team. Today, that number lives on through a creative annual gift to the team of \$4,141.41.

Ken Voorhees '87 P'28 and **Suzanne K. Voorhees P'28** committed to growing the Thad Turner '61 Wrestling Excellence Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Richard H. Johnson MBA'73, a former Lehigh men's lacrosse player and

retired business owner in Bethlehem who has followed the women's lacrosse team for years, established the first endowed fund supporting a women's team in Lehigh's history.

Michi Matter Jigarjian '02 and **Charles C. Jigarjian '02** created the first alumnae athlete-funded coaching endowment for a women's sport in Lehigh's history. The Michi Matter Jigarjian '02 and Charlie Jigarjian '02 Women's Soccer Endowment provides a foundation toward the goal of fully endowing the head coach position.

Edward G. Feitzinger '89 and **Kristin Feitzinger**, along with an anonymous donor, made a gift to fund an endowment for a new coaching position for the rowing program.

Lehigh Football had 60 days to raise \$1 million through a generous challenge gift from an anonymous donor who matched gifts up to \$500,000. The "\$500,000 Football Blitz" reached its goal in just 40 days, with 215 donors

helping raise the largest current-use gift to the football operating budget in program history.

Carol Frazier P'03 P'06 made an outright gift to Lehigh in memory of her late husband, **Thomas G. Frazier '65 MBA'69 P'03 P'06**, who wanted her to support Lehigh Football.

Several alumni made gifts to enhance the Ulrich Sports Complex, including new benches and a score tower: **Leon Kassabian '88 MBA'90**, **Jon Hunt '97**, **Nicholas DiCello '98**, **William Attenpohl '74**, **Augustine Zangrilli '99**, **Andrew Mittendorf '99**, **Robert Esposito '95**, **Bill White '77 MBA'82**, **Matthew Thaeader '11**, **Joseph Verdi '07**, **Peter Martin '88**, **Richard Bradley '61**, **Benjamin Chernelich '96**, **Wayne Reisner '72**, and an anonymous donor.

Michael Williams '85 and **Robert Santo '80 MBA'88** made commitments that helped fund the purchase of new mats for the Caruso Wrestling Complex.

RECOGNITION SOCIETIES

Recognition society members act with purpose. Through consistent giving, generous leadership, and investments in Lehigh's future, they fuel *GO Beyond: The Campaign for Future Makers*.

Our recognition societies celebrate the collective impact of Lehigh's most dedicated donors.



South Mountain Society

Recognizes consecutive giving for three years or more.

Members build lasting momentum by supporting Lehigh year after year. Their loyalty sustains our progress.

- 5,942 donors qualified for recognition
- 1,880 donors have given for 10+ years
- 789 donors have given for 20+ years
- 285 donors have given for 40+ years

Brown and White Society

Recognizes cumulative unrestricted giving of \$1,000 or more to the Lehigh Fund.

Members ensure Lehigh can fully meet students' needs. Unrestricted support reflects deep trust in Lehigh's vision and advances our top campaign priority — financial aid and scholarships.

- 1,062 donors qualified for recognition
- \$3,080,357 collective philanthropic support



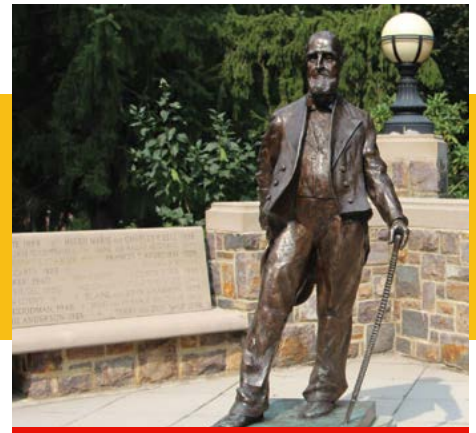
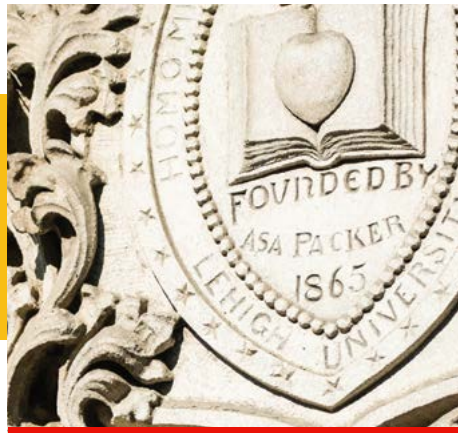
Asa Packer Society

Recognizes leadership annual gifts of \$10,000 or more.

Members provide high-impact annual support that empowers Lehigh to innovate and elevate strategic initiatives across campus.

- 992 donors qualified for recognition
- \$47,583,509 collective philanthropic support



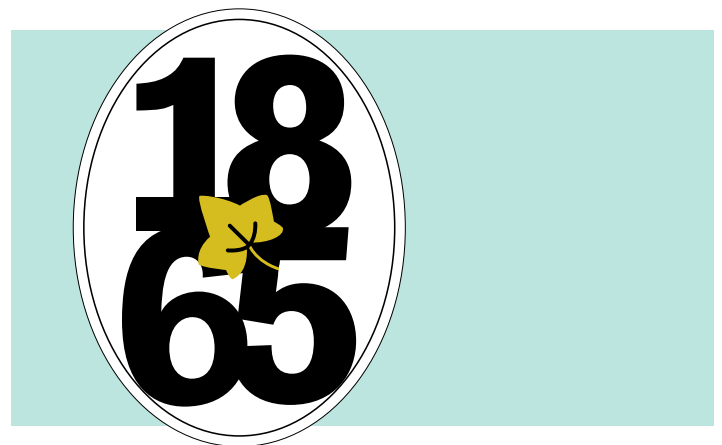


1865 Society

Recognizes cumulative lifetime giving of \$1 million or more.

Members help Lehigh realize its boldest ambitions through transformative giving. Their visionary investments expand possibilities for generations of future makers.

- 10 new members
- 250 donors of \$1 million+
- 11 donors of \$10 million+
- 5 donors of \$20 million+



Tower Society

Recognizes realized bequests, life income gifts, confirmed bequest intentions, or the creation of an endowment fund.

Members look toward Lehigh's future and provide stability and strength. They play a crucial role in ensuring Lehigh can advance its mission for generations to come.

- 63 new members
- 1,769 living members
- 3,897 total members
- \$22,731,640 collective philanthropic support

PLANNED GIVING

News



The Tower Society held its annual meeting and breakfast, giving members the opportunity to hear from President **Joseph J. Helble '82** on the university's strategy and achievements and from **Jeremy L. Gibson P'28**, Murray H. Goodman Dean of Athletics, on his vision for Lehigh Athletics.

In addition to the fall meeting, Tower Society members and alumni engaged in the arts gathered in the spring at the Lehigh University Art Galleries (LUAG). They celebrated LUAG's 100th anniversary and heard from Helble and **William Crow**, LUAG director, about Lehigh's vast and dynamic art collection and the vision for LUAG's future.

Realized Bequests

Paul S. Elosge '75 left a legacy that will outshine his silent struggles at Lehigh and throughout his life as a closeted gay man. His \$1.25 million gift will endow and name the director position at the Pride Center.

Geraldine Merksamer W'52 P'84 continued to support Lehigh, where she met her husband, **Norman J. Merksamer '52 P'84**, who was an active member of the Lehigh community and consummate supporter. Their bequest continued to benefit their scholarship named in honor of Norman's parents, Edythe and Harry Merksamer.

Wanting to pay forward the financial aid support he received, **Ralph H. Lightner '66** provided scholarship funding for a first-year student. He credits his Lehigh education with positioning him to make such a gift possible.

New Intentions

Ruth A. Scriptunas '73 MBA'74 created an unrestricted bequest.

Tony Hanna '73 made a planned gift for Lehigh Libraries and the Small Cities Lab.



Walter A. Zanchuk '72 M'80

designated Lehigh as a beneficiary of his Charitable Remainder Unitrust to establish a scholarship fund.

The estate of **C. Bayne Northern '77** established an endowed scholarship, creating lasting support for future generations of students in the College of Arts and Sciences and College of Business.

Greg Scaven '85 made a planned gift to add to his endowed scholarship fund.

Tower Society in Action



Howard D. Polsky '73 grew up on Lehigh Avenue, so you might say that attending Lehigh was inevitable. During college tours, it just took one visit for him to know he belonged on South Mountain.

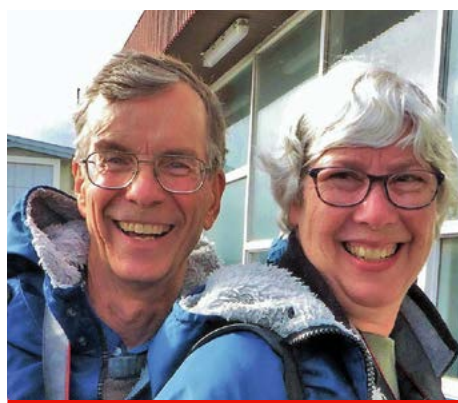
Life at Lehigh over four years was wide ranging as he performed with the Marching 97, joined Sigma Nu, welcomed the first class of women, relished the Rivalry, was elected to the Forum, competed in intramural sports, and cheered on Lehigh wrestling in the Snake Pit.

After earning his law degree, Polsky discovered his passion for communications law and launched his career at the Federal Communications Commission. He later worked at law

firms where he specialized in telecommunications regulation. He took a calculated risk and moved into government relations and served as general counsel at Lockheed Martin and then K12 Inc., the largest U.S. provider of online education for K-12 students.

Throughout his career, Polsky found ways to stay connected to Lehigh and give back. His involvement deepened as he served two terms on the Dean's Advisory Council (DAC) for the College of Arts and Sciences. He then joined the DAC for the College of Education, where he now serves as chair.

His involvement grew into investment. Polsky created an endowment to advance the study of American democracy and law. He then supported Compelling Perspectives, a campus speaker series that promotes respectful discourse on contemporary societal issues. He is also a regular donor to Lehigh football, basketball, wrestling, lacrosse, and volleyball.



As a child, **Ron L. Amey '74** reigned supreme over a Gilbert chemistry set in a makeshift basement laboratory. Before long, Amey set his sights on more ambitious scientific challenges.

During Amey's senior year of high school, his work to analyze the adhesive that barnacles secrete earned him top marks in the Lehigh Valley Science Fair. At an International Science & Engineering Fair, Amey earned the Navy Science

Cruiser Award and was rewarded with an invitation to the Japan Science Student Fair in Tokyo and a two-week oceanography course in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

When choosing a college, Amey wanted an institution with an outstanding chemistry program that was close to home and would accept his National Merit Scholarship. Lehigh fit the bill. It didn't take long for Amey to realize he'd need a doctorate to conduct the kind of research that interested him.

He earned that degree and found his lifelong love, **Gail**, in graduate school. His career in chemistry began at DuPont, where the bulk of his work was in new business development, transforming waste products, by-products, and co-products into useful, marketable products. Amey developed materials for paints, coatings, epoxy, fragrances, and, fittingly, products designed to prevent barnacles from adhering to marine surfaces.

Amey remained connected to Lehigh, serving on the Dean's Advisory Council for the College of Arts and Sciences. The Ameys created an endowment supporting summer undergraduate chemistry research. They also use their IRA to make qualified charitable distributions supporting that endowment and set up a donor-advised fund that they continue to grow.

"We want to support students so they don't have to struggle to get what they need," he says. "No one can do it alone. We want to be there to help students ignite their passions and forge a pathway forward."

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY



Campus Master Plan

Lehigh unveiled a new vision for the future of its iconic campus. Building on the university's *Inspiring the Future Makers strategy*, *Making the Future: A Plan for the Lehigh Campus* outlines a comprehensive 30-year framework to transform Lehigh's physical spaces in ways that will amplify student success, fuel groundbreaking research, and strengthen connections with the broader Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley community. Foundational projects include continued development of the Health, Science, and Technology building and reimagining Mountaintop and East Hill, a 371-bed residence hall.

Graduation Regalia Support Fund



Scott P. Willoughby '89, vice president of program excellence at Northrop Grumman and former program manager for NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, shared a personal story in his 2024 Lehigh Commencement address.

"I came to Lehigh with my clothes in brown shopping bags," he said. "My father gave me a \$20 bill and said goodbye."

Navigating college costs wasn't easy. When Willoughby learned that some students needed assistance with regalia rental fees, it resonated deeply. So he made a gift. The next year when he spoke at Commencement, he donated the honorarium to the same cause. Now he makes that same gift every year.

But his gift alone doesn't cover the cost for all the seniors in need. Lehigh uses his generosity to inspire others during Giving Day + March Mania. This year, it raised \$4,100.

Compelling Perspectives

In 2025-26, during its third year, *Compelling Perspectives*, a forum for civil discourse on issues of societal importance, explored the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence and what the future holds in an AI-powered world. Guests included Arianna Huffington, founder and CEO of Thrive Global and founder of the Huffington Post, U.S. Senator Dave McCormick, and Steve Wozniak, technology entrepreneur and co-founder of Apple.

Inclusion and Belonging

Melony E. Castro '04 P'27 and **Giovanni Castro '02 P'27** created an endowed fund for inclusion, excellence, and belonging that will support student leaders who demonstrate high academic achievement, co-curricular involvement, and a record of leadership, mentorship, or service that positively impacts the lives of other Lehigh students. The student leaders will be recognized annually at the spring Donning of the Kente dinner.

First Public Trail

Lehigh opened a public hiking trail within its newly designated 760-acre Forest Park on South Mountain in Bethlehem, marking a commitment to environmental stewardship, experiential learning, and shared enjoyment of the outdoors with the broader Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley community.

GLOBAL LEHIGH

Iacocca's New Name

The Iacocca Institute changed its name to the Lee Iacocca Institute for Global Leadership to better reflect its evolving mission: preparing emerging leaders from around the world to address complex global challenges.

Global Scholarships



In a record-setting cycle, two students and nine faculty were selected for the world-renowned Fulbright Scholarship, while one student earned one of the nation's most prestigious undergraduate STEM awards — the Goldwater Scholarship.

Grant Impact

A nontraditional student with a nontraditional path, **Michael D. Langer '17** turned his own growth journey into a family grant, the Langer Grant for International Creative Inquiry Projects, that has empowered more than 100 students to participate in immersive, hands-on international learning experiences.

Gifts

The **Freeman Foundation** continued its support of the Freeman East Asia Internship Program, providing students with immersive international experiences that strengthen cross-cultural understanding and prepare them for leadership in an interconnected world.



RESEARCH

Center for Advancing Community Electrification Solutions (ACES)

CAREER AWARD

Javad Khazaei, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering in the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science, received funding through the National Science Foundation's Faculty Early Career Development (NSF CAREER) Program for his proposal to develop a control paradigm for smart grids.

The prestigious NSF CAREER award supports junior faculty members across the U.S. who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education, and the integration of education and research.

SYMPOSIUM

ACES held its inaugural annual symposium, bringing together more than 130 educators and government and industry leaders, including representatives from PPL, Siemens, Cisco, Amazon Web Services, NextEra Energy Resources, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and Pennsylvania American Water. Participants examined the growth of AI data centers and the innovations needed to build grid resilience and improve energy and water efficiency.

Christopher A. Hemschot '93, vice president of Tenaska, became involved with ACES and was eager to contribute his practical insight gained through decades in the industry. For Hemschot, ACES represents the kind

of collaboration needed to advance the energy sector, bringing together data, expertise, and innovation to create solutions that are economically sound and focused on community needs.

Center for Community-Driven Assistive Technologies (CDAT)

ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCED

CDAT announced the appointment of an advisory board composed of experts representing a wide spectrum of populations that support individuals with disabilities across settings and life stages. The board includes local, regional, and national community members who bring expertise, lived experience, and innovative ideas that will guide development, evaluation, and dissemination of assistive technologies.

PROJECT MABLE

MABLE (Mapping for Accessibility in Built Environments) develops digital maps that make indoor spaces more navigable for people with disabilities. By combining AI, building modeling, robotics, and low-power electronics, MABLE extracts detailed accessibility data from floor plans to help users better understand and navigate buildings with greater confidence and independence.

Center for Catastrophe Modeling and Resilience

CONSORTIUM PROJECTS

The Consortium for Enhancing Resilience and Catastrophe Modeling (CERCat) — a landmark partnership between Lehigh and Rice University — convened for its semiannual meeting to discuss updates on six projects launched during its inaugural meeting at Lehigh.

CERCat is a dynamic research hub that brings together academia and industry to advance the science of catastrophic risk modeling and resilience assessment. By bridging academic innovation with the practical needs of the private and public sectors, CERCat ensures that the next generation of catastrophe models is grounded in the latest science and offers practical solutions to real-world challenges.



CORPORATE & FOUNDATION RELATIONS



Partnerships

Victaulic enhanced laboratory equipment for the mechanical engineering and mechanics department through a corporate gift and also provided financial and staffing support for the department's annual race day event at Broughal Middle School.

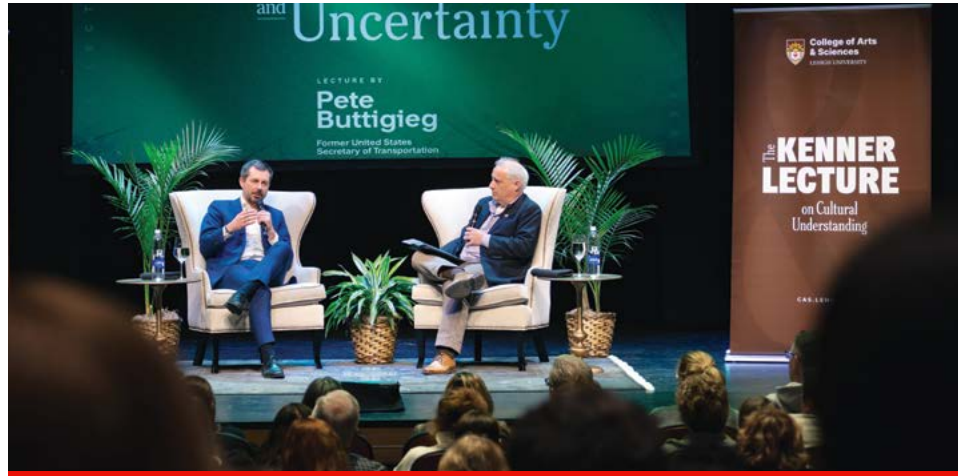
Lehigh's interdisciplinary capstone partnership with **Stryker Joint Replacement** brought together professional mentors and 10 students from various disciplines to solve real-world engineering challenges. Students developed innovative solutions aligned with Stryker's mission.

Saskia Putri Ph.D.'26 explored real-time monitoring and control tools to help data centers manage the growing power demands of artificial intelligence. Through its partnership with Lehigh, **Siemens** provided funding and technical expertise to advance microgrid research supporting next-generation AI data centers.

Cisco supported the Lehigh AI Club's first AI-powered Vibecoding Hackathon. Centered on the theme "student success," the competition challenged student teams to develop AI solutions that improve student life in meaningful ways.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



News

Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg delivered the 2026 Kenner Lecture on Cultural Understanding, focusing on civility, political polarization, and the challenges facing democratic institutions. Established in 1997 by **Jeffrey L. Kenner '65 '66**, the Kenner Lecture has become the College of Arts and Sciences' signature forum for intellectual engagement and global dialogue, bringing influential leaders to campus. Continuing his longstanding commitment to the series, Kenner



provided additional support this year, helping sustain meaningful conversations on issues of national and global importance.

ANNIVERSARY

The Lehigh University Art Galleries (LUAG) celebrated its centennial with a yearlong series of exhibitions, programs, and events commemorating 100 years of advancing critical thinking, cultural understanding, and community connection through transformative experiences with art. Over the past century, LUAG has built and stewarded a world-class collection of more than 21,000 works of art, enriching teaching, learning, and public engagement at Lehigh and throughout the region.

Gifts

Clyde R. Flory Jr. '55 and **Karen Flory** made a significant gift to the College of Arts and Sciences, providing

flexible resources that enable the college to invest in its highest priorities and pursue emerging opportunities.

Tony Hanna '73 made a planned gift supporting the Small Cities Lab, advancing interdisciplinary research and community partnerships focused on the challenges and opportunities facing small cities nationwide.

Cara K. O'Brien '92 made a commitment to establish an endowment to support life-launching experiences through study abroad opportunities for undergraduate students studying international relations.

ARTS

Christine E. Ussler '81 established an endowed fund to support experiential learning opportunities in the department of art, architecture, and design. The fund will provide students with resources for creative work, internships, collaborative projects, and other hands-on educational experiences.

Ussler also made a planned commitment supporting faculty excellence and the long-term advancement of art, architecture, and design education at Lehigh.

Charles C. Jigarjian '02, **Michi Jigarjian '02**, and **Kathryn C. Jigarjian Fagin '05** established the Jigarjian Family '02 '05 Endowed Lecture Series in the department of art, architecture, and design. The series will connect students and faculty with influential artists, designers, and thought leaders, fostering dialogue around contemporary culture and creative practice.

The **John L. and Grace P. Soldoveri** Foundation established The Jane S. Hinckley '25P Endowed Memorial Fund for Art, Architecture, and Design, providing enduring support for students and programs in the department.

Richard H. Johnson MBA'73

made a commitment to establish the Zoellner Arts Center Children's Arts and Science Education Endowment, expanding educational programming that inspires creativity, curiosity, and learning among young audiences.

Victoria Zoellner GP'15 made a significant commitment to Zoellner Arts Center, reinforcing the center's role as a hub for artistic excellence, student engagement, and community connection.

W. Beall Fowler '59 P'85 P'89 GP'16

made a gift supporting Zoellner Arts Center's Arts and Wellness Program, an initiative that integrates music, mindfulness, and creative expression into the region's health and wellness landscape.

Kenneth R. Woodcock '65 and Dorothy Woodcock made a significant gift to support LUAG's most pressing needs and advance the director's vision, exhibitions, educational initiatives, and community programming.

Abbott L. Brown '65 and **Jerrie P. Ortega-Brown** made investments advancing LUAG's mission to foster critical thinking, cultural understanding, and well-being through transformative art experiences.

Jane P. Jamieson '75 and **Frederick H. Jamieson '74** made a gift to the Lehigh Outdoor Sculpture Preservation Endowment, ensuring the long-term care and preservation of the university's outdoor art collection for future generations.

HUMANITIES

James E. Neitzel made a testamentary gift to enhance the Ann Neitzel Endowment for Poetry and Creative Writing, ensuring that the transformative power of storytelling continues to inspire poets and authors at Lehigh in perpetuity.

NATURAL SCIENCES

Thomas F. Cahill Jr. '85 '86 P'30 and **Anh D. Cahill P'30** made a planned gift supporting the astrophysics program and committed to establishing an endowment for the program. Their generosity will advance research, faculty excellence, and student opportunities in one of the university's signature scientific disciplines.

Associate Professor of Chemistry **Jim Roberts** and **Carolyn Roberts** made a gift to an endowed fund supporting future opportunities for students and faculty in the chemical sciences.

Meg Pietrasz '78 and **Christopher D. Kwoka '78** established an endowed fund supporting experiential learning opportunities in the department of earth and environmental sciences, enhancing hands-on educational experiences for students.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dale A. White '77 and **Karen White** committed to establishing an endowment that will expand opportunities for political science students to engage in hands-on learning experiences connecting classroom study with public service, research, and professional development.

Howard D. Polsky '73 made a gift to his endowment, advancing teaching, scholarship, and interdisciplinary exploration of the American experience.

Neil G. Epstein '62 made a gift in support of the department of political science, enhancing student learning, faculty scholarship, and academic programming.

Partnerships

The Small Cities Lab and the Switchpoint Foundation are partnering to advance research and community engagement through the Pottstown Small Cities Research Fund, which supports faculty and student scholarship focused on the opportunities and challenges facing small cities.



The College of Arts and Sciences and **ShelterBox USA** expanded their partnership through a yearlong Design Practice Capstone course offered through the department of art, architecture, and design. Facilitated by **John H. Glanville '77**, who serves on both the ShelterBox USA Board and the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Advisory Council, the collaboration challenged students to develop a ShelterBox Student Ambassador Program and a scalable toolkit for future campus chapters, advancing ShelterBox's mission to support communities displaced by disaster and conflict.

The College of Arts and Sciences and **Global Engineering and Materials, Inc.** continued their partnership to advance research in applied and computational mathematics.

Research

The Charles E. Kaufman Foundation awarded **Dylan Shropshire**, assistant professor of biological sciences, a New Investigator Award in recognition of his innovative research on the interactions between microbes and host cells.

The Simons Foundation continued its investment in several distinguished Lehigh faculty in mathematics through gifts supporting research collaboration and travel opportunities in geometry and related fields.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS



News

Christopher Wilson '90, co-host of the Goodman Center for Real Estate's Study Abroad Program, now in its third year, is helping expand the university's global footprint in real estate. Wilson led a student cohort in Milan, where he leveraged his international network to showcase a city preparing to host the Winter Olympics.

TOP 100 FOR RESEARCH

The college was ranked among the Top 100 North American Business Schools for research output. Over the past decade, the Lehigh Business faculty has significantly expanded its research footprint through publications, conference presentations, research grants, and editorial positions. In the past two years alone, faculty members published 32 papers in top-tier journals.

NEW SPORTS ANALYTICS MINOR

The decision and technology analytics department introduced a sports analytics minor launching in spring 2027. The program will prepare students to use data to make smart decisions and create real-world results for sports organizations.

Events

WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Lehigh alumni, faculty, and students connected through panel discussions, workshops, and a keynote address from **Dina M. DiLorenzo '93**, president of Guggenheim Investments.

THE CENTER FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Center for Financial Services hosted its annual symposium at Neuberger Berman's New York City headquarters. The event explored how AI is transforming the financial landscape, bringing together industry professionals, alumni, and students to examine how financial institutions are moving beyond AI experimentation and toward enterprise-wide adoption. **Seth Finkel '80** moderated the discussion while **Joe Sieczkowski '90 P'29** and **Semir Redzepagic '13** were among the panelists.

GOODMAN CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE – 25TH ANNIVERSARY PRACTICUM

Professor Loren K. Keim '04 G'11 P'26 brought together nine teams of Lehigh students for an intensive commercial real estate analysis competition focused on New York City office properties for the 25th anniversary of the Harris and Web Collins Family Practicum Scholarship Competition — a pillar of the real estate program. Many alumni contributed to the event as property owners, venue hosts, industry professionals, and judges, including **Thomas P. Durels '83**, **Marc A. Holliday '88**, **Art Lowenfish '94**, **Noah S. Barnett '22**, **Jason M. Barnett P'22**, **David J. Providenti '91**, **Craig Lemle '74 P'06**, **Chris Kraus '81**, and **Darcy Stacom '81**.

SUPPLY CHAIN

Center for Supply Chain Research at Lehigh hosted its annual events, including a Fall Forum focused on innovation and a Spring Symposium that explored AI and the Future of Work in Supply Chain. Several alumni leaders spoke and participated in panel sessions.

RECEPTIONS

Robyn E. Tannenbaum '07 and **Leonard M. Tannenbaum**, and **John B. Howard '91**, hosted receptions featuring key updates and discussion about the vision of the College from **Manoj K. Malhotra**, Kevin L. and Lisa A. Clayton Dean of the College of Business.

Gifts

Paul R. Knollmeyer '87 and **Phyllis Knollmeyer** established endowed funds supporting the dean's strategic initiatives and faculty excellence.

Douglas A. Borck '78 P'05 P'07 and **Lynn L. Borck '78 P'05 P'07** continued their support of an endowed fund for the department of decision and technology analytics.

Judy M. Gruhn and the late **Donald M. Gruhn '49** created a new endowment supporting student experiences.

Luis A. Arcentales '98 MS'00, whose student experience and professional success were shaped by his time in Chile through the Martindale Center for the Study of Private Enterprise, created an endowment for the center. The fund honors philanthropist **Rosalyn "Roz" Koo**, who profoundly shaped his family's life by supporting the studies of his wife, **Chenling Arcentales**, at Harvard.



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



News

After serving a two-year term as acting dean, **Robin Hojnoski**, professor of school psychology, was appointed dean of the College of Education.

Centennial School celebrated its 60th anniversary in the fall of 2025, serving students with emotional disturbance and autism while training College of Education students.

Lehigh University's College of Education took bold action to address Pennsylvania's growing educator shortage. Hojnoski highlighted the urgent need for teachers, counselors, and school psychologists before introducing Inspire, a new scholarship initiative designed to support future educators entering these critical fields.

The College of Education hosted a symposium focused on the ADHD Life-Course Model across the PreK-college life stages. The model provides a framework for understanding how ADHD develops from a childhood disorder into a chronic, lifelong condition. The symposium featured several national scholars, including renowned ADHD researcher **George DuPaul**, faculty member in the school psychology program and associate director of the University Research Center for Community-Driven Assistive Technologies.

Gifts

Tara Levinson '95 M.Ed.'98 Ph.D.'04 and **Robert Levinson '97** continue to support initiatives in the College of Education. Tara has served on the Lehigh University Autism Services Council since its inception and recently joined the College of Education's Dean's Advisory Council, where she aims to help strengthen the college's overall presence and foster a more robust alumni network.



Steve Villas '75 and **Elizabeth A. Villas** created an endowed scholarship in 1996 and continue to support it, helping students pursuing degrees in special education and those involved with the Centennial School.



The College of Education ranked in the top 10 by amount raised during Giving Day + March Mania. Challenge and matching gifts were provided by the Villas Family, **Jiyun Yao Ph.D.'17** and **Xueqin Lin M.Ed.'18**, **Howard D. Polsky '73**, **D'Arcy W. Roper '67 P'94** and **Mary E. Roper P'94**, and several anonymous donors.

Research

College of Education student **Eliza Gilden M.Ed.'23 Ph.D.'26** received an internal research grant to study whether a brief classroom program can help elementary students better understand and support their neurodivergent peers, including students with autism, ADHD, and learning differences. Working with approximately 120 students in grades 3–5, the study aims to help schools identify practical, evidence-based strategies to foster more inclusive and supportive learning environments.

Sara Kangas, associate professor and special education program director, received a grant from the Spencer Foundation to examine how schools support multilingual students with disabilities as they learn English and access academic services. Researchers will explore how individualized language plans are being used in schools and gather perspectives from educators, parents, and students about how well these plans meet students' needs.

J. Cameron Anglum, associate professor in the educational leadership program, received a subgrant award from the **Walton Family Foundation** to partner with researchers at the University of Missouri's Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Effectiveness Center.

Patti Manz, professor and chair of education and human services, received a gift from the **PNC Foundation** for Little Talks, a comprehensive, culturally responsive approach to fostering language-rich interactions between parents and infants and toddlers, specifically those who experience socioeconomic disadvantage.

Partnerships

The Community Voices Clinic provides no-cost mental health services to students enrolled at Donegan Elementary and Broughal Middle School and their families. Directed by **Chéré D. Hunter Ph.D.'21**, a licensed psychologist and counseling psychology faculty member, the clinic recently expanded its services to Marvine Elementary students and families through a strong partnership with the Bethlehem Area School District.

Lehigh University's College of Education was honored to present a PreK–12 art exhibition at Iacocca Hall curated by **Liz Sims**, a doctoral student in the educational leadership program and an art teacher at Valley Forge Elementary School. The exhibit featured more than 100 works from Bright Horizons at Lehigh University, Centennial School, Whitehall Middle School, and Valley Forge Elementary School.





COLLEGE OF HEALTH

News

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Since its launch during the 2020 pandemic, the Lehigh College of Health has rapidly evolved into a hub for health innovation. In just five years, the college has grown from an inaugural cohort of 62 students to a thriving community of 259 scholars. Students learn across five undergraduate majors: population health, community and global health, biostatistics and health data science, integrated business and health, and health, medicine, and society.

The college's growth has been fueled by more than \$13.6 million in philanthropic support, funding initiatives like the College of Health Scholars Program created by a lead gift from **Ellen and Vincent A. Forlenza '75**. This new cohort-based scholarship program empowers aspiring health leaders by combining four-year full-tuition support with funded experiential learning, dedicated mentorship, and professional networking.

INAUGURAL ENDOWED CHAIRS INSTALLED

The College of Health celebrated a historic milestone with the formal installation of its first two endowed chairs.

As the inaugural **Ellen and Vincent A. Forlenza '75 Endowed Chair in Health Innovation and Technology**, **Vinod Namboodiri** is advancing the field of assistive technology. His work focuses on developing indoor navigation systems to improve independence and quality of life for individuals with disabilities and older adults.

Michael Gusmano, associate dean for academic programs, was installed as the **Iacocca Chair**. A nationally recognized expert in health policy and the college's associate dean for academic affairs, Gusmano leads the **World Cities Project**, which compares health care and social systems across major global centers to improve urban health outcomes.

NEW CERTIFICATE

As health care continues to evolve rapidly, leaders must navigate a field that is complex, expensive, and critical to society. To help prepare professionals for these challenges, the college launched a graduate certificate in health care management focused on the systems and strategies shaping modern health care.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Global health policy became immersive for students who traveled to World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, where they

participated in a hands-on diplomacy simulation addressing global health inequities. The study abroad opportunity was led by **Krista Liguori**, teaching



assistant professor in the department of community and global health and the Office of International Affairs.

BRIDGING POLICY AND PRACTICE

The College of Health hosted Senior Fellow **Adrian Shanker** for a residency that connected students with national health policy in action. A Biden-Harris administration appointee and nationally recognized strategist in LGBTQI+ and HIV health policy, Shanker engaged the Lehigh community through guest teaching, faculty collaboration, and student mentorship.

A centerpiece of his visit was a fireside chat on the social determinants of health, a focus of his current research and policy work. Beyond the classroom, Shanker's residency included immersive learning opportunities, such as a day in Washington, D.C., where students gained firsthand experience in health policy.

Events

The College of Health Colloquium Series allowed the Lehigh community to hear directly from leaders shaping the future of health, business, and policy, including many accomplished Lehigh alumni. Through six sessions exploring topics such as innovation, finance, leadership, discovery, and aging, the series provided opportunities for meaningful conversations with experts addressing some of the field's most pressing challenges.



Learn more about the range of topics and speakers.

PIONEERING MENTAL HEALTH & NEURODIVERSITY

The College of Health welcomed renowned psychiatrist and author **Gail Saltz '84** back to campus for her inspiring keynote, "Neurodiversity & Strengths." Speaking to more than

150 students, faculty, and community members, Saltz challenged traditional paradigms by highlighting how brain differences — such as ADHD, dyslexia, and anxiety — can contribute to creativity, problem-solving, and innovation.

Beyond her lecture, Saltz's ongoing partnership with **Beth Dolan**, dean of the College of Health, is helping integrate mental well-being and destigmatization into Lehigh's campus programming. Saltz has generously supported this initiative and has been a longstanding supporter of the Lehigh Fund.

Gifts

EXPANDING STUDENT RESILIENCE

The College has taken a significant step in addressing student well-being through the generosity of **Josh Weintraub '91** and **Sharon Weintraub**. Their family's gift established a unique joint teaching and outreach position connecting academic research with clinical support. The role is a cornerstone of Lehigh's Student Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Resilience Initiatives, integrating mental health education into both the classroom and campus culture.

In August 2025, **Qingyun Zhang** joined the College as the inaugural teaching assistant professor of education and outreach for student mental health and well-being. This hybrid role allows him to split his time between teaching within the College of Health and serving as a health educator at the University Counseling and Psychological Services Center. By combining these roles, Zhang provides students with evidence-based strategies for self-regulation and resilience while training a new generation of peer advocates.

BUILDING A LEGACY

As one of the first students to join the College of Health, **Dakota M. Feldman '24** helped shape its culture while pursuing a degree in population health. Her experience navigating this new interdisciplinary path inspired her family to establish the Dakota Feldman '24 and Trepper Family Endowed Scholarship Fund. The gift ensures that future

scholars have financial support to pursue their passions in health innovation and community care. **Myron and Harriet Trepper GP'24** and **Stefanie Trepper P'24** viewed the gift as a way to fuel the College's early momentum. Today, Feldman continues to serve the Lehigh community as a young alumna advisor on the Dean's Advisory Council.

INVESTING IN THE STUDENT JOURNEY

Jeffrey H. Burbank '86 and **Cynthia Burbank** are supporting the student experience throughout the journey from discovery through professional placement. Their gift established a dedicated admissions counselor position to increase the college's national visibility and connect with students deeply committed to improving health outcomes and pursuing health-related careers.

To ensure these students transition seamlessly into high-impact health roles, the College has also launched a director of internships and employer partnerships. This leadership role creates stronger connections with industry partners across degree programs and prepares students for dynamic careers transforming health and health care.

Advancing Disability Health Equity

The college achieved a historic first in its new 10-year partnership with Good Shepherd Rehabilitation through the appointment of **Shirin Madarshahian**, the first joint faculty hire between the two institutions. As an assistant professor in the department of biostatistics and health data science and a research scientist at Good Shepherd, Madarshahian serves as a bridge between academic research and clinical application.

A motor control researcher and data scientist, Madarshahian focuses on neuromodulation, using wearable sensors and AI-driven tools to develop personalized treatments for individuals with neurological disorders such as stroke, Parkinson's disease, and spinal cord injuries.

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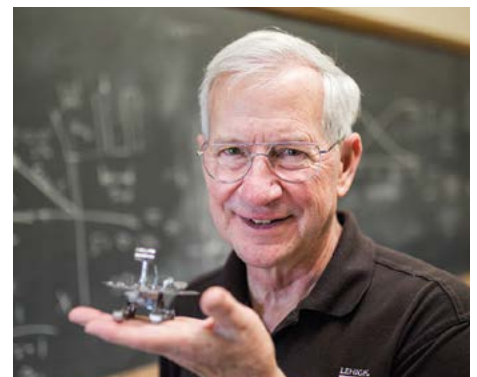


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MASTER'S IN AEROSPACE

Rossin launched a new master of science in aerospace space systems engineering, a graduate program designed to meet growing demand for advanced aerospace expertise. Students build a foundation in propulsion, aerodynamics, astrodynamics, guidance and control, flight vehicle design, and systems integration while pursuing concentrations in areas such as aerodynamics, aerospace engineering, and space systems design.

Drawing on his decades of aerospace experience, **Terry Hart '68 H'88 P'27** helped also audiences across the media better understand NASA's Artemis II mission to the moon.



JOINT FACULTY HIRE

As part of the College of Health's new 10-year partnership with Good Shepherd Rehabilitation, **Juan Aceros**, associate professor of bioengineering in the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science, became one of Lehigh's first joint faculty appointments. The partnership helps translate innovative research into practical technologies that improve independence and quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

Two new members were elected to the National Academy of Engineering, one of the profession's highest honors. Electrical engineering alumnus and Stanford University professor **H.S. Philip Wong Ph.D.'88** was recognized for his contributions to nanoscale semiconductor device technology. **Israel E. Wachs P'99 P'02**, the **G. Whitney Snyder Distinguished Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering** at Lehigh, was recognized "for establishing fundamental selectivity rules governing molecular engineering of mixed oxide catalysts."

Gifts

Engineering student and track athlete **James P. Davis '79 P'11** had his life take a new course when Lehigh track and field coach **John N. Covert** offered him an athletics scholarship. From scholarship recipient to global executive, mentor, and philanthropist, Davis remains focused on creating opportunities for others. His endowed scholarship will help future engineering students pursue the same transformative educational experience that shaped him.

Mark E. Alpert '70 and **Caryn Osterman** made an additional gift to his endowment supporting outstanding graduate students in the civil and environmental engineering department.

Steve Villas '75 and **Elizabeth A. Villas** established a fund supporting energy-related research within the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science. Their gift honors the legacy of late Lehigh President **Alice P. Gast** and her commitment to Lehigh.

Steven D. Sturgis '76 MS'77 and **Debra Sturgis** made a gift supporting lab enhancements in the department of industrial and systems engineering.

Lewis E. S. Parker '63 and **Sharon Parker**, along with **Daniel R. Omstead '75** and **Mary Omstead**, made gifts to the Rossin Research Innovation Fund, providing seed funding for faculty teams pursuing high-risk, high-reward interdisciplinary research. Their generosity helps researchers generate results needed to compete successfully for external funding.

The department of mechanical engineering and mechanics established the **Geoffrey M. Andrews '15 Aerospace Award** to recognize undergraduate students who demonstrate academic excellence and a strong commitment to aerospace engineering. The award honors Andrews, who died in a plane crash in June 2025 at age 30 after making a significant impact as a rising leader and researcher in hypersonic aerodynamics.

David Squier '67 '92P and **Sue Squier '92** made a significant gift to increase their support of their scholarship fund for engineering students. Dave is a former member of the Rossin College Dean's Advisory Council.

Enterprise Systems Center



John E. McGlade '76 MBA'81, retired CEO of Air Products, credits several Lehigh professors with influencing his trajectory, including **Gary Whitehouse '60 MS'62** and longtime faculty member **Emory Zimmers '66 '67 MS'67 Ph.D.'73 P'07 P'09**. That mentorship led to McGlade's deep involvement with and support of Lehigh's Enterprise Systems Center, which pairs students with real-world projects sponsored by companies, nonprofits, and public organizations. Fully supported by partner organizations and matching gifts like his, the center demonstrates tangible value while remaining financially sustainable — an example, McGlade says, of what makes Lehigh distinctive: rigor paired with relevance.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Lehigh strategy, *Inspiring the Future Makers*, articulates how we as a university work together to innovate and make change happen. Lehigh's momentum is tangible as we chart a path to realizing our goals.

Redefine a Deeply Interdisciplinary Education

All Lehigh students will be able to participate in boldly interdisciplinary programs and have access to hands-on learning through our University Research Centers.

Invest in Interdisciplinary Research

Critical problems require a holistic approach to problem solving. Lehigh is making key investments in faculty hires, facility renovation and construction, and support for fast-paced, high-reward research that supports our R1 status.

Lead in Educational Innovation

Lehigh is applying learning science and artificial intelligence to innovate the classroom experience, maximize learning, and personalize education for each student, as seen in our exploratory first-year programs.

Support Scholarship and Financial Aid

Lehigh is attracting prospective students from around the world, some of the best and brightest future makers, and they require support to make the Lehigh experience possible. Endowed scholarships and support for the Lehigh Fund are crucial.

Transform Campus and Districts

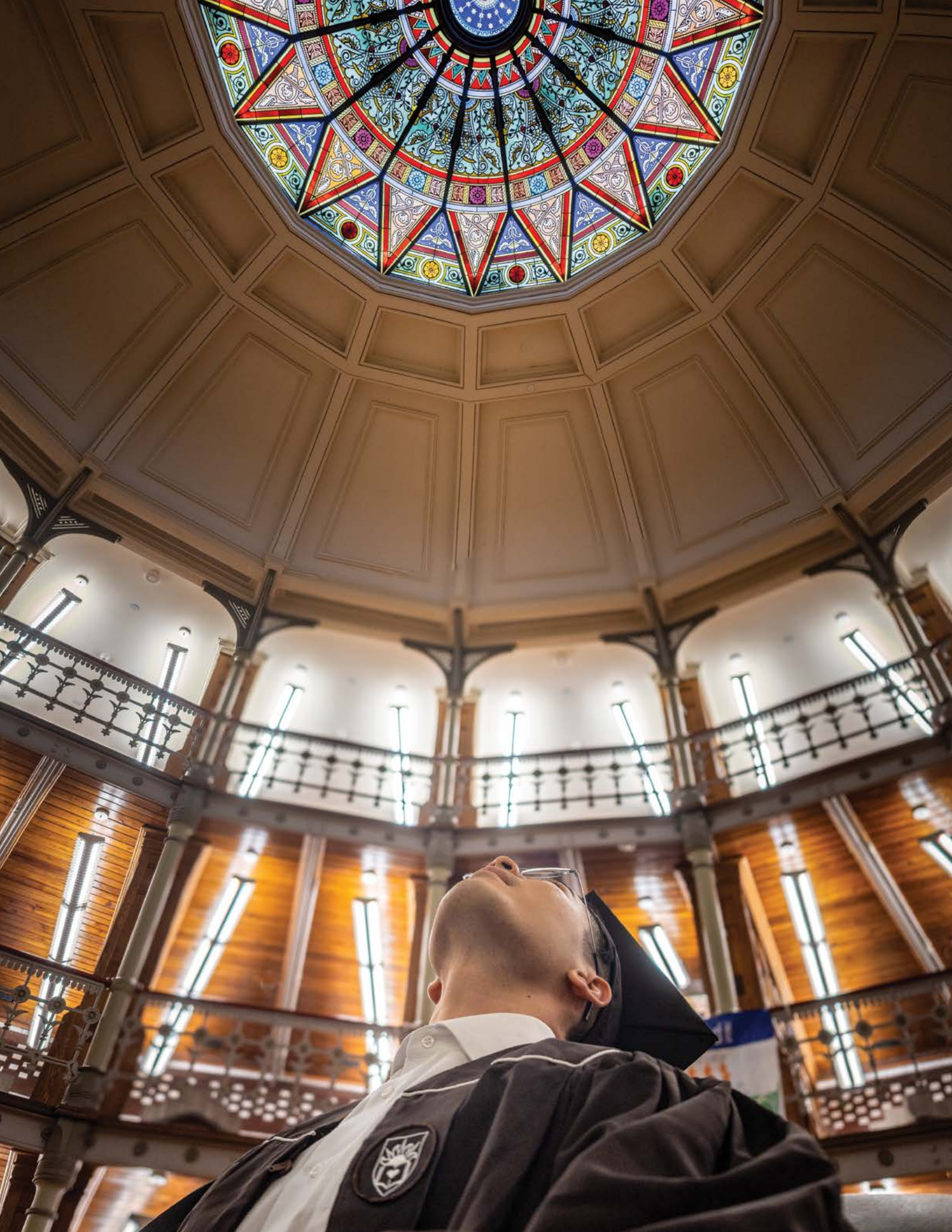
The 30-year vision for the university, *Making the Future: A Plan for the Lehigh Campus*, has us fully activating the 740-acre Mountaintop, adding the Center for Peak Performance to Goodman, creating research environments for University Research Centers in the Health, Science, and Technology building, and breaking ground on East Hill, a 371-bed residence hall.

Enhance the Shared Bethlehem Experience

Lehigh is strengthening our partnerships and community engagements throughout Bethlehem's South Side and across the Lehigh Valley to connect with the community and expand our impact.

Cultivate a Lifelong Lehigh

Lehigh is expanding our graduate and professional offerings to be part of the lifelong learning experience.



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