



The Hill Society Impact Report

The Hill Society is an exclusive and distinguished network of leaders who understand that reliable annual philanthropic support drives innovation.

As a member of The Hill Society, you help advance academic excellence, supporting transformative programs in our 13 schools and colleges. You help create unparalleled student experiences, funding career-building internships and externships, study abroad and ground-breaking research opportunities. When you support the University's greatest priorities, you make an immediate impact on students.

The Hill Society recognizes alumni, parents and other friends who support the University's highest priorities through unrestricted annual gifts at a leadership level. Although many of our donors' philanthropic commitments to Syracuse University extend beyond the focus of The Hill Society, this report exclusively highlights the impact of gifts to those unrestricted program funds during the 2021-22 academic year.

We are excited to recognize donors who have joined The Hill Society through their membership in **The Legends Society** or **The Joseph I. Lubin Society** and have provided additional information about those societies within this report.

Your generosity is advancing Syracuse University's commitment to the scholarship, leadership, creativity and entrepreneurship of every promising student.

Being a Hill Society member shows that I'm willing to commit to the future of Syracuse. I hope my annual commitment can help offset costs for the next generation of students. It's all about paying it forward.

Karyn Bilezerian '93

73%
of all Hill Society
memberships were
renewed this year.

1,715
DONORS
IN THE HILL SOCIETY



At Syracuse University, we connect people and perspectives to create solutions in emerging fields. As an elite R-1 research institution, we tackle relevant issues for a rapidly changing world. This past year, members of The Hill Society provided unrestricted support that brought success to every school and college. Thanks to your generosity:

- > **School of Architecture** students and faculty participated in research projects such as the “Envision Resilience Narragansett Bay Challenge.” Funds covered travel expenses and other costs associated with on-site research.
- > More than 500 **College of Arts and Sciences** students applied their liberal arts and sciences education in the real world through internships, study abroad, service learning and research with faculty members.
- > Funds advanced the next generation of leaders in the **School of Education** through graduate student support, experiential learning opportunities and research and scholarship for inclusive/anti-racist and digital pedagogies.
- > The **Falk College** funds helped to offset financial challenges including textbooks or technology needs of students, provided individuals and student groups with travel assistance for conferences or experiential learning and funded high-potential research and community initiatives among both faculty and students.
- > Gifts to the **College of Engineering and Computer Science** allowed undergraduate students to be part of breakthrough research and supported programs like Invent@SU, which provides opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship beyond the classroom.
- > Individual gifts to the **iSchool** enabled external partnerships with local organizations, immersion trips and innovation competitions among students. Gifts also enhanced student recruiting experiences and career services programming, and grew It Girls into a two-week residential program.
- > In a national first, the **College of Law** partnered with AccessLex to provide law students with the state-of-the-art, adaptive learning Helix Bar Review course, free of charge. No College of Law student had to sit for the July bar without the benefit of a comprehensive prep program.
- > The **Maxwell School Dean’s Fund** enhanced undergraduate research and internship opportunities, with several students working on diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility initiatives. The fund also provided stipends for graduate students, empowering them to focus on their scholarly pursuits.



- > The **S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications** offered participation in priority initiatives, such as the Center for Democracy, Journalism & Citizenship in D.C., the Lionsgate Studios partnership for Newhouse NYC and expansion of the Newhouse LA Program.
- > The **College of Visual and Performing Arts** provided the financial opportunity for students to study their craft beyond Syracuse University at programs in Berlin, Florence, London, Prague, Washington, D.C., New York City and Los Angeles.
- > Expanded immersion trips to New York City enabled **Martin J. Whitman School of Management** students to get real-world exposure to the workplace prior to choosing a career.
- > The **College of Professional Studies** offered 23 market-sensitive online undergraduate degrees, minors and certificates.
- > The **Hendricks Chapel Food Pantries** increased offerings and expanded the campus garden, elevating awareness of student health and well-being. Hendricks Chapel also grew its Student Opportunity Fund to assist those experiencing financial hardship.
- > **The Syracuse University Multicultural Advancement** had their most successful fundraising year on record.
- > **Syracuse Abroad** prepared students to “imagine the world differently” at five award-winning centers and through short-term and affiliated partner programs across 60 countries. Study abroad scholarship funding totaled \$100,000, with an average award of \$750 per student.
- > Gifts to the **Syracuse University Art Museum** covered partial acquisition costs of new artwork by underrepresented artists to improve inclusion within the permanent collection and expand the voices and perspectives in exhibitions and curricular engagement.
- > Gifts to support the **Athletics Opportunity Fund** enhanced the holistic experience for all 600+ Syracuse student-athletes and provided the resources needed to excel in the classroom and in competition.
- > The **Veteran Legacy Fund** supported numerous aspects of campus life for the veteran and military-connected community by providing financial support, programs, services, professional development, career immersion and internship opportunities.
- > SU Libraries Student Employee Recognition Awards were presented to 15 students who distinguished themselves above and beyond through their work in the **Libraries**. The awards ranged from \$250 to \$500 each and were presented at an annual spring ceremony.

Why is it important to give back to Syracuse University?

“I would not have been able to attend Syracuse if it weren’t for alumni generosity. Being a scholarship recipient has given me the opportunity to pursue my master’s degree, and study abroad along the way.

Giving, in big ways and small, is one of the most remarkable things a person can do because it creates a ripple effect of people paying it forward.”

Stephanie Saba ’22

“To me, the most important reason to give is to help provide equal opportunities to all students. Giving allows Syracuse to continue to provide not only an education, but also countless memories for generations to come.”

Sammy Schneider ’23

**\$8.5
MILLION
RAISED**

**by Hill Society Members
for unrestricted, current-use,
qualifying funds**

“Generous alumni who donate provide me and my talented peers new opportunities to study abroad and show our work in prestigious venues around the globe.”

Claire Hughto ’23

“Donor support helps to facilitate great events and opportunities that help students grow personally and professionally. Without the support of scholarships, law school would not have been feasible. Giving back is really about holding the door open for those behind you, in the same way, that alumni did for me.”

Gabrielle Kielbasinski ’22



“I graduated from SU in 1953. In every one of the 69 years since then, I have made an annual gift to the University. I did that to pay back as best I can for what SU did for me almost 70 years ago.

I hope and pray to be fortunate enough to continue this annual giving for some years into the future and then ultimately with a legacy gift. Only then will my old account with SU be marked paid in full.”

Arthur Schechner ’53

The Legends Society

The Legends Society is an exclusive group of Syracuse fans, family and alumni who join in a shared vision of providing student-athletes with a championship experience. Their commitment to support athletic priorities through the 'Cuse Athletics Fund is helping transform Manley Field House into the John A. Lally Athletics Complex. Donor support is integral to Syracuse Athletics and our ability to recruit, retain and develop student-athletes and coaches. Commitments to The Legends Society are used to enhance experiences across all 20 sports and benefit more than 600 student-athletes.



The Joseph I. Lubin Society

The Lubin Society celebrates those families who invest in excellence at this great University. Annual membership begins with a gift of \$5,000. Members engage with the Chancellor and other leaders from across the University, receive invitations to exclusive events on campus and in New York City, attend the Lubin Society Weekend each spring at Syracuse University and access special reserved seating at Commencement.









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