



The Hill Society

Annual Impact Report

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



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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, we recognize you as alumni, parents and friends who support the University's highest priorities. Your gift supports our 13 schools and colleges, allowing deans to respond to immediate needs, provide millions in scholarship funding annually and create opportunities for immersive learning experiences.

With your support, we are able to achieve academic excellence, provide an unsurpassed student experience and provide unique learning opportunities for our students. Our students go beyond the classroom into the laboratory, studio, maker space or business incubator—engaging in research and hands-on learning with top scholars doing the best work in their fields.

Thank you for joining other members of the Orange family who stand behind, walk beside and lift up deserving and dedicated students, faculty and researchers.

We invite you to stay connected with us, join us in our future endeavors, and continue to make a lasting impact. **We are Forever Orange.**

We are pleased to recognize donors who have joined The Hill Society through their membership in The Legends Society or The Joseph I. Lubin Society. You will read more about these societies within this report.



“I feel privileged to be able to give back to the community and have the opportunity to impact others’ lives. The Hill Society provides a great platform for me to give to others.”

Ada Agrait '94

**Thank you for supporting
Syracuse University's highest
priorities and creating a
world-class environment for
our students.**



At Syracuse University, we are profoundly grateful for your generosity and we're pleased to share the progress and impact of The Hill Society with you.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IN THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

\$21.5
MILLION
RAISED
by The Hill Society Members

2,423
DONORS
In The Hill Society

71%
of all The Hill Society
members were inspired to
renew their support this year

As members of The Hill Society, by giving a current use gift, you brought success to every school, college and unit. Thanks to your generosity:

- > **School of Architecture** Students participated in design competitions such as the “Busan International Architectural Design Workshop Competition (BIADW).” Funds covered travel expenses and other costs associated with on-site research.
- > **College of Arts and Sciences** Five junior faculty members received prestigious NSF CAREER awards in recognition of exceptional research, teaching and leadership in their fields; more than 200 students met with alumni mentors to learn about career paths post-graduation; Arts and Sciences faculty members received a record \$28M in federal research dollars, accounting for nearly 1/3 of the University’s total federal research awards.
- > **School of Education** Funds were used to support engaging research, faculty excellence, and an unparalleled student experience. School of Education students graduate to become individuals of influence in society thanks in part to the amazing support of our Hill Society partners.
- > **Falk College** Funds helped create opportunities for students to engage in community service, conduct and present research projects, and learn in facilities that promote career-readiness. Gifts from The Hill Society also brought prominent guest speakers to campus a supported travel to industry conferences for our students and faculty.
- > **College of Engineering and Computer Science** Gifts to the Dean’s Fund for Excellence at the College of ECS were used in many pivotal and impactful ways, allowing the dean to invest in transformative learning opportunities and immersive experiences that ignite students’ passion for learning and challenge faculty to continue pushing research boundaries.
- > **School of Information Studies** Gifts to the iSchool enabled students to explore careers in so many existing and new industries (agriculture, real estate, artificial intelligence, machine learning, consulting, data science, library science, health care, gaming and so many more). Once again, you provided graduates with the best professional opportunities; our graduating students are celebrating a 98% placement rate, with an average starting salary of \$79,744 - the highest at Syracuse University!
- > **College of Law** The College of Law’s Innovation Law Center and Advocacy Program National Trial League were recently recognized as top scoring entries by Bloomberg Law’s Inaugural Law School Innovation Program, thanks to your support.
- > **Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs** 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 seeds new, innovative projects and future initiatives.
- > **S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications** The S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications offered participation in priority initiatives, such as the Scripps Howard Leadership Academy, StoryTech podcasts, the Advance/Local Fellows program and The Alexia in photo journalism.
- > **College of Visual and Performing Arts** The College of Visual and Performing Arts provided the financial opportunity for students to study their craft beyond Syracuse University at programs in Florence, London, Prague, Washington, D.C., New York City and Los Angeles.

- > **Martin J. Whitman School of Management** Dean's Fund gifts allowed the school to pursue new ideas and innovative programming, as well as provided needed support to our students, faculty, academic programs, and experiential learning opportunities. Support for the Whitman Dean's Fund drives the future of our School, maintaining and evolving Whitman as a place of student-focused excellence.
- > **College of Professional Studies** The College of Professional Studies awarded 51 merit and need-based scholarships to post-traditional students with your support.
- > **Hendricks Chapel** Established in 1930 as a home for all faiths and a place for all people, expanded its impact by sponsoring over 1,000 programs for more than 500,000 annual attendees. While hosting nine chaplaincies and 25 student-led religious and spiritual groups, the chapel uses The Hill Society funds to employ student workers, support musical ensembles, provide relief through the Student Opportunity Fund and Food Pantry, and partner throughout the campus community to advance academic excellence at a university welcoming to all.
- > **Syracuse University Multicultural Advancement** The Our Time Has Come Scholarship Program has created possibility for first-generation and underrepresented students at Syracuse University for nearly 40 years. To date, over 1,500 scholarships have been awarded. Thanks to your support, 123 scholarships were awarded to 118 recipients.
- > **Syracuse Abroad** Syracuse Abroad provided transformational study abroad opportunities for hundreds of Syracuse University students and continued to rank among the top-ten study abroad providers in the nation. Study abroad scholarships were awarded to more than 170 students, totaling over \$120,000.
- > **Syracuse University Art Museum** Gifts to the museum provided impactful opportunities through paid internships, fellowships, and awards for undergraduate and graduate students to make the experience both practical and professionally rewarding.
- > **Athletics Opportunity Fund** The Athletics Opportunity Fund generated resources to enrich the lives of Syracuse University student-athletes and provide coaches and staff with the support necessary to compete at the highest level of college athletics. Generous contributions from alumni and friends maximized the opportunities for more than 600 student-athletes on our 20 teams.
- > **Veteran Legacy Fund** The Veteran Legacy Fund supporters had a major impact on the success of our military-connected students through financial aid, professional development, career immersions, and internship awards and opportunities.
- > **Syracuse University Libraries** The Libraries added two dedicated 'MindSpa' wellness rooms—a massage chair room and a meditation room—in addition to its existing Prayer and Reflection Room, for students, faculty and staff to use. The rooms provide spaces that promote holistic health and wellness and reduce stress. The Libraries has also added numerous wellness items to its collections for borrowing, including a meditation kit and light therapy lamp.



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HALL OF LANGUAGES

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SEVEN RUSSELL BERRELL • KENNETH I. BISSETT • STEPHEN I. BOKAND • MICHAEL LEVY BOULANGER • TIMOTHY M. CARPHELL • DEBORAH COHEN • ERIC M. COLE • JASON M. COOTE • GARY L. COLEMAN • SCOTT MARSH COPE • CHRISTOPHER JOHN LAUER • SHANNON DAVIS • IURHAN MICHAEL GREEN • JOHN P. FEENEY • PATRICK LEANE HERBERT • KAREN LEE HUNT • CHRISTOPHER ANDREW JONES • ALYSSA E. KELLY • MONICA A. LITTLE
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THE PLANTER IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORIES OF THE STUDENTS WHO STUDIED IN THE HALL OF LANGUAGES FROM 1970 TO 1995. THE PLANTER WAS DESIGNED BY THE ARCHITECT OF THE HALL OF LANGUAGES, JAMES W. HARRIS, AND WAS COMPLETED IN 1995.

Why do you think it is important to give back to Syracuse University?

“I came from a Syracuse University family. Both of my parents and my brother graduated from SU. It is important to continue supporting OUR University.”

Elly Crawford Hopkins '69

“SU continues to emerge not only as a solid educational institution but also as a nationally recognized research university. Thus, we give annually both because of past positive experiences as well as to assure a bright future for our Alma Mater.”

John Hopkins '66

“In giving, you are helping students reach their goals and lift a weight off their shoulders even if it is just a little contribution. Even small gifts have a big impact.”

Jane '24

David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics

“The reality is that donor generosity has helped my Syracuse experience tremendously, and I believe that it enables the opening of doors that otherwise feel incredibly unavailable for many students. Any donation (regardless of how big or small) makes all the difference!”

Jacob '25

Multicultural Advancement

“Giving is important because it helps out so many students who want to take advantage of opportunities but are worried about the cost. Giving is often associated with buildings and infrastructure, but Syracuse allocates so much donor money towards supporting students and their goals.”

Grant '24

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs



The Legends Society

The Legends Society is an exclusive group of Syracuse fans, family, and alumni, who join in a shared vision to provide current and future student-athletes with a championship experience at Syracuse through philanthropy.

Commitments to The Legends Society are used to enhance experiences across all 20 sports and benefit more than 600 student-athletes.

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The Joseph I. Lubin Society

The Joseph I. Lubin Society was established to recognize those families who help to propel the University to new standards of excellence, both inside and outside the classroom.

Membership in the Lubin Society begins at \$5,000 annually. Families that choose to join the Lubin Society enjoy a high level of engagement with and recognition by the University. Members have the opportunity to engage with the Chancellor and other University leaders, receive invitations to exclusive events on campus and in New York City, including the Lubin Society Weekend, and have the option of special reserved seating at Commencement.





The Hill Society donors list

The digital listing of The Hill Society donors from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 can be found at givetosu.syr.edu/hillsocietyimpact or by scanning this QR code.

We have moved the honor roll of donors online to help ensure accuracy and reduce the amount of paper needed to print the report.





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