



The Hill Society

Annual Impact Report

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



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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, you are among our alumni, parents and friends who support the University's highest priorities. In an effort to be more inclusive of all annual giving, all cumulative leadership annual gifts are now recognized in The Hill Society, giving our donors even more flexibility to support the area(s) that mean the most to them.

Your gift allows deans and University leaders to respond to immediate needs, provide millions in scholarship support annually, create opportunities for students to engage in unmatched research and internship programs, and much more.

We are also excited to introduce the appointment of two Hill Society co-chairs, Trustee Christine Carona '85 and Frank McFarland '94. In their new leadership volunteer roles, Chris and Frank will offer unique and valuable perspectives to provide additional vision and help shape The Hill Society experience. Beyond these appointments, The Hill Society is pleased to welcome a cohort of volunteer ambassadors who will support and represent the program in their respective regions.

We invite you to stay connected with us, join in our future endeavors and continue to make an immediate impact on the experience of our students.

You are Forever Orange, and we are forever grateful!

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



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 am honored to become a part of The Hill Society and be able to help other students. Syracuse University has tremendously helped me to succeed with my degree, which opened many doors to new career opportunities and led to my work at NASA. SU has shaped my future and I am forever thankful for that.”

- Olga Perera '19

“It’s an honor to be connected with a group of people that cares about SU and wants to give back in many ways, and it’s great to hear about how giving back impacts current students and programs. The awareness keeps us engaged and provides us with information to keep the SU story going!”

- Subhash G. Verghese '01



“Being a Hill Society member shows that I’m willing to commit to the future of Syracuse. My parents made many sacrifices to send me (and then my brother) to Syracuse, and I know that affording an education from a private university is more than a stretch for so many people. 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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IN THE 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR

\$23.4

**MILLION
RAISED**

by The Hill Society members

2,485

DONORS

in The Hill Society

67%

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



As members of The Hill Society, you brought success to every school, college and unit. Thanks to your generosity:

School of Architecture

Over 96% of students participated in one semester abroad and over 59% selected two semesters abroad. In addition, 4th- and 3rd-year students had real-life opportunities provided through our visiting critic studios to work with community stakeholders in Surfside, Florida, on residential design and storm surge mitigation.

College of Arts and Sciences

Donor support funded a new Liberal Arts Career Readiness Program that provided more than 600 students with access to internships, alumni mentoring, career immersion trips and career advising. Funds also provided retention scholarships for high-achieving students facing financial struggles who would need to leave the university without additional tuition support.

School of Education

The school offered every new graduate student a generous scholarship to cover tuition expenses and created a new scholarship to support indigenous students interested in teaching in Native communities. The Center for Experiential Pedagogy and Practice expanded its number of clinical simulations, including classroom interactions, veterans' transition, campus life and financial ethics. The Center on Disability and Inclusion and the Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education will be expanding their individualized and inclusive higher educational opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Falk College

Funds enabled career exploration trips to NYC, DC, LA, Philadelphia and Italy; the creation of a new podcast room to elevate technology and innovation; and partnerships with organizations that promote and elevate the profile of women in sport. The college also offset critical financial burdens for students such as transportation for internships and conferences.

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Donors to the Dean's Fund supported student clubs and organizations, study abroad opportunities for students who needed financial assistance, Career Center programs and initiatives, and helped fund Invent@SU student teams. Funds this year will support enriching the campus experience for first-generation and students of diverse perspectives.

School of Information Studies

Gifts to the iSchool enabled more than 100 students to pursue experiential learning and professional development opportunities. Thanks to annual support, our graduates have the best professional opportunities, celebrating a 88% placement rate with an average undergraduate starting salary of \$79,278.

College of Law

Students received opportunities for hands-on experiences including an externship with BSE Global, the parent company of the Brooklyn Nets, and benefitted from scholarship programs such as the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association Hon. Norman A. Mordue '66, L'71 Law Scholarship.

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Donors supported students attending conferences, internships and study abroad/away, along with urgent, unexpected needs, and scholarships like the Maxwell Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship.

College of Professional Studies

More than \$320,000 in scholarships were awarded as a result of donor generosity.

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications

Funds allowed students to participate in immersion trips to major media markets, afford expenses for domestic and international internships, travel for required projects, attend important industry conferences and events, and submit their work to professional and student competitions, which often have expensive entry fees.

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Scholarships enabled students to embark on life-changing study abroad/away experiences in Florence, Italy; London, England; Prague, Czech Republic; and Los Angeles. Donor funds alleviated financial burdens and created empowering, diverse academic and professional opportunities such as the School of Design's student showcase in New York City and the Setnor School of Music's biennial student concert at Carnegie Hall.

Whitman School of Management

Donor generosity helped ensure 100% student participation in experiential learning, including access to internships, case competitions, career exploration trips and consulting projects. Additionally among incoming students, 66% received scholarships. Donor funds also supported a new initiative providing retention scholarships for current students.

Syracuse University Libraries

The Libraries' donor-funded LaunchPad offered student employment and sources of revenue to student entrepreneurs as part of their experiential business development opportunities. Additionally, donor funding supported the Faculty Fellows Program that leverages source material in the SU Libraries Special Collections and the Libraries Student Employee Awards, which provides cash awards to student employees recognized by the Libraries staff.

Syracuse Abroad

Funds provided transformational study abroad opportunities for hundreds of Syracuse University students and continued to rank Syracuse among the top-ten study abroad providers in the nation.

Syracuse University Art Museum

Gifts to the museum provided impactful experiences through paid internships, fellowships, and awards for students, along with funding for exhibitions and an array of educational programs and opportunities.

Athletics Opportunity Fund

Resources from the Athletics Opportunity Fund supported all 20 varsity sports teams and Syracuse's 600+ student-athletes, their coaches and staff. Donor generosity keeps them competing at the highest level of college athletics.

Office of Veteran and Military Affairs

Donor support provided financial aid to veteran and military-connected students, reducing tuition burdens, and supported internships and immersion opportunities for the development of career-ready skills.

Hendricks Chapel

Donor funds helped to increase participation in religious and spiritual life, employed student workers, contributed to music and the arts, and provided student care through the Student Opportunity Fund and the Coach Mac Food Pantry. Hendricks Chapel, a home for all faiths and place for all people, continues to grow its impact as the spiritual heart of Syracuse University.

Syracuse University Multicultural Advancement

The Our Time Has Come program has supported first-generation and underrepresented students at Syracuse University for nearly 40 years. To date, over 1,500 scholarships have been awarded. Thanks to donor support, 123 scholarships were awarded to 118 recipients.

Student Voices

We asked students why they think it's important to give back to Syracuse University.

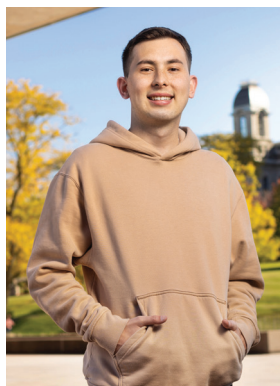


“ I believe that giving is important because it allows students to gain access to educational opportunities that they otherwise would not have, whether it be educational trips, conferences, or even access to higher education overall.”

- Anna '25
David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics

“ Donating to the University is an excellent way to have a positive and long-lasting impact. Knowing that scholarships are available can encourage potential students to take that final step toward improving themselves through higher education.”

- Jennette '25
College of Professional Studies



“ It is how we continue to make Syracuse University one of the premier places in the country for young people to study and go to college. It is how we continue to stay on top and build towards the future while also being able to connect with alumni.”

- Luke '25
Student Experience

“ A lot of Syracuse memories have been made because of my experiences at the University and the resources offered. All these things are made possible through donations and people investing in the University.

*- Ryan '25
College of Visual and Performing Arts*



“ I believe giving is important because it allows us to directly impact others and witness the positive outcomes. The countless success stories from Syracuse students demonstrates that giving is more than just successful; it’s transformative. By alleviating the financial burden of many students, giving makes chasing their dreams possible.”

*- Dachie L'26
College of Law*

“ Donor generosity has impacted my time at Syracuse by allowing the organizations I am involved in to run successfully and provide the best experience possible to their members. I am extremely grateful for all the generous donors and everything they do for the campus community.”

*- Julian '26
School of Information Studies*





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 provide a critical difference in our ability to recruit, retain and develop student-athletes to compete at a championship level across the ACC.

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20

sports

benefits

600+

student-athletes

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, 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 interaction 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

A digital listing of The Hill Society donors from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 can be found at givetosu.syr.edu/hillsocietyimpact or by scanning this QR code.





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