

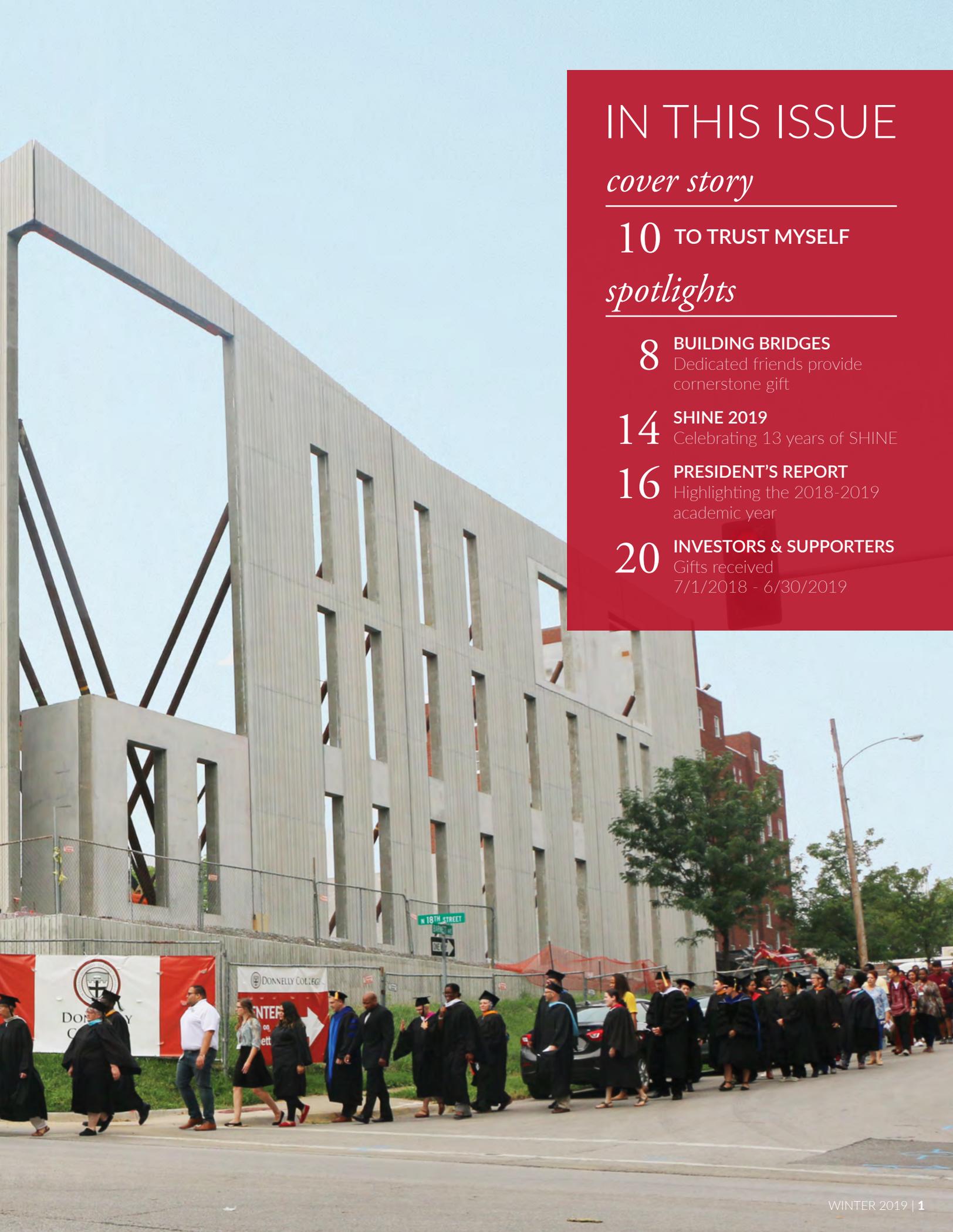
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TO TRUST
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Monsignor Swetland leads faculty, staff and students from campus to the Cathedral of St. Peter for Donnelly's annual Convocation Mass to kick-off the new academic year.



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From Comfort to Potential

Two guest speakers inspire students to step out of their comfort zones



Hosting guest speakers is a wonderful way to enliven campus culture and expand student experiences. Donnelly College has a rich history of bringing guest speakers to campus dating back to the early 1960s, when Donnelly co-founder Sr. Jerome Keeler invited poet Robert Frost to speak to students. This tradition of bringing engaging and relevant guest speakers to Donnelly continues to this day.

To kick off the 2019-20 academic year, former U.S. Army pilot Elizabeth McCormick visited campus to share her inspirational story of becoming the first woman to pilot a Blackhawk helicopter.

As McCormick described her journey from standing outside a fence at her husband's military base looking at helicopters on a landing site to flying those very helicopters, she encouraged students to move from their "comfort zone," where they currently operate, to their "potential zone," where the "magic happens." By leading students in a series of fun, interactive activities, McCormick helped them experience firsthand the power of mind over matter. "Be curious," McCormick advised the students. "Your future is your responsibility."

A few weeks after McCormick's presentation, author and environmentalist Ken Ilgunas also visited campus. Ilgunas is the author of "Trespassing Across America," the book that was selected as Donnelly's Common Read for the 2019-20 academic year.

In his presentation to students, Ilgunas recounted humorous anecdotes from his first book, "Walden on Wheels." Students were able to relate to Ilgunas' stories of how he worked as a dishwasher in a remote Alaskan village to pay off his undergraduate student loans before moving into a 1994 Ford

Econoline van to minimize expenses while earning a graduate degree.

In Ilgunas' public talk, presented in partnership with American Public Square, the author talked about the 1,700-mile journey he describes in "Trespassing Across America." Interspersed with accounts of battling foot injuries and a fear of cows, Ilgunas told of the people and places he encountered while hiking the entire route of the Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta, Canada to the Gulf Coast of Texas. He also described what he learned about the pipeline's impact on both the people and the places along its path.

Ilgunas encouraged Donnelly students to go on a journey of their own, and, like McCormick, he suggested that students need to get out of their comfort zone and, in his words, "experience discomfort." According to Ilgunas, goals should be considered sacred, and discomfort is the price that students need to be willing to pay if they want to achieve their goals. **D**





Transforming Lives Through Education

Donnelly College awarded \$3 million Title V grant from the Department of Education

In September 2019, Donnelly was one of only 42 institutions of higher education in the United States awarded a Department of Education Title V grant.

Entitled “Transforming Lives Through Education,” this five-year, \$3 million grant will allow the College to expand and strengthen the Nursing and Baccalaureate programs, by investing in equipment, technology and personnel. The initial expenditures will be to expand test-preparation support for our Nursing students, provide new College-wide professional development opportunities for faculty, staff, and administrators, and hire curriculum specialists to help revise, expand, and update courses in the Baccalaureate programs (Information Systems and Business Leadership).

Title V is the federal program created in 1998 to provide grant funding to institutions of higher education to strengthen institutional programs, facilities, and services to expand educational opportunities for Hispanic

Americans and other underrepresented populations.

To be eligible for a Title V grant, a college or university must have a federal designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI). To be named an HSI, an institution's enrollment of undergraduate students must be at least 25 percent Hispanic. Donnelly's most recent President's Report data (pages 18-19 of this issue) shows Donnelly College currently has a Hispanic student population of 35 percent. In addition, grant applicants must show that at least 50 percent of their institution's degree-seeking students received financial assistance under the Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, Federal Work Study or the Federal Perkins Loan Programs.

Dr. Melissa Lenos, Associate Professor of English, has been named Project Director. Dr. Lenos has been at Donnelly for eight years, and most recently served as Director of the Liberal Arts and Sciences program. **D**

Brian McKiernan is a lifelong resident of Kansas City, Kansas and the Donnelly neighborhood. After concluding his studies at Donnelly by earning an AA degree, he moved to the University of Kansas where he earned a BS in Journalism, a BS in Physical Therapy and a PhD in Physiology.

For the past 31 years, Dr. McKiernan has taught physical and occupational therapy students at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Rockhurst University and the University of St. Mary.

Since April of 2011, Dr. McKiernan has served as a Commissioner for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and representing District 2.

Dr. McKiernan has been active at Bishop Ward high school and in the Cathedral of St. Peter parish and in a variety of roles including music ministry at Sunday Mass.

“I absolutely received an excellent education at Donnelly that laid the academic foundation for all I have earned and accomplished since. It was at Donnelly that I more fully grasped the importance of acting in service of others and using my education to benefit my community as much as possible.” **D**



Brian McKiernan



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Judith Van Rest

Judith (Judy Hook) Van Rest was born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas. Following graduation from Donnelly with an AA degree, she received a BS degree in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1968.

Judy began her career in a variety of communications positions, working in advertising and newspaper reporting. She moved to Washington, DC in 1976 where she began a lifelong career in politics and public service. Among the positions she held were Regional Director at the Peace Corps, Senior Advisor for Governance for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, Iraq, Chief-of-Staff at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, as well as positions at the White House and the Smithsonian Institution.

She began her international career 25 years ago as a Regional Director at the International Republican Institute (IRI) and she is currently IRI's Executive Vice President. Judy is the founder of IRI's Women's Democracy Network and is a member of the Women's Initiative Policy Advisory Council at the George W. Bush Institute.

"During my time at Donnelly, I not only received an excellent education, but also learned the strong values and discipline that has guided me throughout my work. Donnelly was essential to my transition to life in so many ways." **D**

To learn about all of our honorees, please visit donnelly.edu/hall-of-fame

Meet the Dean: Lisa Stoothoff

Lisa Stoothoff was recently named Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs (VPASA) and Dean of the College. Originally from New Jersey, she and her family have lived in Kansas City for 15 years and attend St. Michael the Archangel parish in Overland Park. Stoothoff is a devout Catholic with a heart for service and a passion for education.

What inspires you to serve at Donnelly?

The dedication of the faculty and staff inspires me every day to be a better person and to serve others. Their unselfishness and time commitment to our students is unparalleled. Msgr. Swetland is an outstanding leader at the college and his focus on serving the underserved and marginalized is the basis for all decisions. Having a priest as the President is just so special for the students.

“I want students to remember that Donnelly College cares about them as a person first and foremost.”

Lisa Stoothoff
Vice President of Academic
and Student Affairs
and Dean of the College

How does your faith influence your day-to-day actions at Donnelly?

My faith is at the core of everything I do. Following the essential values of a Benedictine education, I am able to display my love of Christ and neighbor every day and provide an example of servant leadership to my students.

What are some exciting things happening at Donnelly?

The College was recently awarded a five-year, \$3 million Title V grant which will allow us to expand and improve our Nursing programs, add a focus on information security in our Information Systems program, and add minors in

Entrepreneurship and Multicultural Leadership in our Business Leadership program. The College has added a full-time faculty member in the fine arts and expanded our nursing faculty as well. Our Admissions Office now offers Spanish Information sessions and our Campus Ministry is thriving with an active Pro-Life Club. And yes, I am chaperoning the March for Life trip again and looking forward to the 26 hours I get to spend with students on the bus ride to Washington, DC!

How does academic rigor at Donnelly compare to other colleges?

The rigor is the same as at any other college; the difference at Donnelly is that we offer culturally relevant curricula to enhance the learning experience. Ninety-nine percent of our faculty hold advanced degrees. Due to our 13:1 student to faculty ratio, students are getting a personalized education. Our faculty present at regional and national conferences and publish in their fields. We offer students a great education at the most diverse college in the Midwest!

Your office is a welcoming place for students.

You offer snacks, a note about what you are reading, questions for students to answer on the whiteboard and more. Why is this important?

I want to encourage students to visit the Administrative floor, stop in, say hello and discuss their needs. Assessing their needs is my number one priority, so I use a low-stakes white board assessment to find out what is going on around campus. I list what I am reading outside my office so that students know reading is a lifelong skill and everyone should read an array of books to increase and improve their vocabulary. I leave snacks outside my office because I know students are hungry, and it is very hard to concentrate in class when you are thinking about food. Students now know they can stroll past my office and grab a snack when they need it. I instituted a Student Spotlight of the Month and have faculty and staff hand out gift cards right before finals to reward students for effort. I want students to remember that Donnelly College cares about them as a person first and foremost. **D**



Stoothoff has served in the following roles at Donnelly in the last decade:

- Adjunct Instructor, Preparatory Education (2009-2010)
- Assistant Professor, Preparatory Education (2010-2012)
- Interim Director of Success First (2012-2013)
- Director of Success First (2013-2017)
- Associate Professor (2017-Present)
- Interim Assistant VPASA (2017-2018)
- Acting VPASA (2018-2019)
- VPASA/Dean of the College (July 2019-Present)



Building *Bridges*



From left: Michael and Guadalupe Dean, Monsignor Stuart Swetland, Dr. John Romito '66, chair of Donnelly's Transformations Campaign



In early October, Alfonso Navarro-Bernachi, Head Consul of the Consulate of Mexico in downtown Kansas City, Mo., hosted an event honoring Michael and Guadalupe Dean for their service to the Latino community in general and Donnelly College in particular. The Deans own Mi Rancho Tequila, and Guadalupe Dean serves on the Donnelly College Board of Directors. The Deans have been very active in the greater Kansas City Hispanic community, generously supporting development initiatives and educational programs for Hispanic youth.

At the October event, Consul Navarro-Bernachi described the Deans as “bridge-builders,” whose business and civic activities build bridges between the greater Kansas City community and the Consulate of Mexico, Hispanic businesses, local and national Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, and between Mexico and the United States. The Deans are also building bridges between Donnelly College and the greater Kansas City community.

Nearly 100 dignitaries and guests gathered for the celebration including Ramiro Cavazos, President and CEO of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Carlos Gomez, President and CEO of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, and Monsignor Stuart Swetland, President of Donnelly College. The Deans took the opportunity to make two exciting announcements about their involvement in Donnelly College.

They first announced that their philanthropic foundation, La Familia Dean-Lozoya Foundation, would make a cornerstone gift to support and name the Academic Resource Center in Donnelly’s new academic building. This commitment affirms and supports the transformative work that occurs every day on the Donnelly College campus.

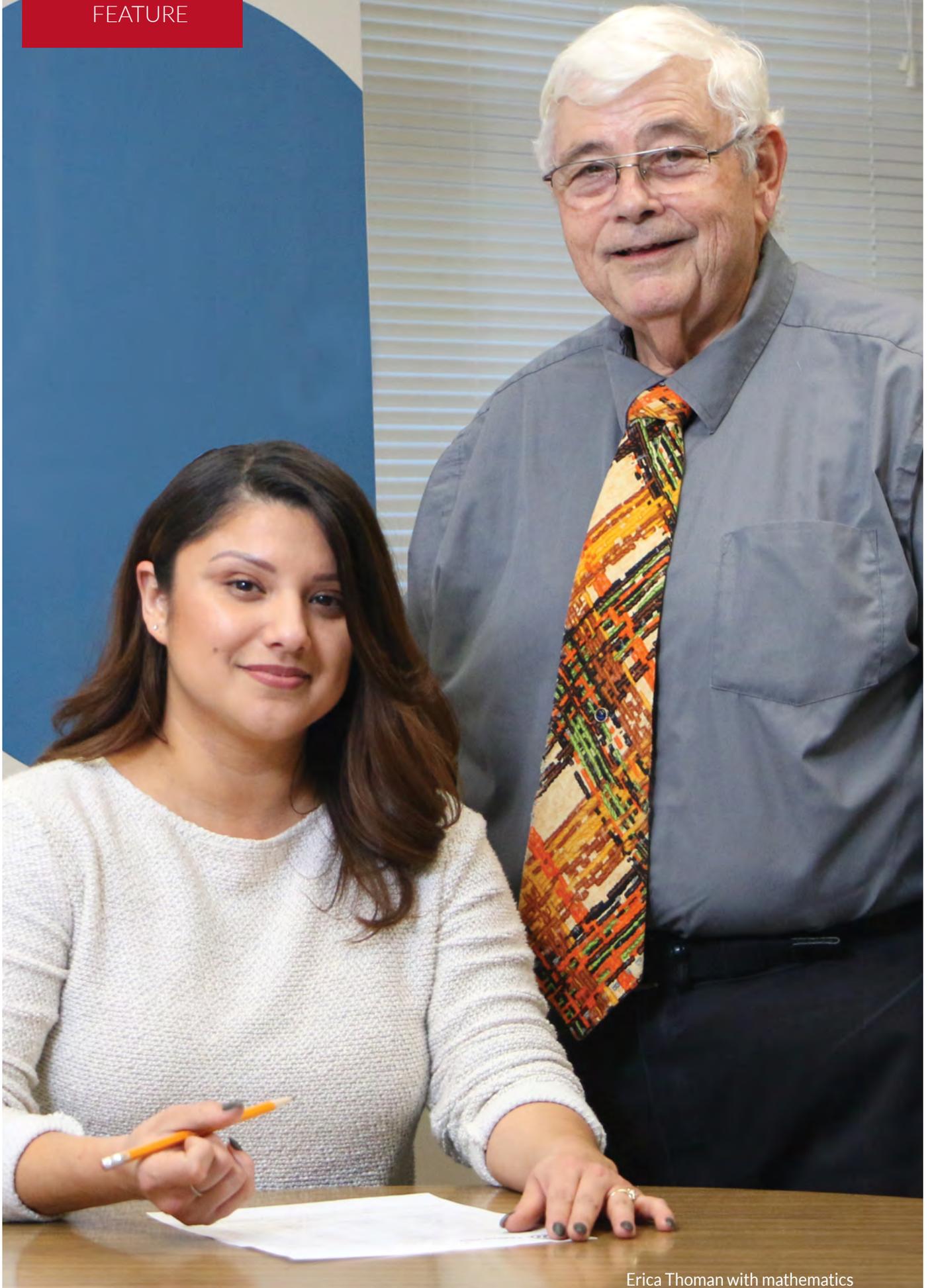
Monsignor Swetland told those gathered that gifts like the Deans’ show the community that Donnelly is here to stay—and that Donnelly is committed to serving all people in the Kansas City, Kansas community and throughout the metropolitan area.

Representing La Familia Dean-Lozoya Foundation, Guadalupe Dean responded, “One of the things that I love about working with Donnelly College is the opportunity to find God and find an education. It is where I saw my values reflected and where one can nourish the soul, mind and body to become a better human. We are very grateful to Donnelly College for the opportunity to put our family name, the name that Michael and I have fought very hard to maintain united, on a library, which is the very foundation of an education.”

Following the gift commitment presentation, the Deans also announced that, in 2021, Donnelly College will be one of two locations in the United States to host an exhibition of the work of the late painter and sculptor Francisco Benjamin López Toledo, widely regarded as the most influential modern Mexican artist. The art to be exhibited is part of the Deans’ personal collection, one of the largest of Toledo’s work in the United States.

According to Toledo’s obituary in *The New York Times*, “Mr. Toledo was regarded by many as Mexico’s greatest living artist ... His paintings, drawings, prints, collages, tapestries and ceramics were largely inspired by [his] heritage. Mr. Toledo is little known outside Mexico, in large part because he never courted celebrity.”

Donnelly College is extraordinarily grateful to the Deans for both of these generous gifts. We are honored to be the recipients of yet another act of bridge-building as the Deans continue to find new and innovative ways to connect the cultures and contributions of the United States and Mexico through education and the arts. **D**



Erica Thoman with mathematics professor Dave Cobb

TO TRUST MYSELF

As Brazilian author Paulo Coelho writes in his novel, “The Alchemist”, “When you want something, all the universe conspires to help you achieve it.” Before coming to Donnelly College, student Erica Thoman wanted to believe that this quotation could be true for her. She was contemplating making some big changes in her life, and for her to be successful, she needed it to be true.

In 2018 Thoman was a wife, a mother of three, and a long-time employee at a Plaza-based financial services firm. What had begun as a file clerk position in 2006 had blossomed into a 12-year career that provided numerous promotions and lots of opportunities for personal growth. Thoman’s supervisors regularly encouraged her to get her degree so she could keep moving up the corporate ladder. Yet, even with so much going well, there was a tug at Thoman’s heart to make a move she had wanted to make for much of her life – she wanted to become a teacher.

Thoman spent part of her childhood not far from Donnelly’s campus. Her parents divorced when she was young, and she and her siblings eventually were all living in separate places. By the age of 13, Thoman was living with her dad when she became involved in reckless, dangerous and sometimes illegal behavior, a similar path to that of her brother who was a few years older and living with a friend. She ran away, became a ward of the state and finally landed with her older sister, who was also housing their mom. When Thoman was 15, her mom found a duplex near Washington High School in Kansas

City, Kansas where they would live together. Unfortunately, Thoman’s brother was unable to move with them. During this same period, he was convicted of a crime and sent to prison, where he remains today, 22 years later. Losing her brother to prison was a devastating blow for Thoman, as he had long been her protector, confidant and friend.

While the new home provided stability for her, it wasn’t enough to keep her in school. After dropping out of high school at the age of 17, Thoman obtained her GED and tried attending classes at a couple of local community colleges. When

she realized none of those schools were a good fit for her, she decided she wasn’t ready for college. Instead, she focused on starting her life as a young adult, working, getting her first apartment and spending time with friends.

Within three years, Thoman was in a relationship and had become a mother to her son, now 13. It was during that time that a family friend told her about the file clerk job that she eventually obtained when her son was only 10 weeks old. But by the time her son was 8 months old, she had become single. Having seen firsthand the difficulties a single mother faces, Thoman moved back home so she and her mother could

support each other on this new part of her journey.

For the next decade, Thoman’s job provided her with the stability she needed to raise her family. And while her professional life was going well, she was ready to use her God-given gifts in a new way. It was 2018, and Thoman was finally ready to turn toward her future and pursue her college degree.

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For as long as she could remember, Thoman had dreamed of becoming an elementary school teacher. As early as first grade, she recalled thinking teachers were the “coolest people in the world.” After having three kids of her own she knew this dream was more than just something she wanted to achieve, it was what she was called to do.

When it came to choosing a college, Donnelly was one of the few schools Thoman considered. She knew from past experience that a large community college would not be a good fit for her, and she remembered that a few friends had attended Donnelly in the past. After being accepted, she found the enrollment process for non-traditional students easy to navigate. She also noticed that everyone, faculty and staff alike, “seemed to genuinely care about students’ success.” She experienced this “Donnelly difference” in her first encounter with her academic advisor, Matt Emory. In her previous college experiences, she had found academic advising transactional, impersonal and non-productive. By contrast, her initial meeting with Emory was warm, caring and focused on her goals. She was also delighted to receive the prestigious Henry W. Bloch scholarship. This award is covering full tuition and fees for six semesters while she completes an associate degree at Donnelly and will pay for an additional six semesters while she completes a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education at UMKC.

As a Donnelly student, Thoman has found that small classes and one-on-one attention from faculty have been critical to her success. She frequently visits the Tutoring Center and has developed relationships with many faculty members,

including a special bond with mathematics professor Dave Cobb. Thoman describes Cobb as “maybe the best teacher of all time” and “such a character.” She is especially fond of the daily “dad jokes” he tells to lighten the mood for students struggling with an intimidating subject like math.

These experiences were a relief to Thoman who said that while she felt comfortable at Donnelly right away, there was a part of her that still doubted she was supposed to be in college. It was October 2018, just two months after she enrolled, when Thoman was invited to attend SHINE, Donnelly’s annual gala. She was scheduled to serve as a student representative that evening, talking about her experiences with alumni and guests. The week before SHINE, Thoman was nervous about what to expect. She tried reminding herself that she had made the right choice in returning to college and that her life was meant to be on this path. Before she went to sleep, she wrote her favorite quote in her journal, hoping the universe was indeed working to help her achieve her dream.

The next evening, during the program at SHINE, Thoman was listening to Mariana Valles, a recent Donnelly graduate, when Valles recited the quote that Thoman had entered in her journal the night before – “When you want something, all the universe conspires to help you achieve it.” At that moment, Thoman knew that indeed, the universe was conspiring to support her. “That gave me confirmation that I am in the right place. This is my school, and this is where I belong.” **D**

Today Thoman and her brother remain close and continue to inspire each other. Through Donnelly’s satellite program at Lansing Correctional Facility, Daniel Ramos has begun taking college classes. He is scheduled to be released in March 2020.

Nearly 10 years ago Thoman lost her mother, Janie Ramos, to cancer. She credits her mother with instilling in her the strength and drive she has today, and she feels she owes it to her mom’s legacy to be successful. She remembers her mother as a woman who was close to God and full of grace, especially when battling the illness eventually ended her life.



Erica Thoman with her brother, Daniel Ramos, and mother, Janie Ramos



CREATING OPPORTUNITY

Dear Friend,

Just six years after graduating with an Associate of Arts from Donnelly, Carmelita Bahamonde has a blossoming career as the Bilingual Programs Coordinator for the Mid-Continent Public Library.

“Donnelly opened doors for me,” Carmelita said. “My teachers, specifically Dr. Melissa Lenos [Associate Professor of English], listened to the goals I had and helped me build bridges to reach them.”

Although Carmelita knew she wanted to be the first in her family to attend college when she moved from Ecuador to the United States in 2002, she did not know where to start due to financial challenges. A Catholic education was also important to her, so when she heard about Donnelly, she knew it was the opportunity she longed for.

“When Dr. Lenos introduced me to the volunteer program at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, that was the jumping-off point for me to achieve my dreams,” Carmelita said. After graduating from Donnelly in 2013, Carmelita went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in French from Rockhurst University in 2016. During her time at Rockhurst, she secured an internship with the European Curatorial Department at the Nelson that led her to her current pursuit: a Master of Library Science from Emporia State University.

As a friend of Donnelly, please consider making a gift to the Donnelly College Annual Fund. Your gift will help us continue to offer current students affordable tuition, financial assistance, and faculty who care deeply about students’ goals. I pray you will bless our students with the same opportunity Carmelita received—an affordable, Catholic education that provided a solid foundation for her future!

Pax,



Monsignor Stuart W. Swetland

“Donnelly was the jumping-off point for me to **achieve my dreams.**”

Carmelita Bahamonde
Associate of Arts
Class of 2013

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR



Monsignor Stuart Swetland

As I often tell Donnelly's talented team of faculty and staff, for our college to continue to grow and thrive, we must "dream dreams and see visions" (cf. Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17). For so long we have been dreaming big dreams, and now we are starting to see those dreams become a reality.

If you have not yet had a chance to drive past campus, I encourage you to do so. The new academic building is well underway and on track for a

Fall 2020 opening. In fact, at this time we are in the midst of recruiting the first class of freshman that will start their academic journeys at Donnelly in our new home.

Part of making the dream of a new academic building a reality has been the overwhelming generosity of our friends, supporters and community. For example, we have received 10 seven-figure commitments to our campaign, completed a \$1 million Mabee Foundation

Challenge in October and negotiated two New Market Tax Credit allocations that will provide a net investment of \$4.5 million in capital improvements. Due to the outstanding response and generosity of our community, we have raised almost \$33 million toward our total project need of \$34.5 million. We pray that our many alumni and friends will help us cross this important finish line in 2020!

These investments made it possible to complete Phase II of our Campus Master Plan, renovating the final two floors of Marian Hall to gain 11,000 additional square feet of academic space. Even more exciting, these investments have allowed us to begin executing the third and final phase of the master plan—demolishing a vacant residence hall, constructing a parking garage and breaking ground for our new 72,000 square foot academic building.

Also, during the 2018-19 academic year, we celebrated the following accomplishments:

- We graduated our largest class in the past decade, with 106 graduates, including our first 15 Registered Nursing graduates.



- The Higher Learning Commission reaffirmed our accreditation through 2022-23.
- The College's first-ever mascot was unveiled—the Donnelly Dragon.

I want to say more about our graduates. Our associate and bachelor's degree programs and our Practical and Registered Nursing programs provide our students with a solid academic and spiritual foundation for continued study as well as the skills and credentials they need to secure good jobs and contribute to the community. Of our 2018-19 graduates, 63% said they planned to continue their education, with 46% of those students planning to complete a bachelor's degree and 41% planning to complete a master's or doctoral degree. In addition, 88% of our 2018-19 graduates were employed at the time of graduation and 82% said they would recommend Donnelly College to others. Recent graduates agreed that Donnelly effectively prepared them for working with diverse colleagues, for understanding ethical behavior and social responsibility, and for exercising problem-solving and decision-making skills.

With accomplishments like these, Donnelly continues to move closer to our institutional vision of being the

most accessible and transformative Catholic College in the country. This progress is only possible with the support of our donors and volunteers, the hard work of our students, and the dedication of our faculty and staff. We hold each of them in our prayers and ask you to do the same. We remain especially thankful for the donors listed on the next few pages who supported our mission and students this past fiscal year. We could not continue to offer affordable Catholic private college tuition rates and top-notch academic programs and support without their generosity.

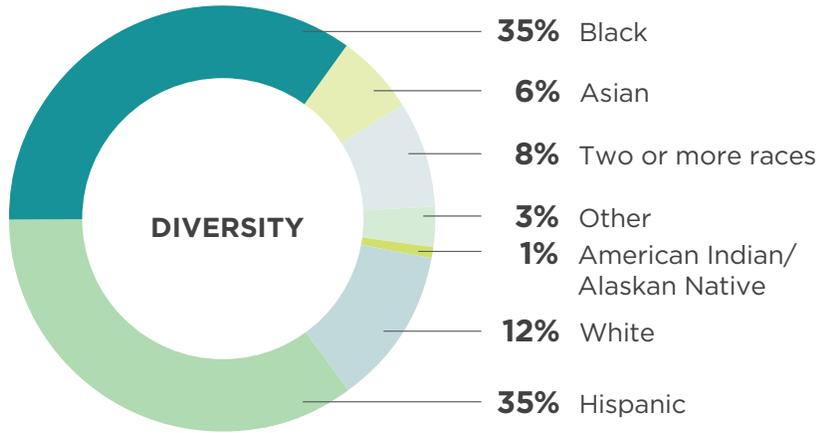
As we continue to dream dreams and see visions, we hope you feel called to join us on the journey. Whether you choose to invest in our mission, partner with our academic programs, host our students as interns or hire our graduates, Donnelly would love to count you as a partner in our work.

May God bless you and yours in 2020! **D**

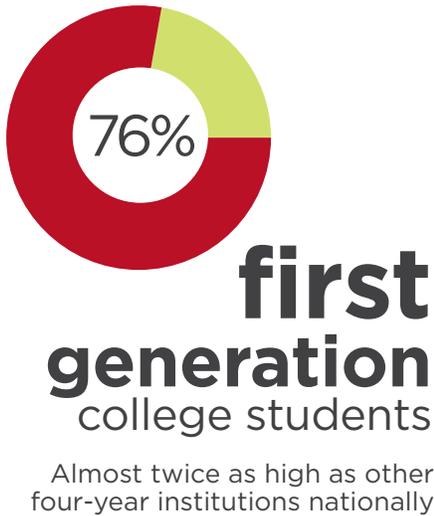
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Monsignor Stuart Swetland
President

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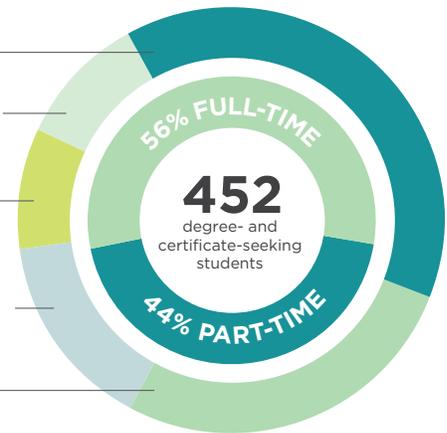


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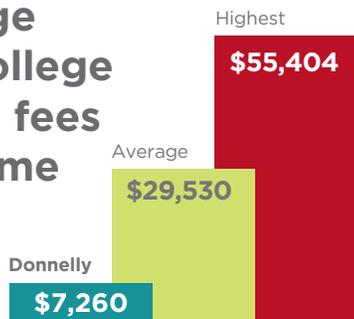
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

- 39% Associate Degree
- 10% Bachelor's Degree
- 9% Correctional Facilities Program
- 15% Gateway to College
- 27% Nursing



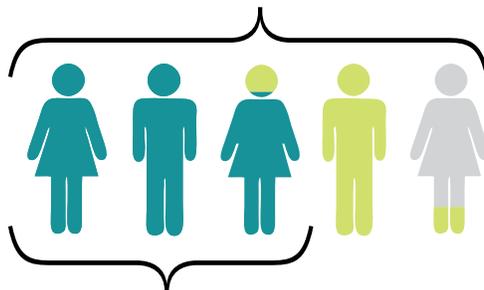
BY THE NUMBERS

U.S. average Catholic college tuition and fees for a full-time student



Sources: National Center for Education Statistics & Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

83%
OF STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANT AID

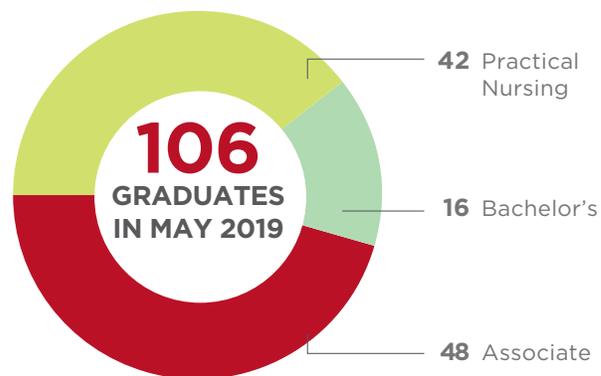
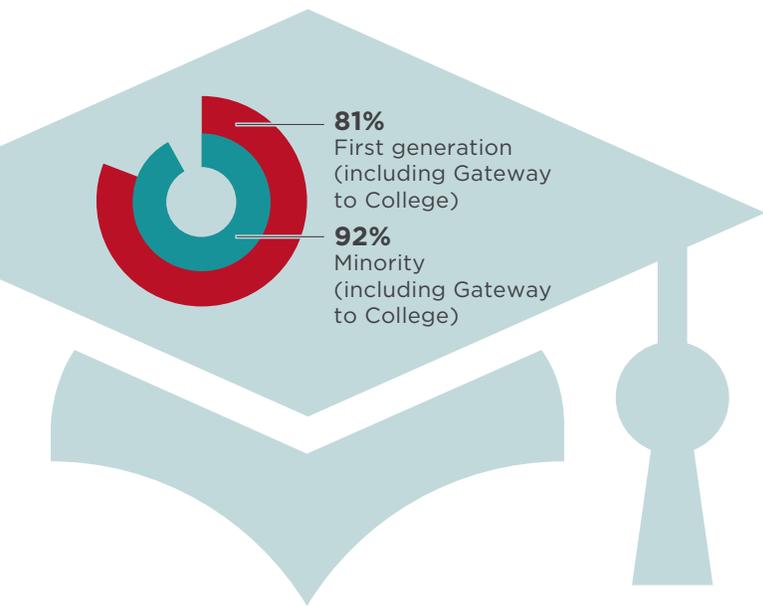


\$1,738,808
total scholarships and institutionally based aid
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average award

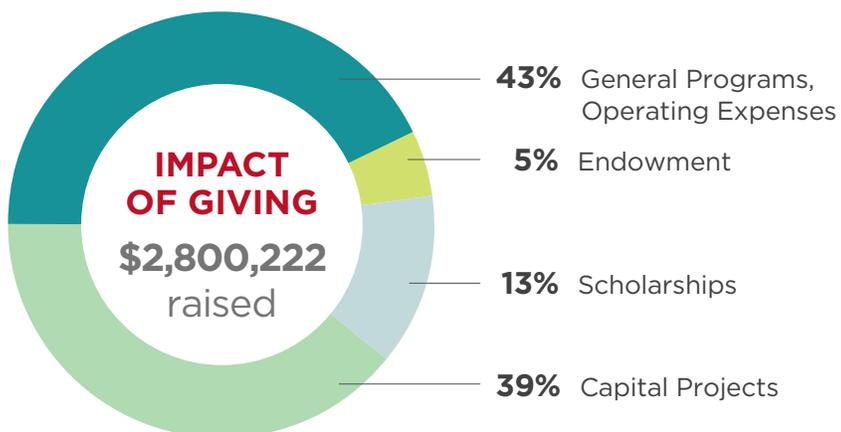
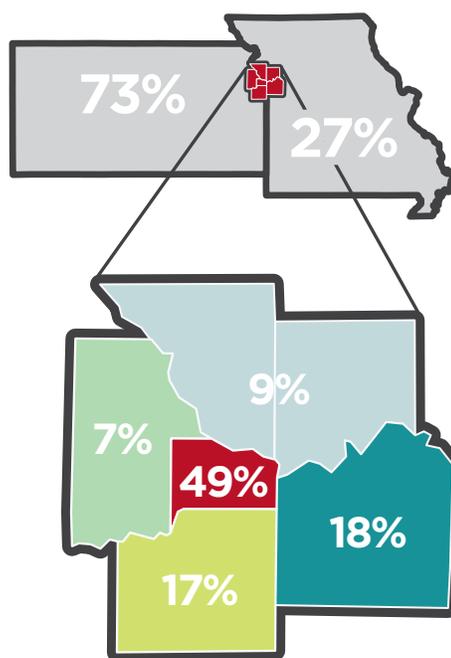
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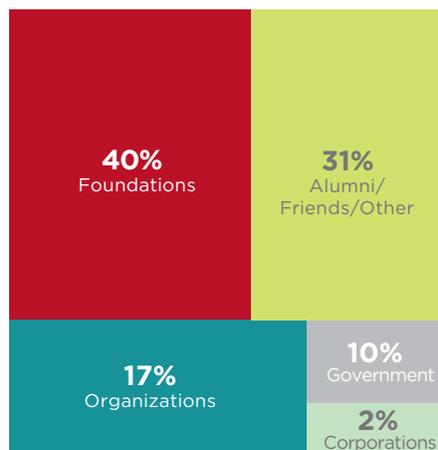
57%
OF STUDENTS RECEIVE PELL GRANT ASSISTANCE



On average, Donnelly's classes have **13 STUDENTS**



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Sister Dorothy Heideman, served as Librarian from 1981-87.

It was noted in the Summer 2019 Issue of the Digest that Sister Mary Blaise Cillessen, OSB, who passed away earlier this year and was a former music instructor. Sister Mary also served as Donnelly's Director of Development for much of the 1970s.

STAFF NOTES

Jennifer Bales attended the HLC Assessment Academy in Chicago.

David Cobb presented "Digital Divide and Developmental Mathematics" at the 29th Mathematics Teaching EXPO at UMKC in October.

Richard Esvang attended Drama Teachers Academy.

Tyler Johnson attended the Kansas Library Association conference in October where he was inducted into Beta Phi Mu (Library and Information Science Honor Society). He also participated in an online course titled, "Developing Signature Pedagogies in Information Literacy" through the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Melissa Lenos, PhD, presented "The Narrative of Africa Rising: Real or Fiction" at The University of Kansas, 24th Annual Meeting of the Mid-America Alliance for African Studies in September and attended the HLC Assessment Academy in Chicago.

Michelle Lundy attended the MidTESOL conference.

Ana Maradiaga attended the ChemEd Conference.

Joseph Multhauf attended the HLC Assessment Academy in Chicago.

Mary Pflanz, PhD, attended the HLC Assessment Academy in Chicago.

Dhuha Shareef attended the 29th Mathematics Teaching EXPO at UMKC in October.

Lisa Stoothoff attended the Higher Education in Prisons Conference in November and attended the HLC Assessment Academy in Chicago.

Admissions and Student Support Services staff attended 2019 Summit on Access, Persistence, and Completion in September.

Donnelly staff representing nearly every department on campus attended KCK Forward Young Professionals workshop in December.

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**Invocation and
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**Commencement and
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Saturday, May 9
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**Last Day of Classes
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