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SPOT**LIGHT** 



r. Dana attended Donnelly College in 1969-70 and graduated from Benedictine College with a BS in Business Administration in 1972. Starting work as a teller, he went on to serve as President and CEO of Central Bank in Kansas City for 29 years before transitioning to his current role as Vice Chairman. His career in community banking has spanned more than 50 years.

During his years at Central Bank, Mr. Dana has served on numerous civic, social, and trade association boards and has been called upon to speak on many banking industry topics including compliance, community development, and bank profitability. He has spoken before the FDIC, the OCC, the Missouri Division of Finance, U.S. House sub-committees, numerous trade associations, and varied banking organizations.

Mr. Dana has been married to his wife, Kay, for 50 years. They have three grown children and six grandchildren.

Mr. Dana is grateful for the education he received at Donnelly College: "It is truly a source of personal pride that I was a student there 50 years ago. They offer an affordable world class education to many minority students. So many of these students are the first in their families to attend college."





r. Garcia was born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas and he still lives and works in KCK today. After graduating from Donnelly College with an Associate of Arts degree in 2005, Mr. Garcia earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Ottawa – Kansas City in 2008.

For the past 13 years, Mr. Garcia has been employed by the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools USD 500 as a fifth-grade general education teacher. He cannot see himself in any other profession, stating "The classroom is where I belong! I consider teaching my vocation." Mr. Garcia and his family are also very active in their church community, Saint John the Baptist (KCK).

"As the first person in my family to attend and graduate from college, Donnelly provided a great foundation. In 1990, they helped me enroll for the first time and found a way to help me financially. If it were not for the guidance of the people in the admissions and financial aid departments, Donnelly would not be a part of my life. When I returned after a long hiatus and received my Associate of Arts degree, I found many of the same helpful, spiritual and Catholic employees still working at Donnelly. Donnelly's faculty and staff follow the teachings of Jesus Christ by making themselves available to all people from all walks of life. In this place, all are welcomed!"

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

### What the Eyes Don't See

hrough a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Donnelly College is excited to welcome Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD, MPH, FAAP to campus on March 2. Dr. Hanna-Attisha will talk with students about her book What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance and Hope in an American City in which she discusses her journey learning about and



Dr. Hanna-Attisha is the founder and director of the Michigan State

University and Hurley Children's Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative, an innovative and model public health program in Flint, Michigan. A pediatrician, scientist, activist and author, Dr. Hanna-Attisha has testified three times before the United States Congress, has been awarded the Freedom of Expression Courage Award by PEN America, and has been named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. She has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, BBC and countless other media outlets championing the cause of children in Flint and beyond. She is a founding donor of the Flint Child Health and Development Fund (flintkids.org).

What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance and Hope in an American City is Donnelly's 2020-21 Common Read, a campus-wide initiative to include one common, thought-provoking book on the reading list for all courses across the curriculum. Additional event information is available online at **donnelly.edu/events**. D



## Unshakable Optimism

n April 2022, Syed Jamal will face an immigration judge, again.

Jamal, a Donnelly College faculty member, will stand in what is now an unfortunately familiar setting for him, a courtroom, surrounded by his wife, children, friends, colleagues and supporters, as his attorney pleads a case for visa renewal and tells of Jamal's 33-year history in the United States as a student, researcher, teacher, family man and valued community member.

In 2010, due to a paperwork error, Jamal fell out of compliance with the visa he had possessed since 1987 when he came to the United States to study after having become targeted as a controversial journalist in Bangladesh. It was then, during his first journey to the United States mainland from Hawaii, that Jamal got his first taste of American culture when he heard and fell in love with the pop music of the era by performers such as U2, Starship, Whitney Huston and Bruce Springsteen. It was a sign—the first indication to Jamal that he would belong in his newly adopted country.

After three decades in the United States, Jamal's future is uncertain. His case has been well documented in the press, both locally and nationally. His story of being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials on his driveway while his children watched resulted in a Change.org petition with more than 110,000 signatures and garnered the attention of his congressional representatives who co-sponsored a bill to extend protection to him and his family.

Jamal spent almost two months in jail and was in the process of being deported when he was given a reprieve. Just before he heard that he could return home to his family to await his next hearing in 2022, Jamal found comfort in an unusual place. He was once again on an airplane, but this time he was flying from Los Angeles to Hawaii, away from the mainland, on his way back to Bangladesh in the custody of immigration officials. It was on that trip,



"Good triumphs over evil, and if you do good things, good things will happen to you."

> **Syed Jamal Adjunct Professor**

just before the call came to turn the plane around, that he heard over the loudspeaker some of those same 1980s pop songs he had heard while flying to the mainland some 32 years prior.

For Jamal, a man of faith and overflowing optimism, it was an unmistakable sign that he would soon return home. And soon he did. Now he awaits his day in court. "Good triumphs over evil," Jamal said, "and if you do good things, good things will happen to you."

Jamal teaches Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry and Nutrition at Donnelly College.



Bachelor's Degree Students at Donnelly's May 2018 Scholar Day.

## A Higher Degree of Excellence

oday's college students have a lot of choices when looking for the best program and institution of higher education. Depending on their career goals, they can enroll in associate or bachelor's degree programs, work toward specialty skill certificates or seek vocational licenses. And once they choose an educational credential to pursue, in many cases they can also select from traditional classroom study, online learning or hybrid offerings as they seek to balance school and life.

"Our bachelor's degree programs focus on preparing students for in-demand opportunities."

> Richard Wallace, Ph.D. **Director of Baccalaureate Programs**

The vast array of choices available to students also has implications for the institutions themselves.

Due to online learning opportunities, colleges like Donnelly are no longer competing just with other colleges and universities in their city or region. They must now compete with institutions across the country and even across the globe. To continue attracting students and serving them effectively, institutions of higher education must constantly evaluate their program offerings and delivery methods in light of best practices and trends. They must consider not only the wants and needs of their students, but also the 21st century skills and competencies that employers want in the graduates they hire.

Although Donnelly continues to offer some courses online and is examining the possibility of adding more distance-learning options in the future, we know that our first-generation students are most likely to excel in a classroom setting. In terms of program offerings, we also know that bachelor's degrees are now the entry-level requirement for many professional positions in business, government, education and non-profit

work. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2018, 17.9% of all jobs required at least a bachelor's degree. Although that average is not as high as might be expected, for high-growth occupations such as Computer Systems Analyst or Software and Application Developer, more than 80% of jobs required a bachelor's degree.

The educational requirements for such high-growth fields are demanding, but, according to Business Insider magazine, they also pay very well. For example, in the next 10 years, Software and Application Developers are expected to see job openings increase by more than 25% with salaries exceeding \$100,000 annually.

According to Richard Wallace, Ph.D., director of baccalaureate programs at Donnelly, "Our bachelor's degree programs focus on preparing students for in-demand opportunities." Donnelly has offered bachelor's degrees for more than a decade and currently offers bachelor's programs in Business Leadership and Information Systems. Wallace says, "Each of our programs is designed to provide students with an exceptional classroom experience while also providing them with the

opportunity to study with superb faculty who are strongly committed to the mission of Donnelly College and to their roles as teachers and leaders in their fields."

In September 2019, Donnelly was one of only 42 institutions of higher education in the United States awarded a Department of Education Title V -Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant. This five-year, \$3 million grant will allow the College to expand and strengthen its baccalaureate programs by investing in equipment, technology and personnel. Initial expenditures have already allowed us to hire curriculum specialists to help revise, expand, and update courses in our existing bachelor's programs to meet the ever-changing needs of students and employers. Minors are in development for both programs and may include areas of emphasis such as multicultural leadership, entrepreneurship and information security. In addition, grant funds are used to strengthen our practical and registered nursing programs and to begin developing a Bachelor of Science in nursing for our Registered Nursing graduates.

#### DONNELLY ALUMS WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY

Donnelly alums can be found across the county contributing to organizations and their communities. Here are a few local examples:

Community Housing of Donnelly College

Wyandotte County El Centro

Cerner Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools

Unified Government of Wyandotte Amazon

County and Kansas City, Kansas Sheraton Hotels

Does your organization have internship or employment opportunities for Donnelly students or graduates? Contact Yvonne Telep at ytelep@donnelly.edu or 913-621-8732.

### Sample Courses for a B.A. in Business Leadership

**Economics for Managers** 

Survey of Accounting and Financial Management

Introduction to Marketing

Financial Decision Making

Leadership Fundamentals

Elements of Management and Supervision

The Art and Practice of Community Leadership

Legal, Ethical, and Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership

Organizational Theory and Behavior

Multicultural Issues in Leadership

### Sample Courses for a B.S. in Information Systems

Survey of Accounting & Financial Management

Financial Decision Making Introduction to Statistics

Legal, Ethical, and Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership

Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity

Information Systems Project Management

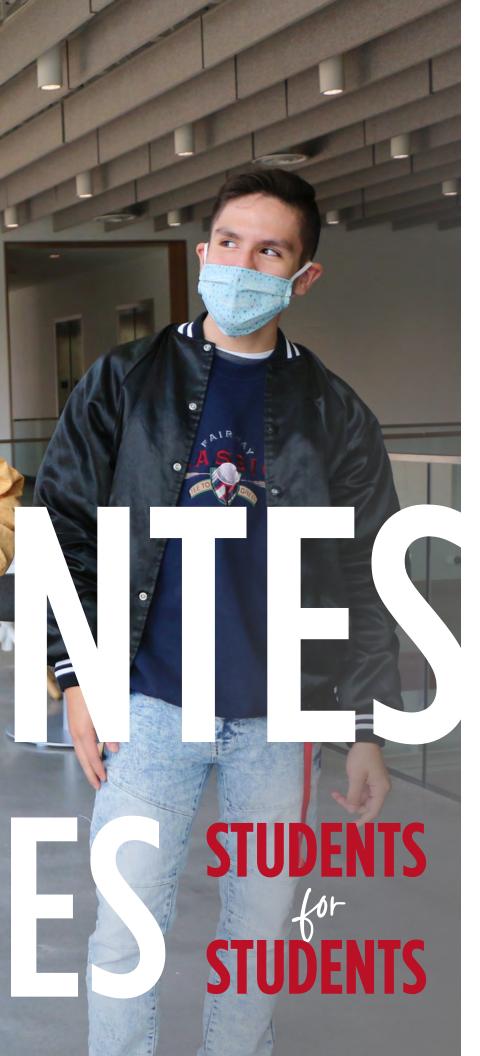
Object-Oriented Programming

Cryptography and Network Security Fundamentals

**Business Analytics** 

Enterprise Software Installation and Maintenance





he rustle of backpacks, the tread of feet going up and down the main staircase, the clicking of fingers tapping on keyboards—all these are familiar sounds on a college campus. Yet, the tall bright windows and open spaces of Donnelly's new academic building seem to bring them to life in a powerful new way.

Among the students who are already benefitting from this amazing new learning environment are Daniel Zavala and Rubi Perez Vazquez. In addition to being two of the founding members of the new Students for Social Justice club, both Zavala and Vazquez, along with seven other Donnelly students, received scholarships from the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund (HDF).

Donnelly has a long history of partnering with HDF, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of Latino families in Greater Kansas City by engaging the Latino community in philanthropy to build stronger communities through grantmaking and scholarship support. In 2020, HDF distributed nearly \$700,000 in scholarship funds to qualifying students across the metro. Donnelly is one of 19 institutions that match scholarship dollars received from HDF.

Each year HDF engages the students that received scholarships and their campuses in raising funds for future students in a campaign called Cambio para Cambio (Change for Change). This fall, Donnelly students, even those that do not receive HDF funds, were excited for an opportunity to give back and support current and future Hispanic students. Led by the Students for Social Justice club, Donnelly students raised nearly \$6,000 for the HDF scholarship fund.

#### **Social Justice Club Members**

Janibel Alvarenga Hugo Juarez Avalos Sajeda Bee Itzayana Ezcarlet Denise Diaz Gonzalez Yazmin Valdez Daniela Hernandez Janette Lopez Nallely Martinez Arden Meade-Esvang

Diamond Miller Gustavo Rosas Brandon Ruiz Alondra Torres Rubi Perez Vazquez Aracely Velasquez Daniel Zavala

## Sacrificing for a Brighter Future

This time last year, freshman Daniel Zavala was six months into working full-time with his father's landscaping company after graduating from Olathe South High School in May 2019. Working alongside men twice his age doing backbreaking work, Zavala began to yearn for a brighter future and knew a college education should be his next step.

Not only did he want an education and a change of career, Zavala also wanted to break the seemingly



unending cycle of poverty faced by undocumented Latino men in his family. As the youngest in his family, Zavala wanted to show his younger cousins that college is for everyone, including them. He also wanted to make his family proud and show them that a college degree is worth the sacrifices it requires.

No one in his family had ever applied to college before, so he wasn't sure where to start. Zavala had also researched the sticker price of a bachelor's degree from the average four-year university and knew it was something he could not afford. Despite these obstacles, he was determined to find a way to make college work. He remembered his aunt mentioning that Donnelly College was affordable, so he investigated and was delighted that, in addition to the HDF scholarship, Donnelly offered an additional scholarship to help with costs.

Within just a few weeks of enrolling at Donnelly, Zavala had cultivated strong connections with his classmates and helped create a new club on campus, Students for Social Justice. To support the HDF Cambia para Cambia campaign, the club organized a fall fundraiser with food trucks, events and more.

For the first time, Zavala feels like he truly belongs in a school environment. He finds comfort in the diversity surrounding him on campus, and he feels like he has finally begun to find himself. Although his freshman year is only half over, Zavala already describes his experience at Donnelly as life changing: "It's the first time in my life I can say that I'm proud of myself, and I can take ownership of my accomplishments."

Lisa Stoothoff, Dean of the College said of Zavala, "When Daniel submitted his first journal reflection in my CCS101 course this semester, I knew that he was destined to be a leader on campus. He has a passion for learning and has fully immersed himself into the culture of Donnelly College."

After finishing his associate degree at Donnelly, Zavala plans to obtain a bachelor's in Criminal Justice and become a police officer and, eventually, a police chief.

Daniel Zavala

## An Aspiring Entrepreneur

Freshman Rubi Perez Vazquez is a resident of Independence, Missouri and 2020 graduate of Van Horn High School.

During high school, Vazquez worked hard both in and out of the classroom. She waitressed up to six days a week at various Mexican restaurants in her community. While she knew she wanted to go to college, she also realized that she loved sharing her culture through food.

This realization led Vazquez to think about starting her own food service business, and she didn't wait long. By August 2020, she had started a shaved ice stand selling raspados—fancy Mexican ice drinks blended with spices and fresh fruit. In a matter of months, Rubi's Raspados KC was born!

While operating a business has been an education in itself, Vazquez knew she needed to continue her formal education as well. She decided to enroll in Donnelly's associate degree program where, in addition to core courses, she can complete coursework in business management, finance, leadership and human resources. Balancing her business and tuition costs has been easier due to the help she received through an HDF scholarship and additional funding from Donnelly.

Along with Zavala and others, Vazquez has worked hard to help start the Students for Social Justice club. To support the HDF Cambia para Cambia fundraiser, Rubi's Raspados sold product on campus during the fall fundraiser and donated the proceeds to the campaign.

Paula Console-Şoican, assistant professor of English and faculty sponsor of the Students for Social Justice club said, "Rubi is one of the most energetic, creative, and outspoken students on our campus. Even though she is not in any of my classes, I love working with her on social justice projects outside of class."

Vazquez loves the freedom of being her own boss as well as the freedom to schedule her work time around her Donnelly classes. She hopes that her business can be a catalyst for change in the community.



As we reflect on 70 years of providing educational opportunities in the heart of Kansas City, Kansas, we are grateful that our mission allows us to help students like Vazquez and Zavala realize their God-given potential. Donnelly is privileged to serve as a beacon of hope to these students and their classmates—future innovators and leaders in Wyandotte County and beyond. And we are proud to serve alongside partners such as the Hispanic Development Fund.



Students and donors celebrate Donnelly in March 2020

## GIVING DAY



## #1DAY4DONNELLY

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Donnelly's first annual 24-hour giving event, #1Day4Donnelly, was a success! You helped us raise more than \$23,000 for our students and mission!

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Mark your calendars for March 3, 2021 for Donnelly's second annual #1Day4Donnelly.

#### **GET INVOLVED**

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# INSPIRATION



Gerry Garcia teaching virtually

Dear Friend,

Gerry Garcia is an inspiration.

Gerry is a lifelong KCK resident who graduated from Donnelly College in 2005 at the age of 35, with a wife and three kids at home. After working in a factory for 10 years, Gerry was ready to chart a different course.



Gerry, Isaiah and Michelle Garcia at Isaiah's graduation from Donnelly College

"My father worked for 38 years as a laborer and boilermaker at the BNSF railyard," Gerry said. "I knew I didn't want to have the same kind of physically taxing career. I felt called to be a teacher and to help lift up my community."

After graduating from Donnelly—the first in his family to earn a college degree—he immediately went on to earn his BA in education. This fall marks Gerry's 13th year teaching for Kansas City Kansas Public Schools. He treasures his role teaching 5th graders at Whittier Elementary and knows the classroom is where he belongs.

Gerry loves to joke, "I'm in the entertainment business!" But I believe he is really in the inspiration business. In addition to all the students he reaches, all three of his adult children have earned college degrees, and his younger two children are already working on their college plans.

Gerry's son Isaiah even followed in his dad's footsteps and received his associate degree from Donnelly in 2017. Isaiah then transferred to UMKC, completed his

bachelor's degree, and was (by total coincidence) recruited and hired by BNSF Railway for a selective management training program. Today, at age 23, Isaiah is managing entire railyards outside Chicago.

Attending a Catholic college was transformative for Gerry, and he credits Donnelly with providing the foundation to chart his new course. Please consider a gift this season to help Donnelly continue to **spark inspiration** for today's students!

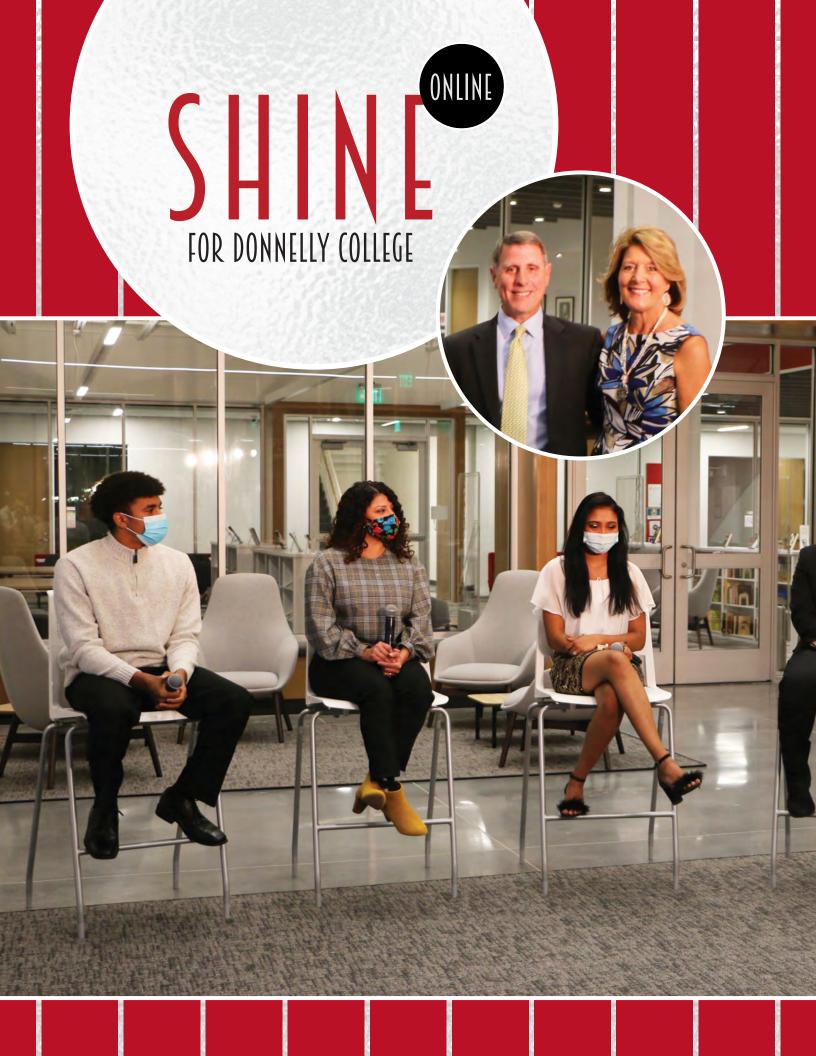


Isaiah Garcia is now in management for BNSF Railway

Sincerely,

Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland
Monsignor Stuart W. Swetland
President

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Monsignor Stuart Swetland** 

aven't we all thought, groaned, or even shouted, "When will 2020 be over?" It has been a difficult year in so many ways.

But, despite 2020's many challenges, there have also been numerous personal and communal blessings - family bonding, acts of kindness, people going "the extra mile" (cf. Mathew 5:41), and, of course, the heroic efforts of our first responders, doctors, nurses, and other

health care workers. I pray that these blessings will continue to sustain and strengthen all of us in the year ahead.

Like all colleges, Donnelly faced a number of obstacles last spring, when COVID-19 forced us to change the way we were delivering education and formation to our students. However, I am pleased to report that our faculty, staff and students proved willing and capable of meeting those challenges. Thanks to their hard work and persistence and also to the support of our generous friends and donors, Donnelly College still celebrated a good number of accomplishments in 2019-20, including:

- Retaining 74% of degree-seeking students from Fall 2019 to Spring 2020 and increasing the percentage of students in good academic standing from 79% to 84%.
- Increasing the pass rate for our Practical Nursing graduates taking the Kansas State Board of Nursing licensing exam from 75% to 87.5% and receiving commendation from the State Board of Nursing for exceeding the national average.

- Securing two new federal grants—a five-year, \$3 million Title V Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions grant to improve our bachelor's and nursing programs, and a Second Chance Pell award, which allows our students at Lansing Correctional Facility to access federal Pell funds.
- Raising more than \$1.5 million to support academic programs and student scholarships and exceeding our annual fundraising goal by 10%.

We also made substantial progress in raising capital campaign funds and implementing the third and final phase of our Campus Master Plan:

- We broke ground for our new academic building in May 2019 and opened our new parking garage in August 2019.
- We completed a J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation challenge grant in September 2019, securing \$1 million in matching funds for Phase III construction.
- We installed solar panels on the roofs of both Marian Hall and our new academic building. (These panels will generate more than 118,000 kilowatt hours of clean energy each year, saving 92 tons of CO2 annually—equivalent to driving the average passenger vehicle 207,517 miles.)
- By the end of our fiscal year (June 30, 2020), we had raised \$33,911,055 or 99% of our \$34.2 million Capital Campaign goal.

Most importantly, despite some COVID-related supply chain delays, construction of our new academic building proceeded as planned and we were able to move into our new building in time for fall 2020 classes to begin on August 31. Although



On Sept. 21, 2020, Monsignor Swetland (right) and EPA Region 7 Administrator Jim Gulliford formalized a partnership to promote environmental education and career opportunities for Donnelly students.

we continue to put the finishing touches on the facility, demolition of the tower building began in November, making way for a campus quad to be developed. Phase III grounds renovation will continue through Spring 2021.

Thanks to the hard work of our Admissions and Marketing teams, the good news has continued this fall, with enrollment up 11% over fall 2019. Likewise, strong leadership in our Nursing Department recently led the Kansas State Board of Nursing to extend the accreditation of our Practical Nursing Program for the maximum five years. Finally, earlier this fall, U.S. News & World Report recognized Donnelly as "the Most Diverse College in the Midwest" for the fourth year in a row and ranked Donnelly third for economic diversity on campus and for least student loan debt upon graduation. This national recognition is just one more reminder of how the good work we are doing is benefitting our students every day.

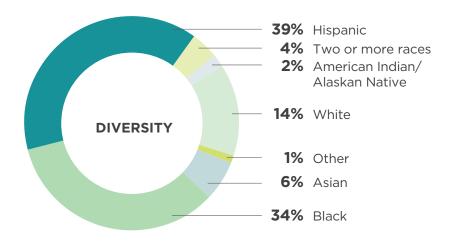
When I wrote last year about "dreaming dreams and seeing visions" (cf. Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17), none of us envisioned the "nightmare" of 2020. But, despite the cosmic disturbances we have all endured, many of our students' dreams continue to come true thanks to your faithful prayers and generous donations. Your support reminds me that God is good even in times of challenge. I look forward to celebrating even more of His blessings with you in the years to come.

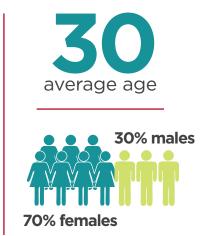
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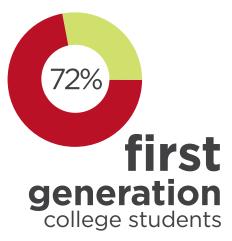
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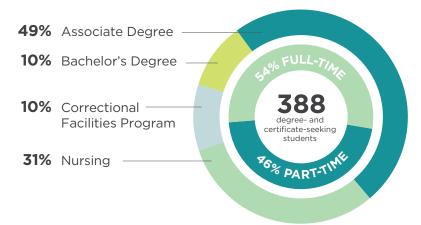






Almost twice as high as other four-year institutions nationally

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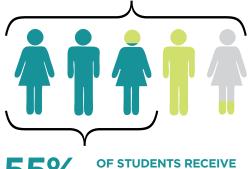


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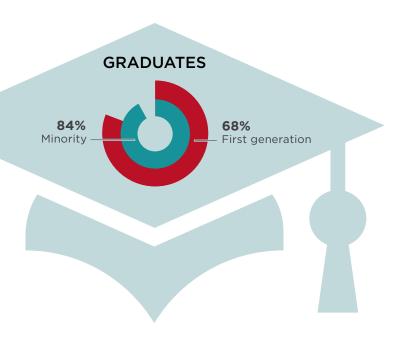
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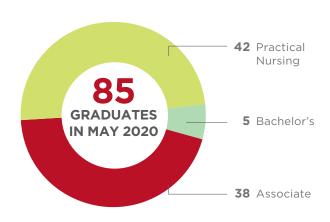
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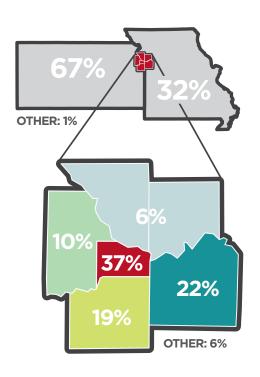
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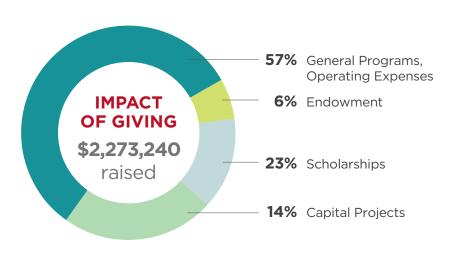
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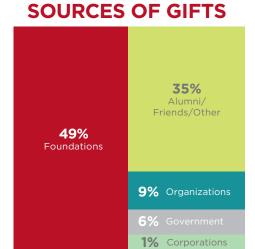














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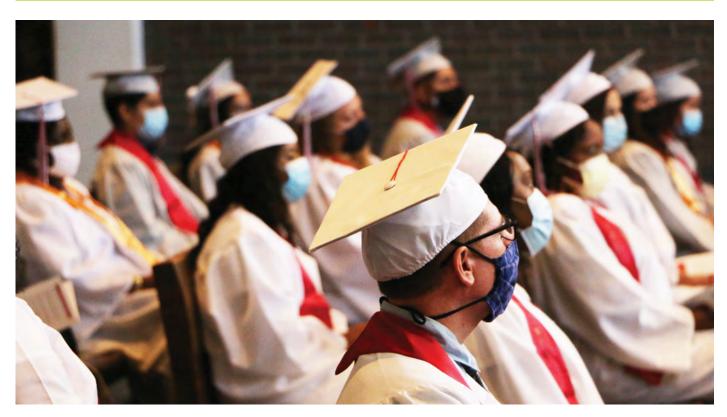
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