Inspiring the will to serve and explore

Your support for scholarships helps driven Zags like these to achieve their dreams of a Gonzaga degree while providing time for them to act on their will for service and global engagement. Your gift demonstrates your care for these grateful Zags.

One might expect that majoring in finance, human resources and entrepreneurship would be enough to have kept Mitchell Sasonoff ('17) busy during his time at Gonzaga. It was. But it didn’t stop this recent graduate from becoming a rather prolific volunteer throughout the Spokane community. Sasonoff participated in Knights and Setons and did projects for Habitat for Humanity. He supported the Military Heroes Campaign and worked on various park cleanups and weekend charity events. His fondest service memory was his time mentoring a man named Terry through Artisans, a non-profit agency that provides support for individuals with disabilities in Spokane.

As a sponsored Zag, Sasonoff was able to have time to serve others thanks to the scholarships he received. Your donations inspire him and have taught him deeper lessons about what it means to help others succeed.

Jasmine Jans ('17) was spoken to by her Belgian-born father only in Flemish. It was an experience that helped her become fluent in two languages, thereby helping her communicate with her dad’s side of the family; but it also instilled in her passion for international travel.

Jans was inspired by her mother’s career as a high school computer science teacher. She developed a love for coding and expressing herself through technology, and brought that passion to her computer science studies at Gonzaga. Your gifts provided Jans with the chance to study abroad as a GU student—an opportunity she would not have otherwise had.

Jasmine, Mitchell and every recent graduate touched by your generosity are thankful for the many opportunities you provide through your gifts. Learn more about all you enable at gonzaga.edu/TheyWill.

MITCHELL SASONOFF ('17) “My scholarship showed me there are so many people who care for me and are willing to help me. I look forward to doing the same after I leave GU.”

JASMIN JANS ('17) “I am so thankful for the opportunity you have given me. You have helped fulfill a dream—thank you so much!”
Irv and Angie Zakheim’s profound commitment to all facets of Gonzaga University has been both generous and meaningful. Irv Zakheim’s company, Zak Designs, has been a global company for more than 30 years, and the couple’s daughters, Sara (’09) and Mary (’15), were touched by their own study-abroad experiences in Florence and London; all contributing to the inspiration for the Zakheim’s involvement with the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) at Gonzaga.

“I wanted to be active in establishing opportunities for students here and for those coming to Gonzaga from other countries,” said Irv, who sought to forge a relationship between Gonzaga and Ningbo University, a school Zakheim grew to know while doing business in China.

“The intended result,” Zakheim explained, “is for both Gonzaga students and faculty to exchange with Chinese students and faculty. When you have students studying and taking internships in other areas around the world, it opens their minds and broadens their view of education, while also uncovering possibilities for a global workforce. Globally engaged students begin to see that they can work in any part of the world.”

Welcoming visitors with big windows full of colorful flags on the first and second floors of the John J. Hemmingson Center, the Zakheim Center for Global Engagement works to move this important pillar of Gonzaga Will: The Campaign for Our Future forward, through innovative programming that teaches the skills, attitudes and knowledge that opens doors for Zags to exercise their will to explore the Jesuit way of connecting people and cultures, broadening perspectives and discovering God’s work everywhere.

“While study abroad remains a central aspect of what we do, our new home in the Hemmingson Center has helped to highlight all of the great opportunities abroad as well as the amazing people we attract to our Spokane campus from just about every corner of the earth,” said Joseph Kinsella, Ph.D., Assistant Academic Vice President, Center for Global Engagement. Director of Study Abroad Richard Menard agreed, adding that the Zakheim’s gift has enabled the CGE to serve even more students who are demonstrating greater involvement in Gonzaga’s global community.

Gonzaga is truly grateful for Irv and Angie Zakheim and all committed donors who have supported Global Engagement at GU.
$27 million remains to be raised toward Gonzaga’s goal of $100 million in annual and endowed scholarships for students with the highest financial need.

88 people joined together to provide $7.4 million toward Gonzaga’s new Jesuit Residence.

More than 34,000 donors have contributed $240 million in support of Gonzaga Will: The Campaign for Our Future.

By the Numbers

WE CELEBRATE EVERY MEMBER OF THE GONZAGA FAMILY WHOSE GENEROSITY KEEPS THE UNIVERSITY THRIVING.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EVERY ZAG WHO DEMONSTRATES THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH GIVING.

Inspired to expand engagement

WHAT’S YOUR “WHY?”

I was a student that relied heavily on scholarships, grants and student loans. I also worked as many as three or four part-time jobs to make ends meet during my time at GU. On top of being a student and Resident Life staff member, Frankly, it was tough at times after leaving GU. Now, 30 years after graduating, I think simply want to give back and get money to the students that need it the most. There are students, like me that rely on scholarships and grants to make it through Gonzaga and an amazing place and producing thoughtful, ethical people into the world. If I can make it a bit easier for somebody by giving a few dollars, then that is my reward.

– SCOTT RICHARDS (’86) MEMBER OF GONZAGA’S LEADERSHIP CIRCLE AND 24-YEAR DONOR

I give because Father Alfred L. Morisette picked me up when I needed it most. Paying for school alone became increasingly difficult and I was going to leave GU in order to work. Fr. Al recognized my potential, hired me to be his assistant in the New Start Program and saw me through to graduation. I was an RD my last two years at GU. Along with working for him, carrying a full course load, preparing for my senior recital, getting ready to student teach, I continued to meet with students and help guide them on their own journey. Now in my 30th year of teaching, I am greatly blessed by Fr. Al’s persistence and belief in me. I know I have him as a Guardian Angel watching over me.

– JOANNE DEFOREST MCCANDELL (’85) COMMITTED ZAG AND 22-YEAR DONOR

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Gonzaga’s beloved Jesuits are expected to move into the 36,074-square-foot Jesuit Residence at the northwest corner of Boone Avenue and Astor Street in the fall.

Thank you to all who have helped enable this project.

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Gonzaga University is truly grateful for our Leadership Circle members who join together to further our Jesuit, Catholic mission.

Thank you!

To learn more about the benefits of membership in the Leadership Circle, contact Shanna Dunne at dunnes@gonzaga.edu or 509.313.6190.

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Pictured at left is Father, Jim Voiss, S.J., officiating at the blessing ceremony for the Jesuit Residence held on September 30, 2016.