REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

FORGING *Forward*

2025-26



GONZAGA UNIVERSITY



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Gonzaga offers holistic approaches to student learning, expanded academic opportunities in new fields of study and steadfast dedication to a mission of educating students for lives of leadership and service for the common good in a rapidly changing world.

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Becoming More

through Curiosity, Connection and Conviction

As I reflect on my first full year as president of Gonzaga University, I return to a simple but profound truth: higher education is not just about the degrees we obtain, but who we become. This has been a year of listening and learning, of building relationships, gaining new perspectives, and of deepening my appreciation and understanding for the people and purpose that define this remarkable University. Through every conversation with faculty, staff, alumni and students, I am reminded that Gonzaga's strength lies not just in its accomplishments and reputation, but in its unwavering commitment to the formation of individuals prepared to serve others and contribute to the common good.

Following are some highlights of this work in action:

Transformational philanthropic support initiatives such as the foundation of the Woodley Institute for Civil Engagement and Humanistic Dialogue and expanded community engagement programs. See page 6 for the ways 8,100 donors committed $104 million in fiscal year 2026, setting a new record for philanthropic giving.

Partnerships established with industry leaders, global institutions and local organizations to strengthen our ability to serve students and society. Collaborations with Microsoft and McKinstry created pathways for internships, hands-on learning opportunities, mentorship and meaningful careers.

Courage and care were central to confronting the difficult reality of racist incidents on and off campus. We launched the President's Task Force on Accompaniment, Safety and Belonging for sustained commitment to examining our institutional structures and acting with integrity to show care for all students.

Innovation and ethics have guided our response to the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence (AI). Through efforts like the Institute for Informatics and Applied Technology's Value and Responsibility in AI Conference last April, Gonzaga led important conversations grounded in human dignity and the common good. We are leading with the concept that technology is meant to serve humans and to be trustworthy.

Mission experiences such as meeting with tribal leaders from Coeur d'Alene, Colville and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes who invited me to visit their communities were incredibly meaningful to me, considering the deeply complex history with the Jesuit mission and Gonzaga. We shared candid conversations about Gonzaga's responsibility to building enduring relationships.

Caring for Our Common Home was evident through our engagement with the Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform, and work was further elevated through the Presidential Speaker Series with scholar Wayne Visser, higher education leader Isabel Braga da Cruz and through our own Institute for Climate, Water and the Environment.

The Zag Network showed its strength through the Forging Forward event series where I had the opportunity to connect with thousands of alumni and friends across the country including stops in Los Angeles, Santa Clara, Seattle, Washington D.C., and Montana, among others. These gatherings reminded us that Gonzaga is not only a place, but a lifelong relationship.



Students became leaders as we commissioned more than 2,050 students from undergraduate, graduate, and law commencement ceremonies in May. The joy, resilience and sense of purpose was evident throughout Commencement weekend and reflected the very best of our Catholic, Jesuit tradition. I was deeply moved to see so many multi-generational Zags at the ceremonies.

Looking Forward: Strengthening Relationships, Advancing Mission

As we look ahead to a new year, the path before us is both challenging and filled with promise. Higher education continues to face significant pressures, from financial constraints to governmental pressures to evolving student expectations for outcomes after graduation. Yet these realities also present an opportunity to reaffirm who we are and what we are called to do.

As we move forward together, I believe Gonzaga is called to become more. More curious about how we engage with an increasingly interconnected, yet complex world. Richer in our understanding of cultures, perspectives, and experiences. More intentional in connecting and integrating knowledge across disciplines and generations to address society's most pressing challenges. And more committed to cultivating both the competence and conviction needed to turn knowledge into meaningful action for the betterment of humanity.

Through our global partners in Catholic, Jesuit higher education, I know how Gonzaga's relationships already span continents and cultures. From gatherings with the International Association of Jesuit Universities to the International Federation of Catholic Universities, the message was clear: Gonzaga is both rooted locally and called globally. We are rooted in Spokane but our Zag family is strong worldwide. We have an opportunity to solidify and foster Gonzaga's place among Catholic universities nationally and internationally while ensuring a bright future in places where students have been studying abroad already for many years.

We will continue to foster a community where intellectual rigor and the human dignity of every person go hand in hand, and where faith and reason work together to deepen understanding and inspire us to serve others. We will strengthen partnerships, broaden opportunities for our students, and continue forming graduates who are prepared to succeed and lead with purpose, compassion, and courage.

I am deeply grateful and humbled by all who have welcomed me so generously and joined in this shared journey. We will continue building a university defined by curiosity and cultural richness, strengthened through the connection and integration of knowledge and inspired by the competence and conviction to make a positive difference in the world. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together.



Katia Passerini, Ph.D.
President, Gonzaga University

Year in Review 2025-26

The inauguration of Gonzaga's 27th president, Katia Passerini, centered on the theme "Open Doors, Empower Potential, Lead with Hope" and featured a visit by Sr. Raffaella Petrini, the highest-ranking woman in the Catholic Church. The weeklong celebration included academic showcases and community service.



Sister Raffaella and President Passerini both hail from Rome.

The Woodley Institute for Civil Engagement and Humanistic Dialogue came to life through the generosity of Tom ('69) and Nancy Woodley, to connect students with Ignatian practices of listening, discernment and seeking the common good.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup came to Spokane as GU and the city were the Team Base Camp Training Site for Team Egypt, bringing the Pharoahs to train on Luger Field.



Spokane soccer fans were able to see Egypt superstar Mo Salah practice at GU.

AI technologies as tools for human flourishing were the focus of efforts across campus, many led by Gonzaga's Institute for Informatics and Applied Technology.

Global experts in climate change, sustainability and social inequities came to campus in the first Presidential Speaker Series event under President Passerini.

A $1M gift led to the dedication of the Patrick Ferro Center for Materials Research, a new Inland Northwest hub for interdisciplinary innovation, campus/industry partnerships and STEM workforce development.



Members of the Pat Ferro family joined Gonzaga leaders, including Board members and deans, President Emeritus Thayne McCulloh and President Katia Passerini, in cutting the ribbon on the new center.

The School of Health Sciences expanded its Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) and simulation learning spaces in the UW-GU Health Partnership Building.



In addition to classrooms and anesthesia practice rooms, students have dedicated study space and the break room shown here.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

A partnership with Microsoft built on two decades of alumni leadership to expand career pathways and mentorship.

Clean energy developer McKinstry and Hotstart Thermal Management collaborations with GU provided students with unparalleled access to relevant workplace experience.

By the Numbers



FINANCIAL AID

98% *of undergraduates received Gonzaga scholarships and grants in 2025;* **34%** *had federal loans;* **19%** *received Pell Grants; and* **14%** *received the Washington College Grant*

EMPLOYEES

916 staff members

467 faculty members

54% female and **17%** underrepresented minority

Approximately **13%** of faculty members have degrees from Jesuit universities

TOP ACADEMIC MAJORS

(Undergraduate, by primary major)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
621

NURSING
367

BIOLOGY
329

PSYCHOLOGY
312

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
264

HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY
185



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

317 international students represent **33 countries**

84% of U.S. students come from **Washington, California, Oregon, Colorado** and **Idaho**

32% of undergraduates students represent **ethnicities other than White** (up 6% since 2020)

19% of first-year students in 2025 were **first-generation college students**

33 religions were represented in Gonzaga's undergraduate students

93% of first-year students return for their second year (well above the national average of 78% among four-year institutions)

DEGREES EARNED

1,265 undergraduate

599 graduate

60 doctoral

201 law

Data provided by Gonzaga University Institutional Research: **gonzaga.edu/ir**



Record year creates new opportunities for students

BY HOLLY JONES ('22 M.A.)

More than 8,100 donors set a new record, committing $104M in fiscal year 2026

Fueled by exceptional planned gifts and broad-based donor support, the achievement comes during one of the most challenging periods higher education has ever faced, with institutions across the country navigating increasing financial pressures, demographic shifts and operational challenges.

"This milestone reflects the remarkable generosity, trust, and belief of the Gonzaga community in the transformative power of a Jesuit education," says Joe Poss, vice president for university advancement. "Every gift expands opportunities for students, strengthens academic mission, and empowers the next generation of leaders to make a meaningful difference in an increasingly complex world."

Several commitments helped drive this record-breaking year, including gifts from Dean Emeritus and Professor of Economics Clarence "Bud" Barnes, Heather Anderson ('80), Tom ('69) and Nancy Woodley, hundreds of dedicated Zags who participated in Zags Give Day, and many other donors, including those who chose to remain anonymous.

Planned Giving: $39 Million

Donors committed more than $39 million in future commitments, including $19 million designated for Schools and the College and more than $3 million supporting annual funds and programs such as study abroad, ROTC, student organizations and community engagement initiatives. These commitments highlight the strength of Gonzaga's long-term philanthropic pipeline and the enduring confidence donors place in the University's future.



OTHER NOTABLE INVESTMENTS

$12M COMMITMENT:
Innovation and new programming

$2M COMMITMENT:
Gonzaga Promise Scholarship Fund

$3M COMMITMENT:
Student success

MORE THAN $3M:
Athletic Enhancement Fund

$1M: Men's Basketball Enhancement Fund

$1M: Women's Basketball Enhancement Fund

$874,969 from the Gates Foundation supporting an AI Instruction Fellowship

$250,204: Center for Materials Research in the School of Engineering and Applied Science

$250,204: Center for Civil and Human Rights at Gonzaga University School of Law

$250,000: Entrepreneurial Leadership Program

$250,000: Zags360, a comprehensive student wellness initiative

$250,204: Institute of Informatics and Applied Technology Excellence Fund

These examples illustrate select gifts and commitments and are not inclusive of all funds raised.

Deep Connections

Across the country and around the world, alumni and friends strengthened their connection to Gonzaga through volunteer leadership, mentoring, advocacy, regional engagement and service. Longtime supporters renewed their commitment to the University while new donors joined a community dedicated to ensuring that Gonzaga remains accessible, distinctive and mission-driven for generations to come. That momentum was evident at President Katia Passerini's Forging Forward events across the country, where alumni, families and friends gathered to engage with Gonzaga's vision for the future (see page 8).

> *"Education remains one of society's greatest investments, which cultivates knowledge, opportunity, compassion and the leaders the world needs."*
>
> – President Katia Passerini

"Gonzaga's donors have helped make this a truly transformative year," says President Passerini. "Their generosity is a powerful affirmation of our shared vision for Gonzaga's future. While the value of higher education is too often questioned, this shared commitment is a reminder that education remains one of society's greatest investments, which cultivates knowledge, opportunity, compassion and the leaders the world needs. Gonzaga is grateful for this community's belief in the University's transformational Mission."

As Gonzaga looks ahead, the impact of this extraordinary year will be measured both in dollars raised, and in opportunities created. Scholarships will open doors for students. Academic programs will expand their reach. Faculty and student researchers will pursue new innovations across the disciplines. Students will continue to learn, grow and lead in ways that reflect Gonzaga's Jesuit, Catholic and humanistic Mission.

The record-breaking success of fiscal year 2026 demonstrates what is possible when an entire community comes together around a shared purpose. At a time of significant change across higher education, Gonzaga's donors have sent a powerful message of confidence in the University's future and in the enduring value of a Gonzaga education.

For your partnership, generosity and belief in the Mission, Gonzaga is deeply grateful.

Forging Forward

Uniting the Zag Community Coast to Coast

BY HOLLY JONES ('22 M.A.)

Across Seattle, Bellevue, San Jose, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, Bozeman and communities visited in between, Gonzaga University President Katia Passerini's Forging Forward tour brought Zags of all stripes – alumni, families, students and friends – together for moments that felt equal parts reunion and glimpse ahead into the University's future.

Amidst Puget Sound skylines, Los Angeles sunsets, South Bay energy, Washington, D.C.'s historic backdrop and the twinkling neon of Las Vegas, the series created space for the Zag community to reconnect with both the institution and one another. Meaningful conversations about higher education, innovation, leadership and the student experience filled rooms, along with moments that never make the official program – an alum spotting a former roommate across the room, parents talking proudly about their students, staff making introductions before people even finish reading name tags, and tables erupting into laughter over stories that have continued to improve with time and retelling.

That was the heartbeat of Forging Forward.

At each stop, President Passerini shared her hopes for Gonzaga's future while listening closely to the experiences and perspectives of the people who continue to shape the University's community on campus and beyond. She articulated a vision for Gonzaga that is both deeply Mission-centered and boldly forward-looking – aspirations that strengthen the University's national presence, expand its global impact and prepare students to lead thoughtfully in an increasingly connected world. Her conversations with alumni and friends consistently returned to the idea that Gonzaga's future growth will not come at the expense of its identity, but because of it. The tour also highlighted the many ways Gonzaga's Mission continues to travel far beyond campus. In conversations alumni and friends reflected on mentorship, service, friendship and the lasting impact of a Gonzaga education in their lives and communities.

President Passerini connected with Zag alumni, friends and students participating in career treks at organizations such as Mattel, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Warner Bros. Studios. She also met with leaders in the technology sector, touring NVIDIA alongside a Zag parent working there, and a dedicated alumnus and donor.

Along the way, President Passerini cheered with fellow Zag basketball fans at Santa Clara, met with Gonzaga athletics supporters in the California desert, attended Mass with members of the Zag community and celebrated the inaugural Alaska Airlines direct flight from Seattle to Rome. Together, these experiences emphasized the strength of the Gonzaga network and the enduring ways its Mission is lived out around the world.





Living Research

Students and faculty conducted research on these topics, among many more:

- experimental removal of wool carder bees and how it impacts other bee species
- movement and mobility of people with Parkinson's disease
- a wearable patch to track emotional changes in dementia patients
- the impact of TikTok on students' attention and distractibility
- how adolescent environments shape identity and emotional development
- links between chronic illness and mental health in underserved communities
- how nature-inspired beaver dam analogs can improve water quality in local streams

Standing Out

RECOGNITION

Second consecutive STARS Gold rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education for improving sustainability in the classroom, research and campus operations

Higher Education Excellence and Distinction (HEED) Award for the second consecutive year by Insight Into Diversity magazine

INNOVATION

One of the nation's 50 most innovative higher education institutions (2026 U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges)

One of 277 universities nationwide to earn the Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP

One of 15 Catholic colleges and universities selected to help strengthen leadership formation, dialogue and shared decision-making within the Catholic Church, led by Loyola University Chicago

Academic Highlights



College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts & Sciences advanced interdisciplinary research and student success through several key initiatives. In partnership with the School of Engineering & Applied Science, the College expanded the Center for Materials Research with support from a $1 million federal investment. The College also launched the Gonzaga Global Career Accelerator, offering students hands-on projects with major companies such as Airbnb, Netflix and L'Oréal.

School of Business

The School of Business earned national recognition from U.S. News & World Report, with Top 30 undergraduate rankings in accounting, finance, management and entrepreneurship, while The Princeton Review named Gonzaga's MBA one of the nation's Best On-Campus Programs. Students also achieved notable success, including first-place finishes in the Inland Northwest Venture Competition and D.A. Davidson Student Investment Program, honors at the National Student Advertising Competition, placements in the selective FASB Postgraduate Technical Assistant Program, and Gold Status for the Beta Alpha Psi chapter.

School of Education

The School of Education achieved a major milestone as Gonzaga's Kinesiology program earned initial accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of the Exercise Sciences (CoAES), recognizing the program's quality in preparing students for careers in health, fitness and exercise science. The School also demonstrated its commitment to community engagement, with students contributing approximately 125,882 service hours during the 2025-26 academic year.

School of Engineering & Applied Sciences

The School of Engineering & Applied Science celebrated the opening of the Patrick Ferro Center for Materials Research, a collaborative hub shared with the College of Arts & Sciences. SEAS also secured more than $2 million in major grants, including its first NSF CAREER Award, funding for a new Construction Management Professor of Practice, and support for additional equipment for the Patrick Ferro Center for Materials. The school also hosted several events featuring industry partners to celebrate both the Structural High Bay Lab Mural and the completion of a student-designed Precast Concrete Demonstration Structure.

School of Health Sciences

The School of Health Sciences, which includes human physiology, public health and nursing programs, continued to grow, reaching 1,129 students, a 15% increase since 2023, with undergraduate enrollment up 12% in the past year. Graduate enrollment is also strong. The Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice program, the only DNAP program in Washington, expanded to 28 seats amid record demand and is now located in the UW-GU Health Partnership Building. The school also enhanced simulation-based learning through new facilities and technology.

School of Law

The School of Law enrolled one of the largest first-year classes in Gonzaga history, welcoming 239 students from 22 states and provinces with a median LSAT score of 156. Gonzaga Law also saw strong outcomes for graduates, with 91% of the Class of 2025 employed or pursuing advanced legal education. In addition, the Gonzaga Law School Foundation raised a record $3.9 million during the 2025-26 academic year to support students, academic programs and facility improvements.

School of Leadership Studies

The School of Leadership Studies deepened its international engagement through a new five-year partnership with West University in Romania, creating opportunities for international academic collaboration and scholar exchanges through the Erasmus+ program. The school also celebrated the 10th anniversary of Women Lead, launching new conferences, one entirely in Spanish and another at Gonzaga's Florence campus, to broaden access to leadership development and further its mission of empowering leaders across cultures and communities.





The Human Impact of Engineering Lived Out in Hillyard

US News & World Report, 2027

#22
IN UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING (NON-DOCTORATE)

#17
IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

#24
IN ACCOUNTING

Four Gonzaga civil engineering students were asked to determine whether a one-way couplet through Spokane's Hillyard neighborhood could become a safer, welcoming two-way corridor.

Working with the Northeast Public Development Authority and the City of Spokane, the team analyzed traffic and crash data, developed models, reviewed roadway standards, engaged community stakeholders, and recommended a design meeting operational and safety goals. Their feasibility study can now support grant applications. The project also earned national recognition and Gonzaga's top Senior Design award in civil engineering.

Stemming from nearly a decade of relationship-building in Hillyard through Gonzaga's place-based community engagement efforts and the Center for Community Engagement – faculty participated in neighborhood immersions, community leaders visited classrooms and students learned how infrastructure decisions can strengthen or weaken a neighborhood.

Although construction will depend on future funding, Hillyard now has a roadmap for change. The students gained experience navigating engineering, economics, politics, and community priorities. More importantly, they learned successful transportation projects are not simply designed for streets. They are designed for people.



The project won a $10,000 NCEES Engineering and Surveying Education award. Team members from left to right: Tim Schantz, Karlynn Kenny, Baila Burnam and Alex Willis. Advised by Mutasem Alzoubaidi and Rhonda Young.

Gonzaga Faculty

Secure National Grant for Character Education



Gonzaga University was awarded a $366,169 Institutional Impact Grant titled “Pietas: Building Jesuit Character” from the Educating Character Initiative (ECI), a project of The Program for Leadership and Character at Wake Forest University. Gonzaga’s project will unfold over the next three years, weaving character formation into life on campus through initiatives including the Class Fellows program, faculty workshops, strengthened ties between Student Affairs and Academics, and a lecture series centered on ethical dialogue.

Gonzaga’s project is one of 44 projects to receive an Institutional Impact Grant from ECI in 2026. The grant was secured by principal investigator (PI) Shannon Dunn, professor of religious studies, along with co-PIs Kevin Vander Schel, Joe Mudd, and Kent Porterfield.

For Dunn, the grant formalizes work already underway here.

“Character formation is another way of talking about becoming people for others, which is a central part of our Mission,” she says. “It’s the ‘how’ of that practice.”

The grant will benefit students, faculty and staff. In its first year, students will be invited into conversation through community dinners featuring guest speakers on character education, alongside new extra-curricular programming in community-engaged learning, residence halls and University Ministry.

“We hope to reach as many students as possible,” Dunn says, adding the goal is for students to leave Gonzaga better able to “understand and intentionally demonstrate character traits like discernment, resilience, courage and solidarity.”

This grant arrives at a pivotal moment for both Gonzaga and the broader landscape of higher education.

“The way forward requires a return to our roots, our Jesuit tradition of character” explains Dunn, “but in a way that is living, dynamic and responsive to the particular challenges of our moment.”

She credits the team behind the proposal, including Vander Schel and Mudd in Religious Studies, Mysti Reneau, director of Sponsored Research & Programs, Vice Provost of Student Affairs Kent Porterfield, Professor Jeff Dodd and Professor Ann Ciasullo.

“These are talented and determined colleagues,” she says. “They ensure the University fulfills its promises to students and lives its Mission.”

Vander Schel notes the competitive nature of the grant on a national scale makes it particularly significant for Gonzaga to have been chosen. He, like Dunn, points to the work that has already been in progress – distinctive new initiatives and programs and the commitment of faculty and staff.

“This grant affirms the University’s focus, not just on what skills or proficiencies we’re giving students,” he says, “but on who they will become.”

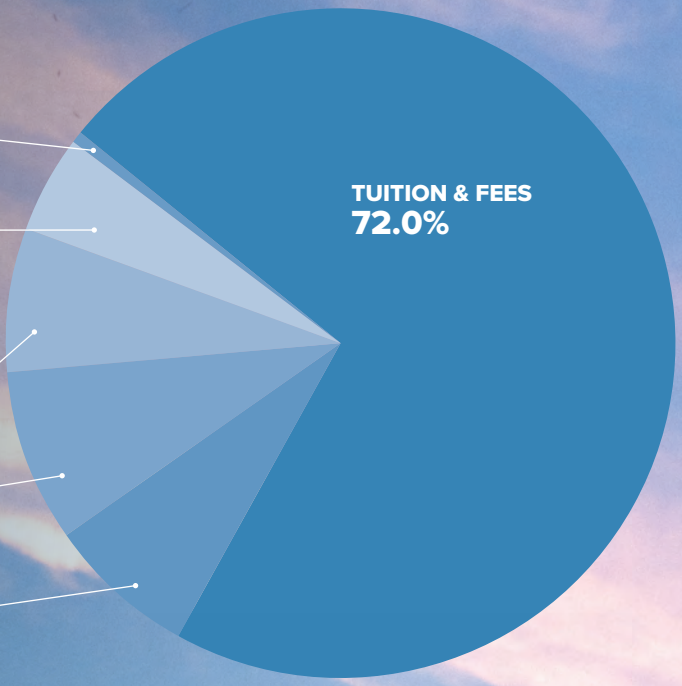
Financial Highlights

AS OF MAY 31, 2026, DOLLARS IN MILLIONS
(amounts derived from audited financial statements)

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$495.4

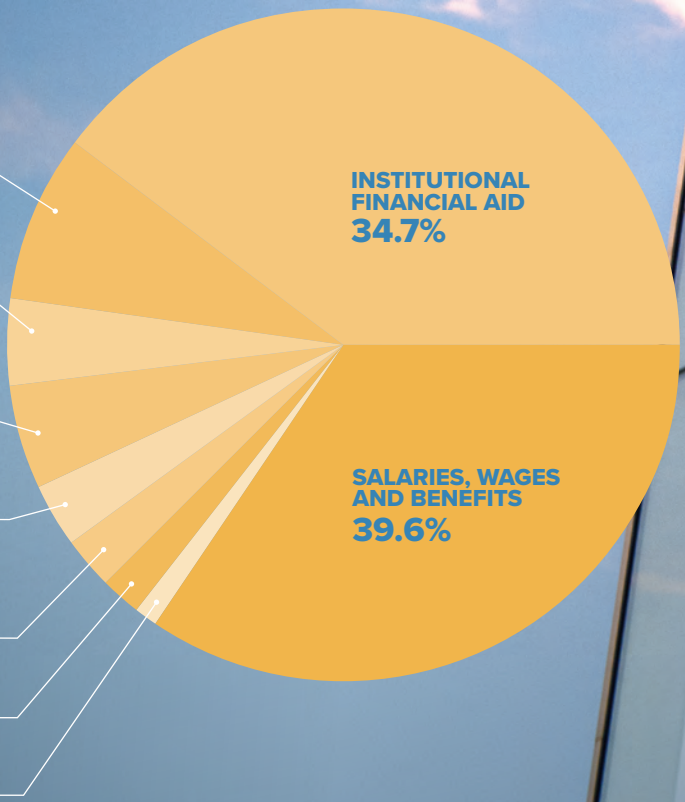
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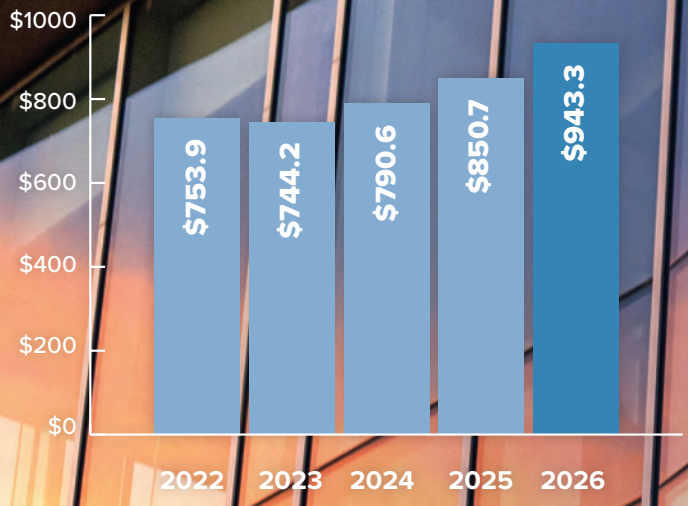
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↑3.9% from FY25

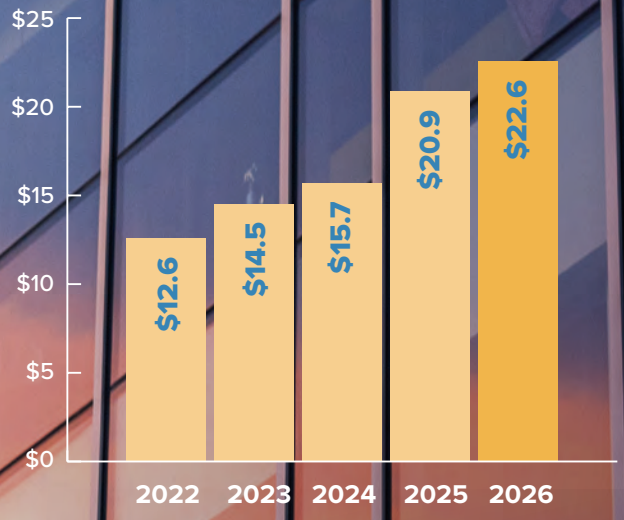


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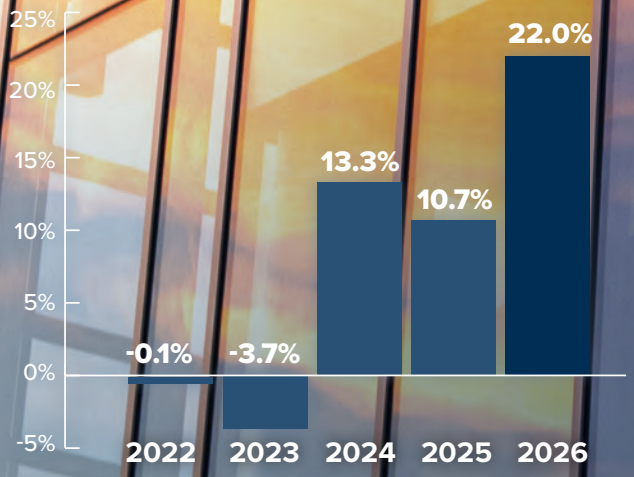
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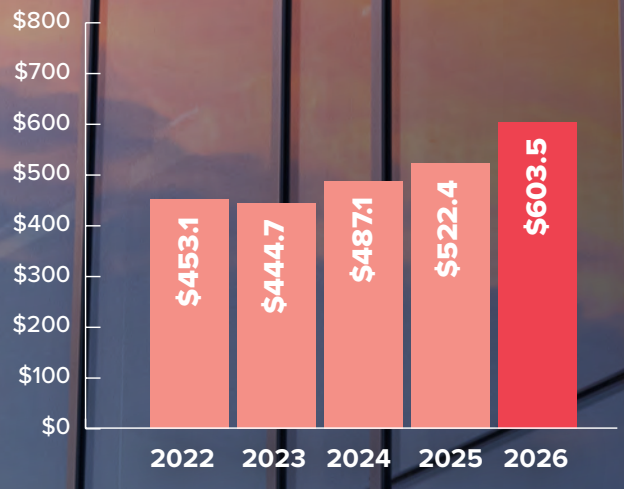
ENDOWMENT SPENDING



ENDOWMENT ANNUAL RETURN



ENDOWMENT LIFE INCOME VALUES



CELEBRATING 50+ YEARS OF TRANSFORMATIVE GENEROSITY

Gonzaga University gratefully honors donors whose generosity has spanned five decades or more, including their support during the 2026 giving year (June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026).

Your extraordinary commitment has strengthened Gonzaga's Mission, advanced academic excellence and enriched the student experience for generations.

The number of years shown beside each name reflects a legacy of loyalty, impact and care for our community. The University is deeply thankful for your enduring partnership.

† = Deceased

1949 Charlie O'Connor†, 56

1950 Dr. John F. Comfort†, 60
1953 Joan (Treibel) Kilian, 58
1954 Dr. Robert L. Kalez, 53
Patrick Riley, 64
Lester Schwaegler, Jr., 61
1955 Jerry Monks, 59
1956 Gayle (Neumann) Dever, 57
Bethine (Hess) Kenworthy, 62
Dr. H. John Lane, 53
Helen Ferry McDuffie, 55
Shirley (Duffner) Murphy, 60
Marty Weber, 64
1957 Gerald Shaw, 60
1958 Va Lena (Scarpelli) Curran, 57
Colleen (Kane) Meighan, 65
Jacob W. Meighan, 65
Jim Ringwood, 59
Karl W. Speltz, 50
1959 Thomas A. Driscoll†, 53
Leo Finnegan, 65
Paul N. Luvera, 64
Delos Putz, 53
Emmett Quinn, 56
Edward A. Ring, 51
Sharon (Rusing) Roman, 61
Dr. Richard S. Rosler, 59
Elizabath (Hurley) Standiford, 50
1960 Don Curran, 57
Sylvia Friede, 55
Joan (Enders) Morgenstern, 61
Jeanette (Jenny) Nelles, 57
Mrs. Harold Rebenitsch†, 52
1961 Michael Seubert, 55
Ted Sivalon, 61
1962 Peter G. Banulis, 58
Ann (Allen) Porter, 56
Jacquelyne (Kopas) Ruckwardt, 54
1963 Molly (Condon) Butler, 50
Jack McElroy, 50
Carl Ruckwardt, 54
The Honorable Richard Schroeder, 57
Dr. D. Michael Strong, 52
1964 Herman Rossi III, 50
Merrilu (Silva) Sloboda, 60
Margan (Haley) Smith, 52
Maurice Smith, Jr., 52
1965 Norman R. Agostino, 58
Stephen T. Cavit, 55
K. Nozaki Ewing, 55
Jim O'Connell†, 51
Mike Preston, 50
Michael J. Reilly, 50
Lt. Col. Robert D. Rivers, 53
David R. Shea, 54
Eugene D. Sloboda, 60
Geraldine (O'Melveny) Strong, 52
1966 Elena (Cinelli) Agostino, 58
Christopher Bulger, 54
Stevie (Cada) Burke, 56
Elaine (Duffy) Cavit, 55
Gene Henry, 53
Michael Herzog, 50
1967 Mary (O'Donnell) Freund, 50
Robert Greco, 54
Dennis O. Mayer, 57
Judy (Yeend) Reilly, 50
1968 Bruce Butler, 52
Judith (Acher) Butler, 52
Christy (Smith) de Viveiros, 58
Dale de Viveiros, 58
Colleen (Eugene) Flynn, 54
Dr. Karen Krebs Ireland, 53
Nancy D. McDonald, 55
Jack Ossello, 52
Kathleen (McLaughlin) Ossello, 52
Richard Standiford, 50
1969 Leo Mellon, 54
J. Patrick Naughton, Ed.D., 56
Mary Kathryn (Kronenberg) Simmons, 50
Patricia (Eakin) Smith, 53
Tom Woodley, 52
1970 Leo Berry, 50
Susan (Amato) Castagna, 51
Faye Fuchs, 50
Dorothy Mellon, 54
Christine (Breitenbach) Quevedo, 53
Ermel Quevedo, 53
Sally (Bulger) Quirk, 51
Timothy W. Quirk, 51
Theresa (Auer) Tesarik, 55
Georgia R. Wilkinson, 54
1971 Bill Barkas, 54
Pete Breiten†, 52
Douglas R. Tesarik, 55
1972 Mark Casey, 50
J. Shirley (Draska) Davis, 54
Maryann Gaug, 50
1973 Barbra (Rugloski) Berry, 50
Kathy (Evoy) Casey, 50
1974 Karen (Pedersen) Driscoll, 53
James J. O'Connell, 50
Mark Sonderen, 59
Valerie Sonderen, 59
1975 Bart, Hilke and Bridget Gallant, The Horrigan Foundation, 56
1976 Joseph Cade, 50
Sharon (McDonald) Cade, 50
1977 Lita B. (Barnett) Luvera, 64
1983 Lindalou (Cady) Shea, 54
1985 Joseph Doohan, 51
1987 Jean Herzog, 50

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GONZAGA UNIVERSITY
LEADERSHIP
CIRCLE

Gonzaga University gratefully recognizes members of the Leadership Circle whose exceptional generosity through the 2026 Annual Campaign (June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026) has elevated opportunities across the University.

Your commitment fuels innovation in teaching and learning, expands access for students and supports programs that prepare leaders committed to serving others. The University is deeply thankful for your partnership and the meaningful difference you make for today's students and the world they will serve.

† = Deceased

$1,000,000 and above

Anonymous
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- Gonzaga received a life insurance policy gift from **Alfred W. Bucheli**, a dedicated friend of the University. The proceeds benefit initiatives that support students and promote academic excellence.
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- **Rosemarie Canepa** chose to support future generations of students by naming the Zag Scholarship Fund as a beneficiary of her retirement account.
- Through the fulfillment of the bequest provision established by **Richard M. McLane ('62**), enduring support was provided to students through the Fund for Gonzaga and the Zag Scholarship Fund.
- A gift from the **Douglas C. and Karen J. Nickson Trust** will strengthen the Fund for Gonzaga, helping to enrich educational experiences for students.
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- Through a bequest of business interests, **Howard H. ('62) and Darlene E. Herman** established the Howard H. and Darlene E. Herman Family Endowment for Law Students, to help attract and support students seeking a legal education at Gonzaga School of Law.
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- The **John F. Peterson ('92)** Living Trust established the John F. Peterson Infrastructure Endowment through a bequest designated to support infrastructure improvements and ongoing maintenance of the building housing Gonzaga University's School of Business Administration.

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Regardless of insurance or income, health care needs never rest.

Three Gonzaga alumni are helping strengthen one of Washington's most essential health care networks through the Washington Association for Community Health (WACH), which supports 28 community health systems operating more than 400 clinics statewide. Together, these clinics provide care regardless of a patient's insurance status, income or circumstances.

"We really consider ourselves the last primary care safety net," says **Patrick Jones ('20)**, WACH's communications and marketing manager. "We are here to help the health centers accomplish their mission as best as possible."

As chief operating officer, **Kristina Alnajjar ('07)** focuses on protecting funding, supporting member organizations through shifting policy landscapes and ensuring the community health centers movement is supported by strong strategic initiatives.

"Access to quality healthcare makes up about 20% of someone's overall health," she says. "Community health centers touch so many other factors – behavioral health, nutrition, mobility, aging – they're part of the ecosystem that helps people thrive."

Communications and Engagement Specialist **Kate Cherrington ('04)** works to elevate stories from clinics across the state and demonstrate the value of accessible care.

At a time of shifting policies and funding uncertainty, these alumni work on ensuring Washington's community health centers can continue serving those who need them most.

"Ensuring no clinics have to close, services don't need to be canceled and staff don't have to be laid off," Jones says. "That's what we're focused on."

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