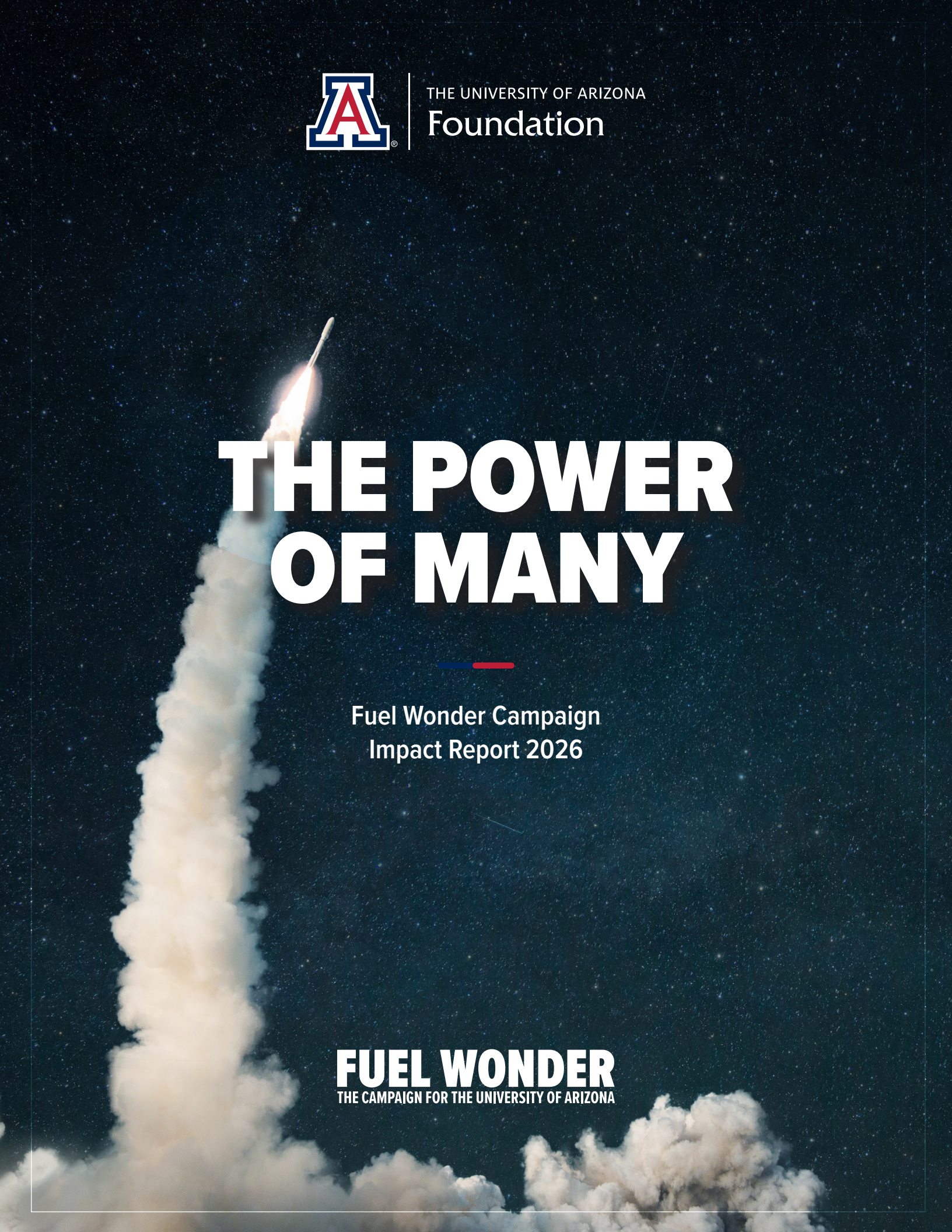




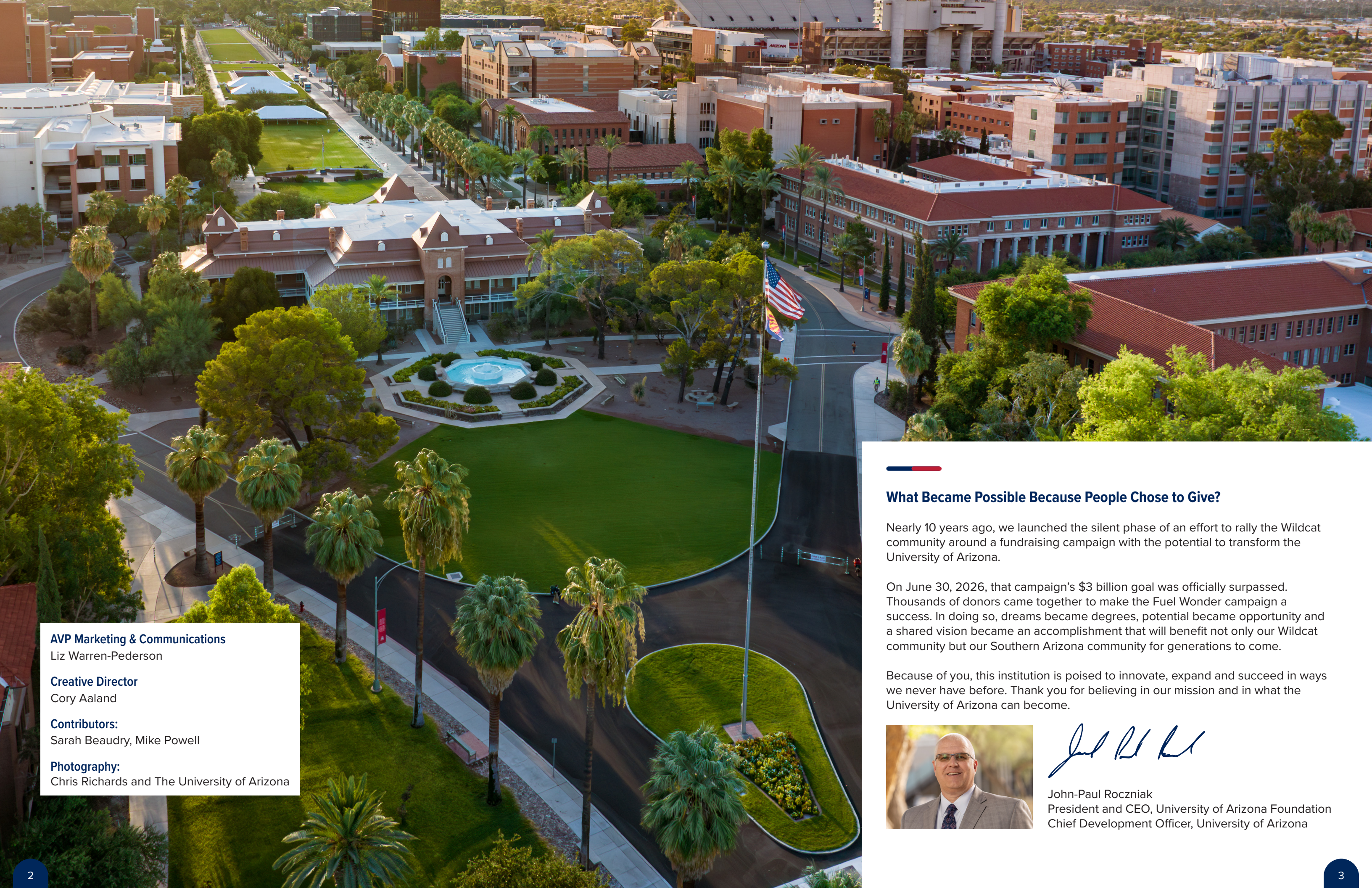
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THE POWER OF MANY

Fuel Wonder Campaign
Impact Report 2026

FUEL WONDER
THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



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What Became Possible Because People Chose to Give?

Nearly 10 years ago, we launched the silent phase of an effort to rally the Wildcat community around a fundraising campaign with the potential to transform the University of Arizona.

On June 30, 2026, that campaign's \$3 billion goal was officially surpassed. Thousands of donors came together to make the Fuel Wonder campaign a success. In doing so, dreams became degrees, potential became opportunity and a shared vision became an accomplishment that will benefit not only our Wildcat community but our Southern Arizona community for generations to come.

Because of you, this institution is poised to innovate, expand and succeed in ways we never have before. Thank you for believing in our mission and in what the University of Arizona can become.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John-Paul Rocznia".

John-Paul Rocznia
President and CEO, University of Arizona Foundation
Chief Development Officer, University of Arizona

THE POWER OF MANY, MEASURED

The scale of Fuel Wonder is measured not only in dollars raised but in scholarships created, research advanced, opportunities expanded and a future defined. (Data as of Sept. 15, 2026).

\$3.06 BILLION ♦♦♦
from 154,212 donors raised through Fuel Wonder

Thousands of donors come together to surpass the university’s historic campaign goal, advancing priorities ranging from student success and research to public impact.

♦♦ **\$630 MILLION**
added to the endowment over the campaign

Fuel Wonder generates the highest endowment-giving years in university history, creating lasting support for top donor priorities and doubling the endowment’s value overall.

Hesham Sadek, M.D.
Allan C. Hudson & Helen Lovaas
Endowed Chair of
Cardiovascular Medicine

♦ **877**
new bequests,
totaling
\$421.5 million

Planned gifts turn individual legacies into community impact, building the foundation for future breakthroughs.

♦ **1,324**
gifts that unlocked a
\$20 million challenge gift

Collective participation in Giving Day 2026 raises \$25.7 million, including an anonymous challenge gift of \$20 million toward the Presidential Strategic Leadership Fund.

♦ **\$248.5 MILLION**
raised for Arizona Athletics

Donors come together to modernize and expand athletics facilities and support student-athletes.

♦ **21,888**
gifts supporting student opportunity

The Wildcat community throws its support behind the institution’s North Star, expanding access to a U of A education today and for generations to come.

♦ **110**
endowed positions created

Fuel Wonder helps Arizona recruit and retain nationally recognized faculty while strengthening research and student mentorship for generations to come.

♦ **\$745.7 MILLION**
raised for research priorities

Philanthropy facilitates breakthroughs with lasting impact on economic growth, workforce development and quality of life.

♦ **\$7.3 MILLION**
raised in a single Giving Day

The generosity of friends and donors sets a Giving Day record with more than \$7.3 million in gifts.

♦ **\$208.3 MILLION**
raised for scholarships

Donors create 814 scholarships, 478 of them endowed, over the life of the campaign.

♦ **\$20 MILLION**
gift expanding access to study abroad

The Garcia Family Foundation’s historic commitment makes credit-bearing study abroad more accessible to students with financial need.



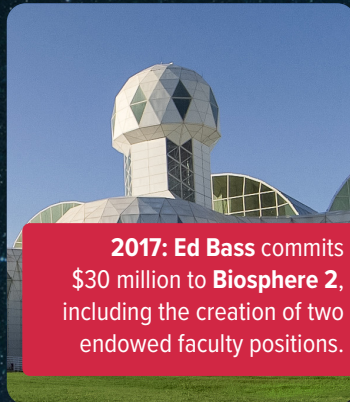


A DECADE OF MOMENTUM

Fuel Wonder grew from a quiet beginning into the largest fundraising campaign in University of Arizona history, powered by thousands of donors and a decade of progress.

JANUARY 2017 | LEADERSHIP PHASE BEGINS

Fuel Wonder begins quietly counting gifts and commitments during its Leadership Phase, positioning the university for what will become the largest fundraising campaign in its history.



2017: Ed Bass commits \$30 million to **Biosphere 2**, including the creation of two endowed faculty positions.

2019: An anonymous family supports the **College of Engineering** and the **Cancer Center** with \$27 million, including multiple endowed faculty positions.



2021: College of Pharmacy is named in honor of alumnus **R. Ken Coit '67** in recognition of his visionary \$50 million gift.

2017-2022 | MOMENTUM BUILDS ACROSS CAMPUS

The campaign engages key philanthropic partners and secures foundational commitments, eventually growing to mobilize thousands of donors to transform programs across the university.



2018: James C. Wyant makes a \$20 million gift to **Optical Sciences**; the college is named in his honor in 2019.



2021: The **Honors College** is named to honor **William A. "Bill" '25** and **Carolyn Franke's** \$25 million investment in academic excellence.

NOVEMBER 2023 | FUEL WONDER LAUNCHES PUBLICLY

During Homecoming, the university announces the public phase of the \$3 billion campaign, having already raised over \$2 billion. The public launch includes more than \$118 million in new gifts supporting scholarships, faculty excellence, research, health care, athletics and public media.



2023: Humberto '69 and Czarina Lopez contribute over \$24 million across the university, including a \$9 million gift to the **Eller College of Management** to name the **HS Lopez School of Business Analytics**.



2025: The **Garcia Family Foundation** gives \$20 million to make **study abroad** accessible to students with financial need.

JUNE 2026 | FUEL WONDER SURPASSES ITS \$3 BILLION GOAL

A record-breaking, \$431 million fundraising year pushes the campaign beyond its historic goal, marking the most successful campaign in university history.



2023: An anonymous family gives \$24 million to support the **Eller College of Management**, **Arizona Athletics** and **student success** priorities.



2024: An anonymous donor invests \$50 million in the **astronomy department** to make space telescope missions quicker, more efficient and more cost-effective.

2026: An anonymous donor commits \$20 million to create an endowed **Presidential Strategic Leadership Fund**.



OCTOBER 2026
CELEBRATING WHAT BECAME POSSIBLE
The Fuel Wonder campaign officially concludes during Homecoming, celebrating the thousands of donors whose generosity helped shape Arizona's present while laying the foundation for its future.





Because of *You...*

- **More Arizonans Can Access Rural Health Care**

Support from the Diane and Bruce Halle Foundation is helping the College of Medicine – Phoenix expand rural health and primary care initiatives, strengthening access to life-changing care for all Arizonans.

industry critical to electric vehicles, renewable energy and other emerging technologies.

- **AI Is Becoming a University-Wide Force for Discovery**

An anonymous \$3.5 million gift jumpstarted an interdisciplinary program designed to facilitate the responsible application of artificial intelligence and machine learning by helping recruit a visionary leader.

- **Biosphere 2 Can Keep Asking Big Questions about Our Planet**

Ed Bass' philanthropy has continued to sustain Biosphere 2 as a unique, globally recognized center for research and education, allowing faculty and researchers to study Earth's most complex environmental challenges.

- **Biodiversity Science Is Reaching beyond the Lab**

A \$5 million gift from the Thomas Lovejoy Amazon Biodiversity Center established the Lovejoy Center for Bridging Biodiversity, Conservation Science and Policy, connecting research with policymakers, communities and conservation leaders to address global biodiversity loss.

- **Researchers Are Developing Therapies That Use the Immune System to Treat Diseases**

Philanthropy is supporting scientists in the pursuit of innovations with the potential to turn basic discoveries into clinical therapies, improving health outcomes for people in Arizona and beyond.

- **The Next Generation of Mining Leaders Is Learning Across Disciplines**

The Lundin family's \$2 million gift supported a new, interdisciplinary approach to mining and mineral resources education, bringing together engineering, science, business, law and other fields to prepare students for the industry's future.

- **Mining Education Is Preparing Arizona for a Changing Energy Landscape**

A \$2.5 million grant from the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation is expanding mining education and workforce development, preparing students for an



DISCOVERY & RESEARCH

Fueled by the collective generosity of donors, the University of Arizona accelerated discovery, expanded opportunity and advanced solutions to society's most pressing challenges. Donors gave \$745.7 million to empower faculty and students to pursue bold questions, test ideas and develop breakthroughs with global impact. This work positions the U of A as a leader in high-impact and emergent fields while also strengthening the university's culture of collaboration across colleges, industry, government and community. In addition, these partnerships, innovations and student successes drive progress beyond campus, creating lasting benefits for economic growth, workforce development and quality of life in Arizona and beyond.



Reimagining the Future of Pharmacy

What began with a student's experience at Arizona has grown into a \$75 million commitment to the future of pharmacy and opportunity.



In 2021, Ken Coit '67 made a \$50 million gift to name the R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy and turn a longtime belief in the University of Arizona's potential into a concrete ambition for its future. At the time, Coit declared it his dream to see Arizona's pharmacy program ranked as one of the top three in the country. Since he made his transformational gift, the Coit College of Pharmacy has climbed to No. 4 in the Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research's rankings of NIH funding.

Coit's investment also funded six endowed chairs in drug discovery, neurodegenerative disease and toxicology; established a doctoral scholarship endowment; and paid for research equipment, facility upgrades and an expanded museum wing. This was a gift built on decades of support, including an earlier endowed chair and a \$2 million commitment toward the college's 2016 Skaggs Challenge renovation campaign, which funded the renovation of the 36-year-old Skaggs Pharmaceutical Sciences Center. He sees the new endowed chairs as a direct line to impact. "That creates six people who are doing

research on a wide variety of medical issues," he says. "It's my hope we can expand our intellectual capacity even further beyond what it is today and keep giving opportunities to students who didn't have them before."

In 2024, he committed an additional \$5 million to hire junior faculty and expand the Coit Center for Longevity and NeuroTherapeutics, bringing his total contributions to pharmacy education and athletics at the U of A to more than \$75 million. "Everything goes back to the integrity that I learned at the College of Pharmacy," he says. "You're taught to take care of your patient. I've taken that — 'take care of your patient' — to taking care of my clients."

The legacy Coit continues to build is visible across campus. And the motivation behind it remains remarkably consistent: to continue opening doors for students who, like him, are chasing something bigger than themselves. "It's wonderful to give people the opportunity to do the right thing for the world," he says. "That's what counts."



Shining Light On New Possibilities

From advanced imaging and sensing to technologies shaping medicine, space exploration and everyday life, optical sciences are redefining our sense of the possible.



Since its inception as the Optical Sciences Center in 1964, the Wyant College of Optical Sciences has become the largest and most diverse academic optics education and research program in the country. In addition to cultivating the talent, research and innovation that fuels growth in the field, the college is a prolific producer of intellectual property, bringing in a substantial number of patents and licenses.

A key reason? Landmark investments from founding dean James C. Wyant and the Wyant Foundation Trust, which have spanned the university's comprehensive fundraising campaigns and were designed to inspire additional support.

In 2013, Wyant invested \$10 million for graduate student scholarships in a matching campaign called Friends of

Tucson Optics. Wyant's donation brought in 250 additional contributors, resulting in 30 endowed scholarships for first-year graduate students at the college.

In 2018, the family pledged \$20 million to support new endowed faculty positions, also positioned with a matching gift offer. This commitment was the largest gift for endowed faculty chair positions in the university's history. With the matching gifts from collaborating donors and an additional \$1 million in funding from the Wyant family, the endowed chair campaign raised \$28 million, ensuring support for 14 endowed faculty positions.

In 2019, the University of Arizona renamed the college the James C. Wyant College of Optical Sciences.

Wyant passed away in 2023, but his widow, Tammy, and son, Clair, continue his legacy. Their 2026 gift of \$800,000 pushed the Fuel Wonder campaign past its \$3 billion goal and launched a new initiative called LENS: Linking Engagement, Networks and Student Success.

Explaining the motivation behind his prolific generosity, Wyant said, "I am especially grateful to the university for its incredible flexibility when I was partway through my teaching career and wanted to start a company (WYKO). The financial success of that business has made these gifts possible," adding that he hoped to help "ensure a pathway for the College of Optical Sciences to achieve even greater prominence and success in its education and research mission."



A New Era for Heart Health

Two families, over 160 researchers, one ambitious vision for the future of cardiovascular health

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease accounted for roughly one in every five deaths in the U.S. — more than 700,000 people.

For longtime University of Arizona donors Humberto '69 and Czarina Lopez and Ginny L. Clements '25 and Tom Rogers '73, those numbers are personal. Czarina is a heart transplant recipient and a longtime patient at the University of Arizona's Sarver Heart Center, while Clements lost her father, uncle and aunt to heart disease.

Collectively, their philanthropy is helping the College of Medicine — Tucson pursue a \$75 million vision for a new cardiovascular research institute within the Sarver Heart Center, alongside support from other donors and a \$25 million challenge gift.

Building on the work of more than 160 researchers and physician-scientists at the Sarver Heart Center, the new institute will unite research, innovation, training and patient care to accelerate breakthroughs in preventing, diagnosing and treating heart disease.

"I am extremely blessed that I am able to be a part of the Sarver Heart Center's journey, as I truly believe that extensive research is the only answer to cure many diseases," Clements says.

"We're very close to the Sarver Heart Center. Whenever there's a need, we step up," Humberto Lopez says. "We've got the right people in place, and I think the programs we establish are going to be very successful."

Together, their gifts are helping create the infrastructure and resources needed to change the future of heart health.

Ginny L. Clements: From Survivor to Cheerleader for Discovery

In 2006, Ginny Clements '25 read a book that changed her life. The book was called "Promise Me: How a Sister's Love Launched the Global Movement to End Breast Cancer."

In it, author Nancy G. Brinker recounted her sister Susan's death from breast cancer in 1980, a time when the disease was rarely discussed. Following a pledge to her sister, Brinker created Susan G. Komen (formerly Susan G. Komen for the Cure), a charity aimed at raising money for breast cancer research and bringing the subject out of the shadows.

Clements herself had survived breast cancer at age 15 but couldn't bring herself to talk about it until she read Brinker's book when she was in her 60s. "I cried throughout," she says, adding that the book empowered her to "'come out' and talk about breast cancer."

Clements began speaking to cancer patients, sharing the fears she had as a teenage patient and her relief in recovering. That same year, she celebrated 50 years cancer-free and marked the occasion by creating the Ginny L. Clements Breast Cancer Research Fund at the University of Arizona Cancer Center. To date, the fund has raised over \$1.6 million.

In 2021, Clements turned 80, and — in honor of her 65th year without cancer — donated \$8.5 million to establish the Ginny L. Clements Breast Cancer Research Institute. Clements' gift will bring in talented new clinician-scientists to study the disease from every angle, while the institute, a stand-alone unit within the Cancer Center, will get an endowed director, two new professors and an upgrade to its labs.

"When you're 15, you say, 'How did God let this happen to me?'" she says. "He had a plan. I just didn't know what the plan was until 2006."





A Personal Fight Sparks a New Approach to Cancer

Mike and Sheri Hummel were high school sweethearts who grew up in Tucson; both graduated from the University of Arizona in 1982.

Sheri knew she was at high risk for breast cancer because of her family history. In 2006, she learned of and began attending a high-risk clinic offered by Setsuko Chambers, director of women’s cancers at the University of Arizona Cancer Center.

Based on testing at the Cancer Center, Sheri was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2021. “Without those tests, I would have gone another two years without a diagnosis. I am now cancer-free.”

The experience inspired a \$5 commitment to launch the Cancer Engineering Initiative, which is designed to advance new approaches to how cancer is detected, treated and understood by integrating engineering into traditional medicine. “Engineering is really about solving problems,” Mike says. “To apply an engineering approach to solving this kind of problem is both exciting and consistent with the way I approach issues.”

Then and Now: Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine

Then: An internationally recognized center operating from off-campus facilities.

Now: A new 30,000-square-foot home, made possible by \$23 million in donor support, bringing education, research, wellness and community programming together while creating a “living lab” for advancing whole-person health.



In Their Own Words

For decades, The Steele Foundation has supported the University of Arizona and its commitment to improving children’s health. In 1992, Marianne Cracchiolo Mago’s ’93 father, Daniel Cracchiolo ’52, helped establish the Steele Children’s Research Center, which has grown into a nationally recognized center for pediatric research. Today, as president and CEO of The Steele Foundation and an Arizona alumna, Cracchiolo Mago is helping carry that legacy forward through a \$10 million investment in the Center for Advanced Molecular and Immunological Therapies (CAMI), a new university initiative focused on advancing research into pediatric and adult autoimmune diseases. The gift also established the Daniel Cracchiolo Institute for Pediatric Autoimmune Disease Research, honoring her father and creating new opportunities for researchers to work across disciplines.



“My dad was deeply loved and respected, a force of nature — and a die-hard Wildcat. In 1992, he helped establish a children’s research center bearing the Steele name. ... Today, it’s my dad’s turn to be recognized through the creation of the Daniel Cracchiolo Institute at Steele Children’s Research Center. The [Steele Foundation] is honored to be the first private philanthropic investment in the Center for Advanced Molecular and Immunological Therapies. We were inspired by the mission and how it will complement the incredible work at the Phoenix Bioscience Core. It’s compelling to have pediatric and adult researchers collaborating under one roof and feels like a huge opportunity for CAMI to become a national model in research and discovery.” — Marianne Cracchiolo Mago ’93, Campaign Co-Chair, Fuel Wonder



STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

Every Wildcat journey begins with an opportunity: to discover a passion, to pursue a dream, to build a future that once seemed out of reach. The collective generosity of donors has made those opportunities attainable for more students than ever before, expanding what it means to pursue an education at the University of Arizona and enriching learning far beyond the classroom.

During the Fuel Wonder campaign, donors contributed \$208.3 million to establish 814 scholarships, including 478 new endowed scholarship funds backed by \$146.45 million in endowment gifts. These scholarships represent the expansion of opportunities for Wildcats for generations to come, as well as the university's commitment to producing students prepared to make an impact on the world.



- **More Students Can Pursue College without Taking On Debt**

A \$4.6 million estate gift from Sandra '77, Pamela and Polly Aley created an endowed scholarship for graduates of Flowing Wells High School in Tucson, providing full tuition, fees, and room and board for six to seven eligible students each year.

- **Students with Disabilities Can Compete at the Highest Level**

Jim and Vicki Click helped Arizona Adaptive Athletics expand recruitment and support elite student-athletes, bolstering a program that has become the largest of its kind in the country and the third-largest producer of Paralympians.

- **Teachers Are Expanding Their Approaches**

An anonymous donor founded the Center for University Education Scholarship (CUES) at the University of Arizona to strengthen the practice of scholarship and innovation in teaching and learning. Supported by an \$8.5 million endowment, CUES enables faculty to pursue projects

that have a lasting impact on the university's educational landscape.

- **Honors Students Can Go Further — Around the World**

Susan K. Von Kersburg '62 '72 made an \$8 million estate gift that expanded the Baird Scholarship within the W.A. Franke Honors College, including a \$1 million endowment to enable students to pursue study abroad programs without financial barriers.

- **Students Are Learning By Doing**

Philanthropy has transformed the student experience through spaces that foster collaboration, experimentation and hands-on learning, including CATalyst Studios, supported by Terry Seligman '67, and The Bartlett Academic Success Center, named in honor of Bruce '20 and Patricia '20 Bartlett, whose \$10 million lead gift helped launch the Student Success District.

- **Students Are Solving Real Problems before They Graduate**

Ruth and Steve Pollyea's

\$1.375 million gift helped the Eller Partnerships Office expand its experiential learning program from 105 to 275 students annually, connecting students with faculty and industry partners to tackle real-world challenges while still pursuing their degrees.

- **Students Are Making Room for Big Ideas**

John Lee Compton's \$3.2 million gift created a lab, endowed chair and exploration fund providing resources and support for students at the W.A. Franke Honors College to pursue ambitious ideas, creative inquiry and informed risks in their projects.

- **Support Extends Beyond the Classroom**

Bruce and Patricia Bartlett have made multiple gifts during the Fuel Wonder campaign, including a \$2.5 million gift to the Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques Center to endow the center's executive director position and further the work of the multidisciplinary research initiative Bartlett Labs.



Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders

An investment in scholarships, global experiences and mentorship is helping prepare students at the W.A. Franke Honors College to lead with purpose, wherever their futures take them.

The W.A. Franke Honors College has become a destination for ambitious students, and philanthropy is helping expand what that honors education can offer. William A. “Bill” Franke ’25, his wife Carolyn and their family made a \$25 million investment in the college to support scholarships, a housing award, global leadership, study abroad opportunities, faculty mentorship and an endowed dean’s chair.

“I want students from the Honors College to feel they have the leadership skill set to take their natural ability, which has been fine-tuned, and make a difference,” Bill Franke says. “Whether they’re going into science, education or business, there will be opportunities for them to provide a point of view and to help develop perspective with the communities they’re engaged with.”

Jennifer Garnica ’22 met the Franke family as a first-year student when they visited campus during construction of the Honors Village and again as a sophomore when the building was completed. “This will impact a lot of students like me, who are first-generation and low-income. I know it will bring happy tears to them,” Garnica says. “I was lucky to be part of this journey and to have the honor to meet with the Franke family on multiple occasions.”

The naming of the college will bring more value and prestige to her degree, Garnica says, adding that she’s also pleased the gift will help future students with the costs of studying abroad. Garnica was awarded a scholarship to study in Asia and found the experience “life-changing.”

The family is focused on giving to higher education and seeks

out opportunities to support first-generation and underserved students. “Many of the students who graduate from the Honors College will remain in Arizona, start families and build their careers,” David Franke says. “We believe if we help improve their educational opportunities, ethical framework, life experiences and foundational knowledge, those same students will bring those values into their homes, their lives and the work they do to impact their communities.”

David’s brother, Brian Franke, is a 1985 graduate of the Eller College of Management and served as a member of the U of A Foundation Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Clara, gave a \$1.5 million gift to establish the Brian and Clara Franke Endowed Chair in Finance at the Eller College of Management.



Built Around Student Success

The Student Success District represents a fundamental shift in how Arizona supports students, bringing academic advising, wellness, retention and other resources together in the heart of campus. Philanthropy helped make the district possible.

The Student Success District was conceived in 2015 as leaders across campus decided to merge their construction and renovation projects to design something unique. The design process included gathering input from students, faculty, staff and architects. Generous private gifts helped make its completion possible.

The Bartlett Academic Success Center, the newest building in the district, was named in recognition of Bruce ’20 and Patricia ’20 Bartlett, who made a \$10 million lead gift to help launch the district. The Bartletts are passionate supporters of the Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques Center, known as the SALT Center, where students with learning and attention challenges receive support. A satellite office for the SALT Center is now located in the Bartlett Academic

Success Center. The building also is home to student support services and programs such as The A Center, Thrive Center, Center for Career Readiness, Student Success and THINK TANK.

A \$7 million gift from the Frederick Gardner Cottrell Foundation renamed the Science-Engineering Library as the Albert B. Weaver Science-Engineering Library. Weaver joined the university as head of the Department of Physics in 1958 and was later appointed provost for academic affairs and executive vice president by John P. Schaefer, then the University of Arizona president. Weaver died in 2012.

The Weaver Library is now a hub for teaching and learning and houses a number of technology-rich spaces, while continuing to

provide materials on topics such as life and physical sciences, engineering and technology, and military sciences.

The Weaver Library also is home to the university’s first collaborative learning classroom, which seats up to 270 people. The space is designed to engage students in more active learning through features such as flexible seating arrangements and various classroom technologies.

Additionally, the Student Success District incorporates significant renovations to campus landmarks like the Main Library, which now houses CATalyst Studios, as well as Bear Down Gym (now Bear Down Building), creating meaningful continuity between the university’s past, present and future.

A Global View — For More

Study abroad is becoming a defining part of the Wildcat experience, with philanthropy helping remove financial barriers that may have kept students from participating before.

Each year, University of Arizona students trade familiar hallways for far-flung horizons, joining a study abroad community that transforms curiosity into global understanding.

“Traveling gives you a chance to learn different perspectives — from other people, the nature of a place and the food of a region,” says Giselle Gomez, a pre-nursing undergrad and study abroad peer adviser. “People become more open-minded when they travel.” For Gomez, studying in Italy was a dream realized. “I was able to learn the language, immerse myself in Italian culture and make a lot of friends,” she says. The experience, she adds, expanded her worldview.

For fellow peer adviser Mia Chavez, a criminal justice major, travel has long been a family tradition. Curious about Asian history, she studied in South Korea — an experience that

pushed her beyond her comfort zone. Today, she feels more confident and at ease connecting with others. “Travel really helps you have an open mind and learn about different cultures,” she says.

Now, the world of global travel is opening even wider for Wildcats, thanks to philanthropy.

With new funding — including a \$20 million gift from the Garcia Family Foundation and \$1 million for College of Humanities students studying abroad from Steve Kerr '88 and his wife, Margot '88 — the university plans to triple study abroad participation, from about 1,700 students annually to more than 5,000 by the end of the decade. That growth outpaces national trends: according to the Institute of International Education, nearly 300,000 U.S. students studied abroad in the 2023-24 academic year, a 6% increase from the year before.



The Berges: A Love Story that Became a Legacy

Sometimes the University of Arizona offers more than an education. For Nancy '58 and Craig '57 Berge, it also was the backdrop for a love story.

“I first saw Craig Berge, the man of my dreams, in September 1951,” Nancy says. “It was the first week of my sophomore year at Mesa High School. I looked for this new guy for months without success, then danced with him at the Christmas formal.”

Craig inspired Nancy to want more out of life. “The night before he left for the University of Arizona, he told me I shouldn’t be tied to a boyfriend away at college,” she says. “He told me he wanted to marry me one day, but not until he was 25 and making \$10,000 a year. He kissed me goodbye and said, ‘I hope you are still available.’”

She improved her grades and became involved in student government. Craig included her as much as he could in his college life, and she was determined to join him at the U of A. Her great aunt and uncle offered to send her. “From that point on, Craig and I were in each other’s lives constantly.”

After graduating and marrying, the couple became active volunteers and steadfast donors.

Craig Berge passed away in 2017. Nancy and her family celebrated his memory by making a gift to the university that meant so much to him. The gift named the College of Engineering’s design program and established an endowed chair for the dean of engineering and another for the director of the U of A Cancer Center. Both chairs are named for Craig.



A Scholarship Can Change the Course of a Life

Support from the Gerleman family is helping students pursue medical degrees with less financial burden, while opening pathways for future physicians committed to serving communities across Arizona.

When Arselan Madlol '20 '26 moved to Tucson from Syria — and, before that, Iraq — he noticed something: In America, you could get a doctor.

“Where I grew up, there was a lot of health disparity,” he says. “You couldn’t even see doctors, because there weren’t as many doctors. It was more like traditional medicine, or anything you could get your hands on.”

The experience opened his eyes not just to the global inequities in health care but also to the profound impact medical

professionals can have on a community and region. “I knew it was what I wanted to do,” he says.

Madlol’s tuition for medical school is being paid in part through an extraordinary gift to the College of Medicine — Tucson given in 2025 by Patricia Gerleman on behalf of her late husband, Jim, and Jim’s late brother, John ’62. The Gerlemans’ gift, which totals \$14.2 million, will fund scholarships for students in two programs: the Pre-Medical Admissions Pathway and the Honors Early Assurance Program.

Did You Know?

Students don’t have to choose between staying in school and weathering an unexpected crisis. The Richard H. Tyler Student Emergency Fund provides financial support to currently enrolled students facing temporary hardships that could otherwise force them to withdraw, helping keep their education on track.



Then and Now: Student Support and Advising

Then: Student support was spread across campus, with academic, wellness, advising and career resources housed in different places.

Now: The nine-acre Student Success District brings a wide range of services together in four buildings in the heart of campus, from tutoring and advising to mentoring, career services, health programs and technology-rich learning spaces.



In Their Own Words

Terry Lundgren '75 knows firsthand what it means for opportunity to change the trajectory of a life. A first-generation college graduate, he has gone on to become a global leader in retail and a longtime champion of the University of Arizona’s retailing program. The \$5 million gift he gave with his wife, Tina, is helping expand scholarship opportunities for community college transfer students while supporting endowed faculty positions, experiential learning and research into the future of retail.

“I had to work full-time and go to school full-time. I was the only one out of six kids who went to college. I was desperate to figure out how to graduate, because I wanted a better life. I wanted more opportunities. There are young people in community college in the same exact situation. If we just give them the opportunity, they will exceed everyone’s expectations.” — Terry Lundgren '75, former CEO of Macy’s, longtime University of Arizona supporter and Fuel Wonder Campaign Co-Chair



COMMUNITY & PUBLIC IMPACT

Donors help bring the University of Arizona's land-grant mission to life in every corner of our state. Their generosity fuels creative expression, world-class performances and cultural institutions that enrich our communities; rally pride and connection through Arizona Athletics; and expand access to ideas, discoveries and experiences that make Arizona intellectually vibrant.

Private support also strengthens partnerships with K-12 schools, connecting students and educators with university-grade resources and opportunities. Through countless community collaborations, donor investments help the university meet people where they are, share knowledge, solve challenges and build a stronger, healthier and more prosperous Arizona for all.



- Rising Community Needs Are Answered through the Expanded Behavioral Health Clinic**

A gift from Gwen Weiner '64 and the EOS Foundation created a new endowed chair in the College of Science's Department of Psychology and renovated a community clinic.

- Arizona's Golf Teams Have a New Home for Championship Ambitions**

The \$14.8 million William M. "Bill" Clements Golf Center gives the men's and women's golf programs at the University of Arizona a dedicated home at Tucson Country Club, with support from Ginny L. Clements '25, Peter '65 and Nancy Salter, The Thunderbirds and others. The facility includes training, sports medicine and technology designed to support student-athletes at the highest level.

- Food Waste Is Being Reduced and Food Security Increased**

The Kroger Co. Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Foundation has partnered with Compost Cats since 2019 to reduce food insecurity and waste. Kroger also supports the Rooftop Greenhouse, which donates its sustainably grown

produce to the Campus Pantry — which, in turn, provides supplemental groceries to students, staff and faculty at no cost.

- Young People Are Learning Where Their Food Comes From**

Support for Tucson Village Farm helped create the Angel Charity for Children Culinary Education Center, where young people learn to grow, prepare and eat healthy food, making important educational connections between agriculture and community health.

- Arizona High School Students Are Engaging in Real-World Research**

For 20 years, faculty mentors in the donor-supported BIO5 Institute's Keep Engaging Youth in Science (KEYS) Research Internship have welcomed Arizona high school students into their laboratories, where they've found that students arrive ready to contribute from day one.

- Photography Is Bringing Communities into the Conversation**

At the Center for Creative Photography, donor support is facilitating exhibitions that connect photography with

issues including migration, spirituality and the history of the Sonoran borderlands, involving Tohono O'odham scholars and the broader community.

- School Gardens Are Becoming Living Classrooms**

A \$1.05 million gift from the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation is helping create Sprouts House, a community classroom, commercial kitchen, greenhouse and teaching garden next to Mansfield Magnet Middle School. The new space — a complete renovation of two previously abandoned prewar bungalows just south of campus — is designed to provide weekly gardening and nutrition lessons to 800 middle school students and programs for 10,000 elementary students.

- Scholarships Are Putting More Dancers Onstage**

The School of Dance's inaugural scholarship benefit brought together performances by artists including Misty Copeland, Hubbard Street Dance Company and Ballet Tucson — and surpassed its \$100,000 fundraising goal for student scholarships.



Science that Serves Arizona

A \$5 million gift is giving the College of Science lasting resources to bring the power of science and innovation to challenges facing Arizona — and the world.



Longtime University of Arizona supporter Sarah Smallhouse '88 says that there is no better time to support scientists and the work they do than now.

“Science is the process of discovery that makes mankind’s expanding knowledge of the natural world possible,” she says. “Scientific curiosity and discovery are what engineering builds on and what gives us a chance to successfully face the technical challenges of our time. It is a great privilege to support excellence in the College of Science.”

In that spirit, Smallhouse has given \$5 million to create the Sarah Brown Smallhouse Endowed Deanship, providing funding in perpetuity for strategic initiatives at the College of Science that advance research, promote student success and increase the college’s engagement with the community. The endowed deanship will also help retain and attract competitive leaders for the college, elevating the role of science at the U of A.

Smallhouse, who earned her MBA at the U of A, has long been committed to supporting education and scientific advancement, especially in Southern Arizona. Her philanthropy reflects a belief in

the power of science to improve lives and inform decision-making across society, values instilled by her father, Thomas R. Brown. A foundation established in his name in 1998 has supported priorities across the state as well as numerous initiatives within the U of A — the foundation’s largest grant recipient — including the funding of endowed professorships and scholarships; programs to support K-12 learning in science, engineering, math and economics; and many more.

College of Science Dean Carmala Garzione '96 '00, who earned her master’s and doctoral degrees from the college and has served as dean since 2021, says the gift represents a foundational investment in the future of the college.

“I am deeply grateful to Sarah for this transformative gift. Sarah is an ardent supporter of the sciences who understands the critical importance of expanding educational access and tackling society’s most complex challenges. This endowed deanship provides enduring support that will allow us to invest boldly in people, ideas and interdisciplinary collaborations, ensuring the College of Science remains at the forefront of innovation and public impact.”



Where the Humanities Meet the Future

Jacquelynn '69 and Bennett '69 Dorrance believe the humanities need both roots and room to evolve. Thanks to their transformative \$5.4 million gift, the University of Arizona College of Humanities is positioned to develop both.

The gift, which endows the college’s deanship, is one of the largest gifts to a humanities college anywhere in the nation.

“We are endowing the deanship because of our deep appreciation of Alain-Philippe Durand and his leadership as dean,” the Dorrances wrote in a statement. “We make this gift with the expressed intent to secure the College of Humanities, to help further the ideals of free speech and unity, and to strengthen the integration of traditional and cutting-edge approaches to humanities teaching and learning.”

Durand, the inaugural holder of the Dorrance Endowed Deanship, shares a vision with the Dorrances. Together, they would like to make the U of A the model for other universities to learn how to support innovative humanities programs, including approaches that combine classic humanities with modern technologies.

The college’s transdisciplinary bachelor’s degree in applied humanities is a prime example. The program combines the essential skills gained from a traditional humanistic perspective with professional skills in fields such as business, health and design. “Applied humanities is one of the fastest growing majors on campus. Humanities is growing here,” Durand says.

The relevance of humanities in education is a topic that Durand and the Dorrances care deeply about — and longevity for the humanities was a key factor in the Dorrances’ decision to fund the

deanship. “With an endowment, those funds will be there years from now to support new visions. This flexibility is essential to keeping the humanities relevant far into the future,” Durand says.

Durand says the Dorrances’ gift will allow leadership to adapt quickly and fund trailblazing learning experiences, including the Fearless Inquiries Project. This long-term, flagship effort is aimed at catalyzing a national culture that prizes open discussion, independent judgment and the questioning of stubborn assumptions.

“It’s important to us, and to the Dorrances, that the university is a space where all opinions and perspectives are respected,” Durand says. “We believe students should be exposed to those different perspectives so that they can make their own decisions. We believe in the freedom of expression and in democracy.”

A New Home for the Stories of Arizona

More than 1,500 donors helped create a new kind of public square for Southern Arizona — a place where journalism, storytelling and community conversation converge.

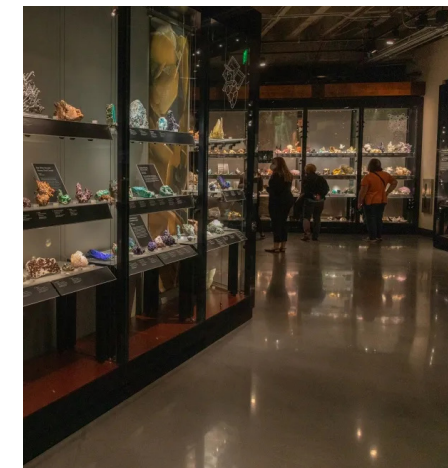
For nearly 70 years, Arizona Public Media has provided journalistic and cultural programming to the Southern Arizona community, including NPR 89.1 and KUAT-TV, the region's PBS affiliate. Now, for the first time, it has a facility designed and built specifically to support its needs.

The Paul and Alice Baker Center for Public Media, a donor-funded, \$65 million, 61,500-square-foot facility at the UA Tech Park at The Bridges, is bringing AZPM into the future, enabling it to more efficiently and effectively fulfill its core mission while creating new ways for the community to gather.

For the first time, AZPM will operate from a facility specifically designed and built to support its television and broadcast services, allowing it to better fulfill its mission.

In addition to state-of-the-art production studios, the center has large gathering spaces designed for live performances and community engagement, including the 5,000-square-foot Studio A, which is equipped with floor-level retractable seating and permanent balcony seating.

"It's more than a building," AZPM CEO Jack Gibson says of the project. "It's a transformative investment in how we serve our community made possible by individuals who believed in AZPM's future. Their gifts and support, led by Paul '06 and Alice Baker '66, are acts of belief in the long-term strengths of this university, this organization and this community."



Alfie Norville: A Legacy Set in Stone

An extraordinary collection built over more than a century is now a destination for research and education, carrying forward a historic commitment to Tucson and its gem and mineral community.

Since the early 1890s, the University of Arizona has maintained an extensive and ever-growing gem and mineral collection. Over the years, it has moved around campus, from the Douglass Building to the Arizona State Museum, then to the old Engineering building and to the lower level of Flandrau Science Center & Planetarium.

Now, thanks to the power of philanthropy, the collection has a stable home. The Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum occupies 12,000 square feet in the Historic Pima County Courthouse

and serves as a hub for Tucson's gem and mineral community. The Roe family's recent gift of more than 9,500 micromount specimens and a \$1.6 million endowment shows how individual collections can become resources for research, education and public discovery.

The museum's namesake, Alfie Norville, was, along with her husband, Allan, a prominent name in Tucson's gem and mineral community and a passionate advocate for its gem and mineral industry. Alfie's vision was instrumental in the creation of the GJX Gem & Jewelry Show, helping ensure that the Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase remained in the city and continued to thrive.

Thanks to the generosity of Allan Norville, her memory will live on — a gem in the heart of Tucson.

"Alfie was the most giving, sharing person I have ever met," Allan says. "Without a question, she is the most deserving person to have this museum named after her."



Creating a Place for Arizona to Come Together

A new indoor sports center for Arizona Athletics is expanding training and practice space while giving student-athletes a facility designed to support their development on and off the field.

Cole and Jeannie Davis helped create a place where Arizona can come together. Their transformational support made possible the Cole and Jeannie Davis Sports Center, a multipurpose facility that elevates the student-athlete experience while serving as a gathering place for Wildcat fans and the broader community. More than an indoor practice facility, the center is a hub for connection, pride and shared experiences, bringing people together around their love of the university.

The Davises' \$8 million commitment marked a significant milestone in a lifetime of generosity that ultimately totaled

\$18 million in support of the University of Arizona. Their philanthropy strengthened Arizona Athletics through major facility enhancements and invested in opportunities for generations of student-athletes to thrive.

The Davises' impact has not stopped at buildings. Through personal relationships, mentorship and encouragement, Cole and Jeannie are championing the success of young people and enriching the university community. Their enduring legacy is one of bringing people together and creating opportunities that will continue to inspire Wildcats and Arizonans for years to come.



Did You Know?

The Center for Creative Photography is preserving more than photographs — it's preserving stories of American life.

The archive of Benn Mitchell, who sold his first picture to Life magazine when he was 16 years old and went on to extensively cover New York and Hollywood during the 1940s and '50s, is now at the CCP. The archive includes photographs, prints, publications, clippings and equipment, along with the rights to make his work available for education, exhibitions and scholarly study. An accompanying \$1 million gift from his wife, Esther Mitchell, will help fund the ongoing care of the collection, while another \$1 million commitment is supporting interdisciplinary exhibitions and programming at CCP's Baker Gallery, bringing photography into conversation with other fields and the broader Tucson community.

Then and Now: Indigenous Communities & Research

Then: For decades, Native communities facing climate-related challenges had limited access to resources and research partnerships suited to their own priorities and knowledge.

Now: A \$2 million grant from the Waverley Street Foundation is expanding the Indigenous Resilience Center's ability to collaborate and work alongside Native nations on locally driven solutions for water, food, energy and climate resilience, while also supporting Indigenous scholars, outreach specialists and community partnerships. This work reflects a broader vision for public impact: bringing the university's research and resources together with community knowledge and priorities to address challenges facing Arizona.



"The Indigenous Resilience Center is a seed that is being watered, a plant that is growing, needed and desired by tribal communities," says Karletta Chief '07, the center's director. "I envision us to grow into a center that is connected to and invested in tribal communities — that we become a bridge between the University of Arizona and tribal communities while collaborating with existing Indigenous centers on campus and other tribal programs to be part of the big wheel that is working to support tribal communities."



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