



SHAPING THE FUTURE THROUGH GIVING

UL LAFAYETTE FOUNDATION
ENDOWMENT REPORT AND CAMPAIGN REVIEW
2025

UL Lafayette has experienced remarkable progress and innovation over the past year—progress made possible because of your generosity. Thanks to you, more students are pursuing a world-class education, exceptional professors are joining and staying with us, and groundbreaking research continues to flourish, helping us maintain our prestigious R1 status.



Your endowed gift creates lasting, transformative change at UL Lafayette. It touches lives across campus and beyond, and with your partnership we continue to reach new heights each year.

A decade ago, we launched our comprehensive fundraising campaign, **Together, We Shape the Future**, with the ambitious goal of raising \$500 million University-wide. This year, we proudly concluded the campaign—and, thanks to your support, surpassed that goal. Your commitment has built state-of-the-art athletic facilities and student centered learning spaces, opened pathways to success through scholarships and programs, and strengthened the research enterprise that earned and sustains our Carnegie R1 designation.

While we celebrate these achievements, our work is far from finished. We have bold plans for the years ahead and invite you to continue shaping the future with us. In this report, you'll see your philanthropy at work through campaign highlights, inspiring stories, and your individual account activity for the 2024–2025 fiscal year.

If you have any additional questions regarding your account statements and investment performance documents, please contact UL Lafayette Foundation Chief Financial/Administrative Officer Karl Meche at (337) 482-0700 or Karl.Meche@louisiana.edu.

Sincerely,



John Blohm
Chief Executive Officer
UL Lafayette Foundation



FY 2024 – 2025 ENDOWMENT IMPACT

The generosity of donors like you is at the heart of our University.
Thank you for your continued support of our students, faculty and staff.

\$6.6M+

AWARDED
FROM ENDOWED FUNDS

200

NUMBER OF DONORS
WHO MADE ENDOWED
PLEDGES & GIFTS

\$242.2M

ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUE
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

\$1.8M+

ENDOWED CHAIR
FUNDS AWARDED

16

ENDOWED CHAIR
HOLDERS

\$2.2M+

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP
FUNDS AWARDED

229

ENDOWED
PROFESSORSHIP
HOLDERS

\$2M+

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED

1,112

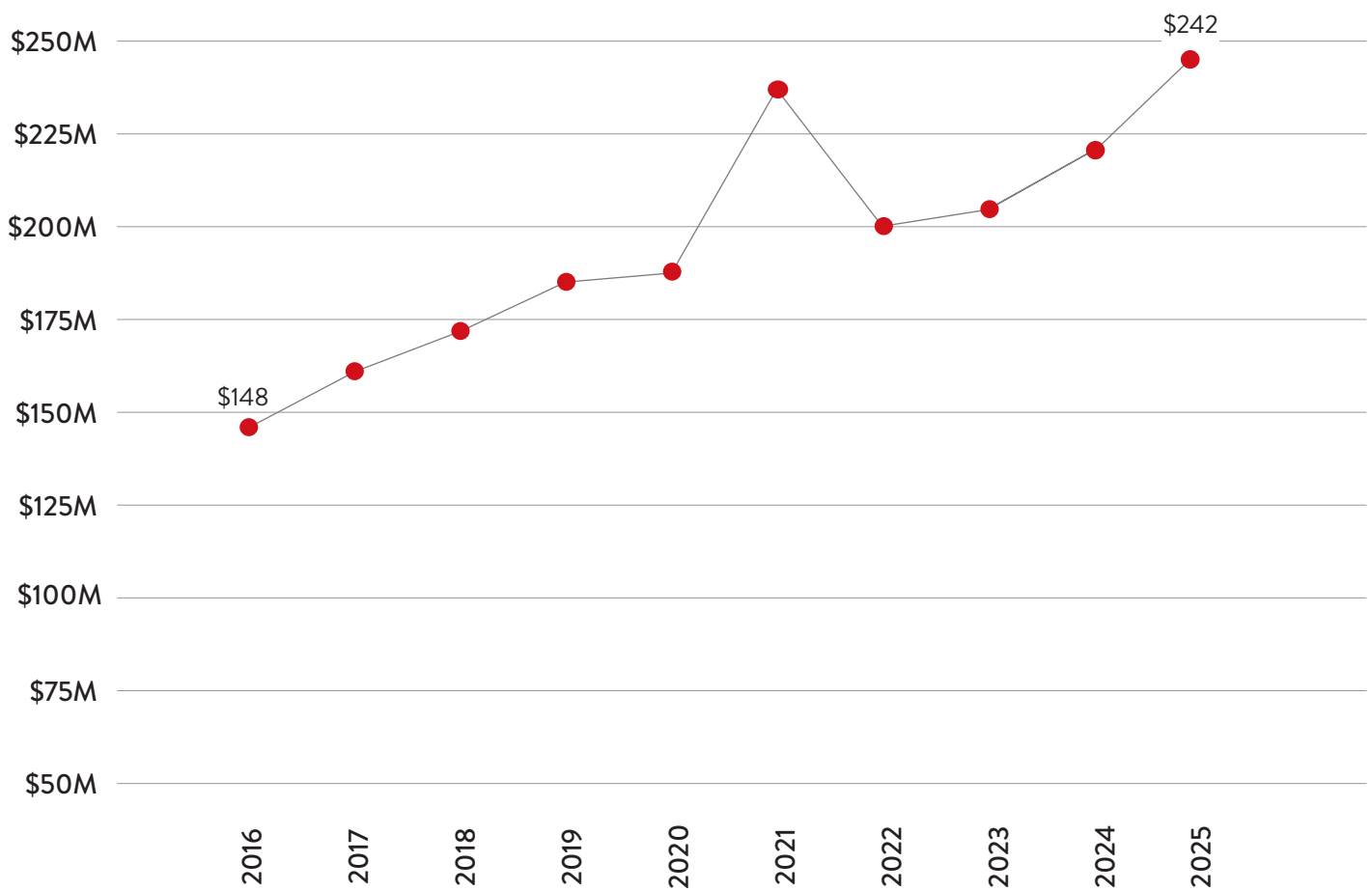
ENDOWED STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS

\$535K

OTHER PROGRAM
SUPPORT

ENDOWMENT GROWTH

Total Endowment Portfolio (in millions) Fiscal Years 2016-2025





33,129

CAMPAIGN DONORS

18,029

NEW DONORS

7,154

LOYAL DONORS

\$17M+

RAISED FOR
PROFESSORSHIPS
& CHAIRS

17,693

ALUMNI DONORS

690

FACULTY & STAFF
DONORS

12

Years old

YOUNGEST
DONOR

101

Years old

OLDEST
DONOR

120

DONORS GAVE
MORE THAN \$500K
THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN

96

ESTATE GIFTS

168,881

TOTAL GIFTS MADE
THROUGHOUT THE
CAMPAIGN

\$8M

AWARDED FOR
PROFESSORSHIPS
& CHAIRS

55

FACULTY
IMPACTED





\$44M+

RAISED FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS

12,812

STUDENTS
IMPACTED



\$28M

AWARDED FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS

Together,
**WE SHAPE
THE FUTURE.**

At its inception over a decade ago, the **Together, We Shape the Future Campaign** set out to make meaningful change in the lives of UL Lafayette students, faculty, and staff, that would resonate for years to come.

These numbers are more than just data; they tell a powerful story of impact over the last 10 years, showing not only the breadth of who we are, but also the remarkable generosity that is changing lives. They are proof of a shared commitment to our University, and our future together.

\$103M+

RAISED FOR
CAPITAL
PROGRAMS

\$27M+

RAISED FOR FACULTY
SUPPORT



1M+

SQUARE FEET OF
CAMPUS SPACE
ADDED OR
UPGRADED

TRANSFORMING OUR CAMPUS, TOGETHER

Together, we have accomplished extraordinary improvements across our campus—creating environments where innovation thrives, athletic excellence is cultivated, and students discover their potential. These physical transformations represent more than just bricks and mortar—they embody the collective spirit of our supporters who understand that exceptional spaces foster exceptional achievements. These projects offer just a glimpse of the transformations made possible through generous donor support across campus.



2016

Grant Gibson Interdisciplinary

Research Laboratory The new physics lab was made possible by Dr. Grant Gibson, and engages students from a wide range of majors in hands-on, interdisciplinary research—spanning fields like materials science, biophysics, geophysics, nuclear physics, applied optics, and acoustics—under the guidance of physics faculty.

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2021

LHC Group • Myers School of Nursing

LHC Group and Keith and Ginger Myers made the largest private philanthropic investment in the University's history, elevating UL Lafayette's nationally ranked nursing program as the newly named LHC Group • Myers School of Nursing. Their transformational gift empowers students and faculty through leadership resources, faculty support, and research opportunities—advancing UL Lafayette's R1 status and enhancing the College's nationally accredited simulation lab program. It also paves the way for a modern teaching and research facility that will position the College of Nursing & Health Sciences as a national leader in innovation, scholarship, and student success.

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2017

Maraist Financial

Services Lab was made possible by UL Lafayette alumnus Michael P. Maraist and his family who donated the initial gift to begin construction. The Lab exposes students to real-world experience in portfolio management, financial strategy and trading. The state-of-the-art lab houses 12 Bloomberg Terminals, an electronic ticker tape display, and a digital data board. Students learn about finance and investment management in a way that can't be found in a traditional classroom.



2019

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2019

Donald and Janice Mosing Student Athlete Performance Center

As a forward thinker, and one who thought about others, Donald Mosing's footprint on UL Lafayette's campus will give generations of students a head start on their own paths to success. The 100,000-square-foot facility houses the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns football offices, as well as strength and conditioning, athletic training, and equipment operations.



2023

James D. Moncus Hall

James D. Moncus Hall houses classrooms and office space for the College of Nursing & Health Sciences. The James D. Moncus Foundation's gift not only provided funds to renovate the existing building but established an endowment to ensure continued growth of the College.

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2021



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Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center's transformational gift to Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns Athletics enabled the first major renovation of the football stadium in its 50-year existence. Since the grand opening in 2025, fans have enjoyed an elevated game day experience from the comfort of new premium suites, a luxurious club level, and loge boxes. Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium is more than a place to play—it's a hub of community pride and economic growth that attracts new students and businesses, elevates Acadiana's profile, and celebrates the Ragin' Cajun spirit.

2023



2023

The Center for Louisiana Studies

now calls the historic J. Arthur Roy House home. Thanks to a \$1.5 million multiyear restoration, supported by private donors and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the oldest building on campus has been reborn as a vibrant beacon of Louisiana culture. The Roy House serves as an interactive community center, research destination, and bookstore.

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2025



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2025

Antoun Hall

Thanks to the generosity of Georges and Martha Ward Antoun, the University owns and operates one of the largest outdoor solar testing facilities in the southeastern United States. The 4,200-panel solar field encompasses 6 acres, a symbol of UL Lafayette's status as a national leader in sustainable and traditional energy technologies.

A Legacy of Learning: Rita and Mark DeVries Empower Future Teachers

For as long as they can remember, Rita (Domingue) and Mark DeVries have witnessed how a quality education can transform a child's life. They've seen how inspiring teachers motivate students and forever change the direction of their futures.

Mark's mother taught in a tiny one-room schoolhouse, sparking young minds and igniting his respect for the profession. Rita, a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana—now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette—worked with special needs children while living in Africa, Venezuela and Indonesia. Their shared commitment to education inspired their two daughters to become teachers. Now retired, the DeVries remain devoted to fostering the next generation of educators.

Rita and Mark wanted to ease the financial burdens a college education can impose. In 2021, they established the Rita and Mark DeVries Endowed Scholarship in Education to help students pursue degrees in Elementary Education without the weight of overwhelming debt. Their generosity has already changed the lives of nearly a dozen recipients—and they're just getting started. "Education is the gift that keeps on giving," Mark says.

Thanks to Rita and Mark DeVries, future teachers like Maria, Emma and Emilee can follow their calling with confidence. Their generosity ensures classrooms across Louisiana—and beyond—will be filled with passionate educators for generations to come.



Maria Gary Edmond is a recent graduate and fourth-grade teacher at West Leesville Elementary School.

"Thank you for choosing me out of all others to provide financial assistance. I am very grateful for what you do and blessed that you believed in me to do great things. I'm very glad that because of your help I was able to make things happen and graduate. You also inspire me one day to help and give back to those in need. I hope one day we could meet so I could thank you in person. Thank you again for all you do. Without you, me and many others would not be where we are today."



Emma Haley is a current elementary education student who dreams of teaching in the first or second grade. Her goal is to be the type of teacher who helps children know they are loved and capable of doing hard things.

"I love kids and teaching gives me an opportunity to make a difference in their lives. I want kids to be excited about learning. The scholarship has allowed me to receive an exceptional education without having a financial burden to worry about, allowing me to focus on my studies."



Emilee Robichaux hails from New Iberia, LA. Her love for her hometown runs deep. It's where she wants to build her career as an educator and make an impact on the next generation of children. As she puts it, choosing to study at UL Lafayette was a no brainer! It allowed her to stay close to home, family and friends.

She is grateful to the DeVries for their commitment in helping future elementary educators achieve their dreams. "I always knew that I wanted to make a difference in the world, and no one makes a bigger difference than teachers. They have the power to educate the next generation and change the world," Emilee declared. "College can be extremely expensive, so I am extremely grateful to have been given this scholarship. Knowing that other people support my dream by awarding me this scholarships means the world to me," she said.

Inspiring the Next Generation of Nurses



Dr. James Blankenship (pictured) is a rising star at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and was recently named Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing & Health Sciences. For Dr. Blankenship, nursing education is more than a career—it's a calling. He is driven to provide hands-on training for life-sustaining care and has witnessed firsthand how the demand for skilled, compassionate nurses continues to outpace the supply of qualified professionals. That urgency fuels his focus on preparing the next generation of front-line healthcare providers.

As Coordinator of the Accelerated BSN program, Dr. Blankenship teaches a wide range of courses—adult medical-surgical, community, psychiatric, pediatric, maternal-newborn, and leadership—and oversees the clinical education that brings these subjects to life.



His work is strengthened by the Dr. Anne Bienvenu Broussard/ BORSF Endowed Professorship in Nursing, a prestigious and competitive award made possible through the generosity of Dr. Anne Bienvenu Broussard (pictured). A proud UL Lafayette graduate and longtime registered nurse and educator, Dr. Broussard has dedicated her life to mentoring young faculty. She sees this gift as a way to continue supporting nursing education at the university that shaped her own career.

“The support I have received from Dr. Broussard through her establishment of this endowment has empowered me to inspire the next generation of registered nurses with purpose and passion,” Dr. Blankenship shares. “Her gift is a meaningful investment in the future of skilled, knowledgeable, and compassionate healthcare providers for countless communities. People like Dr. Broussard and her family greatly enhance the quality of nursing education, and that impact is clearly reflected in the care our graduates provide.”

For Dr. Broussard, the connection is personal. “I am delighted with the choice of Dr. Blankenship as the recipient of the endowed professorship,” she says. “He recognizes the challenges students face—including the high cost of textbooks—and is finding creative ways to help. He has a clear vision for what’s needed.”

Engineering a New Era of Learning

College of Engineering Dean Ahmed Khattab envisioned a future where graduates leave the University of Louisiana at Lafayette fully prepared for today's rapidly evolving workforce. To bridge the gap between traditional engineering education and the skills employers demand, he imagined the Engineering Center of Excellence (ECoE)—soon to be housed in the nearly 65,000-square-foot Engineering Student-Centered Collaborative Building currently under construction. The Center will cultivate critical abilities that set UL Lafayette engineers apart: problem solving, communication, teamwork, community engagement, and global awareness.

This groundbreaking initiative inspired Alexis and Greg Guidry. Greg, a 1982 mechanical engineering graduate who retired as a senior executive after a 37-year career with Shell, explains, "Skills developed in areas such as critical thinking, communications, teamwork, community service, and international cultural awareness are especially valuable in today's global economy, regardless of industry."

"My experience at the College shaped me in a way that undoubtedly impacted my career," Greg recalls. "The caring faculty and the culture of the community provided me with not only the technical abilities to be a successful engineer but also the professional capabilities to be a successful leader in the industry. The College punches above its weight!"

The ECoE will offer programs and activities such as:

- Engineering Innovation Program
- Dean's Certificate for Leadership and Innovation
- Peer Mentors
- Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarships
- Enhanced Mosing Student Career Development Program
- Industry Events and Workshops for Career Readiness
- Industry Partnership Program
- Continuing Engineering Education Program (CEEP)

In addition to supporting the ECoE, the Guidrys' generous gift funds the Greg Guidry Energy Systems Lab, providing hands-on technical training, and establishes the Greg Guidry Engineering Innovation Endowed Chair, ensuring world-class faculty will guide students through these transformative experiences for generations to come.

Thanks to donors like Alexis and Greg Guidry, UL Lafayette engineers will continue to graduate with the knowledge and leadership skills to excel—and to shape the future of the profession.

Visit the College of Engineering's website for more information on the center.



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Understanding Your Endowment Report

The following information provides terms and definitions to assist you in reading your endowment report.

Fiscal Year:

Your report contains data about the indicated fund from the UL Lafayette Foundation's most recent, audited fiscal year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025).

Market Value of Endowment:

Fair market value of your endowment account as of the indicated date(s).

Gifts Received:

Total amount of contributions received during the fiscal year. Gifts from donors can be in the form of cash, stocks/securities, real estate and other assets.

Net Investment Income, Gains & Losses:

Interest, dividends, realized and unrealized gains (losses), net of investment-related expenses.

Administrative Service Fee:

The fee paid to the UL Lafayette Foundation to partially fund operational costs, including oversight and administration of endowment accounts. For Fiscal Year 2025, this fee was 1.5% of the average monthly balance of the market value of your endowment.

Endowment Expenditures:

Funds provided by your endowment to the University in support of and in accordance with the endowment's purpose. Each fiscal year, the UL Lafayette Foundation provides a spendable amount to the University, in accordance with the UL Foundation's endowment spending policy. For Fiscal Year 2025, the spending policy amount was 4.25% of the average quarterly market value of the endowment through June 2024.

Transfers (if applicable):

Funds transferred to or from another endowment or non-endowed account, typically at the directive of the donor.

FY 2026 Endowment Budget:

Amounts available for spend by the University, from your endowment account, during the current fiscal year 2026.

For more information on the UL Lafayette Foundation endowment reports, please contact:

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