BUILD A BOUNDLESS FUTURE
THE CAMPAIGN FOR UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

Fall 2017 IMPACT of GIVING
Dear Friends of University of Detroit Mercy,

The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy is a bold step toward a boundless future.

It is a $100-million investment in the men and women who aspire to change their lives by earning a degree from Detroit Mercy. Today’s students are tomorrow's leaders. They are architects and healthcare workers, engineers and teachers, businesspeople and legal experts, and whatever they do, they bring with them the important Jesuit and Mercy values that make a University of Detroit Mercy education so special.

Our more than 80,000 living alumni are changing lives around the world and in the city of Detroit in traditional fields and in careers that did not exist even a decade ago. Many of them tell us their success began with their education at University of Detroit, Mercy College of Detroit and University of Detroit Mercy.

Our donors give for many reasons, and that is why thousands of alumni have contributed more than $78 million toward our campaign goal so far. They want to provide scholarships to deserving students, help build facilities and expand our educational programs. Every donor’s story is unique and we share a few on these pages.

This University has always been on the leading edge of innovation and education, and you benefited from that. You are the backbone of professions, communities and institutions. So whether you choose to give because you benefited from scholarships, discovered a passion here or your education earned at University of Detroit, Mercy College or University of Detroit Mercy helped you build a boundless future, we thank you. We need more people like you — people who make a difference.

The world needs Titans.

Sincerely,

Arnold D’Ambrosio
Vice President for University Advancement
The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy

WHERE WE STAND

$78,664,473 raised toward a goal of $100,000,000*

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

ATHLETICS

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & SCIENCE

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF LAW

UNIVERSITY-WIDE

$9,041,903 raised toward a goal of $7,000,000

$4,094,459 raised toward a goal of $6,000,000

$5,161,823 raised toward a goal of $7,000,000

$4,642,198 raised toward a goal of $7,500,000

$16,974,916 raised toward a goal of $15,000,000

$2,387,274 raised toward a goal of $7,000,000

$6,142,607 raised toward a goal of $7,500,000

$3,246,821 raised toward a goal of $7,000,000

$26,972,472 raised toward a goal of $36,000,000

Why I Give: “This gift is in support of the morality, the ethics, the very DNA of Detroit Mercy. This place serves a very wonderful purpose for our community and our society, and we need to support that.”

Tom Page ’71, ’76 made two significant gifts — one for current use, including bikes that can be borrowed by students, and a transformative gift pledged from his estate — earmarked to programming that builds student engagement on campus.

*All figures as of Oct. 31, 2017
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID – GOAL $40,000,000

To ensure students who want a Detroit Mercy education can afford it.

Why I Give: “I had a great education. But I probably didn’t fully understand at the time the Jesuit spirit that pervaded the school and everything I did there. As I matured, I began to understand the importance of service and giving back that both the Jesuits and the sisters of Mercy bring to all the University does. I give because I think it’s very important to keep that spirit alive.”

Phyllis Peters Look ’51, whose gifts with her husband, Cal Look, have gone to help students pay for their Detroit Mercy education. She is a member of the Jesuit Mercy Founders Society, having arranged for a gift for the University in her estate plan.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – GOAL $25,000,000

To create an environment where students can collaborate and learn in meaningful ways.

Why I Give: “This gift is in memory of Bill. It resulted from a conversation between myself and (then) Dean Christine Pacini of the College of Health Professions. She knew him when a nurse at Mt. Carmel; I knew him as an attending physician at Children’s Hospital of Michigan. We realized that we both had been greatly influenced in our educations and professions by this remarkable Detroit pediatrician.”

A gift from Barbara Cushing, M.D. ’02 and her late husband Ralph Cushing M.D. ’99 helped make the major expansion of the College of Health Professions facility a reality. The Cushings named a room for former colleague William C. Montgomery, M.D.
PROGRAMS AND FACULTY – GOAL $25,000,000
To develop thoughtful, well-rounded graduates who change the face of their field with innovation and insight. To attract and retain the world’s most inspired educators who also promote Jesuit and Mercy values.

Why I Give: “The people on the African-American Studies Committee are from across the University and they are all progressive thinkers who are generous with their time. This gift is in honor of them as much as it is to broaden the African-American Studies program to expose the entire University community to certain truths, so their worlds become bigger.”

Karen Waters, Ph.D., taught Social Work at Detroit Mercy for two decades after a long career in organizations like Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit, that address social needs of the community. Her gift, with her husband establishes the endowed Drs. Karen and Thomas Waters African-American Studies Enrichment Fund.

GENERAL SUPPORT – GOAL $10,000,000
To help the University attend to its daily needs as it plans for tomorrow.

Why I Give: “I became a regular donor after I graduated because I wanted to provide to other students the same opportunity I had.”

At an age when so many young professionals are struggling with student debt, Bruno Olvero ’11, ’14, makes it a point to donate to the University, both to the area of most need and to scholarships. He is the first in his family to attend college, earn a bachelor’s degree and earn a master’s degree. Detroit Mercy scholarships made much of that possible, he said.

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— Sr. Catherine McAuley