

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

2021 GRATITUDE REPORT



No one ever said earning a college degree was an easy feat. All students have their struggles. It is during the most trying of times that Wright State University students need you—our generous donors—the most.

Time and again, you have answered the call. You have made the impossible seem possible. You have turned dreams into realities.

Without your support, a struggling single mother would not have been able to overcome personal tragedy and go on to shine.

An aspiring actress would not be able to share her light with the world.

While you may not realize it, your gifts provide more than financial support. They give hope. Ignite creativity. Inspire joy.

Every day, you help rekindle a spark within a student. For lighting their flame and helping to blaze their path forward, we are forever grateful.

We present to you our GRATITUDE report for 2021. These statistics are much more than numbers. They represent gifts, including yours, that made a difference in the life of a Wright State student. In total, 4,889 donors generously committed **more than \$11.6 million in support of Wright State and its students!**



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"At times, our own light goes and is rekindled by a spark from another person.

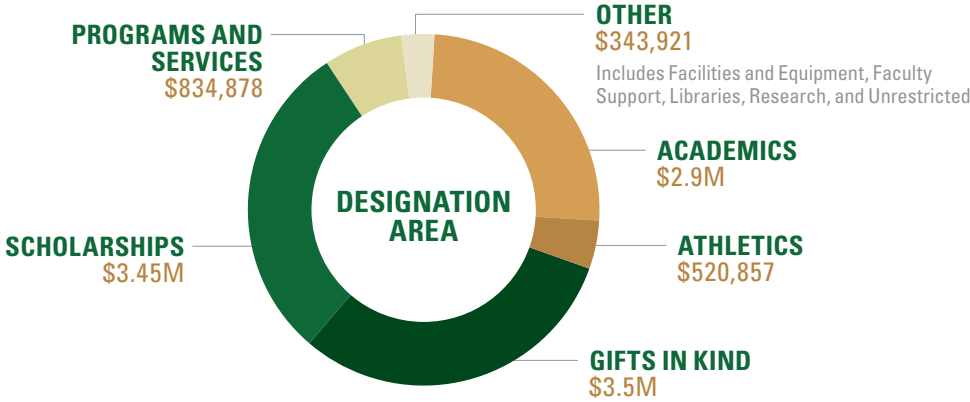
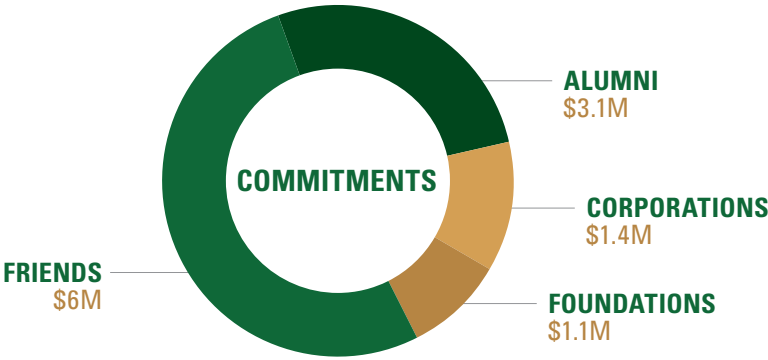
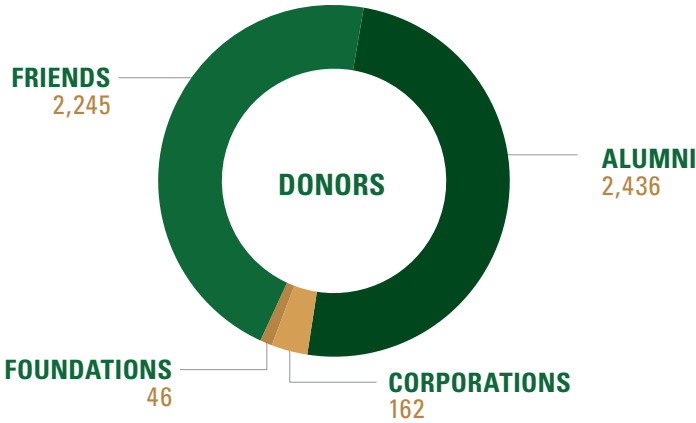
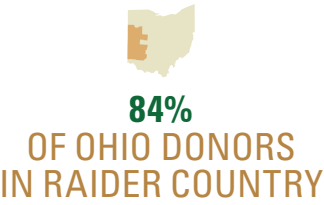
Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

—Albert Schweitzer

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

\$11,604,137.48
IN TOTAL FUNDS

Donations came from all 50 states plus Washington, D.C., 68 counties in Ohio, and five other countries (Canada, India, Kuwait, Qatar, and the United Kingdom).



Jeffrey Shehee is a recipient of the LGBTQA Community Scholarship. After graduating from Wright State, he plans to pursue a master’s degree in student affairs in higher education.

“Scholarships have made a difference in my life, because they have inspired me to establish connections with so many other scholars. I plan to continue helping students, like myself, find their happiness and the courage to push beyond fear and take action on their dreams.”

JEFFREY SHEHEE
ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP MAJOR



For Andrea Gutierrez, the daughter of immigrants from Peru, paying for a college education would be impossible without the financial support that scholarships provide.

“If it weren’t for scholarships, I wouldn’t have been able to attend Wright State. College seemed like a faraway dream, and the fact that I am here now blows my mind. I am forever grateful.”

ANDREA GUTIERREZ
MUSICAL THEATRE MAJOR



One month before Ashley Elking was scheduled to start her first semester at Wright State, her partner for 13 years and the father of her two boys was killed in a motorcycle accident while riding home from work. For a single mother like Ashley, scholarships are a saving grace.

“The scholarships are a miracle. If it weren’t for scholarships, I wouldn’t be able to go to school.”

ASHLEY ELKING
EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES MAJOR

Jeffrey, Andrea, and Ashley are three recipients of scholarship generosity. To read their full stories, visit wright.edu/news.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

1,838
DONORS

\$3,447,421
TOTAL DOLLARS

376
SCHOLARSHIPS SUPPORTED

1,140
SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED

Helping a student realize their educational dreams is perhaps the ultimate gift of compassion.



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Looking for more information? The foundation's financial statements were audited by Crowe Horwath LLP. If you would like a complete copy of the foundation's audited financial statements, please visit wright.edu/giving/financial-reports or call 937-775-2251.

Learn more about the ways you can continue to impact the lives of students and the community by contacting us.

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