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Dear Friends of Augusta University,

Your generosity and support bolsters the success and growth of Augusta University (AU) and AU Health System. Your contributions enable us to offer boundless opportunities to our students, researchers, health care providers, patients and communities far and wide. As always, we are grateful to each of you. This brief report illuminates just how much of an impact your gifts have made this past fiscal year which ended June 30, 2020.

As we express our appreciation to all of our supporters, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the unforeseen challenges we have all experienced during this time period. When we began fiscal year 2020 on July 1, 2019, no one could have predicted what challenges were lurking in the months ahead. Yet, we have been overwhelmed by the kindness demonstrated by each of you. Not only have we received generous donations from large corporations assisting with everything from building construction to COVID-19 research and testing, but all means of assistance in support of our students and frontline workers, who are all AU Heroes during these extraordinary times. Generous donations of meals, snacks, gift cards, personal protective equipment and much more have been received by grateful hearts here at Augusta University/AU Health. We have been at the forefront of the State of Georgia's COVID-19 response, leading innovation every step of the way. We couldn't have done it without our community's commitment and eagerness to help.

As you read the following pages, you will learn of donors who not only exemplify our tripartite mission of education, research and health care, and in doing so prioritize our patients and students, but also whose forward thinking and kindness will allow us to serve our community, patients and students for years to come. This year, in addition to spotlighting our many wonderful donors, we also take this opportunity to highlight some of the exciting programs, initiatives and future projects going on at AU.

Additionally, within these pages you will find listed our loyal and dedicated foundation board members. Our partner foundations are essential to the progress of our university and health system. They work collectively to advance our mission of service, education and research.

Augusta University and AU Health System looks forward to reaching even greater heights as we continue to enhance education, foster medical breakthroughs and better our community. Now, more than ever, we are all in this together.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooks A. Keel'.

Brooks A. Keel, PhD
President, Augusta University



Diversity and Teaching

Data from the National Center of Education Statistics (NCES) estimates that since 2014, ethnic and racial minorities make up more than half of the student population in public schools across this nation, yet people of color represent about 20 percent of the teachers and only 2 percent are African-American men.

Augusta University, along with the African-American Male Initiative (AAMI), is working to change that. College of Education Dean Dr. Judi Wilson has teamed up with Coach Clint Bryant, the Director of Athletics at Augusta University, to address the absence of racially diverse educators in both primary and secondary classrooms.

“We have to make it a career that people want to do,” explained Bryant. “You don’t teach or coach because of the money; you do it because of the passion for making a difference in young people’s lives.”

This is where AAMI can help. The University System of Georgia’s AAMI is a system wide initiative designed to increase the number of African-American males who complete their postsecondary education from any of the 26 USG institutions. Its mission is to provide an integrated program model of academic and social tools that support students around adopting a positive mindset to successfully complete classes, elevate their cumulative GPAs, matriculate through each academic level and graduate.

“The AAMI is an initiative through the Board of Regents to help Georgia address the issue of closing academic equity gaps,” said director Jerry Oliver Jr. “At AU, the one-year retention rate for black men has steadily improved, which leads to a more diverse campus. On the flip side, we still have to address the retention rates with particular academic programs at our university.”

The goal is to promote student success and improve graduation rates through social and academic networks. Through collaborating with university and community partners, AAMI strives to connect students with others to envision their future, to explore their passions, and to actively engage in their college experience.

Studies show that teachers who instruct students of the same race are more likely to discipline equitably, to set high expectations and to recognize student achievement, according to the National Education Association’s 2014 study, “Time for a Change: Diversity in Teaching Revisited.”

“Educators who are grounded in the day-to-day experiences of their students and communities bring to their work more favorable views of students of color, including more positive perceptions regarding their academic potential,” the study asserts. “They frequently teach with a greater level of social consciousness than do others, appear to be more committed to teaching students of color, more drawn to teaching in difficult-to-staff urban schools, and are more apt to persist in those settings.”

In particular, African-American students who have an African-American teacher in elementary school are more likely to graduate high school and attend college, according to the article, “The Long-Run Impacts of Same-Race Teachers,” published in 2018 by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Across the country, initiatives have emerged to grow the ranks of Black male teachers. AU is fortunate to have such an initiative here and committed staff and faculty within the College of Education determined to increase the numbers.

For more information, please visit: www.augusta.edu/aami/ or www.augusta.edu/education/



Dr. Wayne Lord

Music can change lives. Dr. Wayne Lord is one example of just how true that statement is. An avid supporter of the arts in Augusta, Lord has been playing piano in the CSRA for most of his life. He began taking piano lessons as a child, and at age 15, he was playing the church organ at Immanuel Baptist Church in North Augusta, SC. He went on to serve as the organist and choirmaster at Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta for more than 30 years.

But without the support of his parents and music teachers, Lord's story might be very different. "My father completed eighth grade, my mother completed high school," said Lord. "Both of them sacrificed and supported me throughout their lives. They knew how important music was to who I am as a person."

Music wasn't just a hobby, but a lifelong pursuit. Lord's professional life has been devoted to music and education. He earned his bachelor's degree in music, piano performance, at Augusta University, in 1972. (Fun side-note: as a student, Lord performed in front of thousands as one of 16 back-up singers from AU for Barry Manilow). He later earned a master's degree in music education, an educational specialist degree and a PhD in educational administration and supervision from the University of South Carolina. He was the Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Graduate Programs in the AU College of Education, and after a short retirement (March – August 2019), he returned to serve as Interim Associate Dean until they find a suitable replacement.

For as much as Lord has given to the community, it would be remiss to speak of his accomplishments and not mention Vola Jacobs who, along with Lord's parents, had a tremendous influence in his life. In addition to being a world-renowned pianist for decades and an advisor to the Harry Jacobs Chamber Music Society for more than 20 years, Jacobs' contributions to music in the CSRA are endless. She taught piano at her home, at the Augusta Academy of Music and at Augusta University, where she was a member of the faculty for 28 years and was a respected and beloved teacher of Lord when he studied there.



"While a student at Augusta College as a piano performance major, Vola Jacobs was a major influence on my development as a musician and a person," said Lord. "As a teacher, she pushed me and set expectations that seemed to me always a little beyond what I thought I could do at the piano. To this day, I reflect on the piano literature she selected for me and in amazement ponder how she challenged and guided me as a student. She saw in me what I could not see in myself."

This fiscal year, Lord endowed the Vola Jacobs Piano Recital Concert for Augusta University in honor of his late parents, Ed and Mary Lord. Lord hopes the annual concert will not only be a perpetual remembrance of Vola Jacobs, but that it may inspire other alumni to honor faculty who made a significant impact upon their lives and to create opportunities to enrich and expand possibilities for residents of the CSRA and students at AU.

Leading Innovation: Renovation of the Fine Arts Center

The Department of Music at Augusta University celebrated the completion of a \$3.5 million renovation of the Fine Arts Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday, Feb. 24, 2020.

"It's a huge change and the new recital hall is absolutely amazing," said Dr. Angela Morgan, chair of the music department and professor of violin. "Now, we have an incredible space with great acoustics where we can actually record our students' performances."

The Fine Arts Center's renovation by Dickinson Architects of Augusta was the first major overhaul the building had seen in more than a decade. By swapping the locations of the former recital space and the classrooms, they were able to improve the function and capacity of the building, while also enhancing the faculty studios for practice and instruction.

A specific emphasis was placed on improving the acoustics in the instructional and performance areas, which will be a tremendous benefit for students and faculty in the performing arts.

"The footprint of the building actually remained the same," Morgan said. "The whole project got started because the ceilings in our former rehearsal hall were so low that, acoustically, the volume levels were just deafening. In fact, we had our students wearing ear plugs."

Morgan said the department worked with an acoustical engineer to perfect the sound within the new recital hall.

"There are large curtains that you can move around in the room and, by positioning them, you can increase or reduce the reverberation in the room by up to a half of a second," Morgan said. "You would not believe the difference. It is really quite interesting."

Wind Ensemble Director Michael Katterjohn has been experimenting with the different sounds created by repositioning the recital hall's curtains, Morgan said.

"He has experimented with the positioning of his group in the room and will put the percussion in the back of the room and pull the curtains around in such a way that it helps absorb and take away reverb," Morgan said. "The wooden wall in the recital hall has panels that throw the sound out toward the audience and other panels that absorb the sound."

The much needed renovations will allow more efficient use of the building and will make scheduling student recitals much easier. Before the restructuring, student recitals had to be scheduled at the Maxwell Theatre, which presented challenges because there were just not enough available dates at the end of a semester. Now, with seating for an audience of 135 people, the new recital hall allows the entire department much more freedom, Morgan said.



The renovation was made possible, in part, because of a generous donation from the family of Mrs. Eugenia "Genie" Toole Glover.

J. Roy Rowland, MD

Family physician, congressional representative, author, soldier – Dr. J. Roy Rowland has worn all of those titles at one point or another during his life, but what he wants to most be known for is helping others.

“I hope I’ll be remembered as someone who tried to help other people. I think I’ll be remembered more as a physician for helping other people – even now, at least every week or so, someone will approach me and say ‘you delivered me,’ or ‘you fixed my broken arm,’” says Dr. Rowland. Rowland was born and came of age in Wrightsville, Georgia, but has lived in the small town of Dublin, Georgia for more than 60 years where he practiced medicine for 28 years. During his time in practice, he says he delivered more than 2200 babies. That’s a lot of babies and a lot of families who have a personal connection to Dr. Rowland. “Medicine was my first love,” he explains, “Being a family physician, my patients were part of my extended family. In family practice, you did everything back in those days, before things got so specialized. I was a confidant to so many people in so many respects. So, I developed very close relationships with my clientele.”

Dr. Rowland has been serving people for most of his life. Before becoming a physician, serving in the state Legislature and later serving in Congress, he was in the Army in Europe during World War II. He was awarded a Bronze Star for bravery on April 30, 1945.

After his military service, Dr. Rowland resumed his college career (he first attended Emory University at Oxford before the war) attending South Georgia College (1946), University of Georgia (1946-1948), and graduated with a medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1952. Not long after, he began his medical practice in Dublin, Georgia. He was the sixth doctor in Dublin at the time. When his practice first started, it was a solo operation. Later, he formed a partnership with another doctor and eventually grew to six physicians in their small group practice.

In 1976, Dr. Rowland ran for the Georgia House and went on to serve three terms from 1976 to 1982. He gave up his medical practice in 1982 to serve as a U.S. Representative for Georgia’s Eighth Congressional District. He was in the U.S. Congress for 12 years, serving on the Veterans Affairs Committee and

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spearheading bipartisan legislation to create a network of community health centers to provide care to Medicaid, underinsured and uninsured patients.

In 2017, Dr. Rowland was recognized with the Vessel of Life Award, presented by Augusta University President Brooks Keel, during Alumni Weekend. The Vessel of Life Award is given by the university’s president to pay homage for significant and distinguished service to the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University.

Dr. Rowland is still going strong and attributes much of his success to his wife of nearly 75 years, Luella. In a 2017 interview published in MCG Magazine, he said, “I don’t think I could have accomplished anything I did had it not been for my wife. Really, she has been with me every step of the way.”

Throughout his lifetime, Dr. Rowland has done much to give back to his community, as either a physician, a politician or a philanthropist. He cares a lot about the rural community he grew-up in and wants to make sure there will always be quality physicians in rural areas. “I just think there’s not enough medical care in the rural areas now, physicians especially - so I wanted to do what I could to make a contribution to that program (MCG 3+),” said Rowland. The J. Roy Rowland M.D. Medical Excellence Endowment was created to support the MCG 3+ program and other initiatives to address the physician shortage in rural and underserved Georgia.



About the MCG 3+ Program

Our innovative MCG 3+ program is a proven pathway to increase the primary care focus of medical graduates/residents leading to growth in Georgia’s primary care workforce. The goal is to increase primary care career graduates from 42% in 2018 to an estimated 64% in 2028, by:

- Increasing enrollment to 300 per class: add 50 more students each year who are committed to practicing primary care
- Reducing medical school from four years to three years – combined with a 3-year in-state primary care residency (3+3)
- Providing free tuition or loan forgiveness for those students who commit to serve in a rural part of the state for a minimum of six years (3+3+6)

Physicians are more likely to practice in the state in which they receive their training, and retention rates are highest among physicians who completed both medical school and residency in the same state. If Georgia is going to make a significant impact on improving the health of the citizens living in rural parts of the state, we need to implement plans aimed at putting more physicians, especially primary care physicians, in those areas.

Leveraging the combined efficiencies of the accelerated 3-year MD curriculum and MCG’s capacity to expand MD enrollment via a statewide regional campus model with the investments of the primary care residency-focused GREAT Committee, MCG will dramatically enhance its contribution to Georgia’s primary care workforce.

- Planning Phase: 2019-2020
- First Cohort: 2021-2022
- First Graduates: Spring 2025

For more information about the MCG 3+ program, please visit: www.augusta.edu/mcg/admissions/mcg3_plus/index.php

For information about how you can help, please visit: mcgfoundation.org/moremcgdoctors/

College of Science and Mathematics Receives Generous Donation

On January 30, 2020, officials from Georgia Power and the Georgia Power Foundation presented Augusta University with a donation of \$100,000 for scholarships within the college and to be used toward construction of the new facility.

The Georgia Power Foundation has designated \$50,000 toward scholarships within the College of Science and Mathematics. The remaining \$50,000 will go toward the construction of the new 124,518-square-foot College of Science and Mathematics building that will complete the trio of buildings at the Dental College of Georgia and J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons. The proximity of the three buildings will give science and mathematics professors and students access to two 300-seat tiered auditoriums, a 150-seat tiered classroom, a 150-seat active learning classroom and a café.

“We’re grateful to Georgia Power for choosing to invest in our students and our future,” said President Brooks A. Keel, PhD. “Students’ opportunities to engage in scientific research as undergraduates — to ‘do’ science rather than just study it — will be expanded given the close proximity to researchers on the Health Sciences Campus. Moreover, College of Science and Mathematics faculty researchers will benefit from cross-disciplinary interactions and collaborations with colleagues on the Health Science Campus, thereby cementing Augusta University’s reputation as a preeminent research university.”

Augusta University formally broke ground on the new College of Science and Mathematics building August 23, 2019. The \$70 million project is set to open in the summer of 2021.

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Community Support

There’s no denying that COVID-19 has been at the forefront of most everything that has happened this year and Augusta University is proud to have been paramount in responding to the virus. AU was among the first in the state to offer drive-thru testing, and to use 3-D printing technology and expertise from the Dental College of Georgia to produce nasal swabs. The Center for Instructional Innovation teamed up with the College of Education and Department of Art and Design to use 3D printing as well to create reusable facemasks and shields.

We can’t forget our AU Heroes who have been working around the clock, putting their lives on the line since the very beginning of the pandemic to ensure the best care possible for all our patients. AU is truly blessed to have world-class teams of professionals tackling this brutal virus day in and day out.

We are incredibly grateful to the many donors who have provided invaluable resources that enable us to continue to focus on AU’s top priorities – our patients and our students. There is no gift too great or small and we have been overwhelmed by all the community support we have received. From the MCG students who rallied together to collect donations and make care packages for the hard-working medical staff at Augusta University Medical Center to everyone who donated gift cards and snacks, personal protective equipment, and other sundries for our staff and students, to the major gifts from donors large and small. We absolutely couldn’t do it without you.

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Dr. George and Camille Wright

“It was love at first sight and the best thing that ever happened to either of us!” Dr. George Wright and his wife Camille (Cam) met in the student center cafeteria at the Medical College of Georgia in the spring of 1968. There is a bit of debate over who saw who first (Dr. Wright thought Cam was “giving him the eye,” but she tells it the other way around). The couple married in 1970 and have been together ever since. However, there’s more to the story than two students falling in love and living happily ever after, even 50 years later – though nowadays, that in itself is pretty remarkable. College was just the beginning for this pair.

Dr. Wright, an Augusta native, had a humble start. “I came from an impoverished background and was fortunate enough to receive a pharmacy scholarship from the University of Georgia,” he says. He knew he wanted to go to medical school so with the money he earned working as a pharmacist, he was able to attend MCG and graduate in 1971. From there, he completed an internship at MCG, an orthopedic residency and hand fellowship at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, a hand fellowship at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and a joint replacement fellowship at Tufts University at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

The couple settled in Atlanta and Dr. Wright enjoyed a long career in orthopedics. He established a private practice at Piedmont Hospital in 1978 and in 1993, he received a faculty appointment at Emory Medical School and was assigned to the Orthopedic Residency at Grady Memorial Hospital. Eventually, he would become the chief of orthopedics at Grady, but it seems Dr. Wright’s passion was education. “It was my privilege to work with outstanding young residents for twenty-four years, which culminated in the Georgia Orthopedic Society Distinguished Service Award and the Emory Faculty Teaching Award being designated in my name,” said Dr. Wright. He retired in 2016 as Associate Professor Emeritus, Orthopedic Surgery, Emory School of Medicine.

Originally from Atlanta, Cam was also accomplishing great things after moving back to the city. While her degree from MCG was in dental hygiene, Cam went on to run a small antiques business with her mother. It was during this time Cam made a discovery that had a long lasting impression. A cache of Victorian love letters found in a trunk acquired by the antique shop became the inspiration for her debut novel, *Anne Aletha*, released in late April of this year.

“I fell in love with the couple named Alex and Nellie, and initially I thought I would write their story,” Cam explains, “But I soon realized that their story was not mine to tell and that I wasn’t ready to tell my own story. Later, when I knew what my story was, I fictionalized the couple, using their original names in my novel.” *Anne Aletha* takes place in 1918 amid World War I, the Spanish flu pandemic and the reemergence of the Ku Klux Klan. When planning the novel’s release, no one foresaw that there would be so many parallels to current events.

The Wrights are passionate about education, the arts and kindness to animals. Their philanthropic endeavors reflect as much, with support devoted to MCG, UGA College of Pharmacy, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Botanical Gardens and the Atlanta Humane Society. Through a planned gift, the Wrights have made a generous commitment to endow the George and Camille Wright Scholarship Fund, which will provide scholarships based on financial need to MCG students. “Camille and I feel it’s our privilege to designate part of our estate to support medical students with financial needs,” said Dr. Wright. “We hope our legacy will transform the lives of medical students in perpetuity.”





Meet Mary McCormack

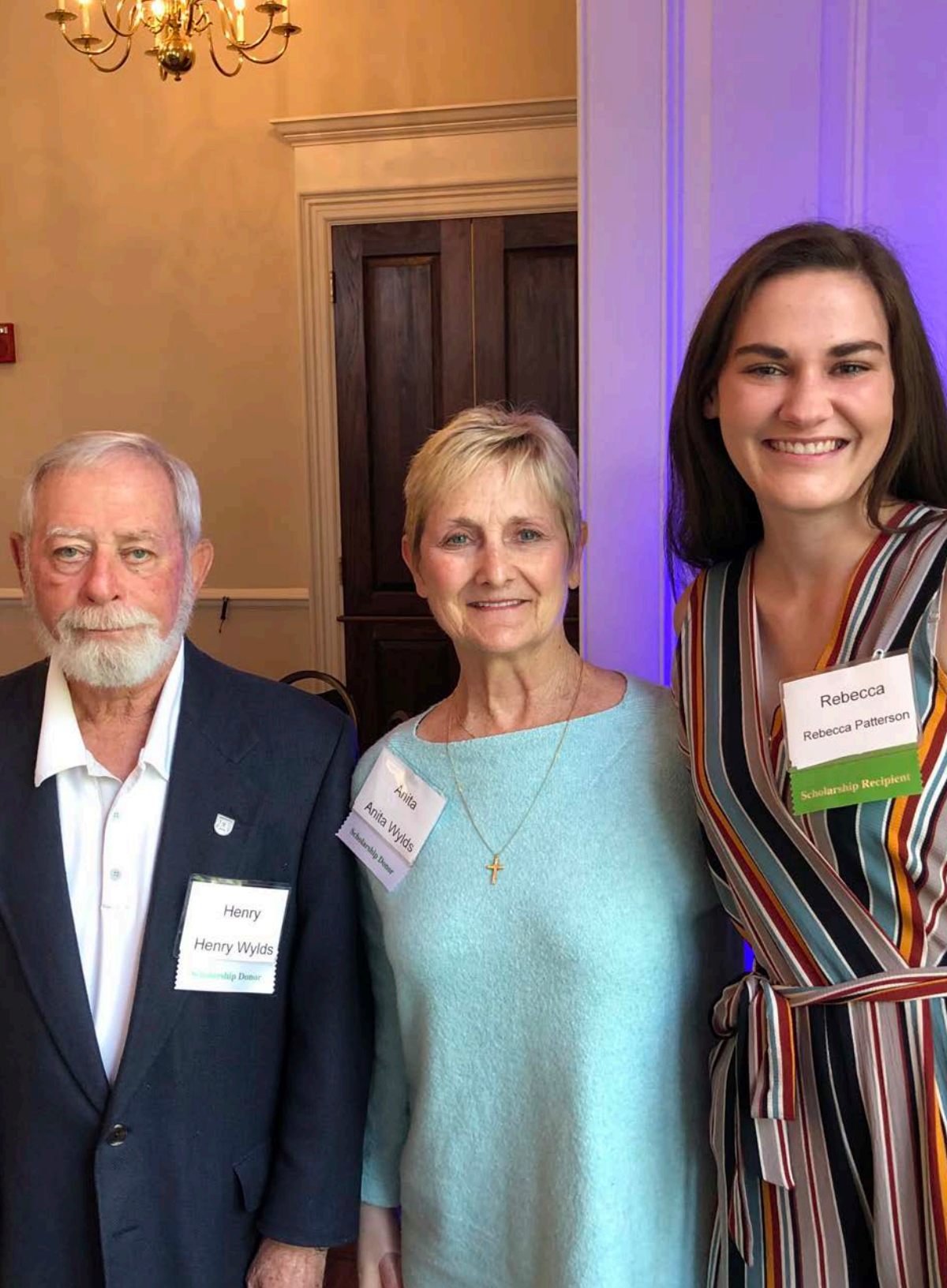


Many of the donor stories featured in this year's annual giving report are about couples and individuals who chose to make their gifts to AU as planned gifts using retirement funds or estate commitments. Mary McCormack, Associate Vice President – Gift & Estate Planning for Augusta University and AU Health says there are many benefits, charitable, financial and personal, in choosing this method of giving.

“Engaging in charitable gift planning is actually a joyous experience,” McCormack explains. “Whether you are directing assets to a Donor Advised Fund, working with your CPA on an IRA Rollover gift, creating or changing beneficiary documentation for an insurance policy or retirement plan or working with your attorney on a will or trust, you are planning your legacy. It truly is exciting to think how your assets, regardless of the size, can make a meaningful impact on the organizations that reflect your values.”

McCormack joined Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement in February 2020, and brings with her more than a decade of well-rounded experience and accomplishments. She strategically built and grew a sustainable gift and estate-planning program that incorporated engagement with donors, grateful patients, faculty, staff and professional advisors at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Before that, McCormack led the Gift & Estate Planning team at the University of Georgia (UGA) after having served as Director of Development & Alumni Relations for the UGA Warnell School of Forestry & Natural resources where she gained experience with gifts of assets and complex estates. Ten years of experience in the financial planning industry and a brief stint in law school led her to a career in fundraising and the immersion in Gift & Estate Planning, which she dearly loves. We are thrilled to have such a valuable resource in Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement.

Interested in learning more about gift and estate planning? Please, contact Mary McCormack in Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement: 706-721-4001



Who You Help

Our generous donors make it possible to change the lives of students for the better. Endowment and scholarship creation opens doors to opportunities that some never dreamed possible. One student, Rebecca Patterson, a recipient of the Cameron Wylds Scholarship, created by Henry and Anita Wylds, was especially grateful for all the benefits the scholarship helped her achieve at AU. Patterson says she is confident that the study abroad, made possible by being chosen for the Wylds scholarship, not only enriched her education at AU, but will also give her an advantage in applying for graduate school.

“It’s been incredible,” Patterson said. “I’ve gotten so many amazing opportunities being here with my education. I found out from my advisor, Dr. Jessica Reichmuth that she had nominated me for the Cameron Wylds Scholarship because she knew I was struggling trying to pay for a study abroad trip to Nova Scotia. I had raised about half the money and the deadline was coming up in a few days and I didn’t have the other half. When Dr. Reichmuth notified me that I won the scholarship I was just beside myself because that was the exact amount I actually needed to get me to Nova Scotia.

I think it was a great experience just to realize what my future could be in the ecology field... I would like to say thank you so much for the opportunity that you gave me with this scholarship. If it wasn’t for [the Wylds] I wouldn’t have been able to further my education in Nova Scotia and be hands-on in my field.”



Press On Fund makes \$1 Million Gift

In 2019, Press On made a 4-year, \$1 million pledge to Augusta University to establish the Press On Pediatric Cancer fund which supports the Pediatric Immunotherapy Program, including expenses related to research and essential needs as well as needs associated with a pediatric bone marrow transplant program.

Drs. Theodore Johnson and David Munn are the physician-scientists leading the groundbreaking pediatric immunotherapy research Press On is supporting. Immunotherapy is a treatment approach to cancer that harnesses the power of the patient’s own immune system to attack cancer, making possible less toxic and effective therapies. The Georgia Cancer Center is the first program in the world to integrate chemotherapy, immunotherapy and radiation to treat children with relapsed brain tumors.

Drawing from the founders’ own experiences and their desire to help others, Press On helps families who are grappling with a parent’s worst nightmare - having a child diagnosed with cancer and fearing the worst outcome. The nonprofit group, Press On, is a field of interest fund under The Community Foundation for the CSRA. Press On is dedicated to investing in medical research that focuses on novel and less toxic therapies for pediatric cancer.

Recently, the organization established the Press On Pediatric Cancer fund at Augusta University, which supports the Pediatric Immunotherapy Program. Press On Fund’s unique mission is to identify feasible and groundbreaking alternative therapies for childhood cancers, and to invest monies raised in a manner that supports the science and infrastructure needed to cure childhood cancer within our lifetime. Since its inception in 2006, Press On has grown into a team of compassionate families and the mission has evolved to include multiple types of pediatric cancer and treatments.

President's Gala 2019

The annual President's Gala, held on October 26, 2019, was a smashing success. The event took place at the newly-restored hangar at Daniel Field Airport and it was announced that \$4 million had been raised to support the Children's Hospital of Georgia (CHOG). Guests participated in a tombola raffle, a strolling dinner and dancing.

CHOG is the only facility in the area dedicated exclusively to children. It staffs the largest team of pediatric specialists in the region who deliver out- and in-patient care for everything from common childhood illnesses, to life-threatening conditions, like heart disorders, cancer and neurological diseases.

Proceeds from the event will help CHOG continue delivering the highest level of pediatric and neonatal care in the region. Augusta University President Brooks A. Keel, PhD, also revealed plans for future expansion that would provide CHOG with increased capacity in neonatal and pediatric intensive care areas.

"Children's Hospital of Georgia can't carry out its mission without the support of our community," Dr. Keel said. "No one wants their children to get sick, but when that happens, it's important to be able to turn to a facility that offers outstanding care from highly trained providers in a soothing environment. Events such as the President's Gala help make that possible."



Future Innovation: Forest Hills Campus Baseball/Softball Complex

Augusta University has enjoyed much growth this year with the groundbreaking and continued development of the new College of Science Mathematics building, the \$3.5 million renovation of the Fine Arts Center and AU becoming renowned for its contributions in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic, to name just a few exciting advances. Our vision is to be a top-tier university that is a destination of choice for education, health care, discovery, creativity, and innovation. We have future plans to extend this vision by creating a new sports complex that will not only improve AU's baseball and softball fields but will also:

- Benefit entire AU Community and the CSRA
- Provide facilities on-par with Peach Belt Conference colleagues
- Increase Alumni Engagement
- Improve Team and Fan Experience

Additional uses: Movies, Concerts, Community events and more.

Our goal is not only to give our hard working student-athletes the resources to bring the success they achieve in the classroom to the field, but also to bring our baseball and softball facilities up to the standard of other Peach Belt Conference facilities so that we can host regional competitions and tournaments. Once complete, the new facility will help AU to recruit, retain and develop top athletes and coaches thereby making AU more competitive with other top-tier universities.

In addition, the new facility will provide numerous opportunities for the community outside of baseball and softball. "From a University perspective, it would give the university the opportunity to do some other things," explains Coach Clint Bryant, AU's Director of Athletics, "From having concerts to all kinds of different events that the students themselves might benefit from. It will be an additional place to gather alumni, friends and people from the community. And it would allow us to be able to host NCAA, Division II regional tournaments, high school baseball regional or district tournaments, and other events, therefore, serving as outreach for the university and its ability to bring in potential students. The opportunities, I think, are endless."

For more information about the Ballpark Complex, please visit: www.augusta.edu/giving/casestatemnts.php



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ENDOWMENT POOL BALANCE

\$269,922,010

SUPPORT TO OUR UNIVERSITY AND HEALTH SYSTEM

\$15,419,326

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\$328,927,506

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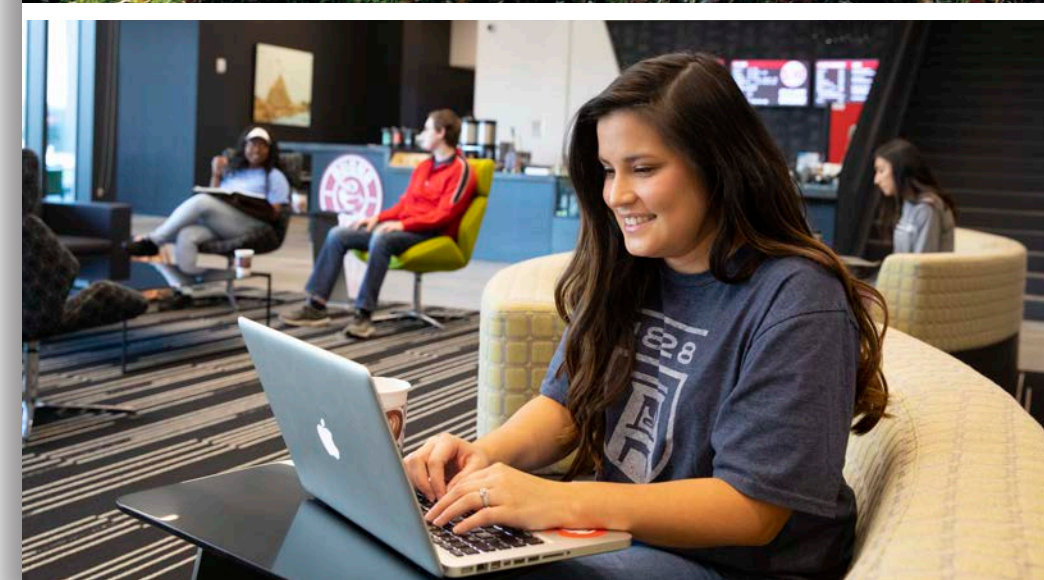
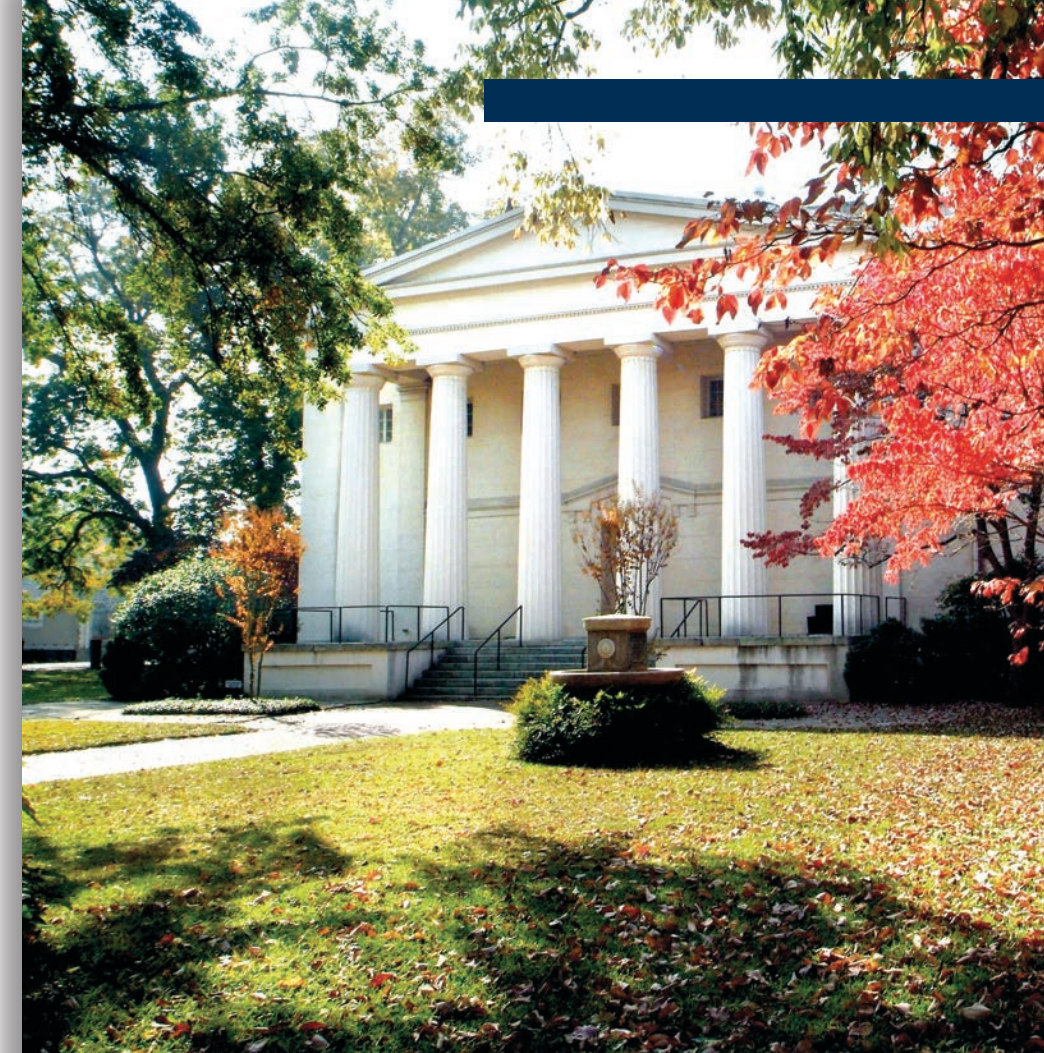
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