Thank You for your support!
Dear Friends of Augusta University,

Your support is invaluable to us. You, together with so many others, have contributed immeasurably to Augusta University (AU) and AU Health System. In recognition of your dedication, we are sharing a brief report which highlights significant milestones of our most recent fiscal year ending July 31, 2018.

You have often heard me say that our top priorities are our students and our patients – this point cannot be overemphasized. We are deeply appreciative that many of our supporters hold these same priorities of students and patients first.

Enclosed, you will learn of a giving couple, Ed and Pat Polite, who have a deep and abiding commitment to help educate our students. Even though they reside out of state, they continue to send their resources to Augusta University, knowing that their named scholarships offer limitless opportunities for those students who benefit from their generosity.

You will also read of a transformational gift to the Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University by Mr. Peter Knox IV. Mr. Knox’s selfless gift marks an incredible investment in allowing us to advance new research and hoped for discovery of cures for cancer.

Please take a moment to note the names of our many loyal foundation board members – all working collectively to ensure best practices and outstanding stewardship of the resources to which we have been entrusted.

We thank you for your ongoing partnership and the boundless opportunities before us.

Kindest regards,

Brooks A. Keel, PhD
President, Augusta University
CEO, AU Health System
Lives well lived. Simply stated, Pat and Ed Polite have been quietly helping others achieve their dreams for many years at Augusta University. Ed is a proud alumnus and, after graduating in 1969, went on to distinguish himself as a highly sought-after and successful business leader.

He attended the Advanced Studies and Executive Training Institute at Harvard Business School; but, it could be argued that his strength of character, his integrity and his good old-fashioned business sense – as well as his great undergraduate education - contributed just as much to his success.

Ed is a former Augusta University Foundation Board trustee, having served from 2005 – 2013, and received the Augusta University President's Award in 2009.

Pat served as a respected educator – training countless generations of thinkers and leaders, both locally and in states including Illinois, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. She and Ed also reared two sons – both highly successful businessmen in their own right.

In 2006, Ed wanted to present Pat with a meaningful gift. He could think of nothing she would appreciate more than a scholarship established in her name. The Estelle Patricia Berry Polite endowment was formed and has been benefitting students since that time. The scholarship gives preference to non-traditional students – those who may not fit neatly into the definition of a newly-graduating high school student. Those who may need a little more support based upon their life circumstances.

That same year, Ed was asked to speak at our 2006 Spring Commencement – providing him with an opportunity to impart the wisdom and knowledge that he had gleaned from so many years in a leadership role.

More recently, the Polites established an additional scholarship to benefit students in the James M. Hull College of Business. Though not a graduate of that college, Ed recognizes and appreciates the strong business education offered at the Hull College; thus, the Edward B. and Estelle Patricia Berry Polite scholarship was formed.

The Polites have not lived in Augusta for a number of years, settling most recently on the west coast. But their appreciation for the value of a strong education, Ed’s love for his alma mater and his wife, and their combined desire to help students access a quality education here at Augusta University motivates the Polites to continue to give back. Our students and our University are inspired and thankful for their philanthropy.
Peter Knox IV

Peter Knox IV has distinguished himself as someone who loves the Augusta community and supports it in tremendous ways.

In January, 2018, Knox gifted the Georgia Cancer Center at Augusta University with an incredible $1 million gift. At the event celebrating Knox’s donation, he remarked, “Making Augusta a destination for the best patient care and research is another wonderful way to put this city on the map. What a grand mission for a community.”

At the heart of Knox’s motivation for making such a transformational gift is his love for the Greater Augusta area. After living out of state for a decade, Knox recently returned to Augusta with a fierce determination to make a positive difference.

His own family’s experience with the devastating effects of cancer also motivated Knox’s generosity. As Knox says, “Cancer is a great equalizer that can and has touched everyone’s lives. It is my hope that this gift will help the center’s future director continue putting the focus on finding new treatments and cures for this horrible disease right here in this community.”

Knox’s giving carries on an admirable family tradition of philanthropy. The Knox Foundation has supported numerous Augusta causes and, as a Foundation trustee, Peter Knox IV, is part of that generous legacy.

Knox wants the best for this community. Augusta is thankful he has returned home.
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“I am incredibly grateful for the donors and support I have received through scholarships. The scholarship has lessened the financial burden of going to college, allowing me to immerse myself in extracurriculars and academic experiences I may have otherwise missed out on by working. My college experience has been invaluably changed by the donors at Augusta University.”

Lauren Little

“I am honored and thankful to have been a recipient the Katherine Pamplin Scholarship. Your generous support has allowed me to continue to achieve my educational and career goals. I hope to one day have the opportunity to help other students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. Thank you.”

Jeremy Garcia

“I have so much gratitude towards the Harrison family for the donations that led to my scholarship. They have changed my life and the lives of my classmates in ways that they can’t even imagine and have brought us to graduation free of worry with the full ability to pursue our passions. Their gift has already and will continue to change the lives of many!”

Robert MacDonell

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Donor Impact at a Glance

Total Gifts and New Commitments Received in FY 2018
$12,171,445

Universities/Student Experiences
$2,972,808

Athletics
$629,006

55% Georgia Residents

Affiliated Foundations:
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Endowment Pool Balance:
$269,026,018

Support to our University and Health System:
$18,316,349

Total Net Assets:
$316,603,816

If you are interested in viewing more detailed financials, please visit giving.augusta.edu/foundations

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Friends
17.2%

Alumni
38.6%

Employee & Faculty
29.1%

Corporations
7.0%

Employees
8.1%

Others
8.1%

New Donors
3,850

Loyal Consecutive Donors
4,033

Total Donors
7,883

临床教学地点：1,244

临床住院校友：56,000+

67个国家的代表

1,302篇

67,000+的总校友

1,071位总申请人

4,450位总被录取者

1,105名全职

559名兼职

学士学位

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学院

&学位授予

学术项目

148个学术项目

10个学院

170个学生组织

1,394名本科

2,928名研究生

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