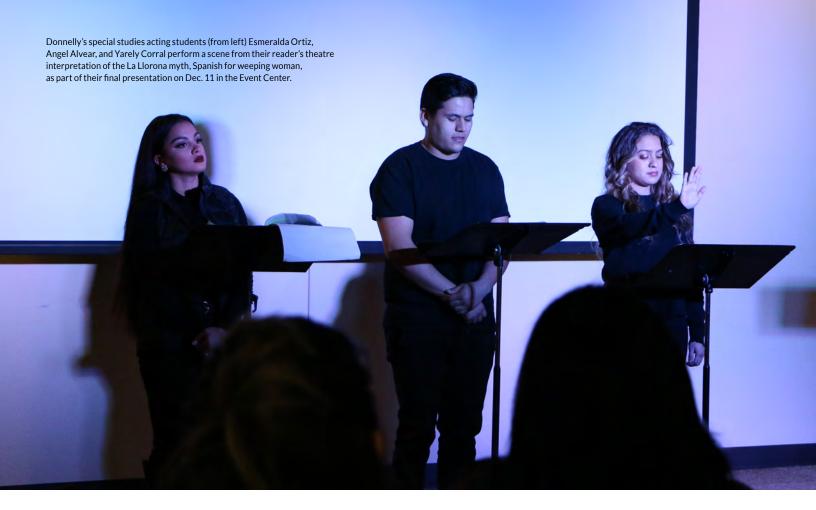
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#### **BE STILL LIKE WATER**

Playwright and Kansas City, Kansas, native Lewis Morrow performed a reading of his latest stage play, "Be Still Like Water," for the Donnelly community on Oct. 18. Morrow, and the four actors who accompanied him to perform, told the story of two veterans returning home and attempting to adjust to life after being held captive as prisoners of war for five years.

After the reading, Morrow answered questions about the process of playwriting, career aspirations and how he writes for characters not like him, such as a woman. One question asked how this specific play came to be. Morrow initially wrote the piece as a ten-minute submission for a national playwriting contest. As one of only eight winners nationally, Morrow was selected to produce the show in Las Vegas. After the initial production, he returned to Kansas City where he developed the play



Lewis Morrow, right, a Kansas City, Kansas native and playwright, performed a read-through of his play, "Be Like Water" with his cast on campus Oct. 18 for Donnelly students, faculty and staff.

into a 60-minute play for the Fringe Festival, a local performing and visual arts festival. Currently, Morrow is looking for additional locations to stage the production. Finally, Morrow encouraged students to embrace

theatre as an important and wonderful art form that should be explored as often as possible. Learn more about Lewis Morrow and his plays at: https://newplayexchange. org/users/6603/lewis-morrow.

#### DONNELLY STUDENTS TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA



Donnelly students Elizabeth Turner (left) and Natasha Banks (right) pose outside a case displaying Costa Rican artifacts in Lippincott Hall at the University of Kansas. Photo credit: Paula Console-Soican.

Two Donnelly students and a Donnelly faculty member will be traveling to San Jose, Costa Rica, January 2-13, 2019 as part of a travel writing-focused course offered through the University of Kansas Honors Program.

"I look forward to exploring Costa Rica with two of our Donnelly students," said Paula Console-Şoican, assistant professor of English. "We will be traveling, taking notes and reading. These are three of my favorite

things to do - I usually do them with my writer husband and my two children, and now I get to do them with two of my favorite students."

According to the KU study abroad webpage, this Spring 2019 course and overseas 12-day program offers students the opportunity to investigate a variety of current issues in Costa Rican politics, culture, ecology, and tourism through

lectures, field trips to sites of interest and individual research projects.

"My students have already learned about the history and genre of travel writing, which is a core component of this study abroad opportunity," Console-Şoican said. "They have also examined the interdisciplinary range of the genre from botanical classification and cartography to adventure account and personal reflection. Next, I hope they will study everything from urban culture to ecotourism as they get to know Costa Rica."

The program itinerary includes site visits to Monteverde Cloud Forest, Manuel Antonio National Park, Irazu Volcano, Hacienda Orosi hot springs, and a variety of museums and national landmarks.

Upon return, the Donnelly students will complete coursework through KU under the guidance of Console-Şoican.

"They will be reading, writing, and working on research assignments relevant to both travel writing and Costa Rica," she said. "There is a final project that will combine the two aspects of the course and students will present in the spring both at KU and at Donnelly."

#### **DONNELLY NAMED MOST DIVERSE COLLEGE IN MIDWEST FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW**

For the second year in a row, Donnelly College has been named the most diverse college in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report.

U.S. News & World Report annually ranks colleges and universities on campus ethnic diversity. Donnelly attained a diversity index of 0.71. The closer the number is to 1, the more diverse the student population. For the 2016-2017 academic year, Donnelly's student body was 83% students of color. More recently, the 2018 graduating class consisted of 79% students of color and included 77% first-generation college students.

"We are very happy to receive again this national recognition highlighting one of our strongest assets - our diverse student body," stated Donnelly College President Monsignor Stuart Swetland. "Students come to Donnelly for many reasons our affordability, our urban location, our nurturing campus environment, and especially our academic programs. However, decade after decade, students tell us that student diversity is a top factor that helps them find success here.

It is rare to find a college that has a majority of minority students, especially in this region. As a Catholic college, we believe



in the innate dignity and worth of each person, and that is something we strive to make tangible to our students each day in their campus experience. We know our students find comfort, security and confidence in that."

Donnelly's classification reflects the college's status as the region's only federallydesignated Minority-Serving Institution and Hispanic-Serving Institution. The diversity found at Donnelly represents the institution's commitment to serving the urban core since its founding in 1949.

Of the top ten most diverse colleges in the Midwest, six institutions are in the state of Kansas. The full list can be found at https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/ rankings/regional-colleges-midwest/ campus-ethnic-diversity.

#### **THEOLOGIAN TO** SPEAK ON CAMPUS

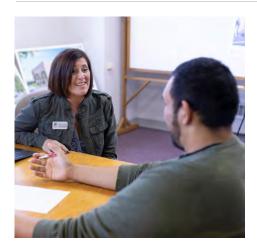
As part of a grant through the National Endowment for the Humanities, Sr. Susan Wood, SCL, Ph.D., a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas and professor of systematic theology in the Department of Theology at Marquette University, will offer two talks on campus, one for students and one for the public.

Dr. Wood teaches courses on ecclesiology, Henri de Lubac, the nouvelle théologie, ecumenism, and sacramental theology, as well as more general courses in systematic theology. She is an associate editor of Pro Ecclesia and serves on the editorial advisory board of the journal Ecclesiology. Most of her writing explores the connections between ecclesiology and sacramental theology.

Dr. Wood will offer a free public talk on April 4, 7:00 p.m. in the Donnelly College Event Center.



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#### **DONUTS WITH THE DEAN**

Donnelly students had the opportunity on Oct. 26 to meet with Lisa Stoothoff, acting vice president of academic and student affairs/ dean of the college, to talk about how their fall semester has been going, classes they enjoy, where they like to study and any questions about the college.

"I wanted students to know that they could reach out and speak to me at any time about their experiences here at Donnelly College,"

Stoothoff said. "Too often, I only meet students when there is an issue to be resolved."

In an effort to continue to be approachable for students, Stoothoff plans to host more events like this in the future.

"While I walk the halls and attend student events every week, I would like to hold similar, informal meetings with students so they feel comfortable with approaching administration with their ideas," she said.

















1 Art instructor Kate Horvat hosted a 'Leave Your Mark' event on Aug. 23 for students to collaborate on an art project using hand-made stencils. 2 Students, faculty and staff celebrated Convocation Day with Archbishop Naumann on Thursday, Sept. 13. Festivities included an academic charge from the president, procession to St. Peter's Cathedral and a picnic lunch. 3 Donnelly student Jocelyn San Martin shows off her favorite Donnelly t-shirt in the new Spirit Store. 4 Main Stream Coalition and KCUR 89.3 appeared on campus for Donnelly's celebration of Constitution Day. Voter to Voter representative, Lindsay Behgam, gave a presentation to Donnelly students regarding voter awareness. 5 Donnelly students participated in a STEM Design Challenge on Thursday as part of the STEM Fitness Program. 6 Donnelly's annual Multicultural Festival, hosted on Oct. 12, celebrated the rich diversity of the college's student body. 7 Donnelly student Anett Amaya and alumna Alejandra Valles '18 spoke on a panel of "Immigrants and Refugees - Who They Are and Where They Stand" at the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Ks.

#### **ON** CAMPUS

















8 Donnelly student Jose Marquez participated in the Research Immersion: Pathways to STEM eight-week, summer at Kansas State University. 9 Students were treated to a Thanksgiving meal prepared and served by staff and faculty on Nov. 15. 10 President Monsignor Stuart Swetland accepts the gift of a Yamaha baby grand piano from Donnelly alums Ed '58 and Madelyn '59 Regan. 11 Meteorologist Laura Lockwood, director of operation for Weatherology, discussed severe weather, the accuracy of predictions and careers available in the weather field. 12 Donnelly students toured Unbound as part of a fall semester service learning project. 13 This fall, two miniature therapy horses, Charlotte and Slider comforted students, faculty and staff during Donnelly's flu shot clinic. 14 The American Red Cross held a community blood drive at Donnelly on Oct. 24. 15 Donnelly students, faculty and staff celebrated Hispanic Heritage with local guest speakers and poets, Jessica Ayala and Huascar Medina.

#### **SPOTLIGHT**

# T ALL STARTED AT DONNELLY



When the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica joined forces with the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas to establish Donnelly College in 1949, the vision of having a Catholic college in the urban core of Kansas City was about much more than providing an affordable higher education option to those who wanted one. The founders also wanted the college to serve as an institution that promotes personal development and transformation – impacting the economic trajectory of

families and creating a strong educational foundation for the broader community. Most importantly, the leaders wanted all students who attended Donnelly to form a set of values they would take with them throughout their lives.

Each graduate of Donnelly College has forged their own path in life, creating their own life story. The Donnelly College

Alumni Hall of Fame was established in 2010 to help tell those stories by recognizing individuals, living and deceased, who have served the community in a variety of ways, while upholding the mission, honor and values of their alma mater. During the past eight years, Donnelly College has inducted 38 alumni into the Hall of Fame.



**BILL REARDON '61 INDUCTED IN 2018** 

"Each of the colleges I attended provided me with a high-quality education that prepared me for both of my careers. Donnelly, however, instilled in me something of far greater importance — the value of community and public service. This epiphany was more than career-enhancing, it was life-altering."

#### **DIANE HENTGES '66**

**INDUCTED IN 2015** 

"Donnelly was the foundation for the formal higher education that was to follow. The Benedictine influence was strong and Donnelly challenged me to achieve through the coursework and nurtured me to be prayerful and Christ-like in my daily life."

#### **LUCY SAUNDERS '68**

**INDUCTED IN 2016** 

"I loved Donnelly because of the way that the instructors taught the classes with the needs of the students in mind. One of the reasons I chose to come to Donnelly was because of the Christian-influenced setting."







"When I first attended Donnelly, the Benedictine Sisters welcomed me, accepted me unconditionally and helped me see myself through their eyes. It affirmed my selfworth and made a lifetime impression."



This page, clockwise from upper left: Carmen Rodriguez '53 ('11), Diane Hentges '66 ('15), Patricia Antonopoulos '58 ('13), Ed Dwight '51 ('11), Lucy Saunders '68 ('16), John Mendez '74 ('10), Steve Nicely '59 ('14), Pat Callaghan '59 ('12), Anita Dixon '84 ('14), Father Dennis Wait '66 ('10)

#### **FATHER PETER JARAMILLO '75 INDUCTED IN 2015**

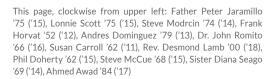
"The light of Donnelly College shines brightly as a beacon to ordinary people who have potential to excel in extraordinary ways. Anchored by Christian core values and Catholic beliefs, Donnelly offers an abundance of opportunities to grow in self-confidence."







"My Donnelly professors helped me to learn English and to become familiar with American culture through the various gatherings they arranged. The friendships that I formed are some of my fondest Donnelly memories."













"Donnelly College played a huge part in getting me where I am today. If it wasn't for Donnelly I would have never returned to the college classroom as a student. I am now in my fifth year as an adjunct instructor for the school that gave me a second chance at life. I love Donnelly and I hope to continue to give back to this wonderful place that has given me priceless opportunities and gifts. Donnelly is a place that values diversity and disrespects no one regardless of creed, culture, religion or race."





#### LARRY WARD '56 **INDUCTED IN 2013**

"Donnelly offers the same value to young people today that it provided me in the 1950s. It's reasonably priced and the dedicated staff and faculty enable students to get a strong start in college."









#### JONATHON WESTBROOK '07, '13 **INDUCTED IN 2016**

"The teachers and staff at Donnelly were instrumental in instilling the desire and passion to serve my community. The essentials of leadership were taught and modeled, and through those examples, my passion for family, community and God have matured and continue to grow."

#### **LIZA RODRIGUEZ '01 INDUCTED IN 2017**

"Donnelly helped me grow and be proud of who I am and where I come from. It also prepared me for the academic challenges and the commitment required to succeed as I moved forward with my

This page, clockwise from upper left: Delia Hernandez '84 ('10), Don Wolf '56 (' 12), Dan Braum '71 ('14), Larry Ward '56 ('13), Kevin Keefer '72 ('12), Gene Burdolski '70 ('11), Jonathon Westbrook '07, '13 ('16), Albert Roos '63 ('10), Marcia Braun '63 ('13), Liza Rodriguez '01 ('17)

professional goals."

#### TO NOMINATE AN ALUM

If you know an alum who has demonstrated actions that express the spirit and mission of Donnelly College, visit www.donnelly.edu/hall-of-fame to nominate them for the Hall of Fame. Contact Lauren Park with questions at lpark@donnelly.edu or (913) 621-8757



12TH ANNUAL

# SHINE

BY THE NUMBERS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

over \$250,000

RAISED
OR OUR STUDENTS

412 GUESTS



#dcshine18

- 3 leadership gifts
- 2 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees
- 1 amazing evening



13TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

FOR OUR STUDENTS AND MISSION

## SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 10, 2019 5:30-9:00 PM

SHERATON KANSAS CITY - CROWN CENTER

DONNELLY.EDU/SHINE

## DONNELLY RECEIVES \$1 MILLION CHALLENGE GRANT FROM J.E. AND L.E. MABEE FOUNDATION

In October 2018, the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma awarded Donnelly College a \$1 million challenge grant to support Phase III of our Transformations campus master plan. The Mabee Foundation has supported Donnelly College in several previous campus renovation projects, but this is the largest gift Donnelly has ever received from the Foundation.

In Phase III, Donnelly will build a new 72,000-square-foot main academic building, replace the parking lot, and create green space and a campus quad. The new building will be the first academic building ever designed and built for Donnelly College.

The Mabee Foundation issues their grants as "challenge grants," and Donnelly must complete remaining project fundraising, totaling \$10 million, within one year to receive the funds.

"We are thrilled and honored with this grant," said Monsignor Stuart Swetland, president. "The Mabee Foundation has affirmed just how important the mission of Donnelly College is to this community. This pledge also brings additional momentum and an important fundraising deadline for Phase III—the most comprehensive and ambitious phase of the plan."

The Transformations plan calls for three phases of improvements. Phase I was completed in 2013, with the construction of the Donnelly College Event Center – Donnelly's first new building construction in more than 50 years.

Phases II and III were re-envisioned in 2017, when Donnelly's Board approved a revised master plan to comprehensively address College needs. In Phase II, the College completely renovated two

floors of Marian Hall, which houses Donnelly's Licensed Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing programs. Marian Hall also houses general classrooms and the Gateway to College Program, a dual credit high school completion program offered in partnership with the Kansas City, Kansas Public School District. Phase II renovations were completed in early 2018, and Marian Hall re-opened in January 2018.

The College worked with architects at Burns & McDonnell and our external project manager, MC Realty, to finalize Phase III plans and work through the Unified Government of Kansas City Kansas and Wyandotte County's approval processes. Final project plans for Phase III were approved by the UG unanimously in late October.

"Due to the aging state of Donnelly's main academic building, we are looking forward to meeting the Mabee challenge and completing necessary fundraising so that we can begin construction on our new academic building as quickly as possible," said Swetland. "Donnelly will be celebrating its 70th anniversary next fall, and I can imagine no greater testament to our mission and legacy than beginning construction on a new academic home that will be the foundation for future decades of service to this community. Our students are first-rate, and they need and deserve a first-rate academic environment."

If you are interested in learning more about helping Donnelly meet the Mabee Foundation challenge by October 2019, please contact Emily Buckley at (913) 621-8731 or ebuckley@donnelly.edu.



# Help our students discover their potential

As a senior in Donnelly's Organizational Leadership program, Tenisha works as a parole officer by day and studies late into the night to ensure a better life for herself and her daughter. The second youngest of seven siblings, Tenisha was the first to earn a high school diploma, and she will be the first to earn a college degree.

Since 1949 Donnelly College has helped thousands of students like Tenisha discover their potential and transform their lives. Donnelly remains a most valuable resource in the heart of Kansas City, Kansas "providing education and community services with personal concern for the needs and abilities of each student, especially those who might not otherwise be served."

Thanks to our generous donors, Donnelly is able to keep higher education accessible and affordable to students like Tenisha. Donations to our Annual Fund provide more than \$300,000 each year in student scholarships and offset the cost of our academic programs. This allows us to keep our annual tuition as low as possible—just over \$7,000, among the lowest of any Catholic college. **During this time we are asking our closest friends to consider a contribution to our Annual Fund.** With your support, Donnelly will continue to transform lives and help more students like Tenisha discover their God-given potential. Learn more about Tenisha's story by visiting **www.donnelly.edu/discoveringpotential.** 

Thank you for keeping our students in your prayers and for including Donnelly College in your giving plans.

"I didn't know anything about myself until I came to Donnelly. I didn't know that I could push myself. I didn't know that I could be something more than what I am now. I didn't know that I could be a leader."

Tenisha Harris
Class of 2019
B.A. Organizational Leadership



#### **GATEWAY STUDENTS TRANSITION TO COLLEGE**



Gateway to College at Donnelly College, a high school completion and college transition program, honored 16 students on Dec. 11 in a ceremony that highlights their transition from high school students to college students.

"We needed something to celebrate our students' accomplishments recognize their transition to college," said Juan Rangel, director of Gateway to College at Donnelly College.

New students enter Gateway to College as foundation students, spending at least 16 weeks learning the skills necessary to

succeed both academically and in cocurricular settings. Once students have completed their studies as a foundation student, earning As and Bs in all classes, they become a transition student. Transition students work to complete their high school diploma while dual-enrolled as a full-time college student, earning an average of 23 college credits by the time they graduate from high school.

"Transition for me was very intimidating," said Leonardo Flores, Gateway transition student. "I knew what to expect from my

foundation year but I was still nervous because I had doubts. I thought about how this wasn't the traditional way someone became a college student and what that meant for me. I also felt like I was under a lot of pressure, not just from balancing school, work, and life, but because I was the first in the family to go to college."

During the transition ceremony, outstanding students were recognized in the following categories: attendance, most ready for the workforce, excellence in math, excellence in college skills, excellence in writing, excellence in reading, certificate of completion - with distinction and with high distinction.

"Many of these students have had little to no success in the main school system so for them to be acknowledged, complete something with success and show their parents of their success, is a proud moment for everyone," Rangel said. "Success breeds success."

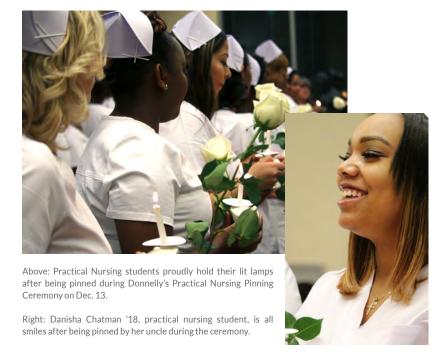
The ceremony featured guest speaker, Candice Brooks, a higher education professional whose passion areas include social justice education, underrepresented student populations and mental health. The Kansas City, Kansas native spoke about her own life struggles and provided encouragement to all the Gateway students in continuing to pursue their academic and career goals.

#### **DONNELLY CELEBRATES** NURSING STUDENTS

Donnelly College's fall 2018 class of Practical Nursing (PN) students were recognized in a pinning ceremony on Dec. 13 in the Event Center. Pinning is a traditional rite of passage for nursing students across the country.

The ceremony was led by Jennifer Hamilton, director of nursing, who congratulated the 21 graduates on their academic accomplishments during the 16-month program.

Graduates were pinned by a nursing faculty member or a nursing family or friend from the community who inspired them to pursue and finish the PN program. Donnelly's PN graduates lit lamps and recited the traditional Florence Nightingale pledge to close the ceremony.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR



**Monsignor Stuart Swetland** 

It is hard to believe that the College is in the midst of our 69th year, and we are already recruiting students for our 70th anniversary year in 2019-2020. I am delighted to share highlights of our mission from the last academic year. And we are always honored to pay tribute to the many supporters that made our work possible. We are so grateful for all of you!

Last year, much was accomplished to ensure Donnelly's mission can continue to flourish for the next 70 years. Pope Francis validates our mission when he challenges us all to serve those on the margins of our church and society. Donnelly has always done just that. We continue to provide college access to predominantly low-income students, thereby impacting the overall health of our economic, civic and spiritual communities. At a time when public and private — and especially Catholic — colleges are becoming more economically exclusive, the transformational power of Donnelly's mission is needed more than ever.

This May, we celebrated one of the largest graduating classes in our history with 97 graduates, 72% of whom were first-generation college graduates. Donnelly's legacy of inclusivity continues and is evident among our graduates and student body. I am proud that Donnelly has been recognized for the second stratight year as the "Most Diverse College in the Midwest" by *U.S. News & World Report.* We know our inclusivity continues to be a reason students attend and succeed here.

Considerable preparation last year also made possible an encouraging re-accreditation visit in September 2018 by the Higher Learning Commission. While we await their final report next spring, we remain very grateful for the tremendous effort from staff and faculty, our board and friends of the college who took time to submit comments about Donnelly.

Donnelly's Board of Directors also adopted a new strategic plan to support the College's vision to "advance the common good by being the most transformative and accessible Catholic College in the U.S." Significant progress was made in achieving strategic goals, especially related to the Transformations Campaign and Master Plan, increasing student learning outcomes, expanding our academic programs and sustaining our mission.

So much was accomplished, but I must note a few highlights. Donnelly...

- exceeded the 2018 Top Performing U.S. Colleges in all five areas of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (see page 20)
- welcomed our inaugural class of Associate Degree in Nursing students in January
- received a Dept. of Education grant to strengthen our student success in STEM courses
- implemented new software to better serve and assess our students
- completed our Master Plan's Phase II construction and fundraising
- received the largest gifts in Donnelly's history to support Phase III of our campus transformation.

If you have not made it to campus in a while, we invite you to stop by and see our progress. Our Donnelly family – alumni, donors, volunteers, faculty and staff – are partners in our mission. We pray we can again count on your support in the coming year to help us continue to lay a solid foundation for Donnelly's future.

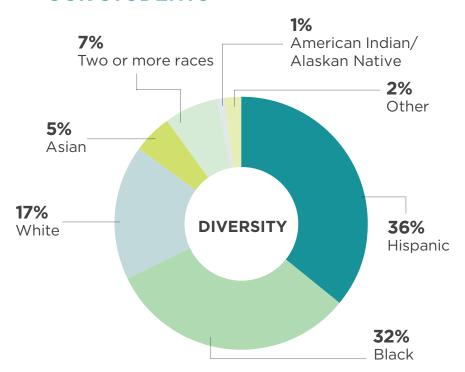
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May God bless you in 2019!

Monsignor Stuart Swetland

President

#### **OUR STUDENTS**





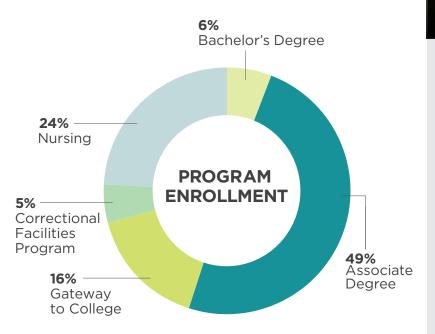
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497 degree- and certificate-seeking students





Almost twice as high as other four-year institutions nationally



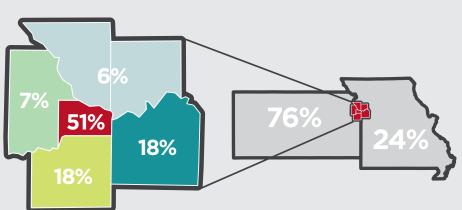
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### WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARE FROM



countries of birth are represented by Donnelly's student body



43 mm

metro high schools represented by Donnelly's student body

+ 198 current high school students received credit through College Credit Now

# OPPORTUNITY

## DONNELLY OUTPERFORMS PEERS ON STUDENT ENGAGEMENT MEASURES

This figure represents key findings in the 2018 Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). Benchmarks include:

#### **Active and Collaborative Learning**

Through collaboration students develop valuable skills that help them to solve problems or master challenging content.

#### **Student Effort**

Students' own behaviors contribute significantly to their learning and their attainment of their goals.

#### **Academic Challenge**

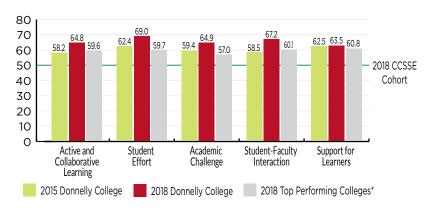
Addresses the amount of assigned work, complexity of cognitive tasks and the rigor of examinations.

#### **Student-Faculty Interaction**

Contact between students and faculty help students to learn effectively and persist.

#### **Support for Learners**

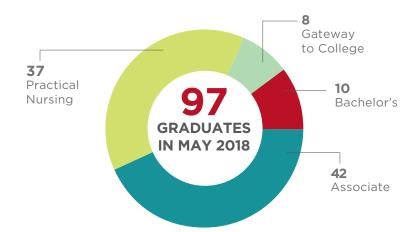
Students perform better at colleges that provide support services and demonstrate commitment to their success.

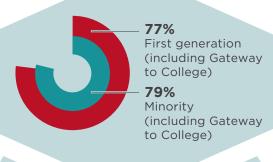


\*Top-Performing colleges are those that scored in the top 10 percent of the cohort by benchmark.

Notes: Benchmark scores are standardized to have a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of 25 across all respondents. For further information about how benchmarks are computed, please visit www.cccse.org.







17%

of college grads started in English for Academic Purposes, Conditional Admission, Gateway to College or Success First

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIALS**

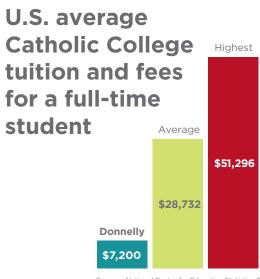
OF STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANT AID

\$1,580,475
total scholarships and institutionally-based aid

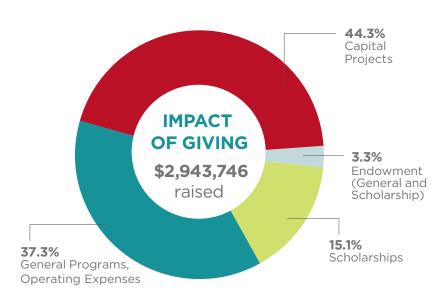
\$4,863
average award

\$830,853
total Pell Grants distributed

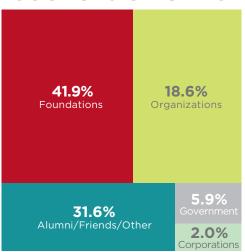
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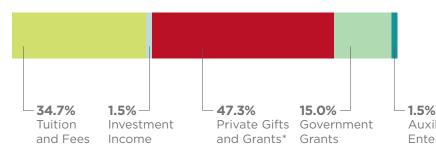
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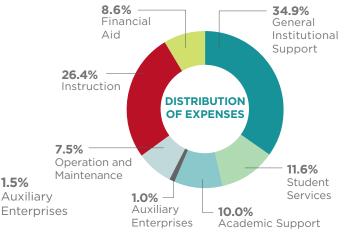


#### **SOURCES OF GIFTS**



#### **SOURCES OF OPERATING REVENUE**





\*Includes gifts and grants used for Phase II/Marian Hall renovations and equipment





#### **CHAMPIONS CIRCLE**

#### \$250,000+

Anonymous Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Thomas R. Bettencourt Living Trust The Sunderland Foundation

#### \$100.000+

Anonymous

#### \$50.000+

Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation **H&R Block Foundation** William Dunn, Jr. and Marianne Dunn **Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation** Frank and Margaret McGee Fund In Thanksgiving to Blessed Seelos Fund

#### \$25,000 +

Richard Flanigan, Jr. and Laura Flanigan Forster - Powers Charitable Trust Health Forward Foundation The Richardson Educational **Opportunities Trust Sherman Family Foundation** John W. & Effie E. Speas Memorial Trust, Bank of America N.A., Trustee Westerman Foundation

#### \$10,000 +

Anonymous **Breidenthal Snyder Foundation** Constance M. Cooper Charitable Foundation Consulate of Mexico in Kansas City Dollar General Literacy Program

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#### **IN MFMORIAM**

Kyle King, former Donnelly College director of facilities, passed away October 31, 2018 surrounded by family and friends. He is survived by his daughter, father, three brothers and his many loved ones and friends. The Donnelly community remembers the contributions of King to campus as we pray for his family, and as we hope that he finds peace in his eternal rest.

#### PROFESSIONAL **DEVELOPMENT**

Dave Cobb attended and presented KC Math Tech EXPO at UMKC in October.

Jennifer Hamilton and Sarah Krumsick attended the 125th annual National League for Nursing Summit focusing on Nurse Educators.

Jennifer Hamilton attended the Kansas Associate Degree Nurse Educators conference in October.

Michelle Lundy attended a Teaching English as a Second Language conference in September.

Gretchen Meinhardt attended a Multicultural Education Conference in October.

Bridget Ryan attended the Pediatric Genomic Conference and the Kansas Pediatric Symposium and the Patient Care Services Research Symposium.

Dhuha Shareef completed a graduate course in Probability and Measure Theory as part of doctoral studies at UMKC.

Monsignor Swetland attended and presented at the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars conference in September.

**Ana Valdez** attended and presented at the Diversidad Conference in October.

#### ALUMNI **NEWS**

Robert Ewing '86 retired from the Kansas City Missouri School District after a 31-year career as a teacher.

#### IN THE COMMUNITY

Paula Console-Şoican joined KCUR's Central Standard segment on Wednesday, Oct. 24 to discuss first-time voting.

Syed Jamal spoke at Park University in November about his personal experiences with education and the U.S. immigration system.

Gayle Lee and the Introduction to Teaching students participated in Family Literacy Night at New Chelsea Elementary where they helped families connect with social service resources they need.



#### **FOX 4 SURPRISES** SR. SHARON

Kansas City reporter Kathy Quinn from FOX4 News Kansas City was on campus July 26, surprising Sister Sharon Hamsa for Fox4's Pay-It-Forward Award. Angelica Perez, a recent Donnelly graduate, nominated Sr. Sharon because of her efforts in starting the Campus Cupboard last academic year.

"She was an amazing math teacher, and I really loved her as a teacher," Perez said. "She helped the students struggling to get food meal to meal, and she researched different pantries at different schools. She started the pantry here at Donnelly."



#### **ATTENTION ALUMNI**

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### **GIVING BACK**

"Donnelly chose me. When I arrived in Kansas City, Kansas, I didn't know much about the red building with the big cross that was couple of miles away from our house on 7th Street. On a cold January day, I enrolled as a student in the ESL program. I had a degree in mathematics from Iraq and teaching experience. I loved teaching and was eager to get back to it. I volunteered to be a math tutor to improve my English and help my fellow students excel in a hard subject. Soon after, I fell in love with Donnelly, the people, and the mission."

**Dhuha Shareef '09** 

Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Donnelly College is blessed to have many alumni currently working on campus as staff or faculty members. When alumni decide to return to serve in a new role as an employee, the Donnelly community is cheerful and welcomes familiar faces without hesitation. The alumni that seek employment at Donnelly not only out of a sense of affinity or nostalgia, but to fulfill a deeper personal mission the same mission of the college – to provide an accessible and affordable education to all.

Just like our students today, each alumni had a different path to and through Donnelly - making their journey personal and unique to them. We asked a few current team members to tell us more about why they have chosen to serve students at Donnelly.

"I chose to work at Donnelly because as a student, Donnelly really helped mold me into who I am today. This community helped guide me when I needed it most. Now that I work here. I can return that kindness and help everyone that helped me."

Sean Cepeda '16



From left: Estevan Ortiz '10, Heidy Wilson '15, Dhuha Shareef '09, Alejandra Valles '18, LaCherish Thompson '18, Sean Cepeda '16. Not pictured: Desmond Lamb '00

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