

2023-2024 SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION Report to the Campus Community

THIS REPORT INCLUDES GIFTS MADE TO THE SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BETWEEN JULY 1, 2023 AND JUNE 30, 2024.

2023-2024 BY THE NUMBERS

Total contributions to the
Shippensburg University Foundation
\$11,050,923

Total direct and indirect support from the
SU Foundation to Shippensburg University
\$7,981,608

Total dollars raised for the Annual Fund
\$2,911,122

Total scholarships and loans provided to
Shippensburg University students
\$2,041,658

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Joey's Story

Senior Joey D'Ambrosio is a political science major and member of the Wood Honors College. He appreciates the many opportunities for growth afforded by Shippensburg University and its faculty.

Joey has twice participated in the Washington Model OAS (Organization of American States), held each spring in the nation's capital. "This year, I served as an officer in the model, and presented my research, which analyzed strategies for combating Central American gang violence."

In May, Joey traveled to Europe for a two-week study abroad course led by Dr. Mark Sachleben and Dr. Neilsen Brasher. "I stayed with a host family in Belgium which allowed me to experience the culture." The class studied the cultures and political environments in the Netherlands, France, Italy, and Belgium.

"There is a very positive, supportive environment at Shippensburg, both in and out of the classroom," Joey said. "I've made connections and gained knowledge from the professors in my department who all have real-world experience in public service and in politics."

Joey said having support from the Shippensburg University Scholarship for Outstanding Students (an SU Foundation scholarship) and Raider Success scholarships has allowed him to pursue his academic interests without a large financial burden. This included adding a minor in Public Service.

This year he will earn graduate credits as part of the department's 4+1 Master of Public Administration Program. After obtaining his MPA, Joey aspires to make an impact with a career in and around local government.



Joey D'Ambrosio '25

Major: Political Science
Minor: Public Service
Receives the Shippensburg
University Scholarship for
Outstanding Students

The Dr. Donald F.
and Judith F. Mayer
International Education
Fund helps fund Ship
students' participation
in the Washington
Model OAS. Make a gift
to support this vital
experience.



Thank you! Your gifts make an impact!
1,225 gifts totaled \$164,902

Once again, the Ship Family rallied in support of Ship students during the SU Foundation's annual 24 hours of giving day. It is your support of this special day that brings together the campus community, alumni, and other members of the Ship Family.

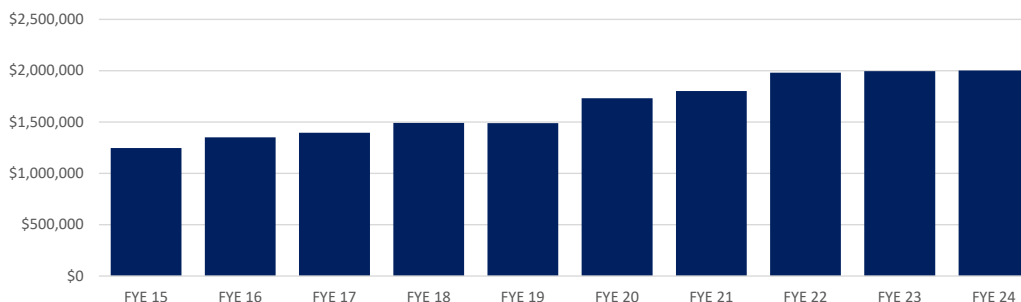
SGFUNFACTS

At least one member from every class between 1960 and 2026 made a gift during **SHIPGIVES**. Alumni and friends participated from 28 states. The classes of 1969, 1976, and 1974, had the highest participation rates.

Don't miss out on the new 2025 Ship Socks!
Save the date for SHIPGIVES 2025 on APRIL 8 & 9



The amount of direct student aid provided during 2023-2024 including scholarships, awards, and low-interest loans totaled **\$2,041,658**.



Total scholarship dollars awarded grew from \$1,245,923 in FY 2015 to \$2,000,837 in FY 2024.

These scholarships and other funds are available to award for the first time in 2024-2025.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert Francis "Bobby" Benhart Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for upper division students who have completed a minimum of 60 credits and are pursuing an undergraduate degree in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must demonstrate an academic interest in geography, land use, environmental science/studies, sustainability and/or environmental education. Recipients must have a minimum GPA of 2.8.

Skip and Chipper Carey Scholarship

This scholarship is for full-time, first-year students pursuing an undergraduate degree in education. Recipients must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrate financial need. First preference will be given to students who reside in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Michael W. Drager Scholarship for The Slate Newspaper

This scholarship is for full-time students who have been selected to serve as Editor-in-Chief of The Slate.

Joseph O. Frommeyer Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for full-time, first-year students who are graduates of the Chambersburg Area School District. Recipients must have a minimum GPA of 2.8.

Marjorie Hanks Scholarship

This scholarship is for incoming full-time, first-year female students who are residents of Pennsylvania and demonstrate financial need.

William C. Kralik Scholarship

This scholarship is for upper division students majoring in elementary and mid-level education. First preference will be given to students who graduated from any school district in Carbon County, PA. Recipients must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrate financial need.

Dr. John D. and Mrs. Kathleen Magaro Scholarship

This scholarship is for upper division students who have completed a minimum of 30 credits prior to benefiting from the scholarship. Recipients must be majoring in Communication, Journalism and Media with first preference given to students pursuing a concentration in broadcast media. Recipients must have a minimum GPA of 2.8.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Mayer Political Science Scholarship

This scholarship is for a full-time, first-year student majoring in political science. The recipient must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 and demonstrate activity/involvement in public service for the good of their community.

Dr. Carol Wellington Engineering Scholarship

This scholarship is for full-time, first-year students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in engineering. Recipients must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

W. Robert Berkebile "Berk" Track and Field/Cross Country Scholarship

This scholarship is for an incoming student-athlete who intends to become a member in good standing of the men's track and field team as a distance runner and/or men's cross country team, or a student-athlete who is a current member of the men's track and field as a distance runner and/or men's cross country teams.

Charles Hanks Football Scholarship

This scholarship is for first-year students who intend to become a member in good standing of the Shippensburg University football team.

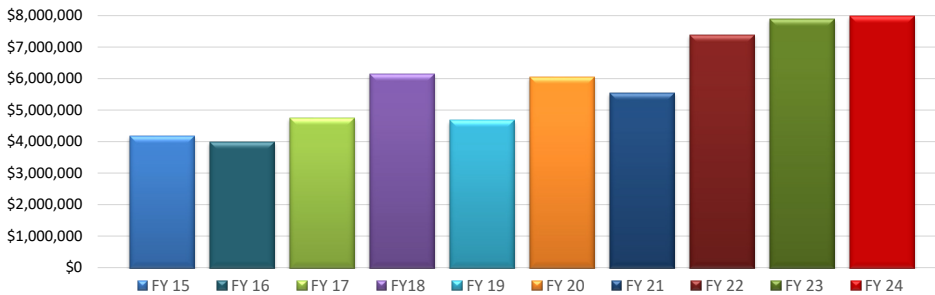
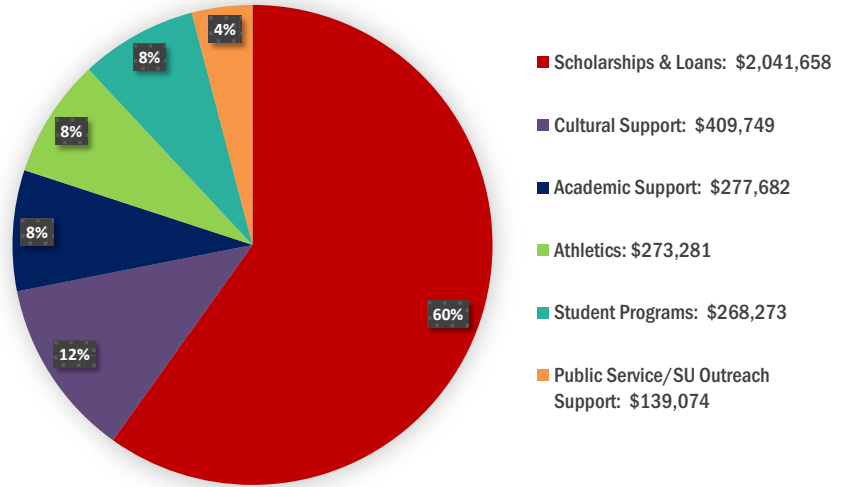
The following scholarships and other funds were established in 2023-2024 but not yet activated:

- Margaret "Peggy" Handel Cretella Educational Scholarship
- Brenda Csencsits Math/Computer Science Endowed Scholarship
- Anthony D'Angelo College of Human Services Scholarship
- Ellis Family Scholarship
- James H. "Jim" and Norma-Jean "NJ" Frey Endowed Scholarship
- Robert Gimmi Family Emergency Fund Endowment
- Bryan E. Hughes College of Business Family Endowment
- Samuel A. and Pamela Kirkpatrick Honors College Scholarship
- Massey Family Scholarship
- Thomas Michael O'Shea Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Rick E. and Georgena M. Ruth Scholarship
- Shippensburg University Women's Volleyball Scholarship

Direct and indirect support from the Shippensburg University Foundation to students, faculty, and programs totaled **\$7,981,608** for 2023-2024.

SU students, faculty, and programs benefited from **\$3,409,718** in direct support while **\$4,571,890** was added to the principal of endowed funds that benefit Shippensburg University.

Understanding Direct and Indirect Support: Direct support is dollars that are restricted by the donor for a specific purpose and are spent on behalf of the University, at the direction of a University releasing agent (Dean, Department Chair, Director, etc.). The exceptions to restricted dollars in this category are the grants awarded to the University from the SU Foundation Board of Directors at the request of the President of the University. Indirect support is dollars that have been added to the principal of an endowment for the benefit of the students, programs, and faculty at the University, and are restricted by the donor for a specific purpose.



Over the past 10 years, funding from the SU Foundation to support students, faculty, and programs at Shippensburg University totaled **\$58,609,874**.

SHIP STUDENTS NEED A LITTLE HELP... and the SHIP family responds!

The SU Foundation, with the assistance of the Office of Financial Aid, awarded **\$47,263** in grants from the SU Foundation's Student Emergency Fund last year. Over **\$140,000** in grants have been awarded from this fund and other student emergency fund endowments since 2020.



164 TUITION GRANTS
\$79,672



65 HOUSING GRANTS
\$31,251



31 TEXTBOOK GRANTS
\$10,021



22 FOOD GRANTS
\$6,750

About the fund: The Student Emergency Fund was established in the spring of 2020 and continues to be funded with annual donor contributions to the SU Foundation. The purpose of the fund is to assist students who have immediate financial needs that directly affect their ability to continue their education at Ship.

The fund is intended to be a supplemental financial resource when students are unable to meet immediate and essential expenses at times of crisis such as illness or death of a family member, medical emergency, or job loss. Students may apply for

funds when they have exhausted all other financial resources.

The fund is open to all students with priority given to students with the highest financial need. A maximum amount of \$500 may be requested each academic semester. Financial needs may include assistance with purchasing textbooks and/or course-related materials, tuition, food, student housing, or other emergencies.

Grants from the Student Emergency Fund may not be used to pay for student fees (i.e. student activity, technology, wellness, or student union) or parking fines.



If you are aware of a student in need, please direct them to the application: tinyurl.com/SUFStudentEmergencyFund



To make a gift, scan this code or go to tinyurl.com/SUFStudentHelp



Dr. Robert and Mrs. Betty Harper with Josh Strayer '24 at the 2024 "Celebrating the Spirit of Generosity" Scholarship Dinner

Bob said, Josh Strayer, last year's recipient "was a super recipient who was highly recommended." Betty recalled, "After Josh was awarded the scholarship, he came right back to our seats to thank us. After the meeting ended, he and his advisor stayed for an extra half hour just to chat and that was very important to us."

Bob and Betty's Story

Lifelong educators Bob and Betty Harper established a scholarship for majors in the Department of Geography/Earth Science. Their hope is that the Dr. Robert C. Harper and Mrs. Betty L. Harper Scholarship Fund will provide the opportunity for students to explore one of the many disciplines in the department where Bob taught for 28 years.

"We wanted the scholarship to be given to a person who, like me, fell in love with the discipline and one who was taking off in the field," Bob explained about the scholarship for upper-division students.

When Bob was an undergraduate math major at Slippery Rock University, he took a geography class from the department chair, Warren Strain, that rocked his world. "He introduced me to physical geography through describing a fossil rock he had on his desk," Bob recalled.

He was introduced to regional geography at the University of Pittsburgh where he earned his master's degree. Bob went on to

earn his Doctor of Education degree at The Pennsylvania State University. During his academic pursuits he continued teaching. He taught math in Butler County public schools for four years, and social studies and history at State College public schools for 10 years.

About Penn State Bob said, "I was very fortunate to have gone there. Several members of the faculty at one time or another had been president of the Association of American Geographers. They were super people with ideas."

Bob says he thinks of himself more as a teacher. "I come from a family of teachers. Both my parents, an older brother, and myself are teachers." Bob and Betty's daughters, Marjorie Lynn and Susan, and their husbands are retired teachers.

Arriving in Shippensburg in 1970, Bob taught a variety of topics in geography. He said during his tenure, "We had pride that we were rated very highly as an undergraduate department of geography."

Betty continued her career as an educator, teaching home economics in the Shippensburg Area Schools. In all, Betty taught more than 34 years in Western Pennsylvania, State College, and Shippensburg. "They call it Family and Consumer Science now," she explained. Betty studied at Eastern Kentucky University, Pitt, and Penn State.

For activities outside the classroom, Bob was a basketball official for more than 30 years. Betty chuckled, "It was his way of relaxing." The couple loves to travel. "When our girls were teenagers, Bob decided he wanted to go see the world that he had been teaching about," Betty recounted. "We spent six-weeks touring Europe and Africa. It was an eye-opening experience for our daughters."

The Harpers have been fortunate to have traveled to all seven continents and 40 different countries. As avid RVers, they have visited all the states in the U.S. (except Hawaii), most of Canada, and the Copper Canyon and Baja peninsula of Mexico.



Josh's Story

When Josh Strayer graduated in May, he left with a degree in geography information systems (GIS) and a friendship with his scholarship benefactors Bob and Betty Harper

Josh received the Dr. Robert C. Harper and Mrs. Betty L. Harper Scholarship for upper-division majors in the Department of Geography/Earth Science where Bob had taught for 28 years. "I met the Harpers when I first received the scholarship and have shared several dinners at awards banquets and lunches at their home. I now call them friends"

Josh enrolled as an exploratory student at Shippensburg and then declared a business major. In his second year, he switched to GIS. "I decided it was a better fit for me because it combined my interests in technology and nature," Josh said.

Business became his minor.

His academic advisor, Dr. Scott Dryzyga, professor of geography/earth science, helped him complete his degree on time. "I learned all the important things I know about GIS as well as a solid work ethic from Dr. Dryzyga. He was and still is a great mentor."

Music is also a passion for Josh. He was a member of the SU Marching Band drumline, concert band, wind ensemble, percussion ensemble, and an indoor drumline.

In his senior year, Josh secured an internship with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. When the internship ended, he received a job offer, and is currently employed there as a GIS Developer and Analyst.

Josh Strayer '24

Major: Geography Minors: Business and Geographic Information Systems.

Scholarships Received: Dr. Robert C. and Mrs. Betty L. Harper Scholarship and Edward Christian Ruth Memorial Scholarship

Retired Ship employees are making a difference for current students

The Margaret (Peggy) Handel Cretella Scholarship

Throughout her life, Margaret (Peggy) Cretella was dedicated to encouraging young children to read. The late wife of COL (RET) Joseph Cretella, Peggy found a way to get books into the hands of children wherever the couple lived during Joe's 30-year military career. Her passion continued in Shippensburg when Joe headed the University's admissions and enrollment management efforts for 15 years.

The Margaret (Peggy) Handel Cretella Scholarship is for upper division students pursuing an undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education: PreK-4th grade.

"When we were in Germany," Joe recalled, "she served three years as PTA president and started a program where parents aided the teacher during reading sessions. She raised funds to purchase books and established an awards program that recognized students who improved their reading."

As president of the Shippensburg Kiwanis Club, Peggy established an awards program and picnic at the public library for students in



"I couldn't think of a better way to honor her than to establish a scholarship in her name for students with a passion for teaching young children and reading," - Joseph Cretella

the summer reading program. She worked with the Shippensburg University Head Start Program to have Kiwanis Club members attend class and read stories to the students. Because Peggy loved Christmas, she organized the creation of large, decorated bags full of donated toys, teddy bears, books, candy and school supplies for each child. The Kiwanis Christmas Gift Bag program is now in its 25th year.

Joe and Peggy were married 50 years and have three daughters, two of whom are reading specialists and the third daughter was a chemistry major and works in pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Rick E. and Georgena M. Ruth Scholarship

Rick and Georgena Ruth believe in public higher education and the role it plays in shaping society. They also understand that paying for college can be a financial burden, or even impossibility, for many.

"We both had our financial challenges," Rick said. "I have a lot of education and paid very little because of the generosity of others. I had scholarships as an undergraduate and my graduate work was fully funded."

To pay this generosity forward, they established the Dr. Rick E. and Georgena M. Ruth Scholarship for first generation students like themselves.

The scholarship is designed to focus on majors in STEM, business, education and human services. "Our hope is that these students will graduate job ready and find

more opportunities with their degree," Rick said.

Rick was a Shippensburg University faculty member in mathematics and computer science. He also served as an administrator and member of the executive management team. Georgena earned her degree in business administration from Shippensburg as a nontraditional student. She then earned an MBA from Frostburg University and served as an adjunct faculty member.

"We started giving to the SU Foundation 40 years ago," Georgena noted. "We felt a commitment to help others as we were helped." She adds that they hope these scholarship recipients will be inspired to give back when they are able.



"By lowering or removing financial obstacles, students have more opportunities to immerse themselves, engage, explore, and research, and then use these abilities to further their life goals." - Georgena Ruth

Communications/Journalism alumni couple, Bob '76 and Marty '76 LeGrand, establish scholarship in honor of Dr. Michael Drager



It has been 50 years since Bob and Marty LeGrand worked on Shippensburg's student-run newspaper, *The Slate*. This year, they established the Dr. Michael W. Drager Scholarship for *The Slate* Newspaper, naming it for its long-time advisor. An associate professor in the Department of Communication, Journalism and Media, Dr. Drager has advised the student newspaper since 2003.

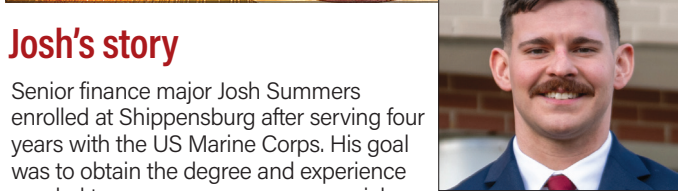
"It seemed appropriate that the scholarship carry his name. Not only is he one of the longest serving advisors since *The Slate* started back in 1957, but it's been his longtime goal to find financial support for the paper's management team." -Bob LeGrand

In an open letter to *The Slate*, Dr. Drager wrote, "To have alumni step up and provide this financial lifeline to future *Slate* staff literally took my breath away."

The scholarship supports *The Slate's* editor-in-chief, a job Marty once held. "We need to emphasize ways of giving students quality experiences in their majors. Certainly, working for *The Slate* fits that category," she said. She recalls the many staff hours required to publish the paper and says the burden has gotten greater with the added responsibility of maintaining social media accounts.

Bob and Marty graduated in 1976 with degrees in communication/journalism and launched careers in the field. Bob was offered a job in Harrisburg working for the Republicans in the Pennsylvania Senate. His career culminated on Capitol Hill working as press secretary for a congressman for ten years and then with the U.S. Department of Education. Marty stayed in the journalism field, first with newspapers and then with magazines. She's still freelancing for magazines from their home in Maryland.

Dr. Michael Drager with the first recipient of this scholarship, Conner Niszczak, managing editor of *The Slate*.



Josh's story

Senior finance major Josh Summers enrolled at Shippensburg after serving four years with the US Marine Corps. His goal was to obtain the degree and experience needed to pursue a career as a special agent for a federal agency.

"This is a highly competitive field," Josh explains. "I knew I would need to stand out from other graduates. My experience with the Investment Management Program (IMP) will definitely be a plus."

The IMP is a highly selective class for finance majors in the John L. Grove College of Business where students manage a real-dollar portfolio. Josh's class of eleven students presented its portfolio at the GAME (Global Asset Management Education) Forum held in New York City in March and brought home second place in the Undergraduate Core Portfolio category.

The Greencastle native admits, "I've always had an interest in money, its value and its impact on everything." He now understands "the market is deeper and more complicated than I thought." Josh credits Dr. Ming-Shiun Pan, professor of finance, for all his knowledge about finance. "After my first class with Dr. Pan, I aligned my schedule so that all my finance classes were with him."

Josh has maintained an excellent academic record earning him induction into Beta Gamma Sigma, the International Business Honor Society for students attending AACSB-accredited schools. He graduates in December 2024.

Josh Summers '24

Major: Finance
Receives the Jack A. and Mildred Prince Squires Scholarship



Sydnee's story

Junior Sydnee Lynch has big goals and dreams. With the support and connections of Shippensburg faculty she is well on her way to reaching them.

The Wood Honors College student is pursuing a degree in Spanish with Secondary Education Certification because it melds her passions. "I've always had an affinity for languages and my passion truly lies in helping others."

Sydnee is minoring in German Studies and in International Development. The latter fulfills a requirement of the Peace Corp Prep Program. "Shippensburg is one of only six Peace Core Prep partner schools in Pennsylvania. That is one of the

reasons I chose Ship. Completing the program does not guarantee my acceptance into the Peace Corp, but it doubles my chances of making it through the rigorous hiring process."

Sydnee loves to travel and has already experienced life abroad. Last summer, she spent a month living with a host family in Ecuador. "It was an amazing experience. I had two years of Spanish in high school, but being immersed in the culture, my Spanish just took off."

With her improved Spanish, Sydnee interned as an English Second Language teacher at Shippensburg Area High School. She also spent a week in the Dominican Republic through the university's Reach Out program where she co-taught in the kindergarten and first grade classroom.

This fall she is headed to Spain for a semester abroad. Of these opportunities she says, "I have received never-ending support and encouragement from faculty and staff at Shippensburg."



Sydnee Lynch Class of 2026

Major: Spanish with Secondary Certification
Minors: German Studies and International Development - Education
Receives the John M. and Shirley Aichele Scholarship

Help Support These Ship Family Funded Scholarships



Shippensburg University Scholarship for Outstanding Students

This fund was established in 1977 with an initial deposit of \$250 from faculty, staff, and administrators. Today, it funds up to five full-tuition scholarships each year.



JAMES RETTEU, CLASS OF 2025

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Minors: Mathematics and Business

"This scholarship is possibly the greatest gift I have ever received. I am thrilled to be in my third year at Ship, making my dream of becoming a mechanical engineer come true. This scholarship has reduced my financial stress, which enhances my focus on academics. It has made such a difference in my life, and I am truly grateful."



H.O.P.E. Diversity Scholarship (Helping Our People Excel)

This fund was established in 1983 with initial contributions from APSCUF, the SU Foundation, faculty, staff, and friends. Today, it funds up to 32 \$1,000 scholarships per year.



JAJUAN BROWN '24

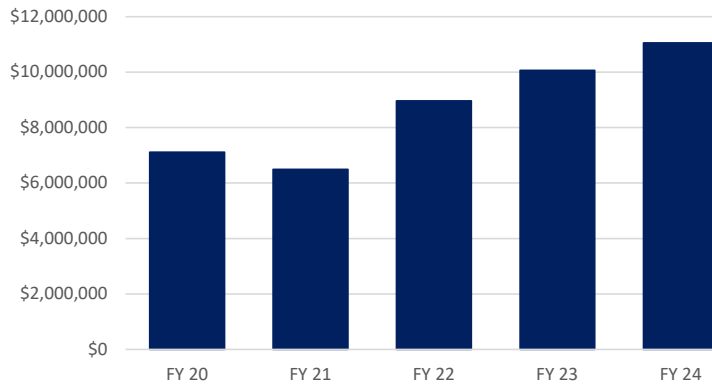
Major: Mathematics
Minors: Spanish and Data Science

"I am incredibly grateful for my scholarship. As one of the few in my family to attend college, it is an honor to be able to pave the way for a new norm in my family. Thank you for your support of my education!"

SU FOUNDATION ACHIEVES ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

Charitable contributions totaled **\$11,050,923**

For the third year in a row, charitable contributions were the highest in Shippensburg University Foundation history.



How does the SU Foundation compare to other universities within PASSHE?

Number 1 in Charitable Contributions raised for Scholarships

Shippensburg	\$2,935,375
Pennsylvania Western*	\$2,502,694
Indiana	\$1,283,247
West Chester	\$1,230,973
Kutztown	\$1,188,835

Number 1 in Total Contributions

Shippensburg	\$10,061,905
West Chester	\$8,253,937
Bloomsburg	\$6,606,289
Pennsylvania Western*	\$6,555,966
East Stroudsburg	\$6,054,780

Number 1 in Alumni Giving

Shippensburg	\$5,348,076
Pennsylvania Western*	\$2,708,023
Indiana	\$2,280,598
Bloomsburg	\$2,251,553
Kutztown	\$1,851,065

Number 1 in Alumni Participation

Shippensburg	5.15%
Slippery Rock	4.91%
Lock Haven	3.97%
Millersville	3.74%
West Chester	3.73%

Number 1 in Athletic Fundraising

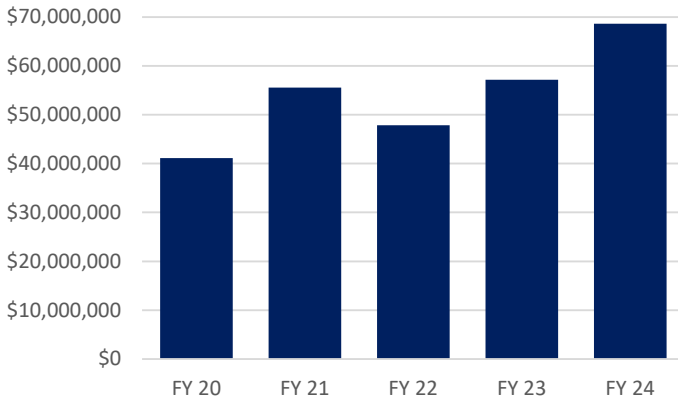
Shippensburg	\$2,347,135
Bloomsburg	\$719,840
Kutztown	\$566,995
Lock Haven	\$587,440
West Chester	\$489,208

Source: 2022-2023 Voluntary Support of Education Report (The 2023-2024 VSE Report is not available for publication until Spring 2025.)

*California, Clarion, and Edinboro combined totals

The SU Foundation Endowment stands at **\$68,602,870**

For the second year in a row, the Shippensburg University Foundation's Endowment reached record level.



Endowments provide funds in perpetuity for scholarships, department funds, faculty research and scholarly activity, and much more.

The Shippensburg University Foundation currently manages 504 endowed accounts.

During 2023-2024, funds available/funds specifically spent for student, faculty & other academic support totaled **\$637,870**.

Student Programming & Other Support

Student Service Learning/Field Trips & Other Educational Experiences.....	\$23,936
Student Conferences/Competitions	\$44,969
Student Programs/Special Events	\$27,137
Student Licensure Tests/Certifications & Professional Requirements.....	\$667
Student Experiential Work-Based Learning Initiative	\$4,000
Sponsored Lectures/Special Speakers & Other Student Programming Support	\$23,568
Total Student Programming & Other Support	\$124,277

Endowed Funds

\$9,684
\$18,136
\$10,803
\$15,872
\$0
\$12,811
\$67,306

Total Support

\$33,620
\$63,105
37,940
\$16,539
\$4,000
\$36,379
\$191,583

Faculty & Other Academic Support

Student/Faculty Research	\$69,204
Faculty Research/Prof Dev/Conferences/Scholarly Activities	\$44,060
Educational & Scientific Equipment	\$39,738
Honorariums/Other Academic Support	\$135,407

Total Faculty & Other Academic Support \$288,409

TOTAL STUDENT, FACULTY & ACADEMIC SUPPORT \$412,686

Endowed Funds

\$18,806
\$55,473
\$43,811
\$39,788

\$157,878

\$225,184

Total Support

\$88,010
\$99,533
\$83,549
\$175,195

\$446,287

\$637,870

Your gifts make a difference!

Gifts from the campus community are not only financially crucial, they also affirm the deep commitment of those closest to the University in supporting students, faculty, and programs.

Through a variety of giving options, current faculty, staff, and administrators gave **\$55,781** during 2023-2024 to the SU Foundation for the benefit of Shippensburg University. Demonstrating their continued trust in the SU Foundation retired faculty, staff, and administrators gave **\$392,115**.

Together, SU's current and retired faculty, staff, and administrators gave gifts totaling **\$447,896**.



Thank you for your generous support. Your financial gifts touch the lives of SU students and provide them with the resources and opportunities to achieve their goals and dreams. Through your support, SU continues to be a strong community that thrives. Thank you!

Dr. Sue Morin,

Faculty Liaison to the SU Foundation Board of Directors and Campus Campaign Chair

Unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund directly impact the campus community.



Each year the SU Foundation provides Shippensburg University's President with a grant from unrestricted gifts made through the SU Foundation's Annual Fund. These dollars have a direct impact on faculty and students. The following are examples of how grant dollars were used:

Expansion of Raider Success Scholarships for Transfer Students Raider Success Grants were awarded to transfer students in two tiers; \$2,000 for students with a 3.0 GPA or above and \$500 for students with a 2.0-2.99 GPA.

Faculty and Staff Development (CFEST and CETL) Grant money is used to support faculty development and research including conference registration, training, and equipment and materials for research. Funds were also used to support a speaker series developed to up-skill current staff.

Joint Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research Program Funds supported Ship's signature program. Students applied for individual grants to support the research they conduct with faculty mentors. (This includes the SURE program)

The Connection Program Funds were used to supplement other sources from across the university to better inform students about substance and alcohol abuse.

Employee Recognition Funds were used to provide monetary one-time recognition awards to exemplary employees.

Student Affairs Funds were used to support initiatives in student development (residential life, cultural awareness, and more).

New Internship Opportunity Fund will meet a critical need



In today's labor market landscape, internships and experiential learning opportunities are a critical part of a student's ability to gain the experience required by potential employers.

While Shippensburg University attracts students because of its value and price point, a substantial number of students need paid work opportunities to support their education. The burden of an unpaid internship is not something they can afford.

Many Ship students are not receiving payment towards for-credit internships. The majority of these unpaid opportunities are in human services, public service, non-profits, and the criminal justice system as these organizations do not have the funds to pay student wages.

In 2023-2024, over 190 students (undergraduate and graduate) had unpaid internships.

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Looking for a caring and convenient learning environment for your child or grandchild?



SU's Education majors have the opportunity to fulfill their observation hours and ECH placement requirements at the Bartos Child & Family Center.

The Bartos Child & Family Center is accepting applications for enrollment in the Center's nationally accredited programs.

- Full-time and Part-time programs
- Open to children ages 12 months to age 6 years

The Center has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and has earned a four-star rating by Pennsylvania Keystone STARS, a statewide rating system that identifies quality programs.

If you are interested in enrolling a child in the program, please contact Stephanie McCullough, at STMCCU@sufoundation.org.

Learn more at: bartoschildandfamilycenter.org



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