

2024-25

Report of the President

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the **WAY**





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LEAD *the* WAY

Since January, when the Gonzaga Board of Trustees invited me to become the University's next president, I have closely followed its many accomplishments and commitments. With great eagerness, I have learned from President Emeritus Thayne McCulloh about what drives this community and what sets it apart, and am deeply honored to become part of its story.

As I have read about and witnessed the work of Gonzaga faculty, staff, students, alumni, families and donors over the past several months, I am inspired by how the University messaging – Lead the Way – showcases the many facets of the Mission in action. It's clear that GU is in the business of cultivating the kind of people the world needs so deeply – people who are not only skilled in their disciplines but poised to be ethical leaders in all fields.



Amid the many achievements of the last academic year, I know Gonzaga is incredibly proud of its induction into the nation's oldest honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. There were many advances in the actions of the University Strategic Plan, including intentionally coordinated Ignatian approaches to supporting student success, and innovative educational and experiential opportunities rooted in the Jesuit principles of whole-person education.

With the celebration of Thayne's legacy this year came the generosity of philanthropists who supported Gonzaga's greatest needs. They funded new institutes and creative solutions to today's challenges, but also scholarships, which are more important than ever with impending changes to federal and state resources.

You'll find many examples of strategic work in the pages ahead.

But I must also take this opportunity to share how Gonzaga addressed the unprecedented challenges experienced throughout higher education, and to offer my gratitude to Thayne and Interim Provost Mia Bertagnolli for their leadership. Gonzaga's promise to pursue a better world with equal parts intellect and heart, courage and compassion has truly been the guiding light during "normal" and unexpected times over the last year, and I am proud of the way our leaders have shown up in every instance.

DIALOGUE, DISCOURSE AND DEMONSTRATION

Surrounding the 2024 national presidential election, academic and student-life leaders provided opportunities for our campus community to learn more about civil discourse and to put this into practice. A new web page for Ignatian Dialogue and Engagement (gonzaga.edu/ZagsEngage) supports the effort.

Amid a global conflict, Gonzaga students exercised their rights to free speech. Free expression is an essential part of how the University fulfills its educational mission,



and protests are part of that freedom. Student Affairs and campus safety colleagues implemented a Policy on Demonstrations and Overnight Activity to affirm these rights while ensuring no disruption to learning and living environments. I am grateful to know that Zags participating in free speech activities exercised respect.

WISDOM AMID CHALLENGES

As 2025 unfolded, institutions of higher education across the nation had to address the impacts of budget and policy decisions by federal and state administrations on financial aid, international student programs, research funding, and the infrastructure that has long supported higher education. At Gonzaga, two things commenced quite quickly. First, student leaders, with the support of campus experts in immigration and financial aid, facilitated conversations on how to best support local undocumented students or those whose family members may be undocumented, international students and members of our global community. Second, Thayne convened a group of leaders to form a federal

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Ashley Davis of Global Engagement helped campus members understand implications of immigration changes.

response group that would meet regularly to stay on top of the latest executive orders and the ways other higher education institutions were responding. With Mia and CFO Joe Smith, colleagues in finance, financial aid, legal affairs, academics, research and communications continue to meet to understand decisions being made by state and federal agencies that directly impact our students, faculty and staff.

I am very proud to have seen Gonzaga lean into its Catholic, Jesuit and humanistic values throughout this challenging year. This commitment is the heart and soul of all our work and is only amplified in times of uncertainty.

STRONG FOUNDATIONS

All of these are examples of the way Catholic social teaching uniquely prepares us to meet the many challenges facing higher education today. The Jesuit tradition emphasizes formation of the whole person (*cura personalis*), a commitment to justice, and a relentless pursuit of truth through discernment and reflection.

I offer this perspective from Mia, who has been a part of the GU fabric for many years:



“Gonzaga deeply lives out its Jesuit values. The sense of community here is something I cherish every single day. The relationships I’ve built with peers, professors and the Spokane community have shaped who I’m becoming and made me feel more supported, seen and inspired than I ever imagined.”

— Cami Jelleff ('27), Nursing

As we did during the pandemic, the Gonzaga community comes together during difficult times. We lean on our Mission to guide our work, and work together to find creative solutions. We are reminded that a Jesuit university is not measured only by the degrees it confers, but by the capacities and dispositions and commitments it helps form, the community it fosters and the justice it pursues. Gonzaga remains committed to educating people for and with others – ready to meet the moment with wisdom, hope, and the kind of steadfast resolve that comes not from the circumstances we’re in, but from the calling deep within us as Zags.

I am excited and honored to serve at Gonzaga, where students are uniquely ready to stand for justice and to become leaders and innovators in their own ways.

As I continue to learn the inner workings of this longstanding community of Zags, I seek to amplify the incredible Mission-focused strategies of Gonzaga’s talented faculty and staff. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to work alongside them and gain inspiration every day from all who choose to Lead the Way.

Sincerely,

Katia Passerini

Katia Passerini, Ph.D.
President

Year *in* Review





Biology students conduct research at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge south of Spokane.

Gonzaga hosted the **National Debate Tournament** for the third time, welcoming 78 two-person teams from 48 schools for a long weekend of intense intellectual exchanges and camaraderie. Binghamton University (of New York state) took the national championship, but Gonzaga was the ultimate winner at a reunion of Gonzaga debate alumni who raised \$225,000 for a new debate endowment.

During a campus gathering to watch the 2024 Presidential Debate between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, debate students also provided live fact-checking and facilitated a Q&A among students, faculty and staff.

Well-rounded Jesuit Education

Research abounds in the sciences and beyond. A team of faculty gathered regularly to rethink research and posit it as “creative inquiry,” highlighting the scholarly work occurring across the humanities as well as throughout the STEM fields. To support related projects, the Sponsored Research team expanded from one to three staff members to secure funds and oversee regulatory processes. Grant-funded research supported a college preview program for Native American youth, climate resilience efforts, understanding responses to violence and much more.

Artificial intelligence is here to stay and the **Institute for Informatics and Applied Technology**, led by the David and Cathleen Reisenauer Family Director Jay Yang, is all about helping faculty, staff and students use it thoughtfully and ethically. The Institute’s first conference featured experts in data science, cybersecurity, law and education addressing the myriad ways AI technologies are reshaping society.

Students in the School of Law’s **Lincoln LGBTQ+ Rights Clinic** celebrated a landmark settlement (the largest in the school’s history), related to a groundbreaking resolution in a medical malpractice case.



Left: Glen Frappier, director of debate

Below: Debate students fact-check during a national event





Student Flourishing

The first new facility in a phased housing complex, **Mantua Hall** (shown at right) opened to second-year students for the spring 2025 semester.

Gonzaga welcomed 19 students into the inaugural class of **Unity Scholars**, a program supporting Washington students with financial need who are committed to social justice, cultural awareness and leadership. Among this class, 12 are first-generation college students.



Continuing to grow in course offerings, **Immersive Outdoor Learning** provides opportunities for students to learn outside traditional classroom and lab environments.

The **Zags360** initiative aims to integrate holistic support for the well-being of student-athletes in everything from nutrition and sleep to help with name-image-and-likeness (NIL) and financial issues.

Gonzaga Outdoors moved into a new facility with expanded space for bikes, hiking gear and more.



Phi Beta Kappa induction in the University Chapel

NATIONAL NEWS

Historic Honors

Gonzaga held an installation and inaugural induction ceremony for its new **Phi Beta Kappa** chapter, titled Epsilon of Washington. Phi Beta Kappa, founded in 1776, is the nation's oldest academic honor society. The establishment of a chapter at Gonzaga was approved by the society in August 2024, making the recent 75 inductees the first Zags to be recognized by the Society. Several national leaders within Phi Beta Kappa traveled to Spokane to attend the installation, including PBK President Esther Jones and PBK CEO Fred Lawrence.

Faculty Experts

Brian Henning, professor of ethics and director of the Institute for Climate, Water and the Environment, appeared in Yahoo News and other outlets, discussing proposed cuts in federal grants, including the \$20-million EPA grant awarded to Gonzaga earlier in the year. He also interviewed with the New York Times about the Climate Institute's work related to heat in the Pacific Northwest, and with ABC News in a piece about Earth Day.

Economics professor **Ryan Herzog** appeared on CBS News to talk about the impact of farming-related closures on small-town communities. Herzog also appeared in a Bloomberg News story about "Swiftonomics," the economic boost driven by Taylor Swift.

Mathematician **Joseph Stover** explained the statistics of the COVID-19 fatality rate in a story published on gonzaga.edu, which became one of the top search results on Google on this topic, garnering 22,000 visitors to GU's site.

Joining the Pac-12 Conference

Gonzaga is set to join the new era of the Pac-12 athletic conference in 2026 as the century-old entity builds a formidable basketball powerhouse. Gonzaga is the only non-football school invited to the new Pac-12.

New Academic Offerings

Several new programs of study became available for undergraduate and graduate students:

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

- Undergraduate majors in neuroscience and in women, gender and sexuality studies

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE

- Master of engineering management
- Bachelor's degrees in biomedical engineering and data science
- Minor and concentration in robotics

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Undergraduate major in public health

SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP STUDIES

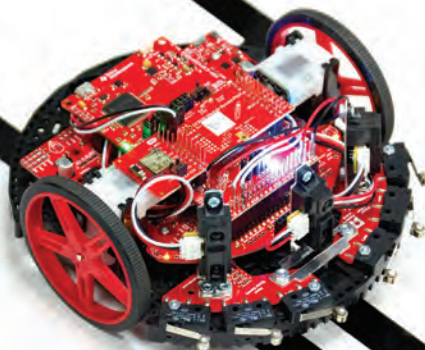
- Certificates in college teaching in communication, leadership in the time of AI, strategic communication and public relations and social media management



“Gonzaga’s care is seen in the way professors go the extra mile to help students and in how unified we are at events like Battle of the Bands, an energetic and supportive crowd cheering on peers. I’m incredibly thankful for scholarship support. Without it, I wouldn’t be in an environment that gives me the resources and encouragement I need to thrive. I plan to show my appreciation in the future by giving back to the school in any way I can.”

— Cory Michael Juarez ('26), Psychology

One of several robotic “cars” in a project designed by engineering students





President Emeritus
Thayne McCulloh at
the 2025 Ignatian Gala

Tradition & Transformation

The theme of Gonzaga's 125th anniversary in 2012 was Tradition & Transformation. Thirteen years later, it seems befitting to summarize the ways the University honored Thayne McCulloh, now president emeritus, for his 16 years as president and 34 total years of service.

Throughout the 2024-25 academic year, McCulloh continued his legacy as a collaborator ("There is no me, only we," he often said) and took extensive efforts to ensure his successor had everything in place for a strong start. Amid those high pressures and a year of tension for higher education at the national level, McCulloh took the time to share the transformative moments of Gonzaga's contemporary story.

One of the outcomes was a podcast series hosted by Sarah Schwering ('04, '07 M.B.A.), "Four Decades at Gonzaga: A Conversation with Gonzaga University President Thayne McCulloh."

This five-episode series shared reflections on his experiences in the Gonzaga community and talked about what the future holds not just for the institution, but for McCulloh himself.

Here are a few of many perspectives McCulloh shared:

UNDERSTANDING UNIVERSITIES

There's a disconnect between what society thinks colleges and universities do and what they actually do. Our nation has sort of lost its way in realizing how important higher education is. Investing in education works. It has tremendous economic impact, benefiting individuals and communities. It changes and transforms our nation.

WHY A GONZAGA DEGREE MATTERS

We cannot imagine Spokane without Gonzaga. We can't imagine our country without Gonzaga. My hope is that we prove our worth. That we make our alumni proud when they come back and visit. That they see we're enriching their degree, building on the foundation they have been a part of, and that they look at Gonzaga and say, "You're still doing the kind of work we want to see, and that our nation and our world need."

Some alumni are leading the way in all kinds of professional applications. Some are working in nonprofits. Some are working as politicians in civic duty and leadership. There's no area of the country, no profession, that we don't have Zags actively working in and contributing to what we know and where we need to move. They are the ones who keep me hopeful.

THE POWER OF CONNECTION

Human life is very complex and fragile. There have been times when people have gone through some rough patches and situations, and to be able to accompany them and help them along the way – and then see them thriving and succeeding – is incredibly rewarding. That’s part of what we do. It fundamentally comes down to the importance and the value we place on individual human beings. That is the core of what we’re about.

LEADERSHIP AS A PRIVILEGE

It begins with the recognition that you believe in the place and what it’s about. It is a privilege to be in a situation where you have opportunities and choices available to you about how you’re going to spend time, who you’re going to spend your time with, how you’re going to focus your energy, and how you might access networks. My hope is that Gonzaga has, through the course of our time with it, come to understand how truly powerful it is and what an impact it can make when it’s doing its work really well.

High Honors

McCulloh received several honors throughout his final year, including the Ignatian Spirit Award alongside his wife Julie, also a 30+-year leader at Gonzaga (see next page), designation by the Board of Trustees as the University’s first president emeritus, and special recognition by Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago, former bishop of the Spokane Diocese, among others.

» View a collection of stories, podcasts and videos, and contribute to scholarships in McCulloh’s honor: gonzaga.edu/26

» Listen to
Four Decades at Gonzaga here:



McCulloh and University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce forged new territory, creating the UW-GU Health Partnership to address a shortage of medical providers in Eastern Washington.



Jay Inslee, then governor of Washington, joined McCulloh in efforts to establish a Tech Hub in Eastern Washington.



Cardinal Blase Cupich and GU Board of Trustees Chair Mike Reilly were among many to honor McCulloh.



Honoring a Legacy, Advancing a Future

Gonzaga University's 2024–25 fiscal year was historic, with receipt of nearly \$75 million in support of Gonzaga's Mission. This extraordinary generosity honored the transformative leadership of President Emeritus Thayne McCulloh and Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Julie McCulloh, whose more than 30 years of leadership each shaped the University's direction and deepened its impact.

So many gifts – whether a \$26 Zags Give Day donation or a multimillion-dollar commitment – are tributes to the McCulloh legacy. Their influence is felt across campus: in scholarships that expand access, in programs that promote leadership and service, and in a community grounded in Jesuit values.

GENEROSITY IN ACTION

This year's outpouring of support came to life through stories of generosity across Gonzaga:

- ▶ **Terry and Patt Payne** made a second \$5 million gift, supporting scholarships and Native American students in honor of President Emeritus McCulloh's leadership.
- ▶ **Dave and Cathleen Reisenauer** bolstered Zags360, the student-athlete wellness program they helped establish.
- ▶ **Megan and Matt Condon** endowed a fund for OUR House, Gonzaga's recovery community.
- ▶ **Dean and Vickie Allen** created a scholarship in honor of Julie and President Emeritus McCulloh with a seven-figure gift.
- ▶ **John Dunn** gifted his Seattle home through a charitable remainder unitrust.
- ▶ **Glorilyn and Scott Maw** continued scholarship support with contributions to their endowed fund and the Zag Scholarship Fund.
- ▶ A local business leader made a \$5 million gift to help Gonzaga continue playing a leading role in advancing the regional economy and diversity of University offerings. The commitment was made at the 2025 Ignatian Gala honoring the McCullohs.
- ▶ **Eve and Lauren Knudtsen** gave to the School of Leadership Studies' dean's excellence fund, encouraging others to join them.
- ▶ **Carol and Mike Wilson** supported the completion fund to help students persist through hardship.

These gifts – **and thousands more** – are investments in people, possibility and purpose.

A LEGACY OF ACCESS IN EDUCATION

Perhaps no legacy is more enduring than the McCullohs' shared commitment to access. Julie's leadership in enrollment helped thousands find their place at Gonzaga, and every scholarship awarded – \$50 million in just the last five years – reflects her belief in belonging. Her legacy lives in each acceptance letter and in every student who steps onto campus to fulfill their dreams.

LOOKING AHEAD

In July, as the torch officially passed, President Katia Passerini, Ph.D., brought a clear vision rooted in innovation, global engagement, academic excellence, and the Jesuit principles on which the University was founded. With the momentum gained from this outstanding year, she is poised to lead Gonzaga forward, where every gift fuels discovery, equity and transformation.

MISSION IN MOTION

This year was more than a fundraising milestone. It was a statement of faith in Gonzaga's future. With deep gratitude for the past and bold leadership for what's to come, the Gonzaga community is building tomorrow together.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable year and for believing in the undeniable power of a Gonzaga education.

» Join the effort: gonzaga.edu/givenow

Celebrating 50+ Years of Generosity

To those who have supported Gonzaga University with unwavering generosity for 50 years or more from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025 - thank you.

Your remarkable dedication has helped shape Gonzaga into the extraordinary institution it is today. Your enduring commitment not only honors our past but also ensures a bright future for generations of Zags to come.

The number of years listed beside each name is a testament to your lasting impact and steadfast support. We are profoundly grateful.

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1950 Dr. John F. Comfort, 59
1953 Joan M. (Treibel) Kilian, 57
1954 Dr. Robert L. Kalez, 52
 Patrick Riley, 63
 Lester Schwaegler, Jr., 60
1955 Jerry Monks, 58
1956 Gayle (Neumann) Dever, 56
 Bethine J. (Hess) Kenworthy, 61
 Dr. H. John Lane, 52
 Shirley A. (Duffner) Murphy, 59
 Marty Weber, 63
1957 Gerald Shaw, 59
1958 Va Lena (Scarpelli) Curran, 56
 John H. Hanson, 59
 Colleen (Kane) Meighan, 64
 Jacob W. Meighan, 64
 Jim Ringwood, 58
 Ernie Vollmer †, 63
1959 Mrs. Eugene Annis, 50
 Thomas A. Driscoll, 52
 Paul N. Luvera, 63
 Delos Putz, 52
 Emmett Quinn, 55
 Bernadette (Suva) Renouard, 55
 Edward J. Renouard, 55
 Dr. Richard S. Rosler, 58
1960 Don Curran, 56
 Sylvia Friede, 54
 Alex Herzog, 59
 Joan (Enders) Morgenstern, 60

Jeanette (Jenny) Nelles, 56
 Mrs. Harold Rebenitsch, 52
 Mrs. Charles Siljeg, 63
 Bob Stach, 52
1961 Michael Seubert, 54
 Ted Sivalon, 60
1962 Peter G. Banulis, 57
 Mary Diane Litchfield †, 51
 Ann M. (Allen) Porter, 55
 Jacquelyne (Kopas) Ruckwardt, 53
1963 Gail (Fox) Pitchford, 50
 Carl Ruckwardt, 53
 The Honorable Richard Schroeder, 56
 D. Michael Strong, 51
1964 Mrs. Douglas Krier, 50
 Merrilu (Silva) Sloboda, 59
1965 Norman R. Agostino, 57
 Stephen T. Cavit, 54
 K. Nozaki Ewing, 54
 Jim O'Connell, 50
 Lt. Col. Robert D. Rivers, 52
 David R. Shea, 53
 Eugene D. Sloboda, 59
 Geraldine (O'Melveny) Strong, 51
1966 Elena J. (Cinelli) Agostino, 57
 Barbara (Fagan) Blizzard, 52
 Christopher Bulger, 53
 Stephanie A. (Cada) Burke, 55
 Elaine (Duffy) Cavit, 54
 Gene Henry, 52
1967 Robert N. Greco, 53
 Dennis O. Mayer, 56
1968 Bruce Butler, 51
 Judith (Acher) Butler, 51
 Christy E. (Smith) de Viveiros, 57
 Dale de Viveiros, 57
 Colleen (Eugene) Flynn, 53
 Dr. Karen Krebs Ireland, 52
 Nancy McDonald, 54
 Jack Ossello, 51
 Kathleen D. (McLaughlin) Ossello, 51

1969 Leo Mellon, 53
 J. Patrick Naughton, Ed.D., 55
 Patricia (Eakin) Smith, 52
 Tom Woodley, 51
1970 Susan (Amato) Castagna, 50
 Dorothy Mellon, 53
 Christine M. (Breitenbach) Quevedo, 52
 Ermel Quevedo, 52
 Sally (Bulger) Quirk, 50
 Timothy W. Quirk, 50
 Theresa (Auer) Tesarik, 55
 Georgia R. Wilkinson, 53
1971 Bill Barkas, 53
 Pete Breiten, 51
 Douglas R. Tesarik, 55
1972 J. Shirley (Draska) Davis, 53
1974 Karen (Pedersen) Driscoll, 52
 Mark Sonderen, 58
 Valerie Sonderen, 58
1975 Bart, Hilke and Bridget Gallant, The Horrigan Foundation, 55
1976 Susan (Williams) Garvin, 51
1977 Lita B. (Barnett) Luvera, 63
1983 Lindalou (Cady) Shea, 53
1985 Joseph M. Doohan, 50
 Mary (Kinzer) Doohan, 50

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We are proud to recognize these distinguished members of Gonzaga's Leadership Circle. Their generous contributions to the 2025 Annual Campaign (June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025) have made a profound impact on the University, fueling vital programs, strategic initiatives, and the continued growth of Gonzaga's infrastructure.

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Heritage Society

Gonzaga is honored and grateful to have received estate gifts between June 1, 2024, and May 31, 2025, from these alumni and friends who were inspired to make an impact in the following areas:

GENERAL SUPPORT – UNRESTRICTED

- ▶ The late **Henry L. Day's** legacy continues through an unrestricted gift from his donor-advised fund benefiting the Fund for Gonzaga.
- ▶ The **James Michael Hasson** Unitrust contributed an unrestricted gift to ensure continued support for student needs.
- ▶ **George F. Weller ('57)** left a gift in support of the Fund for Gonzaga.

SCHOLARSHIPS – ANNUAL

- ▶ **Fred N. Hallett ('62)** Trust "B" of the Hallett Family Trust supports the Zag Scholarship Fund.
- ▶ The **Joseph and Virginia Madek** Trust is helping to build a lasting legacy through a scholarship fund honoring the determination of students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a Jesuit institution.



"Before attending Gonzaga, I served 12 years in the Air Force. As someone who once struggled in school and couldn't envision earning a college degree, I feel incredibly grateful to have found a university that supports my educational goals with compassion and care."

— Connor Britts ('26), Civil Engineering

SCHOLARSHIPS – ENDOWED

- ▶ The Jim and Pauline Bresnahan Gonzaga in Florence Endowed Scholarship for students with financial need was established with proceeds from **James M. Bresnahan's ('71)** life insurance policy.
- ▶ Established through a life insurance gift from the Estate of **Josh Burrows ('79)**, the Josh Burrows Performance Athletic Center Endowment will provide lasting support for the center's upkeep and its mission to advance athletic and educational excellence.
- ▶ Proceeds from two charitable gift annuities and a unitrust created by **Joseph ('43) & Edna Deichl** established the Joseph and Edna Deichl Family Endowed Scholarship for undergraduate students with financial need.
- ▶ **James T. Finlen ('53)** established the Helen Ross Finlen Memorial Endowed Scholarship with proceeds from a charitable gift annuity, providing support for nursing students with financial need.
- ▶ Thanks to proceeds from the Estate of **Philip M. ('59) and Mary M. Raekes**, The Hon. Philip M. and Mary Raekes Endowed Law Scholarship continues meaningful support to second- and third-year law students.

You are our Heritage. Your Legacy is our future.

For a complete listing of the 2024-25 Heritage Society Honor Roll, visit gonzaga.edu/honorroll

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2024-25 MILESTONES

10 Years

The John J. Hemmingson University Center opened its doors to a whole new student experience.



10 Years

The Office of Sustainability began its mission to implement Earth-friendly practices across campus.

15 Years

Gonzaga Magazine launched.



25 Years

Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program elevates opportunities for business students.

40 Years

The Kennel Club forms as the official student section for Gonzaga basketball.



45 Years

Bing Crosby returned in the form of a sculpture outside the building bearing his name.



100 Years

DeSmet Hall opened as the first dormitory and has remained a top choice for male students.

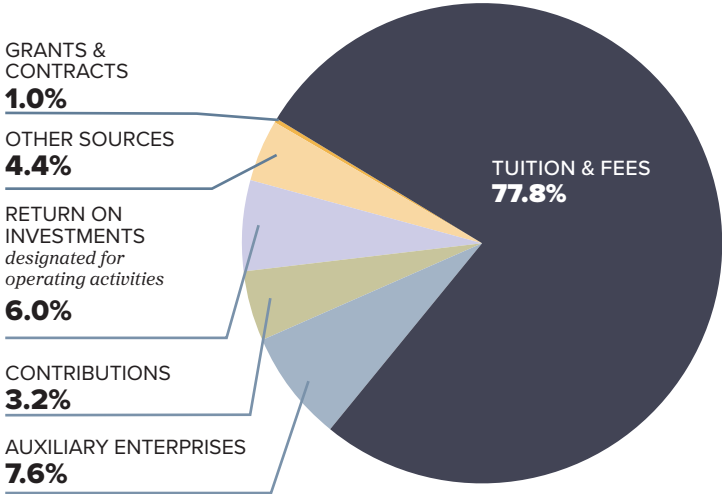


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(amounts derived from audited financial statements)

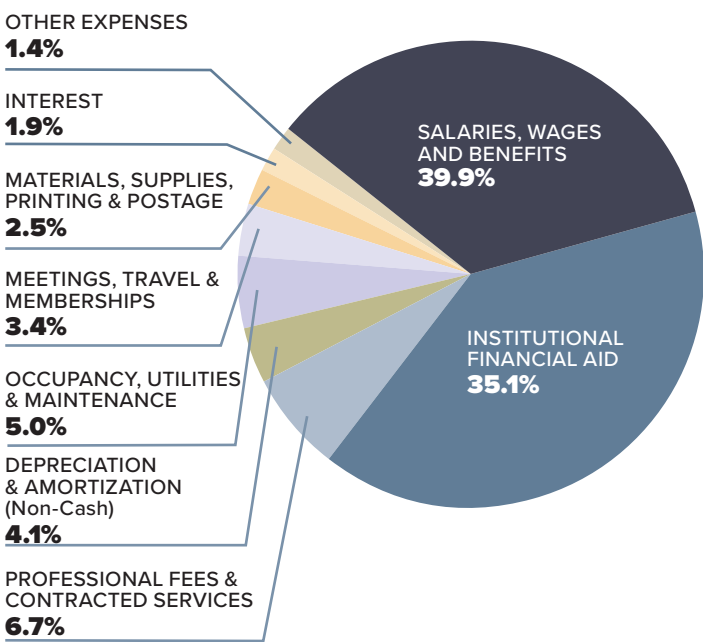
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\$468.8 ↑5.2% from FY24

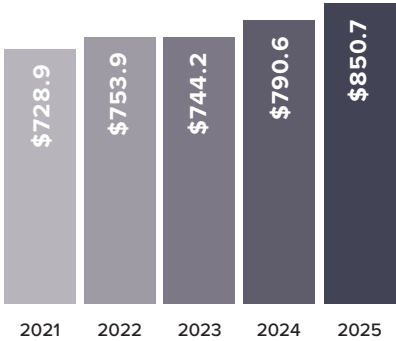


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\$472.0 ↑6.3% from FY24



NET ASSETS



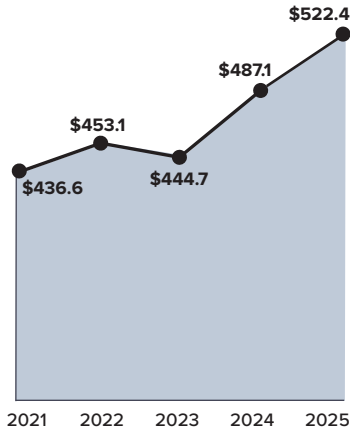
FALL 2024 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT

5,603
Undergraduate
↑2.8% from fall 2023

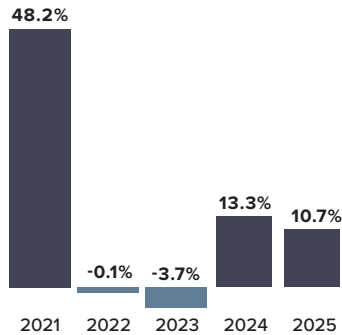
1,180
Graduate
↑1.8% from fall 2023

587
Law
↑2.3% from fall 2023

ENDOWMENTS AND LIFE INCOME VALUES

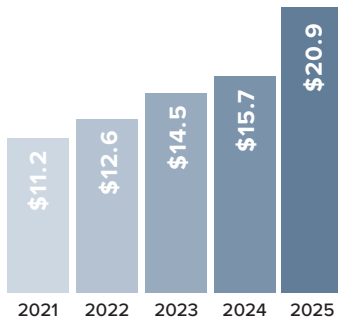


ENDOWMENT RETURN



Annual endowment returns vary based on the investment markets. Gonzaga's goal is to deliver annualized returns in excess of 7% over a longer-term investment cycle. Gonzaga's annualized net endowment return was 12.1% and 8.9% on a 5- and 10-year annualized basis, respectively.

ENDOWMENT SPENDING



US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

RANKED AS A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (TOP 24%)

(SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR)

#15 SERVICE LEARNING

#17 UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

#48 MOST INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

#14 CIVIL ENGINEERING
(non-doctorate)

#20 FINANCE

#21 UNDERGRADUATE
ENGINEERING (non-doctorate)

#26 ACCOUNTING

#29 ENTREPRENEURSHIP

#59 UNDERGRADUATE NURSING

#88 UNDERGRADUATE BUSINESS

TOP 34%
BEST COLLEGES
FOR VETERANS

TOP 35%
"BEST VALUE"
SCHOOL

PRINCETON REVIEW RANKINGS

#1

STUDENTS LOVE
THEIR SCHOOL TEAMS

#14

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN
INTRAMURAL SPORTS

#14

MOST ENGAGED
IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

#21

STUDENTS STUDY
THE MOST

12:1

FACULTY TO STUDENT RATIO

93%

RETENTION RATE

93%

UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE SUCCESS



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