The College of Charleston is a special place. From the moment you step on campus, it is evident that there is no other university like us. We are a blend of the old and the new, the traditional and the progressive - a dynamic public liberal arts and sciences education in one of the most distinctive living learning laboratories in the nation.

Our young women and men graduate armed with critical-thinking, problem-solving and communication skills they use to adapt, lead and move nimbly as new professions and economic sectors emerge throughout their lifetime. As alumni - more than 60,000 strong and on every continent in the world (yes, even Antarctica) - they go on to be leaders and social innovators in the workplace and in their communities. In today’s global, ever-shifting economy, a College of Charleston education is in high demand.

It’s this distinction that has put the College on a path to national prominence. There is powerful new energy. We are drawing diverse students and distinguished faculty from across the country and forging partnerships with Boeing, BMW and the National Science Foundation, to name a few. The College is reaching forward with a spirit of new enterprise and new thinking to inspire the next generation. For what was once a local Charleston college is now on the verge of becoming a nationally recognized university.

Now is the time to push beyond conventional pathways to knowledge, beyond the limits of our campus footprint and beyond our very own expectations. Now is the time to become a bolder, ever-stronger College of Charleston.
Professor Theodore Rosengarten, Zucker/Goldberg endowed chair of Holocaust education, leads a discussion with students during his freshman seminar: Children of the Holocaust. Travel to Holocaust and Jewish heritage sites abroad is a vital part of Rosengarten’s curriculum.
BOUNDLESS: The Campaign for the College of Charleston

BOUNDLESS is a $125 million comprehensive fundraising initiative and our opportunity to shape the next era of the College for the benefit of our students, our community and our society. This historic campaign is an investment in our future that stays true to our more than 240-year liberal arts and sciences mission.

The magnitude of our goal reflects the breadth of our aspiration: to build upon an extraordinary educational experience and achieve unprecedented national impact. BOUNDLESS is the vehicle, the conduit to achieve our vision with investment in five strategic, campus-wide priorities:

1. **COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS** that attract and retain exceptional students and enhance the College’s affordability, accessibility and inclusivity;

2. **WORLD-CLASS FACULTY** who create new knowledge, collaborate across disciplines and inspire national student research;

3. **DISTINCTIVE ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS-LIFE PROGRAMS** that embrace our history, culture and location and provide unrivaled opportunities for research, discovery and personal growth;

4. **STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES** that advance creativity, collaboration and innovation in learning and research, as well as enhanced sports facilities for our student-athletes and fans; and

5. **ANNUAL GIVING** funds that support the College’s most immediate needs and priorities and build a culture of philanthropy.
The Power of Partnership

Moving boldly forward while preserving our distinctive identity will require dedication and partnership. And – as federal and state support for higher education declines – it also requires philanthropy.

BOUNDLESS will advance the College by engaging the support of our entire community: alumni, parents, foundations, corporate partners, faculty, staff, students and friends old and new.

By uniting the power of your generosity with the potential of the College of Charleston, we can seize a unique opportunity. The College can continue its rise to be a nationally recognized university in a world-class city. Together, we can make this opportunity a reality.

As an investor in this campaign, you can shape the next era of national distinction at the College. We invite you to partner with us so, together, we can support the students, faculty and academic innovations that will lead us forward.

$125M

CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

$20M ::
ANNUAL GIVING

$45M ::
COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

$20M ::
WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

$20M ::
DISTINCTIVE ACADEMIC AND CAMPUS-LIFE PROGRAMS

$20M ::
STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES
“There are very few schools around where students invest real money. The Kerrigans’ gift gave us a chance to start our careers at school.”

- James Mitchell ’14 (seen here, far left, with fellow graduates of the first class of the Investment Program). All four students graduated with jobs at Fortune 500 companies.
“Only at the College could we conduct national undergraduate research with professor Joe Carson and discover an exoplanet called a super Jupiter.”
- Laura Stevens ’13 and Thea Kozakis ’13
“Curiosity and effort are what define success. Those are the foundations upon which you base a career. They equip us with the ability to endure. CofC is the embodiment of curiosity and effort. It was the place that taught me how to be the most like myself.”

- Brian Rutenberg ’87, artist in New York City
“I don’t think my parents could have afforded to send me to such a great institution without a scholarship. I’ve had nothing but life-changing experiences since I’ve been at the College.”

- Brandon Murray, business administration major and Student-Athlete Scholarship recipient
BOUNDLESS will substantially increase merit-based, need-based and experiential scholarships.

The first and foremost priority of our campaign is scholarships. There are many deserving students from many diverse backgrounds who are smart and motivated. They have talent and ambition. All they need is a ticket to learn, to aspire, to achieve.

Scholarships change lives at the College of Charleston. That is the power of scholarships - to open doors for individuals and, in so doing, open doors to lives of limitless possibility. Need-based and merit-based scholarships will allow us to compete nationally for exceptional students while also making the College more affordable, accessible and inclusive. Scholarships strengthen our great institution through the quality, diversity and accomplishments of our student body.

BOUNDLESS will also fund experiential scholarships for students to participate in life-changing experiences beyond campus, such as working in the U.S.’s top neuroscience labs, attending leadership conferences in London or interning on Capitol Hill.

Scholarships power the futures of those who receive them, but they are also the most immediate way to power the future of the College.

Areas where you can designate support:

:: NEED-BASED AND MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS
:: INTERNATIONAL STUDY-ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS
:: SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS
:: SCHOOL-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS IN SPECIFIC ACADEMIC AREAS
:: ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS
:: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS
“My scholarship gave me the freedom to pursue public health and pre-med and then intern with the Boeing Farm-to-School / Project Green Heart program my senior year.”

- Jeremy Olsen ’13, recipient of the J. Gorman ’43 and Gladys Thomas Memorial Alumni Scholarship
Levi Vonk credits his multiple scholarships with putting him on the road to his passions. In fact, he credits them with, well, everything.

“Scholarships allowed me to come here,” says Vonk, who received scholarship support from the College of Charleston Fund and School of Languages, Cultures and, World Affairs Dean’s Excellence Fund. “Without them, none of what I’ve done while I’ve been at the College would have been possible.”

As an international studies major, Vonk traveled to Cuba on a study-abroad scholarship to research alternative development ideas and worked with international studies professor Lisa Samuels to analyze trade equality in the Caribbean. In his spare time, he founded a nonprofit organization, Hispanic Outreach and Literacy Advancement, which teaches English to migrant farm workers. After graduation, Vonk teamed up with alumna Melissa Siegel ’03 for a United Nations-sponsored program in the Netherlands, working on Afghan immigration policy. His research was funded by the Honors College Summer Enrichment Scholarship. He hopes to spend his career crafting immigration policy - one of the 21st century’s most critical issues.

Educational opportunity made that possible.

LEVI VONK ’13

PRIORITY NO. 1: SCHOLARSHIPS
“I encourage every class of mine to travel abroad and seek out answers for why things are the way they are.”

- John Rashford, professor of anthropology and ethnobotanist
The College is a teaching institution. Our professors know their students and are personally committed to their success. Independently and collectively, they challenge students to pursue original inquiry and master creative expression. Not only do our faculty motivate students in the classroom, but they also engage them as partners and colleagues in research and discovery.

Yet competition is intense for the best faculty. Endowed chairs and professorships draw extraordinary teacher-scholars and empower current faculty. They provide salary, national research and grant support for life-changing work, and they draw brilliant undergraduate and graduate students to the College.

BOUNDLESS will attract and retain the best teacher-scholars, integrate research and discovery and ensure an extraordinary educational experience. Our students, the region and greater society will be the beneficiaries of their thought leadership.

Areas where you can designate support:

:: ENDOWED CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIPS
:: FACULTY AWARDS
:: VISITING SCHOLARS AND ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE
“BOUNDLESS is exploration, discovery and the directions in which our students can go. They are really whole people when they leave here.”

- Leslie Sautter, professor of geology and environmental geosciences and BEAMS project director

“Doc” – as Leslie Sautter, associate professor of geology, is known – has had an enormous impact at the College, both scientifically and as a source of inspiration. Sautter founded Project Oceania, which enables her to share her knowledge as a researcher not only with the many undergraduates involved in the program at the college level, but also with scores of elementary, middle and high school students and their teachers. And she directs the cutting-edge BEAMS program, a partnership with NOAA and geomapping software maker Caris, which engages students on land and at sea with 3D seafloor mapping.

A winner of the National Marine Education Award, Sautter has pioneered new programs that have produced outstanding outcomes – and, during her tenure, the number of students in the marine geology program has tripled and the College of Charleston has become well known in the field of oceanography.
“In my four years at the College, the Bonner Leader Program took me to five states and six countries. I set out to change the world, and, instead, it changed me.”

- Elizabeth Burdette Roberts ’14, sociology major, Honors College scholarship recipient and Bonner Leader Program participant
BOUNDLESS will expand the number of students participating in undergraduate research, global experiences, leadership and service-learning opportunities.

The most exciting educational offerings at the College are interactive: urban planning students working with city administrators to solve infrastructure issues, biochemistry or physics undergraduates conducting tests in the labs of nationally renowned scientists and language students studying Arabic in Jordan for the summer.

BOUNDLESS will expand international and cross-disciplinary opportunities to give students the skills, knowledge and perspective to thrive in today's global society.

At its heart, this campaign is an investment in our students. Our liberal arts and sciences curriculum inspires meaningful connections between academic work and community - local and global. These vital experiences also inspire responsibility, character and integrity.

Areas where you can designate support:
:: BONNER LEADER AND HIGDON STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS
:: THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
:: UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
:: COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM EXPANSION
:: SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS IN SPECIFIC ACADEMIC AREAS
“What I love most about teaching is building relationships with the kids and watching them make big gains. With social studies, I enjoy watching them question the world around them.”

- Zac Viscidi ’10, seventh-grade teacher at Sanders-Clyde Elementary in Charleston, S.C.
Angela Dapremont was 13 years old when she saw her first space shuttle launch, and, from that moment on, Dapremont was all about exploring the unknown. Eventually, that insatiable curiosity led her to the College of Charleston and the study of earth and planetary sciences. “For me,” Dapremont says, “it’s all about resources and climate change. One day we are going to run out of resources, and the more we know about our solar system and beyond, the more options we will have. That may sound too far off to think about, but I’ve never believed in putting limits on what humanity can achieve.”

It wouldn’t be a good idea to put any limits on what Dapremont can achieve, either. From her freshman year at the College, undergraduate research fellowships have given her many opportunities to discover and grow. In 2014, she interned at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., mapping volcanos on Mars.

“The research fellowships have been amazingly helpful to me,” she says. “I want to eventually have a leadership role at NASA, where I can demonstrate the significance of space exploration and research as a way to advance our society.”
The Grice Marine Laboratory and classroom expansion will modernize core research facilities of the College’s flagship marine biology program.
BOUNDLESS will modernize and build physical spaces that inspire collaboration, teamwork and innovation.

As the College of Charleston redefines itself for a global, technological and highly mobile future, our learning and research spaces must also be redefined. Facilities must match the needs of the learning community with the talents and aspirations of our students, faculty and alumni.

This campaign will revitalize and build spaces that bring people together in dynamic new environments that foster learning, collaboration, creativity and teamwork. It will also upgrade Patriots Point sports facilities for our student-athletes and fans.

Areas where you can designate support:

- **THE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY CENTER**, which creates learning environments for teaching, discovery and digital information for our students, faculty, librarians and educational technologists;
- **THE SIMONS CENTER FOR THE ARTS RENOVATION**, which reimagines the music, theatre, dance and arts programs with vibrant and active learning environments;
- **PATRIOTS POINT ATHLETICS COMPLEX**, which includes new and upgraded training, strength and conditioning facilities for nearly two-thirds of our student-athletes;
- **THE GRICE MARINE LABORATORY AND CLASSROOM EXPANSION**, which modernizes the core of the College’s flagship marine sciences program and research facilities; and
- **THE ALUMNI CENTER**, which is a bridge between undergraduate life and a future as an alumnus - one filled with networking, engagement and advocacy.
“The state-of-the-art Alumni Center is a tangible, visible symbol of the bridge between undergraduate life and a future as an alumnus – one filled with access to the alumni network, engagement in the life of the College and opportunities for informed advocacy.”

- Jack Huguley ’72, director of alumni relations
Renovations to the Albert Simons Center for the Arts include recording studios, modern performance spaces and dance studios. The Simons Center serves more than 5,000 students each semester.
“I was an average student until I met chemistry professor Heldrich, and a spark was ignited. He pushed me, he challenged me and he gave me the confidence to pursue my dream of being a doctor.”

- John Tisdale ’86, senior investigator at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., led a team of scientists in groundbreaking research seeking a cure for sickle cell disease.
“The College’s liberal arts curriculum encourages students to explore interconnectivity within all fields of interest. I learned how an engagement with variety can lead to growth and contribution, both professionally and personally.”

– Mary Alice Miller ’12, editorial associate to creative director and editor-at-large at Vanity Fair
"As a first generation college student, the Kaplans’ support was everything to me. I could focus all my energy and creativity into my art."

– Kyle Ford, studio art major

"The opportunity to study at the Sotheby’s Institute of Art in New York transformed my professional identity and provided international arts experience."

- Emily Farris ’15, 2014 Summer Study Award recipient (left) with former CoFC faculty member Lori Kornegay of Sotheby’s Institute of Art
ANNUAL GIVING

BOUNDLESS will bring together our family of alumni, parents, friends and corporations to support the College’s most immediate needs and annual priorities.

Through annual giving, everyone can be a philanthropist to the College of Charleston. Annual giving is a vital source of institutional momentum for the College, providing funding for scholarships, supporting great faculty and underwriting new academic programs.

Annual giving reflects the spirit of our shared experience as each generation preserves the legacy of opportunity it received, strengthens it and passes it on.

Areas where you can designate support:

:: THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON FUND, which is the primary channel for alumni to support scholarships, faculty and alumni networking opportunities;

:: THE PARENTS’ FUND, which is the first choice for parents to make a direct impact on the student experience;

:: THE DEANS’ EXCELLENCE FUNDS, which provide deans with the flexibility to take advantage of research, internship and scholarship opportunities as they arise;

:: THE COUGAR CLUB FUNDS, which support annual athletics scholarships and provide head coaches and athletic leadership with flexibility for program improvements and investments;

:: THE STUDENT AFFAIRS EXCELLENCE FUND, which supports current student-life programs and new initiatives devoted to leadership, civic engagement and community service; and

:: THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, which enables library staff to respond quickly to new technologies, research offerings and acquisition opportunities.
Every year, Deans’ Excellence Funds send students abroad to cities like Trujillo, Spain, pictured right, to gain greater understanding of our world.
Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends:

For over 240 years, the College of Charleston has grown from an institution meant to serve the needs of Charleston and the Lowcountry to a university of men and women who come from diverse backgrounds around the country and the world. But, even as the College of Charleston has evolved into a highly respected university that offers a multitude of interdisciplinary majors and minors, in many ways the College is the same as it always was – a liberal arts and sciences institution committed to fostering and enriching our remarkable student-focused community.

As an alumnus of the Class of 1969, I can attest to the power of the nurturing environment that our faculty and staff provide to our students. I know that any success I have enjoyed throughout my legal, business and legislative careers began with the excellent liberal arts education that I received at the College. It was my privilege to experience the transformative power of a College of Charleston education, and it is my honor to help ensure the same quality of education for future generations of students in my role as co-chair of BOUNDLESS: The Campaign for the College of Charleston.

I am excited to be leading our comprehensive campaign with my co-chair, Class of 1989 alumnus Steve Swanson. Our campaign is an important opportunity to reflect on our past, declare our intentions for the future and position the College for an even greater role locally, nationally and internationally. BOUNDLESS: The Campaign for the College of Charleston will help shape the next era of the College by helping grow our culture of philanthropy, which will directly support the unique assets of the College for the benefit of our students, our faculty, our staff and the Charleston community.

I invite you to partner with us so that, working together, we can support the students, faculty, staff and academic innovations that will lead our great institution forward.

In Cougar Pride,

GLENN F. MCCONNELL ’69, PRESIDENT

“Philanthropy will be the avenue by which we secure our future and continue to offer the boundless College of Charleston experience to future generations of students.”

- Glenn F. McConnell ’69, president
Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends:

The College of Charleston is entering an important phase in its history. For most of that history, the College was a small, local institution primarily serving the Charleston area. Today the College is a celebrated regional and national university with global aspirations.

If you are a College of Charleston alum, then you already understand the influence the College has on its graduates. Quite simply, the College of Charleston changes lives. The education I received at the College of Charleston prepared me for the many challenges I would face throughout my career. During my four years at the College, I formed many important relationships. I met my partners in my firm and the love of my life, Emily. Even after Emily and I graduated, the College continued to impact our lives. As my company began to grow in the '90s, we looked to the College of Charleston as a source of extremely talented interns and employees. We trained these brilliant students, and soon they began to drive my firm with new energy and ideas propelling our remarkable success. As Emily and I considered our campaign gift, a student scholarship became the obvious choice for us. I attended the College on a full scholarship, and it felt as natural as breathing to establish our own scholarships to give back to the institution that gave us so much.

If you are a friend of the College of Charleston (whether a parent, a businessperson or one of the many who have adopted the College as your own), you too have seen the effect the College is having on our many constituencies. The College is producing incredibly intelligent and capable citizens who are, quite literally, changing the world. I am continuously impressed with the boundless energy and intelligence our students and faculty bring to their research, ideas and discovery.

We are creating the future for the College of Charleston now. The growth of the College and the future of our students, our region and beyond very much depend upon you.

With boundless enthusiasm,

STEVE SWANSON ’89, CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR

“BOUNDLESS – the viewpoint, the belief and the campaign – is our moment to be bold, to be ambitious and to be advocates for the next era of education and discovery at the College of Charleston.”

– Steve Swanson ’89, campaign co-chair
BOUNDLESS is the promise of our students, the distinction of our faculty and the enduring spirit that has long inspired us. BOUNDLESS is the way we define a liberal arts and sciences education. And BOUNDLESS represents the next era of the College of Charleston.