BOUNDLESS is the promise of our students, the distinction of our faculty and the enduring spirit of our alumni. BOUNDLESS represents the next era of humanities and social sciences education at the College of Charleston.

What school influences every undergraduate student who passes through the College of Charleston? What powers burgeoning interdisciplinary programs in fields such as environmental studies, neuroscience, archeology, public health, urban planning and women and gender studies?

For more than two centuries, the excellence of the College of Charleston has been inextricably linked to the excellence of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. It is the College’s core, educating all undergraduates during their formative first few semesters on campus. The school supports 12 majors and 24 minors declared by 2,500 students each year. It is, by far, the largest of the six academic schools.

The College of Charleston’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences is striking out in bold new directions and creating new learning models to educate students with transferable skills that prepare them for today’s job market. At the same time, our students graduate with a strong sense of social and civic responsibility. They go on to be agents of change in their workplaces and communities.

A hallmark of all our academic programs is experiential learning, inside and outside of the classroom, through internships, faculty–student research collaborations, international experiences, and mentorship programs. This distinction has put the College on a path to national prominence.

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 our time to be a bolder, ever-stronger College of Charleston.

“...and were further enhanced through classroom discussions and debates at the College. My liberal arts education not only prepared me to be successful in the workforce, but it also helped me to become a conscientious citizen of the world.”

– Michelle Asha Cooper ’95, president and CEO of the Institute for Higher Education Policy

BOUNDLESS: The Campaign for the College of Charleston

BOUNDLESS is a $125 million comprehensive fundraising initiative and your opportunity to shape the next era of humanities and social sciences education for the benefit of our students, our region and our world.

BOUNDLESS will create a bold new future for humanities and social sciences education. BOUNDLESS will ensure our students get personalized attention while they acquire a well-rounded sensibility about the world and their place in it, as well as an understanding of economic and societal context that the social sciences provide.

BOUNDLESS is the vehicle to achieve our vision with investment in five strategic academic priorities:

1. **Competitive Scholarships** to attract and retain exceptional students of talent and promise;
2. **World-Class Faculty** who create new knowledge, collaborate across disciplines and inspire national student research;
3. **Distinctive Academic Programs** that challenge the intellect of every student on campus through a combination of international and experiential opportunities;
4. **State-of-the-Art Facilities** with technologically advanced research and laboratory space in psychology and communication, and
5. **The Dean’s Excellence Fund**, which has an immediate impact on all disciplines and supports research, innovation and personal discovery.
The Power of Partnership

Moving boldly forward while preserving our distinctive identity will require dedication and partnership. As federal and state support for higher education declines, a bold move forward requires philanthropy.

By uniting the power of your generosity with the potential of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, our graduates will change the world.

As an investor in this campaign, you can shape the next era of humanities and social sciences education, which is the core of all undergraduate programming at the College. We invite you to partner with us. Together, we can support the professors and students who will lead us forward.

“The humanities and social sciences promote creativity, global understanding and citizenship, as well as leadership development. We prepare students to aspire to more than just a job. We equip our students with skills and the mindset to make their communities a better place.”

– Dean Jerold Hale

“Playing Division I tennis, double majoring in political science and history, and exploring acting classes taught me to look at life’s challenges through multiple perspectives. My experiences at the College were the foundation for the network balance I enjoy today.”

– Matt Czuchry ’99, Actor
PRIORITY NO. 1

SCHOLARSHIPS

BOUNDLESS will support scholarships that are critical to attracting students of merit and talent. Additional study abroad scholarships will increase students’ knowledge of other cultures, illuminate the fading division between “global” and “local” and bring to life the economic, social and cultural consequences of living in an increasingly interconnected world.

BOUNDLESS also seeks to create the HSS Fellows Scholarship program to directly link students to a faculty mentor. Often, the experience that most radically alters a student’s life is the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member on a research project. Components of the HSS Fellows Scholarship include study abroad support and an opportunity to be embedded into a vibrant and dynamic learning community.

“Receiving a scholarship has allowed me to get the most out of my psychology major and participate in career-building internships. I have had the opportunity to really enjoy all the College has to offer.”

- Leticia Urroz ’14

PRIORITY NO. 2

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

Our faculty are much more than stellar teachers. They are research partners, mentors, knowledge creators and innovators. They pull multiple disciplines together to solve problems, create new interdisciplinary majors and minors, integrate technology into traditional teaching methods and apply the knowledge they create to solve real world challenges. Each year, many of them publish a number of books, research papers and scholarly articles – and receive national and international recognition.

World-class faculty are the key component to any nationally recognized university. Because the School of Humanities and Social Sciences has the largest number of faculty—more than 170—among the College’s schools, faculty support is needed to further strengthen the teacher-scholar model that is at the heart of the College’s mission. Additionally, we seek new endowed positions built on the rich history and literary traditions of Charleston.

We also seek to establish the Scholars-in-Residence Program, which would invite national and international experts from the 11 academic areas to campus for several weeks or the full semester, thus widening our students’ global perspectives.

“Having a first-class literary publication at the College not only exposes students to award-winning contemporary literature, it also offers them an opportunity to more fully understand how writing is submitted for publication, and how editors make their selections.”

- Jonathan Heinen, managing editor, with fellow Crazyhorse editors and English department faculty
BOUNDLESS will expand academic opportunities and experiential learning tools for our students to be explorers, pathfinders and problem-solvers. The return on investment in our students is at the core of everything we do – their successful future is tomorrow’s innovation, discovery and global change.

Examples of academic opportunities and experiential learning tools include:

- **MOBILE TECHNOLOGY ON-LOAN PROGRAM** makes available to students essential technology that will enhance the academic experience. Technology is being used in virtually all disciplines within HSS.

- **THE CREATION OF A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM**, such as the master of fine arts in creative writing.

- **THE BULLY PULPIT SERIES** reinforces the message that the growth of our country is backed and guided by the process of citizen interest and involvement through town hall events with political candidates, voter registration drives, student debates, hosted media events, unique volunteer opportunities and relevant independent study experiences. The non-partisan series brings major political candidates from both sides of the aisle to campus.

BOUNDLESS supports our humanities and social science professors and their vision for how to successfully teach and inspire success in our students after graduation. It also directly enhances the student experience in the humanities and social science discipline of your choice.
Suzi McCall ’79, an English major, is a missionary and director of the LAMBS Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. For more than 20 years, LAMBS has impacted the lives of thousands of youths and families in the neighborhood of Flora Del Campo.
Everyone can be a philanthropist to the College of Charleston. Gifts to the Dean’s Excellence Fund at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences are vital to supporting scholarships and internships for students and recruitment of world-class faculty.

Most importantly, your annual gift gives us the ultimate flexibility – to seize opportunities that will advance the mission of the school and address unforeseen challenges faced by faculty and students as they arise.

For our alumni, parents and friends, it is the ultimate vote of confidence in everything a humanities and social sciences education at the College of Charleston stands for and everything it can become.

“Priority No. 4

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

As we prepare students to succeed in a fast-paced, technologically dependent world, it is critical to update laboratory facilities in key disciplines.

Among the College’s most popular majors is communication – a field now reliant on rapidly changing advances in new technology. BOUNDLESS seeks support for a Communication Media Lab to foster opportunities for increased teacher-student research collaboration. Funding for a dedicated Mac and Microsoft computer lab equipped with design, media, editing and web software will ensure our students become proficient in core digital technology skills.

Similarly, the Department of Psychology offers critical foundational training in behavioral science research. BOUNDLESS seeks support to update psychology laboratory space so students and faculty can continue to engage in cutting-edge national animal and human research projects.

“The behavioral science research I conducted with mentor Adam Doughty had implications with autism research. It was life-defining for me and prepared me for one of the best graduate programs in the country at Utah State.”

- Annie Galizio ’14

“Priority No. 5

DEAN’S EXCELLENCE FUND

My scholarship gave me the freedom to pursue public health and premed while also interning my senior year with the Boeing Farm to School program.”

- Jeremy Olsen ’13
JOIN US.

Since the beginning, the humanities and social sciences have been at the core of the College of Charleston’s teaching mission. As the College conducts this historic, comprehensive campaign, it is only fitting that we ask our most loyal alumni, parents, donors and friends to invest in the vision of what our school can become in a new multi-national economy.

This is a watershed moment for humanities and social sciences education. Our experiential learning model offers tremendous opportunity to think differently about how we prepare students for a rapidly changing world, while ensuring they have well-honed communication skills, global understanding and analytical skills that will position them for success in any field.

Your gift is an investment in our students, our faculty, the College of Charleston family and what the future of humanities and social sciences education can become. As our students continue to go on to be leaders in multiple fields around the world, know your gift will pay enormous societal dividends.

With boundless enthusiasm,

JEROLD L. HALE, DEAN