



# Investing in LIVES FOR EVENIUM

ADVANCEMENT STEWARDSHIP REPORT

'21-'22

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Total Glving Since Tax Exemption p. 2 Living & Learning Campaign p. 6 Student XPRIZE Winners, p. 7 **\$2.3M** for academic programs

10,642

scholarships awarded to BJU students since 2017

**\$8.4M** for building projects

\$21.1M

for BJU Together: General Fund

**\$5.7M** in grants

\$10.9M

for student scholarships, funds & endowments, making a BJU education more affordable for students

\$7.4M

\$5M

FY **2017** FY **2018** 

# **Celebrating God's Blessing**

SINCE TAX EXEMPTION MARCH 2017

As a BJU donor, you are investing in the lives of students, faculty and staff of BJU and creating an impact that will last for eternity! We praise God for His faithful blessing since BJU became tax exempt in March 2017.



Each year, BJU donors invest in the lives of thousands of students! These students go on to become alumni who are well prepared to serve God in their professions, communities, homes and churches.

Now that I have finished my first year at Bob Jones University, I am sure that God is calling me into the medical field. Throughout the first year, I struggled to see how I would be able to continue to pursue my education because I simply couldn't make ends meet. But because of continued support through prayers and funds, I saw God work and provide for all my needs. I am so thankful for those who donate and support the programs at Bob Jones University. God is truly using you to work wonders in my life.



- 2,183 students received financial aid in 2021-22 academic year.
- \$8,476 average BJU annual scholarship 2021-2022 academic year.
- Student body from 36 foreign countries and 49 states.
- Over 100,000 students have attended BJU since 1927.



As an undergraduate student, knowing I had to cover my own tuition bill was daunting as I began college. But, because of faithful donors to the BJU Together Annual Fund, the Lord allowed me to receive my education at BJU. As I reflect on my experience, I see how the biblical worldview emphasis of the University has uniquely prepared me to be a faithful steward of God's word today in my career. Thank you to everyone that has played a part in partnering with BJU to make Christian higher education possible for students like me and many others.

- Nick Gore
Class of 2022

## **Annual Fund**



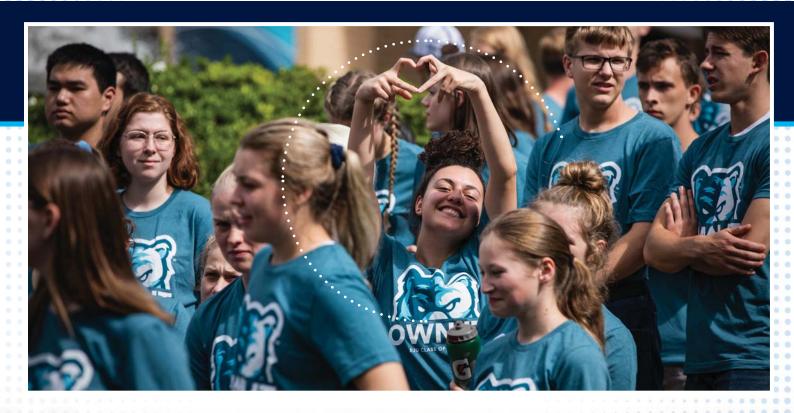
The Annual Fund is BJU's sustaining fund. THANK YOU for your support of BJU's general fund and student scholarships — which are both part of the Annual Fund. A total of \$7,183,369 was given to fund merit and need-based scholarships and increase student success by creating new programs, enhancing technology and upgrading student spaces.

You can make the Annual Fund a regular part of your monthly giving through bank drafts or via automatic credit card debits. Give us a call to set this up at 888-252-6363.





- BJU Together \$7,183,369
  - BJU Together General \$5,511,186
  - BJU Together Scholarships \$930,664
  - Named Scholarships \$741,519
- Capital Campaigns \$1,927,085
  - Living & Learning \$1,395,910
  - School of Health Professions \$531,175
- Grant Funding \$2,740,096
- Academics and Programs \$1,510,952
  - Restricted Programs \$826,691
  - Academics \$577,248
  - Mission Teams \$76,313
  - Patron of the Arts \$30,700
- Endowments (Scholarship and Science & Engineering) – \$865,828
  - Scholarships \$671,135
  - Science & Engineering Endowment Fund - \$194,693
- Bruins Athletic Club \$282,001
- Bible Conference \$167,401

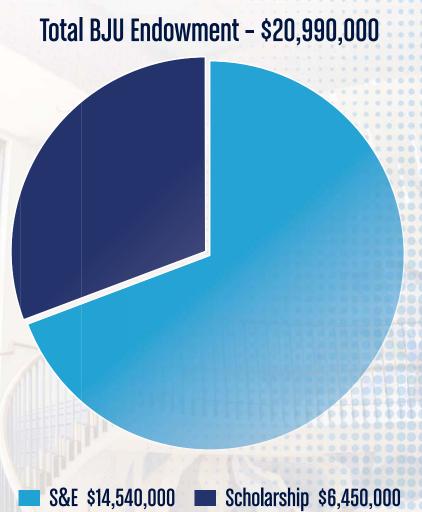


# **Endowments** •

Scholarship Endowments make a BJU education more affordable for students who want to be part of a Christian community where they can be challenged academically and thrive spiritually. The interest from scholarship endowments secures annual financial aid for years to come. These scholarships provide a means to recruit, retain and rescue needy students. Endowment gifts received this year totaled \$671,135 — exceeding our goal by 34%.

### The Science & Engineering Endowment

funds new lab equipment, helps science educators further develop their teaching skills (SITS program), and even gives students the chance to participate in real-world study programs in cancer research as well as spending summers in full-time research. This year, SITS faculty partnered with BJU's Center for Biblical Worldview to host a worldview conference on BJU's campus, partially funded by S&E. \$194,693 was received for S&E this year exceeding our goal by 94%.



# **Living & Learning Capital Campaign**

The Living & Learning Capital Campaign renovations are complete! Thank you for investing in the lives of our students and making this renovation possible!

BJU's new strategic plan emphasizes student success by pursuing the goals of biblical thinking, life mentoring and engaged learning. We launched the Living & Learning Capital Campaign to create community spaces that better meet the needs of today's college students. I am really excited about the residence hall project because, while it will bring a vast improvement to the spaces where our freshmen live, it does much more. This project transforms these residence halls into a living and learning environment where all students, regardless of classification, will have community spaces on every floor. This project is a tangible expression of BJU's commitment to student success. Thank you to those who are making this important transformation possible!





Alan T. Benson
Executive Vice President for Student
Development & Ministry Advancement

I am very thankful for all the dear donors who've made the Living & Learning Capital Project possible for us students! As a sophomore, I will have access to many of the common areas in Gaston. It's wonderful to know that I can always walk a little bit to Gaston, and I will have nice and comfortable chairs and desks to do my homework. It's also amazing that when the Den is full of people, my friends and I can always hang out in the common areas in Gaston."





Last school year, a BJU student-led team joined the elite winners circle of the worldwide XPRIZE student competition sponsored by Elon Musk.

The team's proposal of an improved CO2 sensor for monitoring carbon sequestration in soil won a \$100,000 grant for the BJU team out the total \$5 million prize. Competing with universities such as Stanford, Oxford, Virginia Tech and Penn State, these seven BJU students majoring in science, engineering and business comprised the only winning team from a Christian liberal arts university.

After creating a business/marketing plan, six students and three supervising professors spent the summer testing the prototype technology and actively promoting the new business they named Soil Economy. This student-owned and operated company has a projected timeline that includes completing the prototype during this academic school year, securing funding for the first three years of operation, and fully launching the product in 2024.

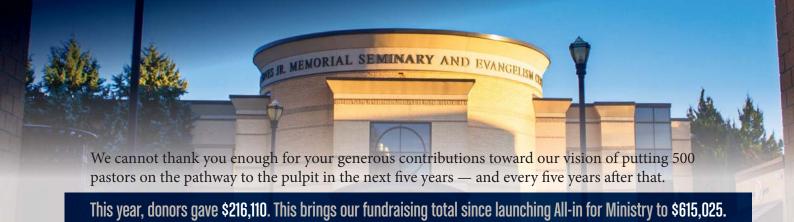
# **Grants** Update

Dr. Sandra Ford, BJU's Grants Director, is seeing successes in her short time here at BJU.

The grants department is nurturing and strengthening community relationships and establishing partnerships on the local, regional and federal levels. Across campus, the grants department is partnering with faculty to both identify programs that qualify for grant opportunities and submit proposals.

The grants department's applications have resulted in four funded grants, totaling over \$2.74 million for BJU this year! This brings our total since tax exemption to \$5.7 million.





God has and is providing for BJU Seminary through you!

We praise Him especially for the progress made this spring and summer on improving our living and learning space in the seminary building and making programs more affordable and accessible. Currently, our rotunda is being transformed into a new living and learning space allowing for more spaces where students can study and encourage one another. And later this summer, we look forward to upgrading mics, speakers, projectors and other technology to improve the classroom experience.

In May, 34 students received funds from four of our scholarships, with many others to follow.







THE BRUINS ATHLETIC CLUB funds projects for BJU's intercollegiate athletics program, further enabling our student-athletes to use sports as a platform for ministry. Bruins athletics exists to glorify God by promoting unity, pursuing competitive excellence, mentoring students and providing ministry opportunities. This was a banner year for our Bruins Athletes! We had four national championship teams, including the Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's Soccer and Women's Volleyball. Fifteen students received All-American awards, two coaches were recognized as National Coaches of the Year, and two players were recognized as National Players of the Year.

This year, 137 donors gave \$282,001 to support Bruins Athletics.



### **Funds**

### **Opportunity Scholarship Update**

Charitable giving by alumni and friends provides financial gifts to the Opportunity Scholars Program. This program gives minority students access to Christian higher education and the opportunity to attend BJU. Many minority students face insurmountable odds, and without extra help, they may not be able to afford a BJU education. **Approximately 45 American minority students receive funding each year through this program.** We hope to see the number of Opportunity Scholars continue to grow as we seek to better serve the American minority population.

### **New Student Organization: METES**

President Steve Pettit launched METES (Minorities Empowered to Educate and Serve) to "create an understanding, appreciation and acceptance of other cultures on the campus of BJU and to impact local minority communities through educational, service and mentoring projects."

All students are welcome to attend events and become members of this student organization. The group holds 3–4 events per semester and participates in a bi-weekly mentoring opportunity at Wade Hampton High School.

METES promotes academic success, community service and leadership training at BJU. Listen to Steve Pettit's podcast about METES at: today.bju.edu/president/metes.



### Patron of the Arts

This year, donors gave \$30,700 to the Patron of the Arts Fund, which provided scholarship aid to 23 music students at BJU (bringing our total to 80 students helped in the last four years) and underwrote fine arts programming at BJU. This year featured productions like Samson et Dalila, which included a cast of 219 BJU students, and the Living Gallery, which welcomed over 10,000 guests.



The HERITAGE SOCIETY is an organization that honors those who provide for the future of BJU through their estate plans. Many of our 565 members have remembered BJU through a will, life insurance, trust, retirement fund or 401(k) designation. If you have placed BJU in your estate plans, we would love to include you in this special group. Just give us a call at 888-252-6363.

Heritage Society members enjoy special communications and events and have been a source of encouragement and impact for the glory of God. Thank you to our members for creating a legacy that invests in the lives of BJU students for eternity.

### Mike Timma

Mike Timma, a 1967 BJU accounting graduate, was a Vietnam veteran, mentor to many and successful partner in one of the Big 8 accounting firms. He was passionately committed to Christ, his family, career, church, community and his alma mater.

Mike loved returning to campus often to attend artist series, chapel and ball games. He consistently offered thoughtful and insightful suggestions to BJU faculty and leadership about how to better serve BJU alumni. Mike was a powerful and faithful prayer warrior for BJU's mission and students. He desired that BJU be the best it could be for God's glory.

As an intentional and generous philanthropist, Mike gave back to his alma mater during his life, as well as to various camp ministries and his church. Mike also chose to give through his estate when the Lord called him home. Mike was the lead donor in our current Living and Learning Capital Campaign — a final opportunity for him to invest in generations of students at the university he loved.

# Introducing FREEWILL

Do you have a Will? In an effort to make this powerful form of giving more accessible, BJU has partnered with FreeWill to offer an online will-writing tool that makes creating a bequest easy and free of cost to you. As simple as an online tax preparation service, FreeWill provides you with all the information you need to create a legally binding will. You even have the option to include a non-profit organization like BJU as a beneficiary of your estate. If you would like to join the many visionary donors in our Heritage Society that have made this incredible commitment, get started with our online tool today and create your will in as little as 20 minutes. Visit give.bju.edu/FreeWill to get started!



The BJU PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY recognizes BJU alumni and friends whose generous annual gifts of \$1,000 or more demonstrate their abiding partnership in sustaining the mission of BJU. Your gifts keep BJU moving forward for God's glory! Benefits include special communications from the president, invitations to exclusive events and website recognition (if desired).

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### **Donor Highlight**

Donna is a BJU alumnae. She worked as a Human Resources professional in several states before retiring in the South. After caring for her mother for several years, Donna set up an endowed scholarship to honor both of her parents and to fulfill her desire to assist BJU students for years to come.

In addition to giving generously to BJU projects, Donna keeps up with friends and roommates from her student days through social media. She also keeps current with BJU activities and has hosted a BJU event.

Donna reflects, "I am thankful for my years at BJU. In addition to the solid education I received, I increased my Bible knowledge, learned many life skills, and made lifelong friendships. I am grateful to be able to help BJU and its students."

Thank you, Donna, for investing in the lives of BJU students!

### **Double the Impact!** Maximizing your donation through matching gifts

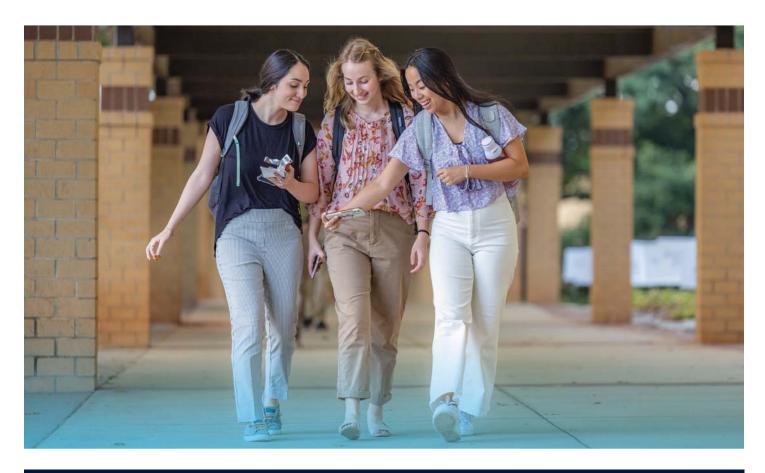
More than 16,000 companies offer matching gift programs as a benefit to their employees by matching their charitable contributions. Gifts from employees' spouses and retirees may also qualify for a match.



By simply completing a matching gift form (online or paper), you may be able to double, or even triple, the impact of your gift! Gifts of any amount enable BJU students to study at one of the premier Christian liberal arts higher education institutions.

To see if your company will match your gifts, visit our website give.bju.edu/employee-match.

### **Together We Are Making a Difference!**



"Thank you for your faithful support of BJU! You are investing in the lives of BJU students that will have an impact for eternity. Please let us know how we can serve you today."



Joh D. Matthews John D. Matthews Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations

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