Dear MSU Denver Donors and Partners,

Reflecting on the past year at Metropolitan State University of Denver, Ferd and I are overcome with emotions. We are inspired by the tremendous leadership of President Janine Davidson, Ph.D.; she is charting an exciting path forward for the University after leading us through two of the most difficult years our community has ever faced. We are awed by the resilience of our students, staff and faculty; they continue to dig deep, reach high and give endlessly of themselves in pursuit of their higher education goals. And we are humbled by the generosity of our community of donors; they help ensure every student at MSU Denver has a fighting chance to succeed.

We are also proud.

In the current and upcoming fiscal years, Advancement will remain aligned with the University’s five-year strategic plan and continue to partner with current and new donors to invest in four priority pillars: facilitating student success, cultivating inclusive excellence, creating classroom-to-career pathways and addressing Colorado’s talent pipeline. We are already well on our way. This year, we raised a record $10.6M, sent $4.3M to the University for immediate use and added $2.6M in gifts to our endowment. We are also expanding our planned giving program to provide future Roadrunners with the support they need.

We would not be able to do any of this without our champions, our donors and our partners – thank you! Thank you for being there for MSU Denver. Thank you for supporting the educational goals of more than 17,500 undergraduate and graduate students, nearly all of whom come from Colorado and stay in the state after graduating. And thank you for helping MSU Denver build a space where “Roadrunners Rise” to achieve their greatest aspirations for themselves, their families and in service to their communities.

Warmly,

Christine Márquez-Hudson  
Vice President of University Advancement & Executive Director of the MSU Denver Foundation

Ferd Belz  
Chair  
MSU Denver Foundation Board
Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Report

Total Donors 4,564  Total Gifts 11,585  Total Dollars Raised $10,597,348

$1,244,674  $3,446,784  $3,787,090  $1,848,400  $270,360

2,406 Alumni Donors  1,974 Individual Donors  67 Foundation Donors  91 Corporate Donors  26 Non-Profit Donors

Giving Designation
26% of giving supported scholarships
18% of giving supported capital projects
1% of giving was unrestricted
2% of giving supported other operations
53% of giving supported programs

Donor Breakdown
2,837 Repeat Donors  1,727 First-Time Donors

Endowment value as of June 30, 2022:
$19,529,083

Total net assets as of June 30, 2022:
$39,658,329

79% growth in endowment value over last 5 years
Planning for the future
Mark J. Smith, retired CPA/PFS, CFP and CIMA, understands the challenges students face when paying for college.

One of three children whose single mother made ends meet as a waitress, the family focused on taking care of day-to-day necessities—not paying for college. Smith relied on the generosity of strangers who funded scholarships when he began his higher education journey at Iowa Central Community College.

“People were willing to invest in my future,” he said. “I decided that if I were ever in the position to help someone receive an education, I would.”

When the time came, MSU Denver was a natural fit with its “excellent education at a very fair price.”

Recently, Smith and his wife Tori made a planned gift to support the College of Business. The Mark and Tori Smith Endowment will establish “fill-the-gap” scholarships and help meet the need for increased student support programs.

Full Story:
msudenver.edu/planning-for-the-future

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Enhancing student opportunities
by Lynne Winter '17

As MSU Denver works to meet the needs of its students, the community and the state of Colorado, loyal donors like Mariner Kemper, chairman and CEO of UMB Financial Corporation, are helping make those plans a reality.

Kemper recently facilitated a gift from the William T. Kemper Charitable Trust, revolutionizing health care through the MSU Denver Health Institute, and gifts from the UMB Financial Corporation Charitable Foundation and Arvin Gottlieb Charitable Foundation for the Classroom to Career Hub, supporting students with personalized career planning.

“I don’t think there is a better example anywhere in the state of a university keeping tuition affordable while ensuring students have access to cutting-edge learning opportunities,” said Kemper. “An enhanced Health Institute and C2Hub experience will prepare an even larger number of diverse, workforce-ready graduates to serve as leaders in their communities.”

Health Institute: msudenver.edu/health-institute

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Event Links
Black History Month: msudenver.edu/diversity/calendar
STEM Career Fair: msudenver.edu/classroom-to-career-hub
Government Career Fair: msudenver.edu/classroom-to-career-hub
Feb. 16 - Mug Club Happy Hour: msudenver.me/mugclub
Feb. 23 - Bridge Speaker: msudenver.edu/gender-institute-teaching-advocacy/gita-events
Feb. 23 - Annual Scholarship Celebration: msudenver.edu/alumni/events/2023-annual-scholarship-celebration

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Total raised in FY22: $10,597,348
79% Growth in fundraising since 2018
**Making an Impact in One Day That’s Possible Here**

1,144 Total Donors
$221,545 Dollars Raised
1,278 Gifts

FROM 43 STATES

**Day of Giving**

- Presidential Internship in Public Service: 51 donors, $38,135
- Roadrunners Athletics Giving Challenge: 547 donors, $43,692
- Food Pantry: 50 donors, $6,888
- Epic Scholars: 9 donors, $4,740
- Women’s Golf Team: 130 donors, $4,529

70 Social Media Advocates Generated 370 Gifts and $17,843

Most Successful Day of Giving Ever
MSU Denver held its annual Day of Giving on March 31, 2022, and it was the most successful Day of Giving ever. A total of 1,144 donors came together to raise $221,545, exceeding goals and previous records in both totals. The dollars raised support a wide range of funds at MSU Denver, including the Presidential Internship in Public Service, student support services and Roadrunners Athletics. These gifts provide students unique opportunities and the support they deserve, while pursuing their dream of earning a degree.

The newly-created Presidential Internship in Public Service, supported by President Janine Davidson, Ph.D., was among the highest-supported funds. It offers students a chance to build pathways to public service careers through paid internships with politicians, non-profits and more.

Roadrunners Athletics raised over $40,000 supporting scholarships, equipment and facilities updates.

Full Story: 
msudenver.edu/2022-Day-Of-Giving

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"MSU Denver students bettering their lives through education ignites my spirit of giving and generosity. And although I have made gifts to the University, the biggest gift has been to me. This is a worthy cause."

- Dawn Bookhardt, J.D.
Incoming Chair, MSU Denver Foundation Board of Directors
Building a pipeline to healthier communities
When it comes to health care, representation matters. Studies show that patients served by a health care professional representing them are more likely to receive lifesaving preventive care services, improving patient outcomes and health disparities.

In April, Bank of America partnered with MSU Denver to increase the workforce pipeline of Latinx students entering health fields, investing $250,000 over two years. The multi-year grant is part of Bank of America’s commitment to advancing racial equality and economic opportunity through their national Progresando initiative, which addresses the shortage of culturally sensitive, Spanish-speaking health care providers by expanding education and employment opportunities for Latinx adults.

“The University’s innovative wraparound services model – mentorship, navigators and other student supports – was well underway, which is why the choice to build on our existing partnership with MSU Denver was clear,” said Erica McIntire, Colorado market executive, Bank of America.

“MSU Denver was the only school willing to help me accomplish my goal of becoming a physician despite my legal status. The staff, faculty and mentors have supported my aspirations more than anyone else in my life. I truly owe my success to MSU Denver.” - Ines Calvete Barrios, Integrative Health Care ‘22

Event Links
Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month: msudenver.edu/diversity/calendar
SPR Job and Internship Fair: msudenver.edu/classroom-to-career-hub
April 20 - Mug Club Happy Hour: msudenver.me/mugclub
April 22 - First-Generation Graduation: msudenver.edu/diversity/calendar
April 27 - Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Closing and Graduation: msudenver.edu/diversity/calendar
Helping the next person
John Montaña had a rough childhood and worked in various manual-labor jobs until the age of 30, when a recession hit in the 1980s and left him without a job. A non-traditional, first-generation student of Mexican descent, with a mild form of autism, he is the epitome of an MSU Denver student.

He thrived at MSU Denver and made an impression on his professors, so much so that a letter of recommendation from Glenn Yarberry, Ph.D., in conjunction with University of Denver professor Murray Blumenthal, Ph.D., helped him attain a full-ride scholarship to DU’s Sturm College of Law.

Following a successful career as an attorney and small-business owner, Montaña is now looking to give back to MSU Denver, which he says gave so much to him.

“There are a lot of people in a lot of places whose situation is similar to what mine was,” Montaña says. “They find themselves coming into the world and into adulthood without a lot of resources and without a lot of mentors... The goal of what I’m trying to do is to change that paradigm for some people.”

Full Story:
msudenver.edu/the-power-of-education
Supporting student success
To say Barb Grogan is passionate about MSU Denver is an understatement. From faculty and staff to University leadership, she loves it all – but there’s nothing she loves more than the students.

Grogan, the former Board of Trustees chair, made her first gift in 2012 and met the students whose lives she impacted.

“I got to know MSU Denver through the eyes of the students before I really engaged with anyone else,” she said. “They shared how welcome they felt, how it was changing their lives, how their professors were accessible and helpful – it was amazing.”

Grogan recently made a $100,000 gift to the University, establishing the Student Success Endowed Fund to expand programs and activities that provide students with the support and resources they need to successfully navigate their path to graduation, ensure students’ basic needs are met during unexpected catastrophic events and engage more students through wraparound support services.

**Event Links**
- **June 2 - Athletics Dinner and Auction:** msudenver.edu/giving/roadrunners-athletics-auction-2023
- **June 15 - Mug Club Happy Hour:** msudenver.me/mugclub

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I will forever be grateful for how the generosity of every member of the MSU Denver community has opened so many doors in my life. Spending the last year surrounded by love and encouragement from Roadrunners like you makes me feel like I can accomplish anything!

- Damarley Laing, Emergency & Fire Sciences ’24

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**Full Story:**
msudenver.edu/supporting-student-success
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The heart of a teacher
Knowing her body was losing its two-year battle against cancer, Kathleen Luttenegger, Ph.D., professor of Elementary Education and Literacy at MSU Denver, dedicated herself to one more goal - providing future educators with access to the resources they need to carry on her love of learning and teaching.

Two months before passing away at age 51, Luttenegger established the Dr. Kathleen C. Luttenegger Legacy in Teaching Endowment. The scholarship will support the dreams of students who have overcome significant obstacles and circumstances to pursue a degree in Elementary Education at MSU Denver.

“Kathleen’s unwavering focus on students made her an excellent teacher, advisor, scholar and colleague - she set the bar high,” said School of Education Dean Elizabeth Hinde, Ph.D. “We are sad to no longer see her in her office with students and co-workers, teaching in a classroom or sharing her vast wisdom and wit in meetings.”

Full Story: msudenver.edu/the-heart-of-a-teacher

Event Links
July 20 - Mug Club Happy Hour: msudenver.me/mugclub

Faculty and Staff Giving Data
$340,665 Total Giving
3,235 Gifts
495 Donors
A lesson in teamwork
by Andy Schlichting

Jerry Hilderbrand grew up a multi-sport athlete in rural Nebraska. Through sports, he learned many values and lessons, none bigger than teamwork.

A 1974 Accounting graduate of MSU Denver, Hilderbrand went on to a 35-year career as a certified public accountant, while building his own company in Colorado Springs into the largest single-owned accounting firm in the region. He credits lessons learned in sports for his success.

Today, he still recognizes the critical role sports played in his life and in 2013, established the Hilderbrand Athletic/Academic Endowment at MSU Denver for student-athletes in a business major.

This year’s scholarship recipient, Brianna Bailey, is a winner of numerous academic awards and helped the Roadrunners women’s basketball team win the conference championship last winter.

“It allows me to have a better, well-rounded, student-athlete career,” she said. “I don’t have to focus on finances so much – I can concentrate on basketball and school.”

Full Story: [msudenver.edu/a-lesson-in-teamwork](http://msudenver.edu/a-lesson-in-teamwork)

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**Red & Blue Fund Giving Data**

$585,856 Raised 1,779 Gifts 949 Donors

*The Red and Blue Fund allows donors to make a direct impact on the sport of their choice, help student-athletes elevate their game and provide the additional funds necessary to ensure student-athletes have access to high-caliber competition and a comprehensive academic experience.*

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Event Links

Aug. 17 - Mug Club Happy Hour: [msudenver.me/mugclub](http://msudenver.me/mugclub)
The gift of representation
MSU Denver alumnus and Board of Trustees Chair Russell Noles understands firsthand the impact of representation in the classroom. When Noles was a student at George Washington High School in Denver, Colorado, his mother suggested he consider going into accounting. Unsure, everything changed when three Black accountants were guest speakers in one of his classes.

“They pitched us on a career in accounting, then invited us to their office to see, in person, what it was all about,” said the 1981 Accounting graduate. “Seeing those successful Black men dressed in suits, spending time with them in their offices and watching them work as accountants made me believe I could do it, too.”

With his recent gift of $250,000 supporting diversity, equity and inclusion programs at the University, Noles wants to ensure all Roadrunners see themselves reflected in the person standing at the front of the classroom.

Full Story:
msudenver.edu/the-gift-of-representation

471 of our President’s Society donors, those who contribute $1,000 or more in a fiscal year, collectively donated $8,579,478 between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022.
Socktober
Since 2019, the Roadrunner community has supported student success by participating in the MSU Denver Socktober giving event. When donors make a $25 gift during October to the Roadrunner Food Pantry, Student Emergency Fund or DREAMer Emergency fund, they receive a limited-edition pair of MSU Denver-branded socks and a pair is distributed to students through the food pantry.

Socktober has grown in popularity, raising a record $16,653 in 2021. Over three years, 949 donors have helped raise $46,814, meeting the needs of food-insecure students by filling cupboards and bridging emergency financial gaps that might have otherwise caused them to stop out. Additionally, 1,872 pairs of socks have been distributed, keeping toes warm all winter.

Each year, Roadrunners have continued to step up their sock game, ensuring our students have the resources to rise and reach any goal they set for themselves.

More about Socktober: msudenver.edu/giving/socktober-2022

Event Links
Latinx Heritage Month: msudenver.edu/diversity/calendar
Richard T. and Virginia M. Castro Distinguished Visiting Professorship: msudenver.edu/castro-professorship
Oct. 19 - Mug Club Happy Hour: msudenver.me/mugclub

Socktober Totals FY20-22

$46,814 Raised
949 Donors
1,872 Socks Donated
Supporting those who serve
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**Event Links**

- **Native and Indigenous People's Month:** [msudenver.edu/diversity/calendar](msudenver.edu/diversity/calendar)
- **Nov. 16 - Mug Club Happy Hour:** [msudenver.me/mugclub](msudenver.me/mugclub)
- **Nov. 28 - Roadrunner Tuesday:** [msudenver.edu/roadrunner-tuesday](msudenver.edu/roadrunner-tuesday)

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“Between owning my two businesses, being a father and being in the Navy, I think it falls in line with a traditional student here at MSU Denver. We wear many hats, but when it’s time to put on the right hat, we do, and we show up and we get it done.”

- Leon Duran, Criminology ‘15

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by Lynne Winter ’17

In fall 2020, when MSU Denver was fully remote, the Army ROTC program received an inquiry from a prospective donor, not knowing how that call would transform the program and the lives of its cadets.

Over the last two years, Brian and Debra Crew’s passion and philanthropy have significantly impacted the Army ROTC program, providing funds for an ROTC house “facelift” and grants for cadets needing financial assistance.

Their affinity for the program began in the 1990s while attending the University of Denver.

“At the time, the only ROTC program was at MSU Denver,” said Brian Crew. “In addition to taking classes full-time and ROTC, we were on the Auraria Campus early each morning for physical training.”

Crew says the things he and Debra learned in ROTC tremendously impacted their military and civilian careers. Grateful for their experiences, the couple wanted to direct funds to the program.

**Full Story:** [msudenver.edu/supporting-those-who-serve](msudenver.edu/supporting-those-who-serve)
Season of giving
MSU Denver is closed Dec. 25, 2023 - Jan. 1, 2024. Please make end-of-year gifts online at msudenver.edu/giving.

Mail is not delivered during the winter break.

In order to receive a 2023 tax receipt for your gift:

- Mailed checks must be postmarked in 2023.
- Stocks, bonds and other marketable securities must be in the possession of Syntrinsic, our investment manager, on or before Dec. 31.
- EFT/Wire Transfers must be received at UMB Bank on or before Dec. 31.

If you have questions or need additional information about making an end of year gift, please call 303-615-0065 and your message will be promptly returned.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of MSU Denver!

Event Links
Dec. 15 - Fall Commencement: msudenver.edu/university-events/commencement
Dec. 21 - Mug Club Happy Hour: msudenver.me/mugclub
Roadrunners Athletics

MSU Denver boasts one of the top athletics programs in NCAA Division II. During the 2021-22 school year, Roadrunners teams won three Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championships and had six teams compete in NCAA postseason play.

More info: RoadrunnersAthletics.com

Music and Arts

The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences is home to the University's music and arts. Students perform throughout the year in musicals, dramas, dance concerts, music concerts and multidisciplinary performances, and art students participate in galleries and exhibitions.

More info: msudenver.me/arts

Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation aids in the education and development of the whole person and serves as a place of employment for students. Participants gain health benefits such as feelings of physical well-being, stress reduction, respect for others, friendships and self-confidence.

More info: msudenver.edu/recreation