



DONOR IMPACT REPORT

2023-2024

A report on the extraordinary impact your unwavering support has on Colorado Mesa University students.



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As we welcome the largest freshman class in CMU's history, it's important to reflect on the people and contributions that made it possible for many of our students to be here. As a first-generation-serving institution, nearly half of the students walking across our campus are the first in their families to do so. It takes a tremendous amount of courage on their end to forge a new path. Fortunately, because of donors and people like you, they don't have to walk the path alone.

The rising cost of higher education has burdened students and families nationwide. A Gallup poll from this summer painted a concerning picture: adults have very little confidence in higher education. Their reasons range from the rising cost of a degree to doubts about program relevance and the belief that students are being exposed to polarizing worldviews. At CMU, we've seen the opposite trend because we're doing things differently.

Our campus is rooted in values of love, dignity, curiosity, humility, resilience, courage and power. We live out these values in tangible ways, like making college affordable, focusing on relevant programs that lead to a better life and emphasizing career and technical education. We also teach students how to think rather than what to believe, which has made all the difference.

What's happening on campus, in the classroom and in the broader community starts with you. The CMU Promise, which ensures tuition is covered for Colorado students whose family's gross income is \$70,000 or less, exists because of your support. After listening directly to you and your industry needs, we've continued to expand our career and technical education programs. In addition to that, our mobile learning lab fleet has grown, and we can now visit more rural communities and businesses to support continued education.

The same values that drive our academic commitment to students also inspire the cultural experiences we bring to our community. Many of you may have already experienced a show or performance at our new Asteria Theatre, thanks to the generosity of Doug and Jamee Simons, the El Pomar Foundation, the Boettcher Foundation and the Dave and Mary Wood Foundation. Asteria has already hosted top talent from alumnus Kalani Pe'a to our own students and faculty in *Amadeus*. We have Ferne Pearlstein and Judy Gold on the stage in October, and on November 11 we'll welcome to campus the man who knows the stars and space better than anyone, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson.

As we reflect on our meaningful growth, we're reminded of the deep connections that form



Colorado Mesa University President John Marshall and Foundation CEO Robin Brown

our Mavily. Our donors and supporters make it possible for students to be courageous and explore new opportunities, knowing they are part of a campus shaped by shared values and a community that walks with them every step of the way.

Best,

John Marshall, President
Colorado Mesa University

Robin Brown, Foundation CEO

MISSION

The mission of the Colorado Mesa University Foundation is to strengthen educational opportunities at Colorado Mesa University through the generation and distribution of all gift assets. The Foundation serves as the depository for all charitable gifts and acts in a fiduciary capacity as exclusive agent for donor activity.



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IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Data pertains to fiscal year 2023–2024

“ I love CMU because of the opportunities it provides me. I am continuing my education this fall to obtain a Master of Social Work.”

Alexjandra (Alex) Rodriguez Ardila

- May '24 Graduate
- Double major in Psychology and Hispanic Studies
- Moved to Grand Junction from Colombia at age 14

\$13,480,174

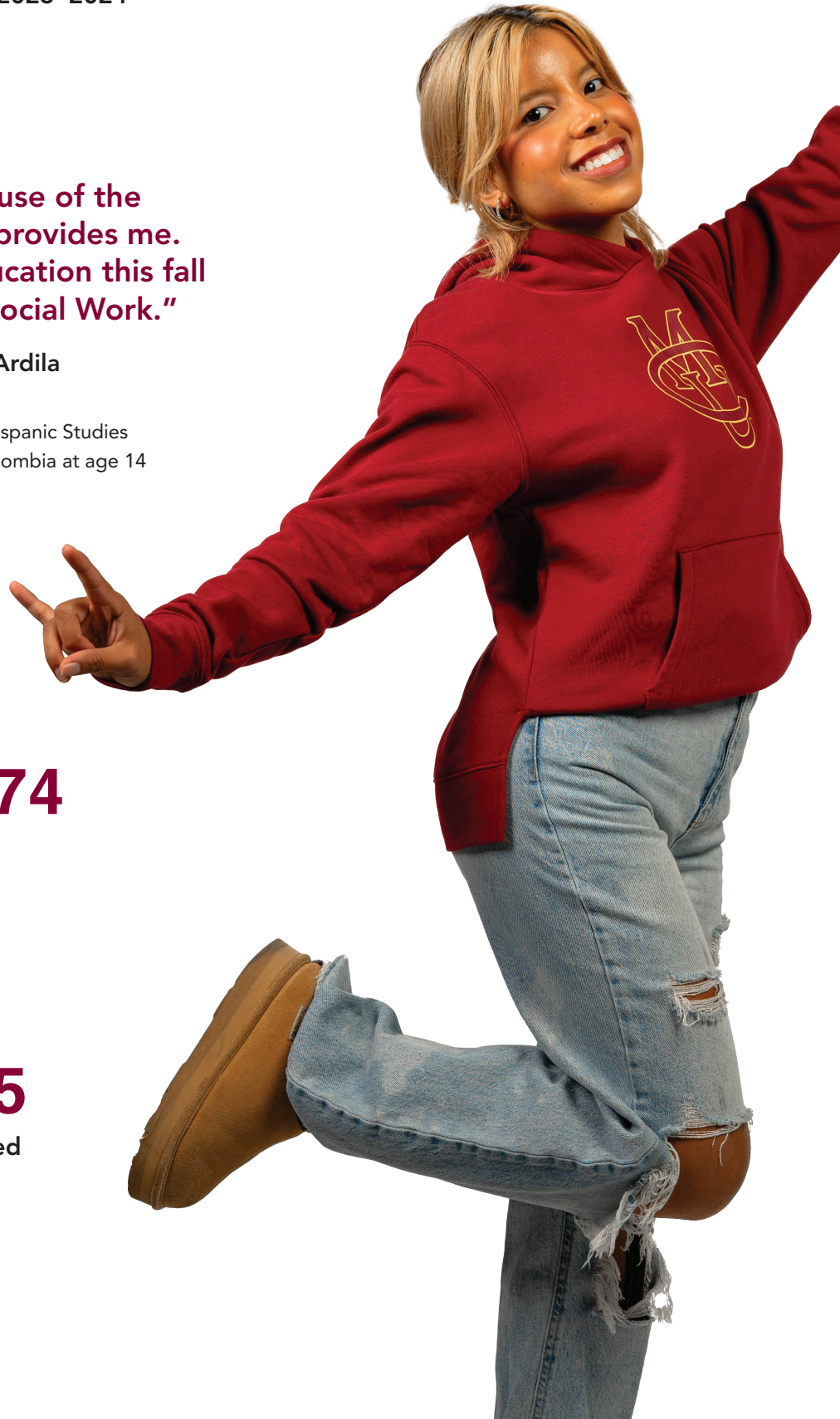
Total dollars raised

5,865

Number of donors

\$4,421,575

Scholarship dollars awarded





“CMU’s accounting professors are really great and are always willing to help. The campus is gorgeous and welcoming, with incredible views of the Monument.”

Patrick Rathbun

- Junior
- Accounting major
- Omaha, NE



1,477

Number of students who received scholarships

9,742

Number of gifts received

\$59,770,525

Endowment value

\$9,416,625

Total support to CMU

NEWLY ESTABLISHED ENDOWMENTS

Fiscal Year 2023–2024

Wayne N. and Julie E. Aspinall Foundation Endowment

This endowment honors the legacy of Congressman Wayne Aspinall. In a foundation merger, the Aspinall Foundation joined the CMU Foundation — doubling the endowment for scholarships aimed at students in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. This endowment will support the next generation of civic leaders in western Colorado.

Carolyn Burger Memorial Scholarship

The Carolyn Burger Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to 25-years and older, first-generation, GED recipient, foster care youth or veteran students with limited financial resources interested in teaching. It was created in honor of Carolyn Burger, who overcame early obstacles to pursue higher education and wished to impact children's lives through teaching. The scholarship aims to support individuals who face similar challenges and share the same aspirations as Burger.

Wenzel-Miller Endowed Theatre Arts Scholarship

CMU Performing Arts is a hidden gem in our community that Anne Wenzel and David Miller discovered when they moved to Grand Junction in 2001. They established the Wenzel-Miller Endowed Theatre Arts Scholarship to support aspiring theatre arts and music majors who use their gifts to fully celebrate life and raise attendees' spirits through the arts.

Erskine-Peyton Family Scholarship

The Erskine-Peyton Family Scholarship is in place to support nursing students in the Department of Health Sciences. The two families share numerous ties to CMU and the nursing field having been next-door neighbors for more than 50 years. Of the families, two members have worked at the university for several years, two graduated from CMU and two were nurses. This scholarship honors the hard work and dedication required in nursing by helping students financially.

Prospace+ Interiors Women's Basketball Scholarship

The Prospace+ Interiors Women's Basketball Scholarship was established by Dave Huerkamp, president of Prospace+ Interiors, to support student-athletes on CMU's Women's Basketball Team.

Bob and Jane Quimby Memorial Basketball Scholarship

The family of Bob and Jane Quimby established the Bob and Jane Quimby Memorial Basketball Scholarship in their memory to support student-athletes on the Women's Basketball Team.

Phyllis E. Lucero Scholarship

The Phyllis E. Lucero Scholarship was established by Phyllis' daughter, Michelle Lucero, in honor of her mother's commitment to her 11 children, her service to her community in Ignacio, Colorado, and her passion for education. Phyllis received her Bachelor of Arts in Education at the age of 49, all while raising her children, working in early childhood education and serving her community. This scholarship will support students in financial need from La Plata County.

Ridgway Ryan Scholarship

Donor Ridgway Ryan is passionate about helping students seeking technical education and training to enter the workforce. He wants to remove barriers for students starting a new job, changing careers or wishing to advance in their field. For this reason, he established the Ridgway Ryan Scholarship to support students enrolled in CMU Tech. This scholarship supports students pursuing stackable credential opportunities, which allows them to advance their education and career throughout time.

Jim and Sharen Branscome Endowment

Long-time supporters Jim and Sharen Branscome established the Jim and Sharen Branscome Endowment to promote further growth of vocational, technical and academic skills training in the Montrose area. Read the story on page eight to learn more about this generous gift.



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NEWLY ESTABLISHED ENDOWMENTS

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Colorado Water Officials Association Division 5 Scholarship

The Colorado Water Officials Association Division 5 Scholarship supports students pursuing certifications or majors associated with the Ruth Powell Hutchins Water Center. The Colorado Water Officials Association aims to educate Colorado citizens on water rights administration and management while promoting professional development. This scholarship helps educate future leaders in water management.

Sally and Jared Martinez Scholarship

The Carei and Martinez family established the Sally and Jared Martinez Scholarship to support first-generation student-athletes. Sally Carei-Martinez, a collegiate athlete and devoted mother, passed away from breast cancer, leaving behind three children. Her son, Jared, was a student-athlete at CMU who also lost his life. In Sally and Jared's memory, this scholarship aims to help future students achieve their dreams and reach their full potential as students and athletes.

Schakel Family Men's Basketball Scholarship

The Schakel Family Men's Basketball Scholarship was created by the Schakel family, who has lasting ties to the university. Doug Schakel served as CMU's head men's basketball coach for 18 years and was an assistant professor and director of athletics for five years. Sharon Schakel taught in the English Program for 10 years, while their son, Matt, is a CMU alumnus and daughter, Kristin, spent many summers at CMU basketball camps. The Schakel Family Scholarship for men's basketball supports CMU men's basketball student-athletes with their education expenses to foster athletic and academic success for its recipients.

“CMU is helping me prioritize my studies, build connections and is preparing me for medical school.”

Nishma Shrestha

- Senior
- Cellular, Molecular, Developmental Biology major
- Grand Junction, CO



UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITY

Generous donation from Jim and Sharen Branscome aims to propel Montrose economy through the next generation of students

Longtime supporters of Colorado Mesa University, Jim and Sharen Branscome, have given a remarkable \$1 million donation in support of technical education and economic development in Montrose. Passionate advocates for education and former residents of Montrose, the Branscome's generosity is set to create lasting change, empowering students to secure professional positions and contribute to the local economy.

The scholarship is in place to support students pursuing industry credentials and technical certificates. The primary focus will be on students who qualify for the CMU Promise — Colorado students from families making \$70,000 or less a year — and are on a path to employment in Montrose, which ensures that the funds will have a direct impact on the economy by preparing a skilled workforce ready to meet the demands of regional employers.

This endowment provides a lifeline of financial assistance for students facing various obstacles. Whether it's rent, car payments, childcare or other financial challenges, the fund's flexibility ensures that students can receive assistance to overcome these hurdles and stay on track toward their educational goals.

"We have a lot of faith in CMU Tech. That's the reason we directed this \$1 million primarily to that effort," Jim said. "We appreciate the enthusiasm that John Marshall has about CMU Tech and what it can do for the community."

The Branscomes envision their endowment as a catalyst for broader economic growth in Montrose driven by a well-trained workforce. Their motivation for helping CMU Tech students is rooted in their belief that education is a key driver for economic development.

"One of the things we wanted to see happen was technical training for professional jobs in Montrose," Jim said. "The fact that they have those skills will make them employable and will make the area more attractive to high-quality businesses that want to relocate."

This gift from the Branscomes is an investment in CMU Tech students and the future of Montrose itself. By equipping students with the skills they need to thrive in the classroom and the workforce, the Branscomes are laying the foundation for a more robust and dynamic local economy, ensuring that Montrose has the potential to become a thriving hub for years to come. •



STEWARDS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

How the Guardian Scholars Program is transforming lives and shaping futures



Guardian Scholars at the 2024 Donors and Scholars event.

The Guardian Scholars Program is a vital support system for first-generation and underserved youth from Eagle County, Colorado. Founded by CMU Trustee and Davis School of Business namesake Ron Davis, the investment represents his commitment to transforming lives through education.

Making a profound difference in the lives and futures of its recipients, the program's comprehensive

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— Luis De Loera Lopez, Guardian Scholar



Luis De Loera Lopez, Guardian Scholar

student empowerment model identifies ambitious high school students in Eagle County who may not have the funds or resources to pursue college and provides them with the support necessary to succeed.

From the moment students are selected to their graduation day and beyond, Guardian Scholars receive unparalleled guidance and resources. Guardian Scholars benefit from a support network including access to professional mentors and community links that open doors to internships and career opportunities.

The success of the initiative speaks for itself. With a graduation rate exceeding 85%, Guardian Scholars far surpass the national average for lower-income, first-generation students, of whom only 11% typically graduate within six years. Supported scholars graduate with little to no debt, which empowers them to launch their careers without the financial burden of college loans.

This year is particularly significant for the program, as the Guardian Scholars Board of Directors approached and asked CMU to take on administration and operations full-time. This move aims to reduce overhead costs and directly channel more funds into scholarships. The CMU Foundation now manages donor cultivation and gift processing, while CMU staff oversees the cohort to ensure students are well supported.

“Receiving this scholarship is a game-changer. It breaks down potential financial barriers and paves the way for hopes and dreams to become reality,” said Financial Aid Scholarship Cohort Coordinator Mack Lewis. “I’m proud to be a part of the Guardian team. Finding scholars who have amazing potential and then spending each day helping them achieve those goals is really rewarding.”

CMU senior Luis De Loera Lopez is one of the 35 Guardian Scholars currently enrolled at CMU. Thanks to the positive impact of being a Guardian Scholar, he’s now closer to his dream of working in the medical field. He also made genuine connections through the program, one of which led to a paid summer internship at the Steadman Philippon Research Institute.

“ I’m proud to be a part of such a supportive community and I look forward to giving back to the program in the future,”

— Stephanie Martinez, Guardian Scholar

“The program has quite literally changed my life. Without Guardians’ support I wouldn’t be able to continually go to school and pursue my dreams in the medical field,” said De Loera Lopez. “The support I received has varied drastically from financial support, emotional support, counseling and even medical help. When Guardian says we’re a family, I genuinely believe that. I’ve been helped in every way I needed.”



Stephany Martinez, Guardian Scholar

Sophomore Stephany Martinez also emphasized how Guardian Scholar has shaped her academically and personally.

“I’m incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be a Guardian Scholar. The program has not only helped me succeed academically but has also shaped me into the person I am today. I’m proud to be part of such a supportive community and I look forward to giving back to the program in the future,” said Martinez.

Part of students’ success is also attributed to the Guardian Angels — donors who commit to four years of giving. Alongside their donations, Guardian Angels provides support by offering guidance and encouragement to students as they navigate their college experience.

“The Angels follow the journey of the scholars and really care about their future. Support systems and mentors come to graduation. They also have family dinners and parties to network and share successes. It’s far more than a monetary opportunity,” said Lewis.

As the Guardian Scholars program continues to thrive under CMU’s stewardship, its impact on students’ lives is evident.

“Being a Guardian Scholar is a life-changing blessing with amazing people around me who want to see me succeed. I personally want to thank Ron Davis for believing in me and for changing not just my life but so many other students’ lives,” said De Loera Lopez.

The commitment of donors, staff and scholars alike guarantees a continuous legacy for years to come, which will transform lives and motivate future generations to achieve their fullest potential. •

Driving Ambitions



Rocky Mountain Open's endowed fund impacts CMU Golf Program beyond the green

One of Colorado's longest-running open golf tournaments, The Rocky Mountain Open (RMO), is a symbol of excellence and generous tradition in the golfing world. Set against the majestic views of the Grand Mesa and the Colorado National Monument, the RMO offers golfers of all levels a chance to demonstrate their skills.

Since its inception, the RMO has grown significantly in size and impact. Recognizing the tournament's expanding reach and the potential to contribute meaningful influence on local causes, the RMO Board of Directors took a pivotal step in 2016 by establishing the Rocky Mountain Open Endowed Fund to support the CMU Men's and Women's Golf Teams.

The RMO has contributed over \$295,000 to the endowment, which has enhanced the financial support provided to the golf program's dedicated student-athletes by impressive measures.

"The Rocky Mountain Open Endowed Fund is instrumental to the ability of the men's and women's golf programs to attract talented athletes to Colorado Mesa University. We're grateful for the support of the Rocky Mountain Open committee," said Director of Golf and Head Men's Golf Coach Scott Sullivan.

The effect of the RMO's contributions extends past financial assistance. The tournament has

created a nurturing, supportive community, which provides CMU golfers with valuable resources and encouragement on and off the fairway.

"The RMO board takes immense pride in our local golf tournament and our partnership with CMU. Supporting scholarships goes beyond fostering talent — it's about empowering individuals who exemplify discipline, integrity and the drive to excel both on the course and in their communities," said RMO Golf Board Member Jake Brown.

The RMO's commitment to developing talent and offering opportunities for growth is a fundamental aspect of its mission — reflecting the deep dedication of its board members.

"As we look to the future, we're excited about expanding our reach and impact, providing even more opportunities for young athletes to grow and succeed," said Brown.

As the RMO continues to prosper and attract high-level athletes from across the region, the legacy of its support for CMU's golf programs through its endowed fund remains a powerful representation of the lasting impact of community-driven initiatives. RMO's support ensures that future generations of CMU golfers will benefit from the same opportunities and resources for years to come. •

CMU men's and women's golf team with RMO board members at the 2024 tournament.



BRINGING THE STARS TO THE STAGE

CMU's Asteria Theatre serves as a new hub for arts and entertainment in western Colorado

After two years of fundraising, design and construction, CMU announced the grand opening of the Asteria Theatre — a world class theatre that serves both the students of CMU and the residents of western Colorado. Asteria Theatre's amenities can support university performances, traveling Broadway productions and boasts the largest stage between Denver, Colorado, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

CMU broke ground on the theatre in March 2023. The construction involved more than 900 workers and took more than 18 months to complete. The Asteria Theatre opened in September with the Department of Theatre Arts' production of Amadeus.

The 860-seat theatre supports CMU's music and theatre arts curriculum, providing a state-of-the-art venue for students to train, perform and learn. Located across the street from CMU's Hotel Maverick, the theatre will anchor a new entertainment district complete with additional housing, restaurants and retail space.

The theatre was designed to reflect the region's desert landscape, inspired by slot canyons, sandstone cliffs and its unique topography. Beyond the many backstage amenities, the theatre will also provide elevated event spaces including a multipurpose room, a private club level and rooftop deck. Three seating levels within the

audience chamber provide an intimate experience for attendees, and a mechanical orchestra pit and large stage provide expansive abilities for a range of performances.

This \$54 million dollar project wouldn't have been possible without the support of the state legislature which invested \$39 million into the theatre — the largest investment ever made in CMU by the state. The capital campaign, which has raised \$1.8 million, was led by campaign chairs and alumni Doug and Jamee Simons, who first met on the stage of the Robinson Theatre many years ago.

Through CMU's partnership with Western Colorado Community Foundation, the Dave and Mary Wood Foundation, longtime supporters of the arts in western Colorado, contributed \$100,000 to the campaign and are honored by the naming of the Dave and Mary Wood Plaza at the entrance of the theatre.

CMU received incredible support from Colorado's largest foundations. The largest private gift to the theatre came from longtime philanthropic partner, El Pomar Foundation, which contributed \$500,000 to the campaign. Longtime supporter of the arts, the Boettcher Foundation, contributed \$250,000. Additionally, the Gates Family Foundation generously awarded \$60,000 and the Federal Mineral Lease District paid for the orchestra shell for the stage.

The theatre further supports the arts and establishes Grand Junction as a regional cultural destination, allowing CMU to host touring productions that otherwise would not have access to a venue of this scale in the area.

CMU Stages is the umbrella under which all performing arts at CMU, whether at the Asteria Theatre or the Moss Performing Arts Center, will be presented.

For a listing of the 2024–25 season, visit cmustages.com.



Investing in Local Mental Health Services

Million-dollar private, public partnership will support innovative student loan repayment initiative for Master of Social Work students

The City of Grand Junction and Rocky Mountain Health Plans announced a one-million-dollar community collaboration with Colorado Mesa University to support the future of mental health services in Grand Junction.

The city investment of \$500,000 is from the municipality's American Rescue Plan Act funds. This funding is dedicated to assisting graduates of CMU's Master of Social Work (MSW) program in repaying their student loans. The city's prioritization of expanding mental health services was matched by Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP). The collaboration between the city, RMHP and CMU marks one of the most significant educational investments in recent memory to address ongoing shortages of mental health and social service providers.

"We are honored to support Colorado Mesa University's Master of Social Work Student Loan Repayment Program to help eligible graduates pay back student loans and launch their career right here in the Western Slope," said Patrick Gordon, CEO of Rocky Mountain Health Plans. "This shared commitment alongside the City of Grand Junction and CMU will help expand access to mental healthcare in the Grand Junction area by attracting and retaining highly skilled mental health professionals."

The announcement was made during a roundtable discussion at the university and was a community conversation around the challenges of mental health services in rural areas. CMU President John Marshall and Gordon highlighted the profound impact of this initiative and emphasized the ripple effect of

empowering social workers to improve countless lives across the region.

"The number of lives that are going to be impacted in a positive way because of the contributions the city and RMHP are making is really staggering. It's not just the individuals getting the loan assistance, but the number of lives that those people will touch. The multiplier is monumental," said President John Marshall.

By facilitating education and career placement for MSW graduates, the program aims to build a stronger, more accessible mental health care system. The roundtable underscored the program's potential to enhance the community's well-being. The discussion explored broader applications of the funds, highlighting housing, homelessness and mental health as key focus areas.

"For me, mental health and behavioral health have always been very personal. It's been my profession, my life pursuit, and trying to think how to use one-time funds to really advance the mental health of our community just made complete sense for us to partner with CMU with their new MSW program to find ways to keep their graduates in town," said Grand Junction City Councilman Randall Reitz.

This collaborative effort represents a forward-thinking approach to using one-time funds for sustainable impact and emphasizes the importance of keeping graduates local to serve the community's needs.

"We're thrilled to be able to continue to fulfill these kinds of partnerships that are truly focused on what western Colorado needs and with that, thank you to City Council and to RMHP for your leadership," said Marshall. •



From left to right: GJ City Council members Cody Kennedy, Randall Reitz, Abram Herman; Rocky Mountain Health Plans CEO Patrick Gordon; CMU President John Marshall; Director of Master of Social Work Program Michelle Sunkel; Jamie Plock, MSW; and Marrie Hibbard, ICSW

THE POWER OF SMART GIVING

Strategic ways to share your kindness

Smart giving, also known as planned giving or legacy giving, is more than a donation, it's a strategic approach geared towards maximizing the impact of a donor's generosity. By carefully planning contributions, donors can make a lasting difference in the lives of students at Colorado Mesa University and directly witness the effects of their kindness.

Joyce Owens, a dedicated donor to CMU, has seen the power of smart giving firsthand. Her approach to giving has allowed her to make an impact in students' lives while also benefiting from the financial efficiencies. She's utilized several smart giving strategies, including donating from her IRA and leveraging matching gift opportunities to maximize her contributions.

Owens also established the Continuing Unexpected Connections scholarship at CMU, inspired by the serendipitous relationships that have positively shaped her life. The scholarship was established using legacy match, which was very appealing to Owens.

"When I donated the money to start the perpetual scholarship, it was matched. That was a real draw for me rather than donating money yearly. I get the enjoyment of hearing how much is in the scholarship. With CMU that matching was important," said Owens.

Owens' generosity hasn't gone unnoticed. She loves receiving thank you letters from students, who have benefitted from her scholarship.

"It's nice to hear from the students who receive the scholarship. I believe in passing on kindness.

Hopefully someday they'll give to scholarships too and make it possible for other students to go to college," said Owens.

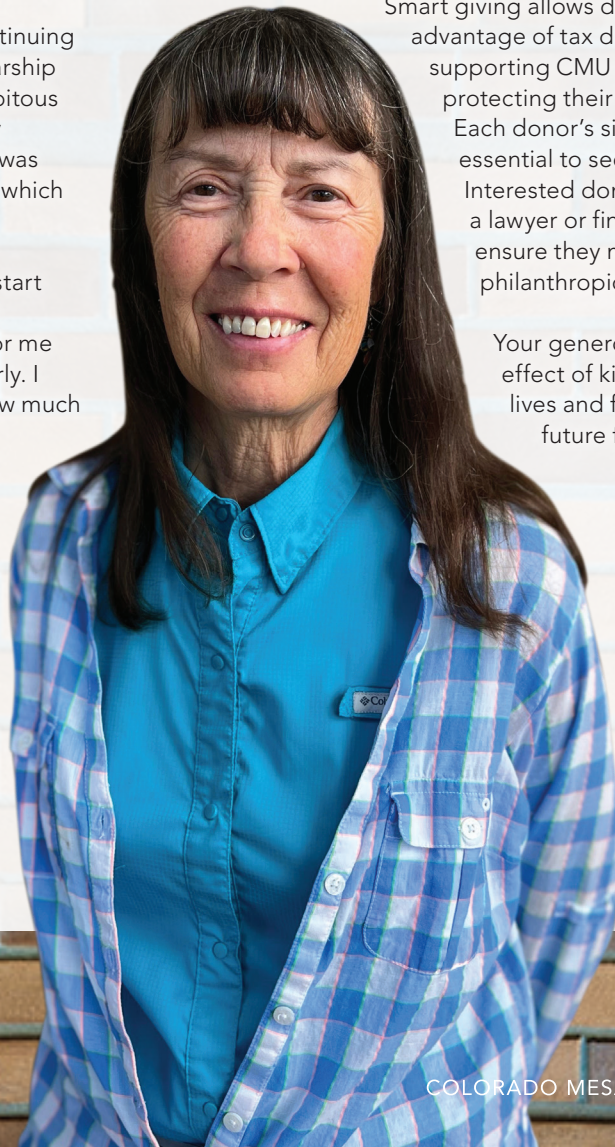
The CMU Foundation works closely with donors to help them navigate smart giving options like the ones Owens used. Whether through appreciated assets, wills, minimum distributions from IRAs or estate planning, the purpose of smart giving is to ensure that each donor's gift aligns with their goals, maximizes the impact of their kindness and leaves a lasting legacy.

"If you share your wealth in smart ways, you can make a larger impact than you could ever imagine," said CMU Associate Director of Development Rick Adleman.

Smart giving allows donors to take full advantage of tax deductions while supporting CMU students and protecting their family's well-being. Each donor's situation is unique, so it's essential to seek professional advice. Interested donors should consult a lawyer or financial advisor to ensure they make the most of their philanthropic efforts.

Your generosity can create a ripple effect of kindness — transforming lives and fostering a brighter future for CMU students. •

Inspired to explore smart giving options? Chat with Rick Adleman at 970.248.1871, email radleman@coloradomesa.edu or stop by the CMU Foundation to learn more.



1925 Society

COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
FOUNDATION

In 1925, Colorado Mesa University was founded, signifying an important milestone for the institution. To emphasize the significant role that endowments play in scholarship support for students, the Foundation created the 1925 Society to celebrate the individuals with the foresight and generosity to establish endowed funds of \$25,000 or greater. Such donations benefit generations to come, providing permanent funding and scholarship opportunities to CMU students. Funds are invested and the generated earnings go to support an area of CMU as directed by the founder.

∞ Indicates a contribution to the endowment in fiscal year 2023–2024.

- ∞ Ted and Maxine Albers Scholarship
Alumni Association Endowment
Arbaney Family Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Wayne N. and Julie E. Aspinall
Foundation Endowment
- ∞ B & B Electric Scholarship
Bacon Family Foundation Foreign
Student Scholarship
LeRoy Bacon Memorial Scholarship
Sandy Bacon Memorial Scholarship
Baines/Riede Memorial Scholarship
- ∞ Dr. Richard Ballard Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Jeffrey Alan Basinger Leadership Scholarship
- ∞ Bauerle Family Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Bechtel Family Scholarship
Beckley/Weaver Scholarship
Dr. Robert “Bob” Beede Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Bus Bergman Baseball Scholarship
Rosalie Jean Bertram Endowed Scholarship
Biggs-Zollner Faculty Enrichment Grant
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T.R. Braithwaite Scholarship
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- ∞ Dan Brant Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- ∞ Barbara L. Brown Endowed Scholarship
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- ∞ JoAnn Brown Endowed Scholarship
Brownson Memorial Leadership Scholarship
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- ∞ Blanche Buescher Business Endowed
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The Randall Capp Family Endowed Scholarship
Velva Carnes MSI Scholarship
Beryl and Dominic Carrica Endowed Scholarship
Nathan B Carson Memorial Scholarship
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Bruce and Louise Dixson Scholarship
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Mary Elizabeth (McDonald) Dolan Scholarship
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Emerson Family Nursing Scholarship Fund

- ∞ Chet Enstrom Memorial Scholarship
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- ∞ Foltz Family Scholarship Endowment
- ∞ Football Alumni Endowment
- ∞ Foster Alumni Mentors—Sylvia Aynn Richards Memorial Scholarship
- Bill and Peggy Foster Endowed Scholarship Fund
- ∞ Lisa and Tim Foster Scholarship
- ∞ Bud Francis Scholarship
- Julie Fredlund Science Scholarship Fund
- ∞ David M. Gardner Memorial Scholarship
- Hazel and Victor Garms Memorial Scholarship Fund
- ∞ Geosciences Tuition Scholarship
- Gerlach Music Scholarship
- ∞ Richard F. Gilmore Sr. Scholarship
- Goffredi Memorial Scholarship
- ∞ Margaret Goodhue-Altrusa Scholarship Endowment
- Gormley Memorial Scholarship
- Jack, Wiley, and Calvin Gower History Scholarship
- Gower, Morford, Oleskevich & Kansgen Foreign Languages Scholarship
- GJ Kiwanis Club Orville & Francis Boge Football Scholarship
- Grand Junction New Car & Truck Dealers Association Scholarship
- Grand Valley Power MSI Endowed Scholarship
- Greer, Lapham, and Roth UTEC Scholarship
- John E. Groneman Endowed Scholarship Fund
- ∞ Ron Halsey Memorial Scholarship for abled Students
- ∞ Hamilton Family Endowment
- ∞ Eric “The Hawk” Hawkins Men’s Basketball Endowed Scholarship
- Lou and Mickey Heeres Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Heifner-Kennedy Family Energy Scholar Endowment
- ∞ Taylor D. Hickman Memorial Scholarship
- ∞ Joe Higgins Scholarship
- Mary Ann Petersen Higley Endowed Scholarship
- Hoolokahi Endowment (HPA)
- Horan Family Endowed Football Scholarship
- Rex Howell Memorial Fund
- Madge Huffer Scholarship
- Michelle Benway Huggins Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Ruth Powell Hutchins Water Center Endowment
- Inez Hulting Petersen Memorial Scholarship
- Institute for Supply Management Scholarship
- ∞ International Student Program Endowed Scholarship

James Family Scholarship

Stanley E and Ruth M T Johnson Family Endowed Scholarship

Landen Manning Jones Endowed Scholarship

- ∞ Martha Jones Memorial Scholarship
- ∞ Knudson Family Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Helen Krey Scholarship
- ∞ Krey Special Purpose Scholarship Fund
- Merle and Thelma Lanning Scholarship
- Lathrop Scholarship
- Gean F. Lipson Trust Endowed Scholarship Fund
- ∞ Cheri Livingston Memorial Scholarship
- ∞ Locke Academic Scholarship Fund
- ∞ Anthony Lopez Memorial Scholarship
- ∞ Carolyn D. Love Scholarship Fund
- ∞ William H. Love Engineering Endowment
- Lucero Family Scholarship
- ∞ Phyllis E, Lucero Scholarship
- ∞ Laura Brownson Ludlam Endowment
- MacEvoy Family Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Don MacKendrick History Scholarship
- Madsen Family MSI Endowment
- Albert J. and Marion T. Merlino Scholarship
- ∞ Sally and Jared Martinez Scholarship
- Alvin Lee Marts Memorial MSI Scholarship
- Dr. Ruth Maurer Flute Program Endowment
- ∞ Maverick Innovation Center Opportunity Fund
- MBA Alumni Scholarship Endowment
- The Robert McConnell Endowed Scholarship in Memory of Edwin McConnell
- McGinnis Family Scholarship
- Connie McIntire-Altrusa Scholarship Endowment
- Mesa County Medical Society Scholarship
- ∞ Mesa Scholarship Initiative (MSI) Endowment
- Meyer Family Endowment
- Don Meyers Art Scholarship
- ∞ Barry Michrina Memorial Scholarship
- ∞ Liff Miller Nursing Scholarship
- Mark Miller Endowment
- Viola and Linden Moberly Scholarship
- Josephine Moen Scholarship
- Ethel Mae Moor Applied Music Fund
- The Moore Family Scholarship
- ∞ Lou Morton & Dale J. Hollingsworth Poli-Sci Scholarship
- Tom Mourey Annual Computer Science/ Mathematics Award
- George and Masuo Nagatomo Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Kit Neacy Scholarship Fund
- Forrest Nelson Endowed Geology Fund
- Jose Peer Memorial Scholarship

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- Plumleigh Photojournalism Scholarship
- ∞ Patricia White Powell Endowed Scholarship
- Joseph and Delia Prinster Family Scholarship
- Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado Endowment
- ProSpace Interiors Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Prospace Interiors Women's Basketball Scholarship
- ∞ William Eli and Wanda Wray Putnam Scholarship
- ∞ Bob and Jane Quimby Memorial Basketball Scholarship
- Mary Rait/Mary Jewell Willsea Endowed Grants Fund
- Rarick Endowed Scholarship
- RBC Dain Rauscher Scholarship
- Alvie Reddin Memorial Scholarship
- Steven J. Rekemeyer Scholarship
- ∞ Josephine Roessler-Prinster Scholarship
- Maggie G Robb Theatre Scholarship
- Mai Robinson English Scholarship
- Mai and William S. Robinson Scholarship
- William and Mai Robinson Lecture Fund
- ∞ Rocky Mountain Open Golf Tournament Endowment
- ∞ Campbell Rogers General Scholarship
- ∞ Freda T. Roof & Yngve Hanson Memorial Scholarship
- Mandy Rush Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Ridgway Ryan Scholarship
- Sander Family Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ The Schakel Family Scholarship For Men's Basketball
- Science Associates Scholarship
- Howard E. Scott Maverick Scholarship
- Sandra Hays Sells Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Shear Family Energy Management/Landman Program Endowed Scholarship
- Shear Family MSI Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Shear, Inc. MSI Endowment
- ∞ Joy and Alfred Shideler Endowed Scholarship Fund
- ∞ Lonnie Shults Endowed Women's Basketball Scholarship
- Harriet Slagowski Memorial & Victoria Noell Family Endowment
- Slavens Endowed Fund
- ∞ Rick Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Stephen Smith Women In Landman/Energy Management Endowed Scholarship
- Sodexo Student Leadership and Service Scholarship
- Marjorie Sollenbarger Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Doug Sortor Endowed Football Scholarship
- ∞ Strnad Family Nursing Scholarship
- ∞ Strobl Fiscus Scholarship Endowment
- Rudolf and Fannie Susman Scholarship
- ∞ Ryan Teixeira Endowed Baseball Scholarship
- ∞ Gary Thompson Student Athlete Degree Completion Endowed Scholarship
- Dwight and Carolyn Tope Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ Richard E. Tope Memorial Scholarship
- Eileen Nagatomo Townsend Memorial Scholarship
- VFW Post and Auxiliary 3981 Memorial Scholarship
- ∞ Mattie Smith Wagler Scholarship
- ∞ Moss Fairley Wagler Scholarship
- ∞ S. Victor Wagler Scholarship
- ∞ S.N. Wagler Scholarship
- Kevin Wagner Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Carl and Betty Wahlberg Partners Scholarship
- ∞ Terry Wakefield-Kiwanis Endowed Music Scholarship
- ∞ Dr. Russ Walker Memorial Environmental Science Endowed Scholarship
- Wells Fargo MSI Endowment
- ∞ Wenzel-Miller Endowed Theatre Arts Scholarship
- Western Colorado Contractors Association (WCCA) Scholarship
- Western Colorado Energy Scholar Endowment
- Western Colorado NAWIC Scholarship
- ∞ Walter White Endowed Football Scholarship
- ∞ Whitewater Building MSI Endowed Scholarship
- Warren Winiarski Viticulture and Enology Scholarship
- John B. Wolf Scholarship
- ∞ Selma Wolk LPN Endowed Scholarship
- ∞ WSCOGA Energy Athlete Scholar Award
- Gary L. Zancanelli Jr. Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Henry H. and Margaret Zeigel Fund
- Mark Zoppel Memorial Scholarship

RECORD-BREAKING GENEROSITY

CMU's 8th annual Day of Giving raises record funds

April 10, 2024, marked CMU's 99th birthday and the 8th annual Day of Giving, where 1,490 donors gave a record-breaking \$213,897 — funds that directly support students, faculty and programs across CMU.

To add to the excitement, a collection of challenges were put in place to incentivize active fundraising. Throughout the day, \$20,000 in challenge funds were awarded to the top performers in different categories.

The day's challenges and winners included:

Noon Power Hour Challenge: Engineers Without Borders won the \$500 reward for raising the most money between 12–1pm.

Student Participation Challenge: The Physician Assistant Program "Stop the Bleed" campaign secured the \$500 reward for receiving the most student donor participation.

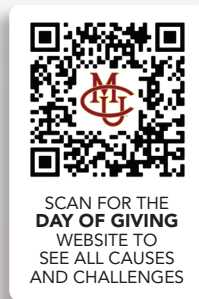
Athletic Challenge: The football team raised an impressive \$83,000 from 474 donors, resulting in a combined \$3,000 reward provided by High Country Beverage for securing the most donors and most money raised in athletics. Additionally, the baseball team was awarded \$500 for having the most student donor involvement in athletics.

Commerce Trust Challenges: Commerce Trust provided \$7,500 in challenge funds. Engineers Without Borders won the \$2,500 challenge reward for raising the

most money and \$2,000 for earning the largest single gift. The Study Abroad in Cordoba campaign won \$2,500 for securing the most donors. The Physician Assistant Program "Stop the Bleed" campaign won the \$500 Final Hour Challenge for generating the most donors in the final hour of the Day of Giving.

Timberline Bank also introduced the Timberline Shark Bank challenge, where students from each campaign had 60 seconds to present to the "Shark Bank" judges on why their campaign deserved a portion of the funding. Timberline Bank donated \$7,500 worth of awards.

"The event was fun, competitive and successful," said Foundation chief operating officer and Director of Annual Giving Tina Kleespies. "It's so gratifying to observe the generosity of our donors throughout the 24 hours of our Day of Giving as the different campaigns reach out to raise funds for their worthy causes. Thank you for participating and making a difference." •



To view the campaigns and results, visit:

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Three lit candles with yellow and white striped patterns on their bases, set against a background of radiating lines. A dark red banner is overlaid on the candles.

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Robin Brown

- Foundation CEO