



2020 Parents Fund Impact Report

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A MESSAGE TO PARENTS FUND DONORS



The Parents Fund was created in 2014 to enhance the academic and cocurricular experience at Mason. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we have raised more than \$265,000 for the Parents Fund to date.

This report highlights the impact of your contributions to the Parents Fund. Inside, you'll see stories from students who have directly benefited from your gifts, as well as a breakdown of how support from the Parents Fund has touched many aspects of our campus community.

Gifts from parents and families like yours demonstrate involvement, passion, and confidence in Mason and strengthen our university community in ways that would not be possible without philanthropy.

Thank you for investing in the student experience at Mason.

With Patriot Pride,

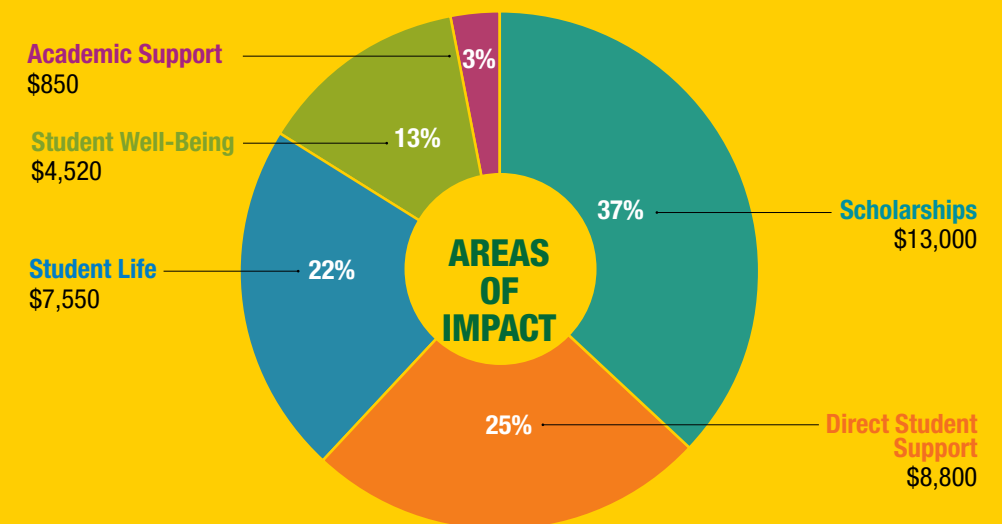
Rose Pascarell
Vice President of University Life

2019 PARENTS FUND GRANTS

A portion of money raised in the Parents Fund was allocated three times in 2019 to support strategic initiatives within the George Mason community that enhance the student experience.

\$34,720 was allocated in 2019 to **16 projects** across the university community via Parents Fund grants

3,900 students were impacted by projects receiving funding from Parents Fund grants in 2019



OVERALL GIVING TO THE PARENTS FUND

\$265,056

Number of **dollars raised**
(2014–present)

6,141

Number of **donors**
(2014–present)

The Impact of Your Gift

Read on to learn more about the impact of your dollars at work.

UNPAID INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

University Career Services received Parents Fund grant money to provide scholarships to 20 students completing unpaid internships. Despite the value employers see in internships and the future financial benefit to interns, many Mason students are unable to pursue unpaid opportunities because of the associated financial burden.

student statement

As a result of receiving an unpaid internship scholarship I was able to work as the offensive assistant for the Georgetown University football team. I helped coaches during practice, sat in on team meetings, and offered input during film reviews after practice. Because of this internship I later got a job with the Washington Redskins as a video coordinator intern due to my experience using Georgetown's video software.

GOWNS FOR GRADS

Gowns for Grads allows students in need the opportunity to borrow a cap and gown so they can participate in the university's Commencement ceremony. During the 2018-19 academic year, 462 students benefited from the program. Parents Fund grant money enabled Gowns for Grads to purchase additional regalia to meet increasing demand and to ensure students were able to celebrate their successes by participating in Mason's Commencement and Graduation ceremonies.

student statement

I've worked so hard to get to graduation. I've had to take time off from being in school, do unpaid internships, and had to go through the loss of my father. By having this opportunity to have a gown, it just adds so much more meaning to everything I've experienced just to get here today.

QUILL CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Quill Camp is an immersive, three-day extended orientation program designed to enhance incoming students' successful transition to Mason. The camp gives students an opportunity to connect with their peers, current students, faculty, and staff while they learn more about how they can maximize their time at Mason. Thirty percent of students who apply to attend Quill Camp require financial assistance to be able to attend. The Parents Fund provided scholarships to 15 students, which enabled them to attend the camp and take part in an experience that their financial status may have otherwise excluded them from.

student statement

I feel that Quill Camp taught me how to believe in myself enough to be a strong and successful leader. I have learned that you never know the impact you have on someone's life, and I really felt that during our various service projects in Quill Camp. I will forever remember the knowledge and values this camp instilled in me. I have made lifelong friends and mentors, and I will cherish that for a very long time.

