



YOUR GIFT, THEIR FUTURE

FY25 Impact Philanthropy Report



Dear Arcadia University Community,

Philanthropy is an expression of love through the art of giving. Your support helps us become future ready and our students become work ready *and* world ready. At Arcadia, gifts from donors place an emphasis on today through *The Fund for Arcadia* as well as the future through multi-year and planned gifts. Each year, we work to knit together donor desire with University priorities such that, through a shared vision, we end an academic year not only proud of what we have accomplished but also excited for what future-readiness will bring.

Our FY25 Impact Philanthropy Report (June 1, 2024–May 31, 2025) brings our fundraising year to life with stories through the lens of our students, our donors, and our alumni and campus communities. Through the pages of our report, you will see

how our students are prepared to be Future Ready, Work

Ready, World Ready. It is with profound gratitude

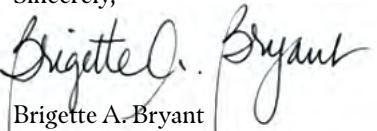
that I extend my appreciation for your partnership and deep commitment to Arcadia University.

As vice president, I will always encourage our entire community to help us create a stronger philanthropic foundation on which the University can rely, relieve the financial burden on low-income families, focus on the strength of the academic community, and improve the student experience to ensure their ability to graduate. I believe doing all of this will naturally raise our profile and visibility. Together, we continue to elevate Arcadia's standing as a beacon of knowledge, global opportunity, and influential change.

Impact Philanthropy depends on those who care and those who give. What I hope you read in the following pages are the stories of our donors and their beneficiaries. There are countless stories...but these are the ones that touched my heart. I hope they will do the same for you. To the future...

Fling High the Scarlet and the Grey!

Sincerely,



Brigette A. Bryant
Vice President for Development and Alumni Engagement

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...our students are prepared to be Future Ready, Work Ready, World Ready.

— Brigette A. Bryant



A LOOK BACK

Beaver College Alumni, **Marianna Harder Peckmann '60, '83M** and **Priscilla French Curry '52**, present a check from the Beaver College Montgomery-Bucks Alumni Club to Dr. **Edward Gates**, the then-President, during the college's annual reunion held on the campus in Glenside. Mrs. Peckmann and Mrs. Curry were co-chairs of the reunion attended by more than 220 alumni from across the country. Today, this photo of the article sits framed in the VP's office.

FISCAL YEAR 2025

AT A GLANCE

Members of the Arcadia community—alumni, faculty, staff, Trustees, friends, and others—continue to demonstrate their belief that giving matters. Through the generosity of donors, Arcadia remains a student-centered University that values excellence and ingenuity. Your gifts allow the students of today to become the amazing alumni of tomorrow, and your support ensures that an Arcadia education is available for future generations. For that, we are grateful.

OF DONORS
1,577

NEW COMMITMENTS
\$4,008,214

\$3,569,714 reflects Cash

MAJOR GIFTS
\$50K and up
\$2.77M includes a \$1M gift

19 gifts made in total

10 were made by alumni

OF ALUMNI DONORS
953

FFA COMMITMENTS
\$760,716

SPECIAL GIFTS
\$25K-\$49.99K
\$335,988

10 gifts made in total

3 were made by alumni

YOUR GIFT, THEIR FUTURE **3**





JONES POUNDSTONE SOCIETY

TOTAL JONES POUNDSTONE SOCIETY ACHIEVEMENT

\$672,603.62

JONES POUNDSTONE SOCIETY MEMBERS IN FY 2025

193

The Arcadia University legacy began in 1853 with **Sylvania Jones** and **Juliet A. Poundstone**, two 19th century trailblazers who left their family homes to pursue an education and receive the first diplomas from Beaver Female Seminary. The Jones Poundstone Society (JPS) recognizes donors who support Arcadia's mission and enable the University to uphold its longstanding tradition of academic excellence, cutting-edge innovation, and groundbreaking initiatives.

The JPS Circles have been named in accordance with our treasured history, honoring donors who have made an unrestricted gift of at least \$1,000 or more to *The Fund for Arcadia* during the fiscal year.



TRUSTEE CIRCLE

\$50,000+

* Rosemary D. Blankley '57, '06H



ARCADIA CIRCLE

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Lynn D. Hendershot '66

* Jeff and Christine E. Krolik '79

Grace K. Lowe '58

Metz Culinary Management

* Marc W. and Laura McKenna

Holly L. Pfeifer '66

* John D. and Theresa P. Rollins

Mary & Emanuel Rosenfeld
Foundation No. 1

** Allison Rossett '68

* Gretchen M. Santamour

** Susan C. Saxon '71



PRESIDENTS CIRCLE

\$25,000 - \$49,999

* J. Lynne Cannon '68

Delran Builders Company, Inc.

Office Depot, Inc.

Pepsi Bottling Group LLC



NINETY-FOUR CIRCLE

\$7,500 - \$9,999

** Mel and Babette "Babs" J. Krug '68, '81M

** Alison L. Madsen, Esq. '85



BEAVER
CIRCLE

\$5,000 - \$7,499

- * Joycelen "Jey" Auritt, PhD '71
- Naomi H. Black '63
- ** Joan N. Brantz '65
- Patricia L. Brubaker '73
- Vanguard Charitable
- Exeter Trust Company
- Glenmede Trust Company, N.A.
- Deborah Fins, Esq. P'15
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
- * Patricia L. Saint Cyr-Hager '91
- * Dr. Rebecca L. Craik and Dr. Mark Haskins
- * Peri Higgins
- ** Melissa E. Hough '73
- Margaret E. Huskins '68
- Ralph G. and Barbara A. Kauffman '63
- * President Ajay and Paayal Nair
- Estate of William H. Parsons
- Leslie D. Schlesinger
- Susan Smyth Shenker '69
- Marilyn L. Steinbright '99H
- National Philanthropic Trust
- ** Christopher R. and Lee van de Velde
- ◊ Helen W. Walker '62
- Jean Walker '62
- John D. and Susan Whitelaw '63



BEECHWOOD
CIRCLE

\$2,500 - \$4,999

- ** John A. Affleck
- * Margaret "Margie" Callahan
- Helen R. Bosley '69
- Stacey B. Downey '88
- Jeffrey '95 and Stephanie Fratantaro '95
- The Myers Family Charitable Foundation
- Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation
- Harriette Fox '71
- ◊ The Estate of Sharon L. Hansen '60
- Samuel and Margaret Hazlett '66
- Bruce Bonner and Andrew J. Leschak '85
- * Bridget Miller
- Virginia B. Morris '64
- * Ashish and Prachi Parmar
- * Michel Paul
- Anne L. Pilert '68
- Ken '92 and Melissa H. Samen '93
- * Margaret "Peggy" Steele '80
- ** Eleanor M. Workman '54
- Margaret L. Zuccarini P'94



BAKER
CIRCLE

\$1,500 - \$2,499

- Dr. Julianne K. Boyd '66, '17H
- Richard A. Bowen '89
- * Lance and Brigitte A. Bryant
- * Marilyn Crain '54, '96H
- David Euwings '06
- Deborah L. Freeborn '74
- Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- The Rorer Foundation, Inc.
- Sonya D. Gaskins '02
- Thomas W. and ◊Elizabeth H. Goettge '68
- Nathan J. Hayward '06, '09MBA
- Sandra K. Hirsh '64
- * Drs. John and Carolyn R. Hodges, '69
- Holly Manzone '79, P'19
- * Dr. Donavan McCargo
- Barry and Shelley N. Meyers '71
- Wayne S. and Susan Mountz '64
- * Dr. Barbara F. Nodine, WWL '22
- * Rashmi Radhakrishnan
- Isabelle E. Selikoff '64
- * Peter T. Siskind
- Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
- Jennifer E. Weiss '87



1853
CIRCLE

\$1,000 - \$1,499

- ** Aliyah M. Abraham '17
- Laura '71 and Louis M. Alpern
- ** Ilene D. Silver Berman '74
- Edna Barnes '91
- Joyce C. Barr '63
- Priscilla R. Baugh '53
- Amy F. Bernstein '67
- Carol G. Bowman '70
- Pauline Brown '65
- * Colleen M. Burke
- Richard and Dorothy Carney '57
- ** Dr. Pradyumna S. Chauhan
- Gail Chesler '65
- ** Jeannette F. Ching '59
- Barbara L. Cohen '74
- Nancy L. Cohen '66
- Arch Mortgage Insurance Company
- * Dan DiPrinzio
- Susan E. Dodson '69
- Gwen A. Douse '77
- * Martha E. Eastlack
- ◊ Annette S. Eskind '49
- Prudential Financial
- The Greenburg-May Foundation, Inc.
- Catherine L. Gonzalez, PhD '56
- Nancy M. Guile-Goodsell '68
- Miriam R. Grossmann '54, P'81
- Joan E. Gurniak '58
- Adrienne I. Hendler '67
- Jean Horton '69
- Mary B. Hyson '73
- Tyler W. Jenner '69
- Maya Basu Johnson '97, WWL '23
- Robert and Diane Kramer '71
- Ken Kromash '85
- Sue-Hwa Kuo '89
- * Bette E. Landman '04H, WWL '22
- ** Matthew J. and *Charles W. Lentz '03
- Carol M. Leopold '85
- ** Margaret "Maggie" Lyons '12
- Virginia G. Martin '66
- Eileen C. McAvoy '68
- Judith McCracken '63
- ** Thomas E. and Mary Louise Mees '59
- Monique M. Miller '73
- John E. and Judith Mills '93
- * Alex O. Otieno
- Jennifer M. Patoki '99
- Janet "Jan" Bullock Perper '51
- Barbara A. Pinchuk '57
- * Deborah Pomeroy
- Dianne Presti
- Linda P. Pursley '69
- ** Robert E. Putney, III
- Rebecca Ray '73
- * Dr. Joan K. Singleton P'22
- Linda Sklar '62
- Phyllis Skok '64
- * Nicole Steiner
- Dr. Joann B. Sweasy '80, WWL '25
- ** Mary Sweeney
- * Lowell S. Thomas, Jr. '01H
- Lauren Trager '07, '11M
- Rebecca J. Nelson '89 and Lili F. Vélez, PhD '86
- Detta Voesar '68
- Jacquelyn A. Harrison
- Barrett-Washington '72, '01H, WWL '25
- Bonita and Walter J. Weber '91
- ** Elizabeth H. Weiss '60
- Lois M. Wells '57
- Lula M. Wheeler '81
- Carol S. White '68
- Grace L. Yung '68
- Scott M. Zgraggen '01



Maria Bernardo '25 during Commencement. She was the 5th Annual Women Who Lead Forum Student-Host.

JPS G.O.L.D. CIRCLE FOR GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE

Members of the G.O.L.D. Circle of the Jones Poundstone Society give on an annual basis that coincides with the number of years since your graduation, growing to \$1,000 with your 10-year reunion.

Recognizing JPS G.O.L.D. Members for their gifts:

Hannah Craig '24

Andrea Holz '25MEd

Michael W. Johnson '24

Kyle J. Kammerle '18, '20DPT

Devon Miller '18

Nika Murphy '23MFA

Sydney Welch '20

CELEBRATING ALL WHO GIVE

The Division of University Advancement is proud to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary generosity of our donors over the course of Fiscal Year 2025. Every gift—whether directed to scholarships, academic programs, athletics, research, or other vital initiatives—strengthens our community and advances our mission to foster transformative learning experiences.

Your support reflects a deep belief in the power of education and the enduring impact of Arcadia's values. We are profoundly grateful to all who have chosen to invest in our institution...its students, faculty, and future. Each contribution, no matter its size, helps Arcadia open doors of opportunity, inspire discovery, and sustain excellence across the University.



THE 10TH ANNUAL UKNIGHTEDTUESDAY CELEBRATION



10 ARCADIA UNIVERSITY

Arcadia University's 10th annual UKnightedTuesday (UKT), held on Dec. 3-4, reached a record total of \$926,397, supporting the University and its community. This total shatters the previous record of \$621,034 from 425 donors set last year. UKT is open to all donors for any purpose or designation.

\$926,397

RAISED

TOTALS

554

GIFTS

461

UNIQUE DONORS

477

GIFTS UP TO \$999.99 (86%)

77

GIFTS \$1,000+ (14%)

TOP FUNDS AND DOLLARS

\$240,758

THE FUND FOR ARCADIA

\$19,043

BAAAU PREVIEW TRAVEL FUND

\$11,815

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN COUNSELING FUND

\$10,265

ATHLETICS

\$500,000

RESTRICTED FUNDS

\$50,000

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

CLASS PARTICIPATION

MOST GIFTS

**CLASS
OF 2020**

14 GIFTS

DOLLARS RAISED

**CLASS
OF 1968**

\$45,500 ACROSS 9 GIFTS

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Newly Established

Lily Ang Hwa '59 Endowed Scholarship

Dolores Fraser Cave '75 Endowed Scholarship in Education Studies

Pauline F. and Frank A. Daiutolo III Endowed Scholarship in Computer Science

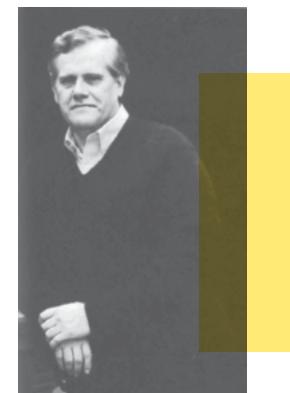
Edward and Carol Shane '65 Endowed Scholarship

Recently Matured

The Sue Ellen Young '63 Endowed Scholarship



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I want to see how the support makes a difference while I am here to actually see it.

— Frank A. Daiutolo III '93

Inspired to Create Change

Frank A. Daiutolo III '93 and his wife Pauline were members of the Holy Redeemer Fitness Center for several years. Over that time, friendships formed while volunteer opportunities became a natural way to make good use of time, especially after Pauline passed away. Still quite active, Frank was invited to serve in the fitness center, and he jumped at the chance, saying, “I couldn’t imagine just sitting around.”

Frank remembers how COVID enveloped the hospital, impacting parts of normal operations, including the fitness center: “Everything was shut down, and all the volunteers were restricted from the hospital. The hospital lobby and a section of the fitness center parking lot was converted to a COVID testing site.” As conditions improved, the fitness center reopened despite restrictions staying in place. However, as a member, Frank was able to return to his exercise schedule. It was also around that time that Frank began thinking about how he could be helpful to institutions that mattered to him.

About three months after the center reopened, Frank was again invited to return as a volunteer to work with COVID testing and spent 18 months doing so. By February 2023, with all restrictions lifted, Frank returned to his volunteering at the fitness center.

Perhaps mindful of the fragility of life or the importance of supporting college education, Frank made a bold decision to establish a new scholarship at Arcadia whose fruits he could bear witness to during his lifetime. “I want to see how the support makes a difference while I am here to actually see it.” By the late fall of 2024, *The Pauline and Frank A. Daiutolo III Endowed Scholarship in Computer Science* became the newest fund designed to help Arcadia students with the costs associated with their college education. The endowed scholarship, the first with an academic focus on computer science, will distribute its inaugural award in the Fall of 2026.

FORGING A LASTING INFLUENCE

Delran Builders reaffirmed their commitment to Arcadia with a \$125,000 commitment, designated for Athletics and *The Fund for Arcadia*. The portion that is earmarked for Athletics will proudly extend Delran’s association with

our Athletics Program. The Delran Pavilion is located at Jean Lenox West Field and is used for meetings, large and small.

Delran’s continued philanthropic support to Arcadia stems from a deep three-decade long partnership with the University. Chris Chapman says, “This long-standing collaboration motivates our philanthropy as we have seen firsthand the impact of our contributions on campus infrastructure and student experiences. Philanthropy is important to Delran Builders

because it aligns with our commitment to community engagement and reflects our role as a stakeholder in the success of Arcadia University.”

Chris continues, “If you’re considering giving to Arcadia University but haven’t yet taken the step, I’d encourage you to see it as an investment, whose dividends are the transformation of lives through education and opportunity. Your gift, no matter the size, directly impacts students by funding scholarships, programs, and spaces that foster growth and success.”



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE: H.O.M.E. SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The H.O.M.E. Scholars Program directly supports students with foster care experience and others facing significant barriers by addressing well-documented risk factors that impact academic success, well-being, and long-term stability. Donor support eliminates a range of boundaries, which helps to prepare students to take on college.

Future Ready. Work Ready. And World Ready.

New as of August 2024, the H.O.M.E. Scholars Program is a multifaceted, wraparound model which addresses housing, finances, academics, leadership, life skills, and well-being. The outcome of our program is its ability to directly improve retention and completion for high-need students.



I was a social worker at one time in my life for 20 years who worked with youth in foster care. One of the hardest things was seeing the young people leave care and have nowhere to go and little or no support for their future. They have a safe residence on a lovely campus, they have meals, they are receiving an education that will give them the opportunity to grow and explore and find their way – to bloom. They have access to caring support to help them achieve and are making friends on this journey. I am so pleased and joyful to be able to support this program.

– Jean Walker '62

ChildPromise, Inc., a national organization, helped anchor the H.O.M.E. Scholar Program at Arcadia with a founding gift. Since then, other donors have been moved to support our previously fostered youth:

Bank of America Charitable Gift Fund
Bethlehem Baptist Church
David Kuretsky
Joan N. Brantz '65
Jean Walker '62
Matt Delaney
Christine Storch

These statistics reflect the success of the seven students in the inaugural program:

STUDENTS REPORTED GROWTH IN SELF-ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP, AND PERSONAL CONFIDENCE.

WEEKLY STUDY GROUPS, ONE-ON-ONE COACHING, AND MENTORSHIP DELIVERED SUSTAINED ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL SUPPORT.



Zyah-Rose Fall '26 with H.O.M.E. program Director and Director of Student Engagement, Christine Storch.

14.8% increase in First-year H.O.M.E. Scholars' average term GPA (from 2.62 to 3.01) from Fall '24 to Spring '25.

100% of H.O.M.E. Scholars received year-round housing, removing a major persistence barrier.

100% of all first-year H.O.M.E. Scholars and 62.5% of all H.O.M.E. Scholars studied abroad; 87.5% engaged in off-campus enrichment and mentorship.



ANNOUNCING NEW

GIVING SOCIETIES

For more than a century, Grey Towers Castle has stood as the most recognizable symbol of Arcadia University and the Beaver College legacy. Its towers, walls, and foundations remind us of both strength and protection—qualities that reflect the University's enduring commitment to its students. In this spirit, the Division of University Advancement has created five new giving societies, each inspired by an essential element of the Castle to honor the generosity of those who choose to invest in the promise of today's students and tomorrow's leaders.

All contributions through these societies support *The Fund for Arcadia*, building the foundation for student success. Whether a donor is beginning their philanthropic journey or deepening their legacy, these societies affirm that every gift—regardless of size—forms a cornerstone of Arcadia's dynamic future.


THE
KEEP
Sustainer

Recurring donors are the guardians of the Castle. Just as a Keep serves as a Castle's core and is the strongest part of a Castle, donors through The Keep sustain Arcadia's mission through monthly gifts. As a donor, you play a vital role in this ongoing support that is crucial for sustained success.



THE
GATEHOUSE

\$500 - \$999.99

This level of giving enhances academic resources, extracurricular activities, and life-changing opportunities for our students. This financial support allows students to immerse themselves fully in their educational journey and take advantage of the diverse opportunities offered by the University.

You are investing in the success of today's students and fostering an atmosphere where both learning and personal development can flourish.



THE
TOWER

\$250 - \$499.99

Just as a tower enhances the strength of the Castle, your gift to the University can reinforce the foundation of our students' futures.

By investing in the University, you are ensuring that students have access to the tools and experiences they need to succeed. Similar to how a tower stands strong against challenges, your generosity equips students to face their own obstacles with confidence and resilience.

The tower offers various vantage points outside the Castle walls. Support allows for students to travel abroad, partake in internships, and be armed with job readiness when they leave the Glenside campus.



THE
BAILEY

\$100 - \$249.99



THE
PORTCULLIS

\$10 - \$99.99

The Bailey of a Castle fortifies the courtyard, creating a safe and inviting space for community life. It serves as the heart of daily activities and interactions.

Similarly, our students are the heart and soul of Arcadia. Our mission is to nurture their daily lives on campus, ensuring they are filled with compassion, support, and a wealth of opportunities for personal and academic development. We are dedicated to fostering an environment where every student can thrive, grow, and feel valued as part of our vibrant community.

The Portcullis is the sliding iron gate that serves as protection of the main entryway to the Castle, safeguarding those within its walls.

Similarly, your decision to contribute to the University ensures that today's students are provided with a welcoming environment and holistic experience as they pursue and focus on a quality education. Donor support alleviates the financial pressures that can weigh heavily on students.

This entryway symbolically embodies two important journeys: one for donors, as they begin their legacy of giving, and another for students, as they embark on their path toward higher education and adulthood.

CULTIVATING A LASTING LEGACY

Kathleen "Katie" A. O'Connor

O'Brien '00 is a dedicated alumna—not solely measured by her volunteer work or twenty-four years of philanthropic support, sixteen of those years being consecutive—but also by establishing a legacy at Arcadia. Katie is from the Class of 2000; her sister, **Jennifer O'Connor Glaze '02, '07M**, soon followed in her footsteps and met her husband, **Thomas Glaze '01**. Jennifer and Thomas' son, **Matthew**, is a first-year student at Arcadia in the Class of 2029. Katie said the following when asked *why* Arcadia and *why* she continues to loyally support the institution that was the springboard to her success.

"I was initially attracted to Arcadia because of the smaller feel and its proximity to home. Arcadia quickly became family for many reasons. Administrators, such

as President **Bette Landman**, Jan **Walbert**, and Jeff **Ewing** were always visible, caring, and approachable, even before I enrolled as a student. In my Spring semester of my senior

year, I stepped up to be an RA. The years of service spent on Resident Hall Council prepared me to take on this leadership position. I still look back at some of these events in my college career and am so grateful to Arcadia for supporting me in my growth into young adulthood.

After graduation, there was no doubt I wanted to stay connected to Arcadia. My sister and brother-in-law were still students as well. I served as a Recent Graduate Trustee and was an active



Kathleen "Katie" A. O'Connor O'Brien '00, Matthew Glaze '29, and Kathy O'Connor P'00 at the Autumn Tea at The Alumni House at Blankley Hall.

member of the Arcadia University Alumni Association. My parents always valued the importance of a good education and to always say thank you; I witnessed them donating to their own alma maters and supporting important causes. So naturally, I never gave a second thought about donating to the annual fund [*The Fund for Arcadia*] and any of the campaigns held throughout the year. It's an opportunity for me to show my gratitude for my experience at Arcadia. I also want to give students the same opportunities I had benefitted from."



Recent Graduate Trustee Anna Spaschak '21 during Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Committed to Supporting Students' Well-Being



Donors who give at the Jones Poundstone Society level are more likely than any other donor cohort to share a vision of institutional sustainability and transformation. Such is the case with with **Joy Slabaugh '23M**.

Believing that wealth reaches its highest potential when it's aligned with purpose, Joy made her first major gift in FY25. For her, financial well-being isn't just about accumulation, it is also about using one's resources to create meaningful, lasting impact. When asked what motivated her philanthropy, Joy said, "This gift reflects my commitment to removing systemic barriers and expanding access to mental health care in a way that honors both legacy and equity."

"I established this endowed fund to help future counseling students meet their basic needs while completing the unpaid internship required to enter the profession." Joy recognized that for many students, especially those already working multiple jobs to afford housing, food, and transportation, that the unpaid requirement becomes an insurmountable obstacle. Moved by this unintended conflict, she noted, "We are losing brilliant, compassionate voices simply because they can't afford to work for free."

Prior to her own major gift commitment, Joy had made only one other gift to Arcadia, which she offered the year prior to help motivate others to action. As a recent graduate of the counseling program herself, she now operates her own financial therapy practice, a fact that may contribute to her sentiments on the purpose of wealth. At the conclusion of the gift agreement process, VP Bryant noted that "Joy was wonderfully thorough as she crafted the parameters of her support and absolutely joyful as she determined how she hoped her gift would make a significant difference in someone else's life." Further VP Bryant also said, "it was the first time in a long time that my work with a donor, bringing a vision to life, impacted me emotionally. It reminded me of why I have chosen philanthropic advising as my life's work," offered Bryant.

Joy's compassion for other students in the program was part of what she learned in her classroom at Arcadia from **Dr. Lauren E. Reid**. Joy completed the same program that she is now supporting and credits Dr. Reid as the gift's catalyst. To show her appreciation, Joy has added Dr. Reid's name to the fund and says, "I made this \$50,000 gift to the *Slabaugh/Reid Endowed Emergency Support Fund* because my hope is that this gift inspires others to follow in her footsteps, ensuring that our future mental health workforce mirrors the strength, resilience, and lived experiences of the communities they serve." Joy believes that "now more than ever, we need counselors whose basic needs are met — so they can show up with full presence, compassion, and courage." With Joy as a leading voice and with the support of other donors, Arcadia can break down the barriers and open the doors for those best positioned to lead people-centered healing in our communities.



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—Joy Slabaugh '23M

GIVING WITH PRIDE

Since 1853, Arcadia University has established a rich history, defined by the accomplishments of its students, graduates, and community members. Their journeys of perseverance, discovery, and triumph are the true measures of Arcadia's success. Today, community members travel along the Walk of Pride, a winding path through campus that features the names of students and graduates. The Walk of Pride is a lasting reminder of their accomplishments at Beaver College and Arcadia.

THE CLASS OF **2025**

MADE **69 GIFTS**,

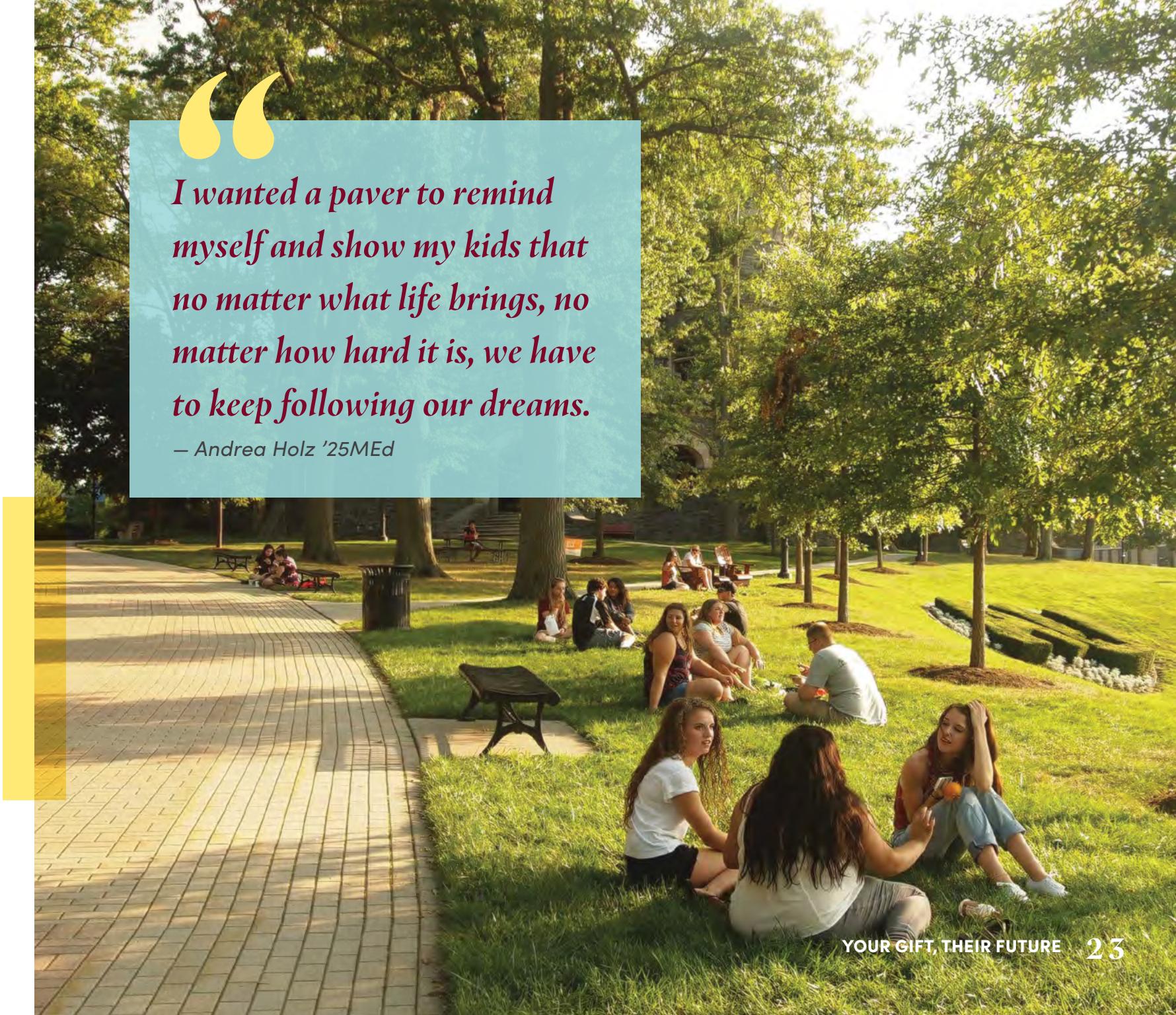
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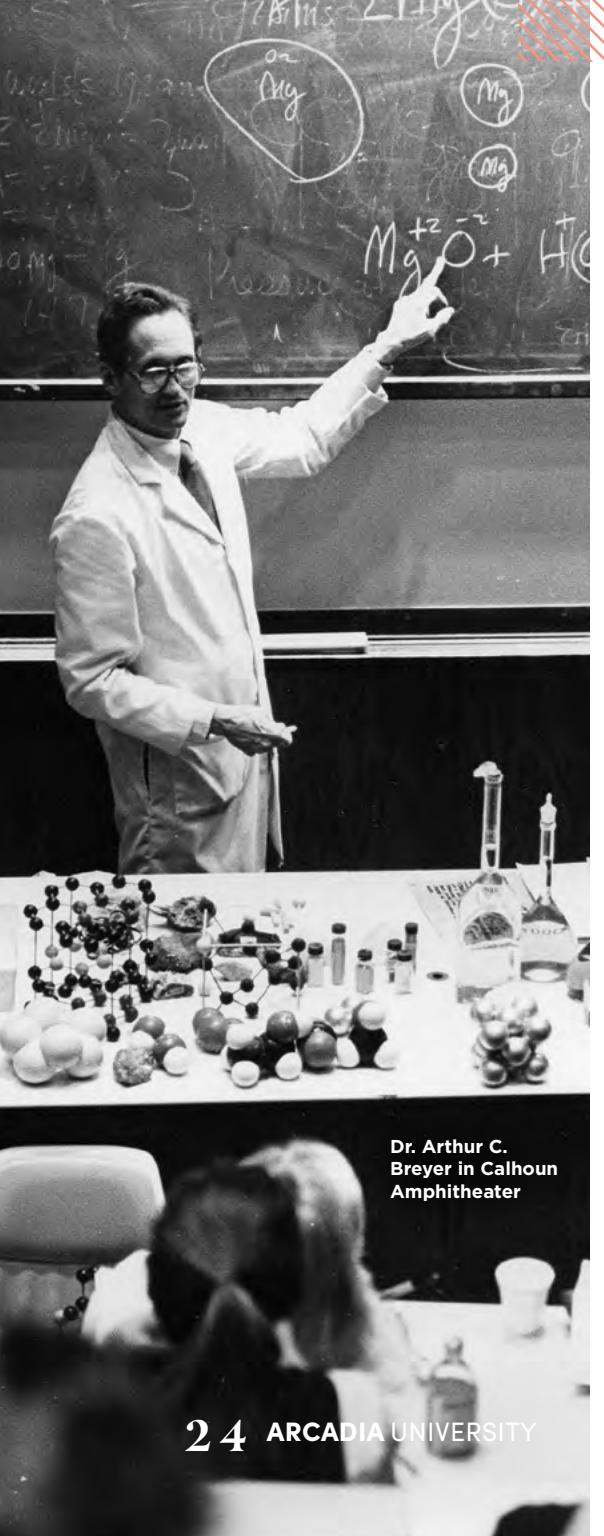
OF **\$1,602.25** TO

THE FUND FOR ARCADIA

I wanted a paver to remind myself and show my kids that no matter what life brings, no matter how hard it is, we have to keep following our dreams.

— Andrea Holz '25MED





Honoring Mentorship Through Giving

To each person, giving differs. There are many ways for *Impact Philanthropy* to make its mark on Arcadia. Take the case of the late **Ruth Ma Fong '69** (September 2025). After her first gift in 1984, Ruth gave consecutively for many years before she paused her support. However, in April 2025, the culmination of her experience led to her decision to honor the legacy of a professor—

Dr. Arthur C. Breyer—who she recalls had a great impact on her education. In an act of extraordinary philanthropic kindness, Ruth made a gift of \$50,000 to supplement the *Gates-Alyea-Breyer Award*, an endowed award named for Dr. Breyer and two other Beaver College professors. The award supports an outstanding undergraduate student, majoring in Chemistry, who demonstrates unusual potential for future graduate studies and who is seriously considering teaching as a career.

As she recalls the impetus for the gift, Ruth shares that she came to Beaver

College with not only no money but also an inability to speak English fluently because she attended a Chinese high school in Hong Kong. She found it difficult to assimilate. But Dr. Breyer, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Physics, “played a very important role in my life, and without his help, I would not have been able to finish my studies at Beaver College.”

Although Ruth was awarded a scholarship to attend Beaver College, there were other fees and books which were not covered. She recalls, “Dr. Breyer assisted me to get a work-study job in Taylor Hall, cleaning laboratory equipment. I remain sincerely thankful whenever he crosses my mind...what he did for me changed my life.” By bolstering the *Gates-Alyea-Breyer Award*, Ruth is extending the grace provided to her and establishing her own legacy of compassion, care, and resilience.

NURTURING A TRADITION OF DISCOVERY AND IMPACT

Local to Glenside, **Janet “Jan” Bullock Perper '51** (right, below) followed in the footsteps of her cousin, **Ruth Bell Wolfrom '42**, and her sister, **Shirley Bullock Adams '48**, to attend Beaver College. Jan received the Cheltenham Scholarship, which allowed her to attend the institution and major in Chemistry. Now at 95 years old, she remains extremely appreciative of the support and care she received at Beaver and relishes the opportunity to continue to support today's Arcadia students. She recalls just how much her time at school “expanded her world with the education and knowledge she received.” Jan made her first donation to the University in 1957 and has since been an integral donor to *The Fund for Arcadia*.

At 50, she completed her Master of Science in Occupational Health at Temple University. Her career was spent as an industrial hygienist and running her own consulting business. Prior to that, she was an instructor at Temple University and a researcher at the Harvard School of Public Health and SmithKline Beecham. Jan was semi-retired and hoping to join the peace corps which unfortunately required a two-year commitment—a

stretch of time she didn't want to spend out of the country as a new grandparent. But then she crossed paths with Arcadia Professor **Gail Hearn, PhD** (right, above) Dr. Hearn reached out to her with the opportunity of a lifetime: a part-time instructor role in Bioko (Island), Equatorial Guinea, Africa. The then new Arcadia Study Abroad course was offered in conservation biology in Bioko and included studying the island's endangered primate population. By 72, Jan was a seasoned traveler and had touched ground on all seven continents, so she did not experience the typical culture shock that some might feel in a new country. While living on the island beaches with students, she quickly and got to work facilitating the program.

In addition to her role as resident director, Jan acted mainly as a behind-the-scenes facilitator, ensuring that classes and field trips went as smoothly as possible. She also thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to study conservation biology; this work allowed her to continue the relationship with the University and serve in an engaging role. When asked why she gives, Jan looks to provide the same resources she was once granted to succeed.



Beginning with Purpose and Promise



Susan Mountz '64 discovered herself at Beaver College. After receiving what she describes as a “fulfilling and life-changing education,” she decided to explore what opportunities she had to express her gratitude through both multi-year support and estate planning. In 2016, Susan established the *Susan Patt Mountz '64 Endowed Scholarship in International Peace and Conflict Resolution*. Inspired by the returning and incoming students, Susan decided, as part of her estate planning process, to include Arcadia, and have her donation designated to her existing endowed scholarship.

In her own words, Susan explains:
“As I look at the pictures online of members of the Arcadia Class of 2029

arriving on campus, I can’t help but remember my first days on the Beaver College campus in Jenkintown in 1960. As an 18-year-old from a small city in New York state, I was both anxious and excited to take this next step in my young life. While much has changed at the University over the past 65 years, some things remain the same and are the reasons I continue to support the institution every year and to include it in my estate planning.

“Attending a small college in an urban/suburban setting, I learned my way around the city of Philadelphia—the libraries, the art museums, the convention center, public transportation—all new experiences, and a large part of my education.

The close-knit classes, approachable professors at Arcadia, and my choice of a major in history and government helped me to develop an interest in understanding other cultures and governments. While study abroad was not an option back then, it is an amazing opportunity for Arcadia students today, and one of the reasons I choose to

support the University. Living and studying with students in other cultures can only help to foster peace and understanding around the world.

“While attending Beaver College, I made friends that have lasted a lifetime and began a relationship with my husband (then a student at F & M—at that time a men’s college) that has lasted 60 years.

“After graduation, I switched gears and returned to college to become a registered nurse and work in the field of community health. But I never lost my interest in peace and social justice, which I was first exposed to at Beaver College. When a University representative visited me on a trip through New England for the development office, we discussed how I might put my interests to work for Arcadia. “She encouraged me



The Class of 2029.

I am proud to give back to the University that first fostered that interest in me.

— Susan Mountz '64

to establish an endowed scholarship: *Susan Patt Mountz '64 Endowed Scholarship in International Peace and Conflict Resolution*, which I continue to support and is included in my estate planning. I am excited to imagine students taking advantage of the opportunities available to them to learn and work for a better world, and I am proud to give back to the University that first fostered that interest in me.”



The Gatehouse Arch, 1929

A LOOK INTO FY26

REBUILDING HISTORY

The Gatehouse Arch has been part of Arcadia's grounds since the construction of the Harrison Estate in the 1890s. Having graced campus for 129 years, it was removed in 2020 due to concerns regarding structural instability. Arcadia University obtained the necessary authorization to dismantle the Arch, hoping to restore it. Unfortunately, the projected restoration expenditure is approximately \$1M. In accordance with preservation principles, Arcadia has salvaged the components of the arch with plans to repurpose as much of the original materials as is feasible, thereby safeguarding the architectural integrity and historical weight of the monument.

The Gatehouse Arch has a significant iconic place at the University. It served as an entry point for students of Beaver College and Arcadia University. It remains an important part of the legacy of Beaver College and had been a visual symbol of our community identity—a landmark for Glenside and the surrounding communities. The Alumni House at Blankley Hall, which originally served as a welcome point for visitors, will be complete with the return of The Gatehouse Arch.

You're invited to participate as we rebuild history stone by stone! Each stone (2,500 in total) will be \$400 for us to raise \$1M to restore this iconic symbol of our University. Please help us to restore Arcadia's Gatehouse Arch.

ROOTED IN A TRADITION OF GENEROSITY

Ruth Swartley Maxson '46 matriculated at Beaver College in the Fall of 1942, graduating in 1946 with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry. In September 2025, she will be 101 years old. Her first gift to *The Fund for Arcadia* was \$1 in 1950. Ruth's sustainable financial support over the last 70 years was punctuated by her latest gift in August 2025 to help us begin the FY26 giving season. Our next Alumni Reunion Weekend (April 24–25, 2026) will be Ruth's 80th Reunion. Congratulations, Ruth!

To make a gift to this project, please contact Nicole Steiner at steinern@arcadia.edu or 610-742-1235

ENGAGING ALUMNI CONNECTIONS



Hosting alumni connection events within the sanctum of one's residence offers a distinguished platform to foster a sense of camaraderie among esteemed alumni. Such gatherings serve as a conduit for the exchange of insights, the cultivation of enduring networks, and the collective upliftment of our scholarly community. By opening the doors to these occasions, one actively champions the University's mission to nurture a lifelong fellowship, empower future leaders, and uphold the enduring legacy of academic excellence with grace and generosity.

A special thanks to **Maddy Stein '68 & Isaac Stein '11H** for hosting an event in their California home in April 2025 and to Board of Trustees Co-Chair **Kevin Shollenberger '88** for hosting a lovely D.C. event this past July to launch in July. We thank all of our alumni for joining us.



UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Signature Experiences



UKnightedTuesday

December 2-3, 2025

Join us as we UKnight for 1,853 minutes in our effort to achieve a record year of giving for Arcadia University and our students. Every donor makes a difference for our 3,611 students.

Whether near or far from the Glenside campus, you can display your pride in your Alma Mater.

Alumni Reunion Weekend

April 24 & 25, 2026

Reunite with classmates, relive your favorite memories, and reconnect with your alma mater during the biggest alumni celebration and awards program of the year! Honor the very best of all things Beaver College and Arcadia University and commemorate the milestone reunions of the classes of the 1's and 6's.

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NURTURING LIFELONG TIES



To stay close to Arcadia, 25 alumni have re-subscribed to University Advancement emails. Your connection to the Arcadia family truly matters, and we're thrilled to share updates and new opportunities with our readers. Let's keep the Beaver College legacy and Arcadia University spirit alive. Stay in the loop with all the latest Arcadia news, exciting events, and inspiring stories from your Alma Mater and from your fellow classmates.



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