

# WITH YOU, WE flourish.



Scholarships provide students so much more than financial assistance. Receiving a scholarship is a watershed event for students. It provides confirmation of the path some students are already on, or it opens the doors of opportunity igniting a world of possibilities. Either way, the heartfelt gratitude of scholarship recipients is as abundant as their appreciation for you – our dedicated scholarship donors.

Although you may not see it, the response of students to your generosity uplifts our entire community. The smiles that last for a month; the vote of confidence that says, “We want you to graduate. You have a promising future”; the tears-of-joy phone call to a parent announcing their financial burden has just been lifted. We see the transformation firsthand. Your gifts change lives.

In the 2020-2021 academic year, the gifts of **6,212 donors** permitted Colorado State University to award more than \$10 million in scholarships. Your support provided more than 3,000 students with the resources to pay for tuition, fees, books, and even food, allowing those students to focus on their studies and their futures.

Your steadfast support of scholarships and other areas across campus is why 40 percent of CSU students graduate debt-free. Thank you for your loyal generosity, and for walking alongside students as they pursue their academic dreams on their way to becoming the leaders of tomorrow. ►



## By the Numbers

**\$50**

Average gift amount by donor

**1,278**

Different scholarship funds awarded through donor philanthropy

**\$21,468,013**

FY21 gifts to scholarships

**89.2%**

Graduation rate of students who received scholarships

**49%**

Scholarship donors also supported other campus priorities

I am a first-generation student and a child of immigrants. Education is one of the best gifts I have been able to receive for the majority of my life, and I do not take this gift for granted. I will make it a goal to help others. One day, I hope to be on the other end also helping fund students who were just like me.”



– **Smriti Maskey**, Jim and Nadine Henry Student Alumni Connection Scholarship recipient, Premedica Scholarship recipient



“Above everything else, this award is a way for others to be involved in my educational journey with me. My family will always support me and my loved ones will cheer me on, but to also have scholarship donors support me makes my world bigger, my responsibilities a little more serious, and my prospects even brighter.”

– **Conlin Buttermann**, Harold B. and Sylvia F. Joy Scholarship

I cannot express enough gratitude for the scholarship. I am a father, a veteran, a student, and a husband. Receiving this scholarship ensures that I will have the tools available to be successful. This will allow me to maintain my focus and permit me the freedom to pursue my goals, knowing there are people like you who believe in me.”



– **Phoenix Thomas**, Liniger Honor, Service & Commitment Scholarship



“Being awarded a scholarship has shown me that I am valuable within the Colorado State community, giving me a boost in confidence to work hard throughout my college career and toward a better future for myself and my children.”

– **Portia Cook**, CSU Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship recipient

