

ARCADIA  
UNIVERSITY

A photograph showing the silhouettes of two people, a woman and a man, standing and talking in front of several tall flagpoles. The scene is set against a bright sunset sky, with the sun low on the horizon. The flagpoles are arranged in a line, and the flags are partially visible. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

GIVING MATTERS

FY24 Impact Philanthropy Report

Brigette A. Bryant with Scarlet & Grey Society member Li-Ling Beardsley '74 during Alumni Reunion Weekend.



Dear Arcadia University Community,

Thank you for taking the time to read our FY24 Impact Philanthropy Report. What is detailed in this annual report is a reflection of you: your radical generosity, your commitment to this storied University, and your belief that **Giving Matters**. The charitable gifts in this report reflect new gifts received between June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024, but not payments on pledges previously made.


When I consider why **Giving Matters**, I often think of the African proverb which says: “A person is a person because of other people.” It is so simple, yet deeply moving, and recognizes the influence we each have on one another. I am because you are. And for our students, your giving matters because it supports them on their journeys to become who they are destined to be. In our annual report, you will read about several ways that the act of giving supports and benefits our community of scholars. Collectively, your giving, in every capacity, has a real and tangible impact on the student experience. Put simply, you will see why your **Giving Matters**.

You may notice that the culture of philanthropy at Arcadia has matured over the last five years, as donors make Arcadia a priority. For that, I am grateful. You will also take note of areas where we can, and should, improve. Our alumni participation rate, which reflects the percentage of alumni donors compared to the total community of alumni, is one such area. It remains my hope that our intentional transparency is received as both an honest and appreciative

portrait of giving, as well as a call to action. If there is one thing that my five-year tenure at Arcadia has demonstrated to me it's that, in equal measure, Arcadia is resilient, determined, and a beautiful work-in-progress.

So, to you, I express my affection and my thanks for continuing to see Arcadia as worthy of the support you provide. Along with my thanks is the belief “that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world.” That is evident in the lives of our students and the alumni they become. It would not be possible without your support. Thank you.

*Fling High the Scarlet and the Grey!*

Sincerely,  
  
Brigette A. Bryant  
Vice President for Development  
and Alumni Engagement

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— Brigette A. Bryant

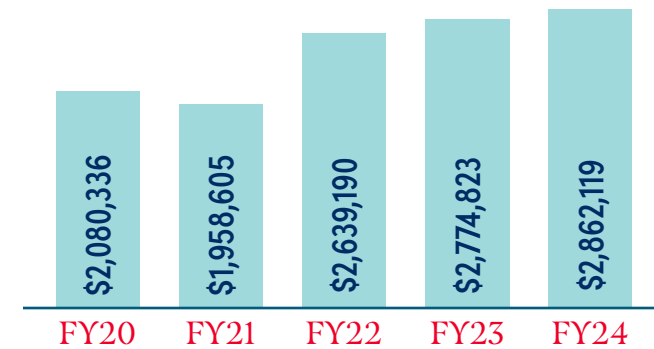
# AT A GLANCE

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. Thank you. 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.

### TOTAL ACHIEVEMENT GROWTH OVER FIVE YEARS



### CASH RECEIVED GROWTH OVER FIVE YEARS



### TOTAL # OF DONORS

1,621

### UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI DONORS

680

### GRADUATE ALUMNI DONORS

150



To be good stewards of resources for printing and shipping, the FY24 Donor Roll is hosted online.





## Memorial Gift for Senior Golden Disc Honorarium

For the first time in Arcadia history, the Senior Golden Disc included an honorarium for the awardee, made possible by a thoughtful gift from Robert Ruskin. The gift, in memory of his late wife, Ann Smith Ruskin '84MEd, is not only a tribute to her, but also a beautiful way to commemorate the high honor that the Senior Golden Disc represents.

The Senior Golden Disc recognizes a graduating senior who exemplifies the highest standards of leadership, promotes the welfare of Arcadia, demonstrates a lasting commitment to the University, and inspires the respect and admiration of their classmates.

The Senior Golden Disc was awarded to Michael Johnson '24, who said this about the Disc's new honorarium: "Having an honorarium, along with the overall recognition and honor of the Senior Golden Disc itself, signifies to me that Arcadia and its community consistently work to find ways to truly acknowledge the hard work of students. I will use the honorarium toward my moving expenses to Washington, D.C., and purchasing what I will need to ensure a successful first semester at George Washington University where I am pursuing a Master's of Public Policy degree."



## Philanthropy Supports Faculty Initiative for Students

### *Education Faculty Rebuild the Black Teacher Pipeline*

Arcadia University was selected as a recipient of a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Center for Black Educator Development (CBED) to help rebuild the Black teacher pipeline. Only 18% of U.S. educators are teachers of color and 50+% of Pennsylvania schools are without any teachers of color. Since its formation in 2019, the CBED has worked with educators nationwide to advocate for racial justice and equity in education while also rebuilding the Black teacher pipeline.

Associate Professor of Education Dr. Marc Brasof (left), and Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Priscilla Jeter-Iles '99MEd, '09EdD (right) worked with University Advancement to secure this grant to strengthen the efforts of the Social Action and Justice Education (SAJE) Fellowship, which they lead. Addressing the nationwide lack of diversity and cultural competency in the teaching profession, Arcadia's Social Action and Justice Education (SAJE) Fellowship is designed to address financial, curricular, and social hurdles that discourage students of color from entering and eventually graduating from teacher education programs.

Specifically, this grant will support the SAJE first-year peer mentorship program, which Dr. Brasof says has led to the fellowship's significant retention rate by surrounding students with support. This program will be expanded to include returning SAJE fellows. The hope is to also have doctoral students in Arcadia's Educational Leadership program serve as mentors for undergraduate students pursuing teaching certifications.

To propel the work of SAJE, Drs. Brasof and Jeter-Iles will continue to seek to create sustainable streams of funding for the program.

## Strengthening Campus Life

*A \$20,000 Gift Supports Student Wellness and Dignity*

Through their support, donors are able to make a substantial difference in the curricular and co-curricular student experience. This gift from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous will be focused on the following important areas: the Student Emergency Fund, Counseling Services, the Knights Resource Pantry, and the Game Room.



**On behalf of Campus Life at Arcadia University, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the charitable support earmarked for Campus Life. Support is instrumental to enhance the student experience. A well-rounded student life experience includes recreational activities, helps students manage stress, builds social connections, and develops essential life skills. These experiences are vital for our students' personal growth and academic achievements, all of which prepares them for their future success.**

— *Donavan McCargo, EdD, Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of Students*

The **Student Emergency Fund** provides financial assistance to students facing dire circumstances that threaten their academic progression. Funding directed here aims to mitigate unforeseen financial barriers that could hinder students' successful continuation of their academic pursuits.

**Counseling Services** can offer confidential counseling services and offset out of pocket expenses for students who need to seek off-campus treatment, including help to subsidize transportation costs, or providing copay assistance over and above what student insurance may not cover.

Stocking the **Knights Resource Pantry** over the summer and fall semester with household cleaning products and

personal hygiene products for both of its on-campus locations will aid students in need. The Knights Resource Pantry is completely dependent on the kindness of others and is 100% gift dependent to operate.

Focused on student recreation, this gift will also be used to purchase a new front desk and chair for the **Game Room**. This much needed face-lift will create a welcoming and functional space where students can relax, socialize, and engage in fun and recreational activities. A new front desk will serve as a central point for information and assistance and will also be the point of contact for the new **Archie's Apparel**, a one stop shop for gently used, no cost business attire for students who have interviews or are attending or presenting papers at conferences, and more.

## Alumni House at Blankley Hall

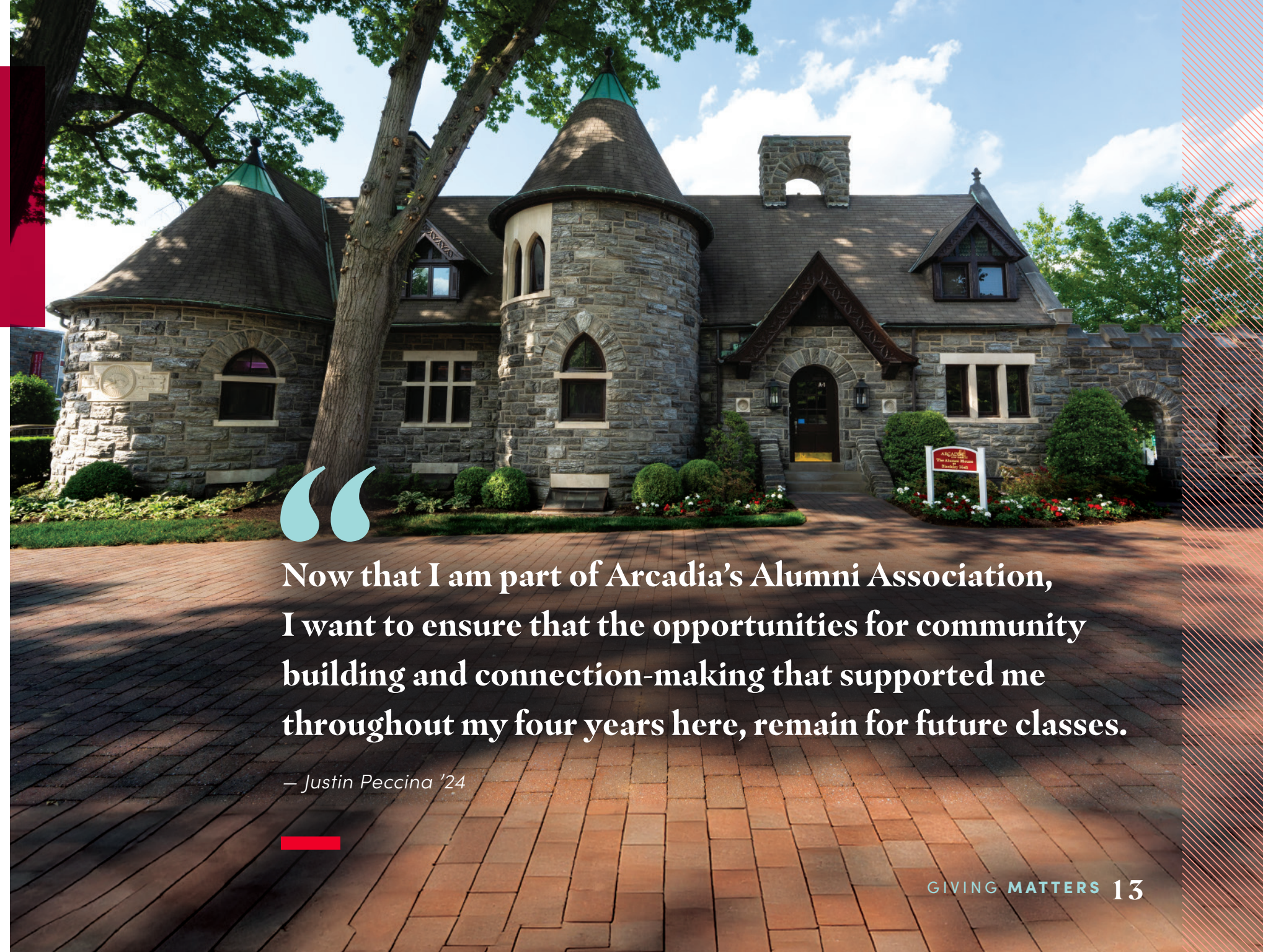
*A Gift of Love: Gift Preserves History for Today and Tomorrow*

Built as the original gatehouse and servants' quarters for Grey Towers Castle on what was the Harrison Estate, the Alumni House at Blankley Hall has a story of its own to tell. Like the University, it has undergone several name changes and uses. Known first at The Gatehouse at the Harrison Estate, used as a first point of entry and welcome, in the University's care it has also been known as The Lodge, The French House, The Music Building, Blake Hall, and then in 2005, Blankley Hall. Today, The Alumni House at Blankley Hall has recently been transformed, thanks to the support of Life Trustee, Rosemary Deniken Blankley '57, '06H.

During the spring and summer months of 2024, The Alumni House at Blankley Hall underwent an interior revitalization, overhauling the carpets and ceilings, renovated restrooms, new paint, all while retaining its historic design flourishes. The aim was to not only provide appropriate work space for staff who will occupy the building, but to ensure that it was a home befitting our alumni community. In the fall of 2024, the historic building will once again house the Division of University Advancement. True to its name as "The Alumni House," almost reverting to its original purpose when it was the Gatehouse in 1898, it will serve as a welcome center for alumni when they return to their Alma Mater. Many alumni events will be held at this historic edifice, both indoors and outside on the cobblestoned entry pavilion and lush lawns.

The Alumni House at Blankley Hall will continue to be adorned with items of Beaver/Arcadia historical significance for alumni and other guests to enjoy and reminisce about when they visit, paying tribute to the University's legacy.

This upgrade of the 'gatehouse' is just one of many ways donors can support the beautification and historic preservation at Arcadia University. To add your own legacy to this building or other projects, please contact Brigette A. Bryant, Vice President for Development and Alumni Engagement, at [bryantb@arcadia.edu](mailto:bryantb@arcadia.edu) or 215-572-2781.



**Now that I am part of Arcadia's Alumni Association, I want to ensure that the opportunities for community building and connection-making that supported me throughout my four years here, remain for future classes.**

— Justin Peccina '24

# THE FUND FOR ARCADIA

*The Philanthropic Voice of Our Community*

*The Fund for Arcadia*, the University's annual fund, **reached \$723,639 in FY24**. *The Fund for Arcadia* supports financial aid, enhancements to both academic and extracurricular opportunities, fosters student and faculty research, and broadens study abroad programs. *The Fund for Arcadia* has a far-reaching impact that ensures the University can consistently provide opportunities for students to succeed.

While *The Fund for Arcadia* attracts the most donors, **ALL Giving Matters**.

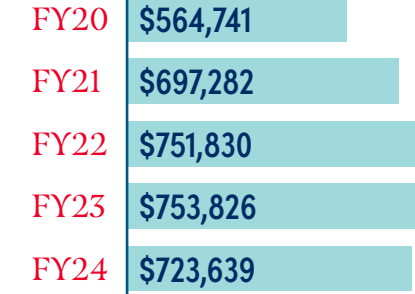
## 920 DONORS

TO THE FUND FOR ARCADIA

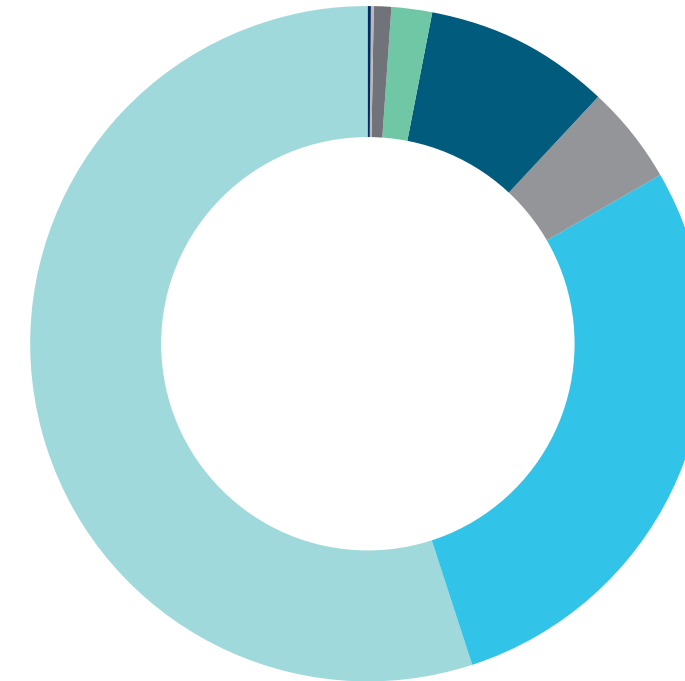


*You are appreciated!*

### GROWTH OVER FIVE YEARS



*We are aiming for more alumni engagement to help us reach an ambitious \$850,000 in FY25.*



### ARCADIA RECEIVED

- 2** Gifts of \$50,000
- 2** Gifts of \$25,000 - \$49,999
- 13** Gifts of \$10,000 - \$24,999
- 24** Gifts of \$5,000 - \$9,999
- 121** Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999
- 62** Gifts of \$500 - \$999
- 376** Gifts of \$100 - \$499
- 732** Gifts of \$1 - \$99



# SYMBOLIC \$1,853 GIFT TO THE FUND FOR ARCADIA

Janice (Lenich) Storms '89 celebrated her 35th reunion from Beaver College in 2024, and wanted “to do something special” to mark the occasion. A psychobiology major who works in quality assurance for the pharmaceutical company Teva, she decided to donate \$1,853 to *The Fund for Arcadia* marking both the University’s founding, but also something closer to her heart.

“I lost my mom last year,” Janice said, “and I felt close to my mom by giving a special gift to Arcadia this year.”

Janice has been a steadfast annual fund supporter of Arcadia since her graduation 35 years ago, and her increase in giving this year was more than just symbolic. “As I got older,

I realized just how special of a place Arcadia was to me, and still is,” Janice said. “I hope my gift will continue to support this educational community where students feel heard.”

For the last few years, attending the Alumni Awards presentation at Alumni Reunion Weekend has further elevated Janice’s belief that Arcadia is a place that continues to earn her support. “By attending the Alumni Awards, I’ve witnessed graduates doing incredible things for themselves, their communities, and the world.” She continued, “Go and attend the Alumni Awards. If that doesn’t inspire you to give to Arcadia, then I’m not sure what will.”

For Janice, inspiration from her fellow alumni has led to a lifelong pride in her Alma Mater. “I am always proud to tell someone that I graduated from Arcadia. Always.”



**Arcadia has always received me with open arms from the very first day I stepped onto the campus. My professors and friends have changed my perspective on life by getting to know other people from around the world and being able to connect at different levels. Arcadia has had a positive impact and I am truly grateful.**

— *Yeimi Cifuentes Diaz '27*





JONES POUNDSTONE SOCIETY

TOTAL JONES POUNDSTONE SOCIETY ACHIEVEMENT \$627,202

JONES POUNDSTONE SOCIETY MEMBERS IN FY 2023 161

AN INCREASE OF 8 from last year OR 3.92%

The Jones Poundstone Society recognizes and celebrates donors who make an unrestricted annual leadership gift of \$1,000 or more to The Fund for Arcadia. JPS donors, often without even realizing it, create lasting impressions on the Arcadia students who benefit daily from the gifts made. JPS is a strong community of philanthropic leaders who believe in the extraordinary things to come for Arcadia.

I love the ability to study abroad, and there are so many options for students. It was also one of those universities my parents would pass by and jokingly say to me, 'That's your future university.'

- Bhaavi (Bunny) Trivedy '26



TRUSTEE CIRCLE \$50,000+

- \* Rosemary Blankley '57, '06H
\* Alison L. Madsen, Esq. '85



ARCADIA CIRCLE \$10,000 - \$24,999

- \* Prachi and Ashish Parmar
Alan and Lynn D. Hendershot '66
Metz Culinary Management
\* Marc W. McKenna
Office Depot, Inc.
\* Michel Paul
Pepsi Bottling Group LLC
\* Allison Rossett '68
\* Gretchen M. Santamour
The Estate of Alice Snellings
John R. Schmidt (in memory of Patty A. Schmidt '64)
Susan C. Saxer '71



BEAVER CIRCLE \$5,000 - \$9,999

- \* Joycellen "Jey" Auritt, Ph.D. '71
Joan N. Brantz '65
\* Jeff and Christine E. Krolik '79
Barbara A. Kauffman '63
Grace K. Lowe '58
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\* Lillian Pagano '52
The Rorer Foundation, Inc.
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Marilyn L. Steinbright '99H
Susan Shenker '69
Robbie Toll '68
Lee and Christopher R. van de Velde
\* Wendy and Ken C. Weirman
Elizabeth J. Walker '62



PRESIDENTS CIRCLE \$25,000 - \$49,999

- \* Suzanne Burrows '53\*
\* Jacqueline L. Cannon '68
\* John D. and Theresa P. Rollins

\* Trustee, Trustee Emeriti, Life Trustee, Faculty, Faculty Emeriti, Staff. ◇ Deceased



Our excitement as gifts arrive is a reflection of the joy we feel to see our community rallying around our University and our incredible students. We take note of the first donor to reach us as well as the last. In FY24, they are Robbie Toll '68 and Janet Perper '51, who, more than any other alumna, is either first or last. Thank you Robbie and Janet and all the donors in between who made JPS a driving force in our charitable support.

- Brigitte A. Bryant



**BEECHWOOD  
CIRCLE**

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Larry and Ilene Silver Berman '74
Marilyn Cranin '54
* Margaret "Margie" Callahan
* Patricia Saint Cyr-Hager '91
Vijay and Pradyumna S. Chauhan P'79, P'80, P'89, P'90
Stacey B. Downey '88
Susan L. Fleming '69
Deborah Fins, Esq. P'15
David and Hilda Fins Family Foundation
Jeffrey '95 and Stephanie A. Fratantaro '95
Judith Gielow '65
* Ann N. Greene
Glenmede Trust Company, N.A.
Nathan Hayward '06, '09MBA
Margaret Hazlett '66
Melissa E. Hough '73
Johnson & Johnson
Bruce Bonner and Andrew Leschak '85
Susan Mountz '64
Ken and Virginia B. Morris '64
* Margaret "Peggy" W. Steele '80
Eleanor Workman '54
Kay York '68



**1853  
CIRCLE**

\$1,000 - \$2,499

John A. Affleck
* Aliyah M. Abraham '17
Thayer Adams '78
American Giving Online Foundation
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
Patricia L. Brubaker '73
Julianne K. Boyd, Ph.D. '66
Helen R. Bosley '69
Lance and Brigitte A. Bryant
Rosalind Benjet '63
Joyce C. Barr '63
Carol G. Bowman '70
Lynne E. Brown '78
Priscilla R. Baugh '53
Pauline "Pelly" Brown '65
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* Margo Helen Maas
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**11** ALUMNI DONORS AND **2** HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

R & R VOICE AND DATA, INC. (IN-KIND)

\* Trustee, Trustee Emeriti, Life Trustee, Faculty, Faculty Emeriti, Staff. ◇ Deceased



## Three Generations of Leaders

### Jones Poundstone Society Co-Chairs

In 1853, 15-year-old Sylvania Jones and 17-year-old Juliet A. Poundstone left their family homes to attend the newly chartered Beaver Female Seminary. Jones and Poundstone became the first two graduates in our institution's history and led the way for generations of Beaver College and Arcadia University students. Today, we honor that legacy with three JPS co-chairs from different generations, united across the Beaver/Arcadia history. Together, these JPS co-chairs are leaders of Arcadia's current mission and future aspirations. For their service and example, we are grateful.



**The cross-generational leadership represented by the JPS co-chair team ensures an inclusive and sustainable approach to our philanthropic initiatives. This collaborative blend of experience and perspective helps increase alumni engagement and participation. When people see representation from their own age group, they are more likely to feel connected to the effort. As a “middle” generation, I have a unique opportunity to bridge traditional perspectives with innovative approaches to foster a synergy that remains relevant and effective for all alumni.**

— Maya Basu Johnson '97, Co-Chair

## New Giving Circles

Launched on June 1, 2024, the Jones Poundstone Society introduced two new giving circles to include more historical context into the narrative JPS represents.



BAKER  
CIRCLE  
\$1,500 - \$2,499

Baker Circle is nestled between 1853 Circle and Beechwood Circle and is named after Beaver Female Seminary's first principal, Sheridan Baker.



NINETY-FOUR  
CIRCLE  
\$7,500 - \$9,999

94 Circle follows Beaver Circle, representing the 94 years Beaver College existed before becoming Arcadia University.



## Special Gifts

Unrestricted or restricted gifts of \$25,000 to \$49,999, special gifts are a vital source of support for the University to achieve its goals and fulfill its mission. Special gifts were made by faculty, staff, alumni, memorial gifts, vendors, foundations, and matching gift entities.

**8** DONORS MADE GIFTS,  
TOTALING **\$238,360.51**.

HALF OF THOSE GIFTS WERE FROM ALUMNI (4).

THE GIFTS FROM ALUMNI IN THIS  
GIFT RANGE WERE **\$128,000**.



“  
**I originally chose  
Arcadia because  
of the beautiful  
campus, wide  
range of programs  
that related to my  
diverse interests,  
and the study  
abroad possibilities.  
I stayed because  
of the professors  
and the wonderful  
organizations I was  
involved in.**

— Jewel Miller '24



## Major Gifts

Unrestricted or restricted gifts of \$50,000 or greater, major gifts have a tremendous impact on the University and allow Arcadia to advance in an evolving higher education marketplace. Major gifts were made by alumni, current and former Trustees, parents, vendors, and friends in the form of direct cash gifts, estate gifts, blended gifts, multi-year commitments, and donor advised funds.

**18** DONORS MADE MAJOR GIFTS,  
TOTALING **\$3,200,842.56**.

GIFTS RANGED FROM **\$50,000**  
TO **\$1,000,000**, WITH AN  
AVERAGE GIFT OF **\$172,786**  
AND MEDIAN GIFT OF **\$100,000**.

## Our Permanent Scholarship Funding

### *Newly Established*

Elizabeth Klopp '50 Endowed Scholarship

Carol A. Young '54 Endowed Scholarship

Sharon Hanson '60 Endowed Scholarship

Patricia L. Squire '62 Endowed Licensureship

Lynda Spielman '64 Endowed Scholarship

Carolyn Hodges '69 Endowed Scholarship

### *Recently Matured*

Sharon Foyto Symth '67

Holly Pfeifer '66 Endowed Scholarship

Marcia M. Hummers '58 Endowed Scholarship

# Covenant Society

Covenant Society is one of Arcadia's most prestigious giving societies that honors the generosity of alumni and friends who thoughtfully include Arcadia in their estate plans. At a donor's discretion and direction, a planned gift may be used to help grow the University's endowment or for a more specific objective.

If you have included Arcadia in your plans or would like more information, please contact Denis Brosnan, Associate Vice President of Philanthropic Giving at 215-517-2497 or brosnand@arcadia.edu. One may also visit [GiftPlanning.Arcadia.edu](http://GiftPlanning.Arcadia.edu).

## Realized Bequests

Lucille Pagano '52    Sharon L. Hansen '60  
Betty Kirwan '57    Carol A. Young '54

## The Power of Estate Planning

Pauline Vaughan Hamilton '41, an education major, made her first gift to the then-Beaver College annual fund in 1985 in the amount of \$50. Her annual fund giving continued unabated in gifts of \$500 or \$1,000 for many years, until she passed away in 2001. Yet, Pauline Hamilton '41 was not done giving to her Alma Mater.

After her passing, the intensity of her pride became undeniably apparent. It was then that the Hamilton Estate disbursed its first gifts and established the Pauline V. Hamilton '41 Endowed Scholarship in 2001, designed to financially support students with demonstrated financial need. Through a series of realized bequests from 2001 to 2004, totaling \$1.1 million, her wishes came true. And for over twenty years, she has continued to provide financial aid for countless numbers of students. In 2024, another gift made its way through the Hamilton Estate in the amount of over \$350,000. Since 2001, her fund has grown to \$1.8 million but with her latest gift, her fund is sure to increase to well over \$2 million, providing \$80,000 in aid annually to students who need support.

By including Arcadia in her estate planning, Pauline V. Hamilton '41 became a member of the Covenant Society. Denis Brosnan, Associate Vice President of Philanthropic Giving at Arcadia, said, "I am profoundly grateful for gifts like that of Pauline V. Hamilton '41. Her generosity demonstrates a care for her Alma Mater, a clear signal of what she truly valued as well as a profound affection for students at Arcadia University that she knew she would never meet. Her appreciation for the education she received from Beaver College and the opportunities it afforded her in life were the influences in her decision to give. Her endowed scholarship now provides incredible access and educational opportunities for generations of students to come."



PAULINE VAUGHAN HAMILTON '41



**Arcadia is like a family, always wanting you to go out and experience life-changing opportunities, but will welcome you home with open arms.**

— Samantha "Sam" Silverglade '25

# Memorial Giving

Memorial gifts, also known as gifts “in memory of,” are donations made to honor an individual’s life and the impact that their life has had on the donor. Memorial gifts allow families, friends, coworkers, and others to remember someone special by helping the deceased’s legacy live on through a meaningful contribution to Arcadia University.



CAROL ABRUZZE PIRONTI '57



**My gift to Arcadia was to honor my dear cousin, Carol Abruzzi Pironti '57, whom I admired and respected from my childhood. She was 10 years older, very elegant and strong for a woman of the 1950s! When she chose Beaver College, it made an impression on me. So first and foremost, I am honoring a “role model” who had an influence on my choice to attend Beaver.**

**I believe memorial gifts are a way to honor our classmates and fellow alums who pass. Such a gift also honors the family and highlights a very special part of their loved one’s life. It is a reminder that Beaver/ Arcadia played a part in their loved ones’ life journey.**

— Jacqueline Lynne Cannon '68, Arcadia University Trustee



Incorporated in April 2023, Beaver College Foundation (BCF) serves as a separate, but affiliated, nonprofit entity, whose mission is to support the brightest possible future for Arcadia University through either transformative gifts or support for transformative projects. In its second fiscal year in operation, Beaver College Foundation continues to draw new donors for the benefit of the University.

**TOTAL RAISED**  
**\$1.3M**

## DONORS

Bill and Ann Westerfield '62\*

Jean Trombore '60

Elizabeth “Jean” Walker '62

Dr. Norah Shultz, *Former Arcadia University Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences*

Anonymous

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Dean Emeritus Rebecca L. Craik,  
PT, PhD, FAPTA

Richard Tressider '90MED

\* University Trustee

# UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT SIGNATURE EVENTS

Something for Everyone



(Left to right) Michelle Frank '23 hosts Iris Barbee Bonner '07, Kelsey Mowrey '10, and Jenna Mulhall-Brereton '08M, during the Women Who Lead Forum.

## UKnightedTuesday 2023

The University's ninth annual day(s) of giving on November 28 and 29 was an opportunity for the Arcadia community to 'UKnight' in support of *The Fund for Arcadia* or other featured funds. For 1,853 minutes, staff, faculty, students, alumni and volunteers gathered in the Great Room in the University Commons to make phone calls, send texts, share social media posts, and more, to encourage support. Like past years, Arcadians responded with largesse and pride in their Alma Mater.

**\$621,034** from **425 donors** in **1,853 minutes**.

## Women Who Lead Forum 2024

Alumni, faculty, staff, and guests attended the fourth annual Women Who Lead Forum held in the University Commons on Saturday, March 23. Honoring the pursuits and influence of women's leadership through the lens of Beaver/Arcadia women, this year's event honored five alumni. Iris Barbee Bonner '07, *Artist & Designer, THESEPINKLIPS*; Kelsey Mowrey '10, *President, Motley Fool Asset Management*; Jenna Mulhall-Brereton '08M, *Chief Philanthropic Solutions Officer, National Philanthropic Trust*; Susan Chana Lask '82, '83M, *High Profile Attorney*; Kay WalkingStick '59, '11H: *Internationally Acclaimed Indigenous Artist*.

This year also featured a special appearance by world-renowned recording artist, Kandace Springs.



Scan to watch a highlight video of Women Who Lead Forum 2024.

## Alumni Reunion Weekend

Celebrating reunion classes ending in '4s and '9s, 200 reunion celebrants, faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, and guests attended two days of festivities on campus April 26 and 27.

## Graduate of the Last Decade (G.O.L.D.) Alumni Events

Arcadia Knights Mentor is an Office of Alumni Engagement program, supported by the Office of Career Education, where alumni hosted students "on-the-job" to provide them with a glimpse into their aspirational profession and a professional connection.

Hosted during October 2023, alumni had the opportunity to mentor a current Arcadia Knight for a full day, half-day, lunch, or coffee, which could all be done from their remote workstation online, no matter where they were in the world.

This opportunity offered alumni and students the chance to get to know one another, for the alumnus to share career insight and advice, and for the student to utilize Arcadia University's vast professional network.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Get Lit

December 2, 2024

### UKnightedTuesday and Thank-a-Thon

December 3 and 4, 2024

### 5th Annual Women Who Lead Forum

March 22, 2025

### Alumni Reunion Weekend & Woodstock

April 25 & 26, 2025

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