FOR THE NEXT 150 YEARS

Worldwide, 70 of the 85 institutions that have survived since the Middle Ages are universities.¹

Why such longevity? Altruistic purposes, for one thing. Education is a cause we can all rally around. To last through the ages, however, excellence must be sustainable.

How?

Recently, only 36 U.S. higher education institutions were engaged in fundraising campaigns of $1 billion or more.²

Count Virginia Tech among them. To finance the margin of excellence—the achievements that take Tech from good to great—and to adapt to a changing business model, the university community embarked on The Campaign for Virginia Tech: Invent the Future.

Goal: $1 billion.

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State funding per in-state student is lower now than it has been in 20 plus years—and the trend line isn’t even adjusted for inflation. Express the 2011-12 dollars as inflation-adjusted 1990-91 dollars, and state funding per in-state student becomes $3,050 instead of $6,083 and tuition becomes $4,462 instead of $8,899. Meanwhile, private contributions have accelerated, helping the university to continue to excel.

With the completion of the Virginia Tech Research Center—Arlington, the real estate portfolio—including the Corporate Research Center, the Pete Dye River Course, the Hotel Roanoke, and more—continues to further the university’s reach.

Going above and beyond the university operating budget’s capabilities, the Virginia Tech Foundation allocates resources to enhance university programs. Private funds, then, can be viewed as supplemental funds for excellence.

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James Tyler Mills Jr. used a Jerry and Leslie Gough Honors Scholarship created by Jerry (economics ’69) and Leslie (mathematics ’70) Gough to travel to the U.S.-Mexico border and observe the type of medical care available to illegal immigrants. He discussed the trip during a successful entrance interview for medical school.

Donna Dunay

"Having a named professorship has helped me collaborate with architects around the world and bring their knowledge to a greater audience," said Donna Dunay, Professor of Architecture. "It’s an honor to have received this position, which was created by a generous donor. And in this case, I personally know the donor, which makes it even more special for me.”

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