

## **➤ BRIGHT MINDS: STUDENT SUPPORT**

Many talented students who long for a Jesuit education and belong at Le Moyne cannot afford to join us, and we simply cannot afford their absence. Intellectually engaged and service-oriented students come to Le Moyne to be a part of a community where they will thrive. In turn, their presence enriches our entire campus, making it a more vibrant place to live, learn and work.

Le Moyne has provided generous financial support throughout its history. The College is proud of its commitment to accessibility, affordability and opportunity for students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. **It's who we are.**

To support these students, we will strengthen and expand our scholarship offerings and ensure that no deserving student is turned away. Increasing scholarship support will enable us to provide the best Jesuit, liberal arts education at the most affordable price to as many students as possible.

### **Open Doors**

Le Moyne embraces diversity. The classroom is a place where people from all backgrounds can work together, learning from each other and experiencing different lived perspectives. We believe that diverse classrooms prepare students for our diverse world, and enable them to develop the skills that will make them thoughtful, compassionate leaders. If we want students from all socio-economic backgrounds to study on the Heights, we need to provide them with the resources necessary to succeed and graduate unencumbered by overwhelming debt. Scholarships are critical and of profound benefit to our students and their families.

### **Fund The Experience**

Le Moyne's tradition of experiential learning brings students out of the classroom to encounter firsthand the challenges of the wider world, in places as varied as Iceland, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Students conduct independent research with faculty members or pursue summer internships and fellowships. These activities require financial support for materials, travel and equipment. Many students choose to complete their theses in the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities with laboratory or fieldwork components. Often fieldwork is done in the summer, requiring additional expenses from students. An endowed fund to support these research programs would distinguish Le Moyne for the quality of our academic experiences. Additionally, this fund could enable travel to conferences for students to present their work to the wider academic community.

“Finances were the largest contributing factor when deciding where or if I could attend college. I am so thankful for the opportunities Le Moyne has given me – from my classes, to conversations and events on campus, to the wonderful Le Moyne community. None of this would have been possible without my scholarship.”

Jonathan Roberts '18



“I have been fortunate in my career, and the foundation of that success is my time at Le Moyne. To be in a position to support the College – and to see the students who really need financial assistance receive it – is unbelievable.”

– Michael Sicilian '83



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### Career, Connection, Continuity

A Le Moyne education is the ideal preparation for solving problems whose scopes are not defined yet. We believe in interdisciplinary, collaborative and experiential learning. Volunteerism, summer internships and service-learning are just as important as the lessons learned in classrooms and often help determine career goals or aspirations. Yet, in many cases, students must choose to take summer jobs that do not complement their career aspirations or fields of study. The more we are able to help our students secure “real-world” experiences, the better prepared they will be to contribute meaningfully in their chosen fields. Modest financial support enables students to engage in career-related experiences while in college that lead to more competitive first jobs and more attractive career options.

Connections made through Le Moyne can take students anywhere they want to go in their careers. Our alumni network includes leaders in public health and medicine, the arts, government, law, journalism, academia, business and other fields. While successful in their own rights, they are dedicated to helping fellow graduates flourish. Building on their energy, we seek to establish better partnerships with our alumni and develop a comprehensive internship and fieldwork program.

Le Moyne alumni care about Le Moyne students because they were shaped by the same powerful educational experience and they know what Le Moyne alumni achieve in the world.

### Endow A Scholarship

More than 95 percent of Le Moyne students receive financial aid. Additionally, many students take out loans to pay for their educations. Students who graduate with significant debt are restricted in their professional choices and living arrangements, limiting the positive impact they can have on society.

Often, students feel pressure to attend the college that provides the best financial aid package, regardless of whether or not it is the right “fit.” Consequently, Le Moyne is competing with colleges that offer larger scholarships from endowed funds. Even though a student may believe that Le Moyne is the best fit for his or her academic goals, he or she may feel significant pressure to attend a competitor institution that offers a more lucrative financial aid package.

Robust financial aid strengthens the College’s identity as a place of access and opportunity. Annually, the College designates over 36 percent of its budget to student aid. While generous, the funds allocated from our budget do not keep pace with students’ critical needs. We can only reserve the best financial aid packages for the highest-achieving students, leaving many highly qualified and deserving students without the additional support they may need to make a Jesuit education affordable. Endowed scholarships help mitigate this challenge. Once established, they exist in perpetuity and increase over time, affording continuous and growing aid to more and more students.

**True to our principles, we must continue to be a college of access and opportunity.** We must strengthen and expand our scholarship offerings to ensure that the talented students we want and need at Le Moyne do not have to choose what they can afford, over what they deserve.