Impact of Giving
Annual Report 2016–17
$11,638,923
new commitments to Luther
in fiscal year 2016–17
President’s message

“We practice joyful stewardship of the resources that surround us.”

Dear Donors and Friends,

Joyful stewardship is raised up in Luther’s mission statement. For us, part of that stewardship is sharing the impact of your charitable contributions to the college. Every gift makes a difference, and the information featured in this report tells a story. These are your gifts at work. You—as individuals, couples, families, and organizations—have shared your trust and philanthropy with Luther College. Now we want to say a collective thank-you and highlight the impact your gifts make—now and in the future.

Reflecting on the past year, I believe it’s important to connect philanthropic impact with the institutional vision for the 2016-18 Priorities. Thanks to the dedication of faculty and staff, we have made impressive progress in the past two years, and I want to share a few notable examples. Addressing our first priority—to offer students a more integrated learning experience across their four years at Luther—the college has maximized faculty expertise in multiple disciplines to add new academic majors in data science and neuroscience. Both are grounded in the liberal arts and have a robust connection to applied learning, which is also central to the initiatives being implemented as part of the Career Center’s strategic plan.

Another highlight of the past year was the excellent work of the Sophomore Initiative, in which 40 enthusiastic faculty and staff (double the number we anticipated) came together in yearlong learning communities to explore ways to better engage sophomore students through work with advisors, mentors, and guided self-reflection. Funded by a grant from the Council of Independent College’s Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education, this project strengthens connections among students, faculty, and staff to enhance the overall Luther experience.

In these examples and many others, the campus community has rolled up our sleeves together to create plans, address challenges, and build momentum. As you know, vision on its own is just that—vision. Your gifts help to make this vision real through academic programs, co-curricular initiatives, facilities upgrades, and scholarship opportunities that touch the lives of Luther students every day.

Luther stakeholders have a long history of joining together to make priority projects a reality. Last year, groups of dedicated donors invested in institutional initiatives ranging from top-of-the-line synthetic turf to ensure player safety on the football field to a musical celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in two breathtaking performances of Bach’s Mass in B minor. When donor dollars come together, exciting things happen. Vision becomes reality.

Whether you are a longtime supporter of the college or have made your first gift in the past year, we at Luther are grateful for your kindness and your commitment to making our college the very best environment for student learning and academic excellence. I am inspired by your generosity and will ensure that Luther College continues to be a good steward of your philanthropic support. Thank you!

With gratitude,

Paula J. Carlson, Ph.D.
President
12,240 alumni, parents, and friends contributed to Luther’s future this past year.
Greetings from Loyalty Hall!

The Luther College development team is proud to share this new philanthropic impact report. The information featured within these pages highlights some of the many ways your collective generosity in the 2016–17 fiscal year is making a difference here at Luther.

In this report, we celebrate the 12,240 donors who made gift commitments totaling more than $11.6 million in support of Luther College last year. Each contribution is gratefully received as an investment in our students and the Luther community. Thank you!

Developing a comprehensive plan for achieving and maintaining maximum fiscal strength is among Luther’s top institutional priorities for 2016–18. As you know, philanthropic support plays a vital role now and in the future. Both the annual support and the endowment are key components of ensuring fiscal strength. Thanks to another tremendously successful year for annual giving, Luther has met and exceeded its goal of a $2 million Luther Fund (formerly the Luther College Annual Fund) in each of the past two years. Our second annual Giving Day in early March generated nearly $505,000 in one fun-filled and jam-packed day. (We are especially grateful to the 194 faculty and staff who supported Giving Day 2017 through their gifts and their presence.)

Last year, Luther donors also committed $3 million toward the college’s endowment. This is another important indicator of fiscal strength and philanthropic impact. Year after year, a significant part of this endowment is designated for student scholarships, which remains one of our highest fundraising priorities. We experience the joy of the donors and their scholarship recipients firsthand each spring when they come together for the annual Legacy Trust Scholarship luncheon.

Capital projects were also front and center in last year’s fundraising efforts, as the Norse athletics complex got a jumpstart on a few key projects in the athletics facilities master plan. A small group of lead donors invested in a top-of-the-line synthetic turf system for the football field and post-tensioned concrete for outdoor tennis courts. Along with full renovations of our baseball and softball stadiums (dedicated in April 2017), these best-in-the-league facilities demonstrate a commitment to player safety and the overall experience of Luther’s student-athletes. The success of these projects builds momentum for other exciting facilities upgrades on the horizon.

Our development team is proud to be working in partnership with you—Luther’s steadfast donors who love this special place and support its mission. Thank you for the opportunity to work together on behalf of the college. It’s a privilege to hear your stories of how Luther has touched your lives and how you—as donors—want to make a difference for Luther students. It’s a joy to be part of the Luther College family!

Sincerely,

Jim Jermier
Vice President for Development
Entering Class of 2020

Multicultural Student Profile
- 12% American multicultural
- 8% International

Geographic Distribution
- 38% Minnesota
- 19% Iowa
- 7% Wisconsin
- 13% Illinois
- 9% Other States (18 states)
- 9% International (29 countries)

High School Class Rank
- 83% top 50%
- 51% top 25%
- 22% top 10%
- 14% top 5%

ACT/SAT average
- 25.8 Average ACT composite
- 1120 Average SAT (math + critical reading)
Institutional Financial Aid

$47,960
comprehensive fee 2016–17

$33,175
average need-based financial aid award

$43.4 million
financial aid distributed in 2016–17

99%
of students receive financial aid

Research by Kelly Kennedy ’18 may help us all one day. Last year, she shared with 50 neuropsychologists her study on how forgiveness can lessen mental decline in aging adults. A donor-funded scholarship helps keep Kelly at Luther to do this original research.
Luther College Endowment

Endowment is the foundation on which Luther College sustains academic excellence for future generations of students, faculty, and staff. Luther’s endowment has grown from $56 million in 2000 to $161 million in 2017. Our institutional goal is to continue growing the endowment—for scholarships, applied learning opportunities, research fellowships, programs, professorships, and chairs—to enhance the resources necessary to support Luther’s mission and vision. Each year a spending allowance is determined by the Luther College Board of Regents. All funds exist in perpetuity.

How are endowment earnings used?
They fund scholarships for students, teaching and learning resources, library materials, program enrichment, and student/faculty research projects. In short, endowment earnings enable Luther to enrich the academic program and enhance student experiences.

Endowment Spending Policy:
The Luther College Board of Regents establishes the annual spending policy. The spending allowance (of approximately 5 percent) is calculated on the endowment’s 20-quarter average market value as of May 31 of each year. The method of calculation provides year-to-year consistency in the value of the spending allowance and helps mitigate any investment market fluctuations.

What does a strong endowment communicate about Luther College?
It is a key indicator of the quality and financial strength of the college and is often the gauge for measuring institutional stability. Your gifts to the endowment help Luther College better position itself for the future by:
• enabling the college to attract and retain gifted teachers and strengthen student learning
• increasing opportunities for student research, applied learning, and faculty/student mentoring
• providing continual improvement and maintenance of campus facilities
• enhancing public perception of Luther’s reputation as an innovative, dynamic institution
• funding scholarships to make it possible for the most deserving students to attend Luther
Student/Faculty Collaborative Research
Luther’s Summer Student/Faculty Collaborative Research program supports students in full-time research with Luther faculty members. Funding is approved through the Dean’s Office and comes from a variety of donor sources. Each full grant provides $3,000 to the student for eight weeks of full-time research work and on-campus housing, up to $500 for project expenses, and $500 in faculty development funds for the faculty member. Here are examples of collaborative research projects during summer 2016.

Marshall Stay ’17 and Colin Betts, professor of anthropology, spent the summer using equipment called a gradiometer to virtually “see” into prehistoric burial mounds in northeast Iowa. They wanted to discover potential techniques used to build the mounds. Stay was intrigued by how they were able to identify highly magnetic subsurface features, or “hot spots,” inside the mound. “We believe there is some sort of internal structure or feature at these spots in the mounds that gives off a distinct magnetic signature,” Stay says. “These could include rock piles, hearths, or even burials.”

Vicky Torrillas Pizzorno ’17 worked with Pedro dos Santos, assistant professor of political science, to analyze the public image of a Brazilian president in the years following a political crisis. Torrillas Pizzorno examined newspaper coverage of Dilma Rousseff to try to understand how the media can influence a leader’s image. As a result of the project, she says, “I’ve learned how to use many research methods, work collaboratively with a professor, create databases, and analyze data to formulate results that can be shared with others.”

Taking advantage of Dorian music camps on the Luther campus, Leah Rasmussen ’17 and Jill Wilson, assistant professor of education and coordinator for music education, researched sight-singing capabilities of middle and high school students. Rasmussen was fascinated that their study found a significant correlation between instrumental experience and sight-singing ability. The two hope the data they collected will help make a case for secondary teachers to spend more rehearsal time on ear training and music-reading skills.
Gifts and Donors

Gift Commitments by Area
(gifts, pledges, new estate commitments)

- Luther Fund: $1,973,217 (21%)
- Other Current Support: $3,161,137 (17%)
- Capital: $1,634,782 (21%)
- Endowment: $2,388,866 (21%)
- Planned Gifts: $2,480,921 (14%)

Total: $11,638,923

Gift Income by Source
(one-time gifts, pledge payments, realized bequests)

- Alumni: $4,631,392 (45%)
- Corporations/Foundations: $3,026,865 (29%)
- Friends: $1,071,969 (9%)
- Faculty/Staff: $879,647 (3%)
- Parents: $313,968 (1%)
- Other: $281,384 (3%)
- Churches: $112,035 (1%)

Total: $10,317,260
$2,097,908
Total gift receipts to the Luther Fund
A day of giving back to Luther, March 9, 2017

$504,991
amount raised for the Luther Fund

1,872
donors who made gifts that day

209
number of brand-new donors who made their first gifts ever to the Luther Fund

19,933
number of unique page views

5,240
people who tuned in to the live stream

1,641
total gifts received

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50%
of Luther faculty and staff gave to Luther in 2016–17!

Giving Day Donor Challenges

- 50 States Challenge
- Chicago Area Challenge
- City vs. City Challenge
- Computer Science and Economics/Business Challenge
- Decorah Area Challenge
- Des Moines Area Challenge
- Faculty and Staff Honoring Challenge
- Final Stretch Challenge
- Go Big and Go Gnome Super Awesome Regents Challenge
- Parents Council Challenge
- Sail Norse Challenge
- Sustainability Challenge
- Sweethearts Challenge
- Totally All That ’90s Challenge
- Twin Cities Area Challenge
- Vicki Donhowe Phonathon Challenge
- “Warmly Weston” Music Challenge
- Washington, D.C., Area Challenge
- #WeAreLuther Faculty and Staff Challenge
- Whippy Dip Challenge
In 2016–17, more than $200,000 donated through the NAA helped purchase an improved sound system for the new softball and baseball stadiums, new game uniforms for our teams, and new basketball backboards for the Regents Center. Also, general NAA and sport-specific NAA donations supplemented travel budgets enabling our teams to make spring trips and compete outside of the Iowa Conference schedule. Sport-specific NAA funds also enabled coaches to purchase equipment and supplies to enhance their programs and enrich the experiences of our student-athletes.

$205,363 commitments to the Norse Athletic Association
Luther College Heritage Club is an association of persons with vision and the inclination to support Luther students, programs, and mission.

1,219 total members through May 31, 2017

55 new members for FY 2016–17

7 members making additional gifts
Like our namesake, Martin Luther, we believe education makes creation flourish. There are many worthy institutions to support, and they depend on having what Luther described as “able, learned, wise, honorable, and well-educated citizens.”

Education, therefore, is the foundation, and an education infused with faith, values, and the richness of community best prepares students for lives of purpose and meaning.

Luther College is called to light the path for students, to help them discover the gifts God has given them and how they might use those gifts to serve the world. The path is always moving forward, from our lives to the lives of those who follow, guiding students we will never know and helping them flourish in ways we could never imagine.

Established in 1978, the Luther College Heritage Club is an association of persons with vision and the inclination to support Luther students, programs, and mission. Through the vision of others, combined with the mission and vision of the college, Luther is able to grow and light the path for the future.

The Heritage Club is also a symbol and an inspiration. Because planned gifts are so vitally important to the future of Luther College, and because membership in the club is only for those persons who have made planned gifts, the Heritage Club is a symbol of the importance Luther places on this kind of commitment. It also serves as an inspiration for others to make similar gifts and join this important group. The Heritage Club is one way Luther says “thank you” to all those who have made the college a part of their future. We are extremely grateful for the support from the members of Luther’s Heritage Club.

New Members in FY 2016–17

Anonymous
Agnes (Nestegard) Amoahl ’57
Anne Anderson ’87 and Dawn D’Ostilio ’87
Jack Anundson
Mary Lou (Greenheck) ’62 and Jerome Baryenbruch
Stephen Blackmore ’69
David Boileau ’76 and Shirley Kirschbaum
David ’80 and Kathy (Haugland) Brandt ’82
Wendy (Jaycox) ’92 and Thor Davidson ’93
William ’62 and Judith (Ream) Davis ’62
Ruth Drews ’76 and Dean Peckham
Ryan Fordice ’08
Michael ’69 and Joyce (Jensen) Fossum ’69
Lori (Wogen) Haaland ’85
Sarah (Quamme) ’94 and Lon Haenel
Ami (Shoup) Hall ’96
Elaine Ottmers Hill ’77 and Paul Hill
Jim and Wendy Jermier
Jerald Johnson ’83 and Larry Montan
Paul ’79 and Catherine Elise (Barton) Mullen ’80
Deb (Leschensky) ’77 and Mike Murrell
Pamela Olson ’77
Steven ’77 and Marcia (Hoff) Pitzenberger ’78
Anthony Pizer ’03 and Jessica Aguilar ’03
Dustin Ross ’05
Thomas Rossing ’50
Julie Serra Lund ’80 and Philip Lund
Jean Severson ’60
Susan Tjornehoj ’76 and David Wangaard
Steven ’75 and Mary Wettach
Rod ’73 and Linda Wiemeri
Deb Wiley ’77 and John Schmidt

Members making additional gifts in FY 2016–17

Anonymous
Bruce Filippi ’70
† Ronald ’61 and Karen (Paulson) Fretheim ’63
Haldis (Solem) Kaasa ’81
Richard ’74 and Mary (Edwards) Steinberg ’76
† deceased
18 New Scholarships
Established, In Progress, and Deferred Legacy Trust Scholarships

Many donors have chosen to honor a family member, classmate, or favorite professor in the naming of scholarships.
The Legacy Trust

The Legacy Trust is an opportunity to invest in the lives of young people who want to study at Luther College.

Luther is committed to providing an affordable education to our students, approximately 99 percent of whom receive some form of financial assistance. Unfortunately, federal aid, student earnings, and parents’ savings are often not enough to cover the whole cost of a Luther education. Now more than ever, scholarship support is critical as students search for ways to meet the rising costs of higher education.

The Legacy Trust, Luther’s endowed scholarship program, was established in 1986 in connection with the 125th anniversary of the college. The initial objective of the program was to add at least $250,000 to Luther’s scholarship endowment fund each year. Response to the program has been extraordinary over the years, with more than $100 million in cash and planned gifts raised. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Luther students—most of whom could not otherwise afford to be here—now benefit from more than 800 endowed scholarships that have been established at Luther.

Establishing a Legacy Scholarship

As a donor contributing a gift or pledge of at least $25,000 to endow a Legacy Scholarship, you have the privilege of naming that fund. Many donors have chosen to honor a family member, classmate, or favorite professor in the naming of scholarships. Scholarships are funded with cash, gifts of stock, or other appreciated property, or through planned gifts. Gifts to the Legacy Trust scholarship program are administered according to the endowment policies established by the Luther College Board of Regents.

luther.edu/giving/recognition/legacy_trust

Legacy Trust Scholarships Established during Calendar Year 2016

‖ John English
   Ruth Joshua English Theatre Scholarship
   Ann (Furman) Esse ’71
   Douglas L. Esse Scholarship
   Kent ’57 and Mitzi Evenstad
   Evenstad Family Scholarship in Education
   Bob ’66 and Lynne Fjelstul
   Lillian Fjelstul Scholarship
   Ron and Carole Fox
   Dr. Ronald and Carole Fox Music Scholarship
   † Ronald ’61 and Karen (Paulson) Fretheim ’63
   Ronald L. Fretheim Family Scholarship
   Mary (Loken) ’66 and Helmut Haas
   Mary Loken Haas Scholarship

|| Joan Haug
   Sheryl Haug Memorial Scholarship
   Betty Hoff ’60
   Helen (Hoff) James Music Scholarship
   Conway and Katherine Olson
   David G. Olson ’76 Scholarship
   Robert and June Swenson
   Robert and June Swenson Scholarship
   Matthew ’01 and Jaime (Rowe) Titus ’00
   Dr. Jaime and Matthew Titus Endowed Scholarship
   Roger ’79 and Mary (DeVoe) Wetlaufer ’79
   Wetlaufer Family Scholarship

† deceased

New Legacy Trust Scholarships in Progress

Douglas Boleen ’74 and Christine Wollan ’76
Wollan-Boleen Family Scholarship
The Pribbenow Family
Pribbenow Family Scholarship
Joel Spoonheim ’92 and Lani Willis ’94
Spooneheim-Willis Scholarship
Family and Friends of † Maren Zabel ’99
Maren (Aune) Zabel Art Scholarship

New Deferred Legacy Trust Scholarships

Roger and Carolyn Eigenfeld
Roger C. and Carolyn J. Eigenfeld Scholarship

Each year, more than 1,000 Luther students receive endowed scholarship support from more than 800 endowed scholarship funds.
Alumni Internships
For three years in a row (including summer 2017), Luther has combined funding from alumni donors and philanthropic agencies to give financial support to students completing a variety of internships. Here's a sampling of student internships in the past year.

**Jordan Boge '18**, majoring in communication studies and French, interned in summer 2016 in Montréal, Canada, at Connection Events, which organizes international business conferences related to visual effects, animation, and gaming. Boge got advice from some of the top animation and visual effects artists in the world while also increasing his language proficiency—his entire internship was in French. His dream has always been to work in the animation industry, and after this internship, he is even more motivated to achieve his goal of working at Pixar.

**Psychology major Iloria Phoenix '18** received a taste of what it would be like to be a school guidance counselor by working with **Lissa Flaaten '06** at Maranatha Christian Academy in Brooklyn Park, Minn, during January Term 2017. Phoenix learned the ins and outs of school counseling, which is a career field she’s very interested in pursuing.

In summer 2016, biology and chemistry major **Allison Zobel '17** worked with **Frida Maiers ’86** at the University of Minnesota’s morphometric analysis center, which uses 3-D technology to create digital representations of research objects. Zobel observed and participated in research and weekly team meetings, operated a variety of lab equipment, and learned about the administrative aspects of a lab, including scheduling and budgeting.

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Norse Alumni

**56 Alumni Events in 2016**
The connections Luther alumni have with their alma mater, classmates, faculty, and friends are important. The Luther College Alumni Office and our alumni volunteers sponsor programs and events to bring Luther College alumni together on campus, all across the country, and around the world. We strive to keep our alumni connected to one another and to the Luther community.

**2016 Homecoming**
64 events over Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- 2,500 attendees
- 11 Class Reunion receptions and dinners Saturday evening = 1,800 total attendees

**Alumni Ambassador Program**
Alumni can play a direct role in recruiting the next generation of Luther students through our Admissions Office’s newly launched Alumni Ambassador program. Every student you refer will receive a $1,000 scholarship (in your name!) each year, for four years, should they decide to enroll at Luther. Your participation in our program will have a direct financial impact on a student’s experience at Luther.

[alumni.ambassador@luther.edu](mailto:alumni.ambassador@luther.edu)
at Homecoming 2016

2,500+

50-year reunion
Class of 1966
## Alumni giving by class year

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## Alumni participation across all classes

- **1978: 25.75%**
- **1977: 25.75%**
Donor Bill of Rights

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

I To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.

II To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

III To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.

IV To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.

V To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.

VI To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.

VII To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.

VIII To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization, or hired solicitors.

IX To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.

X To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

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Bishop
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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
South Holland, Illinois (2006)

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Educational Consultant
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Minneapolis, Minnesota (2016)

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Retired Managing Director
JP Morgan Asset Management
South Salem, New York (2014)

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College Ombudsperson
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Urbandale, Iowa (2012)

Lance J. Vander Linden ’79
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Microsoft Corporation
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