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2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT
AND DONOR HONOR ROLL



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This 2023-2024 Annual Report on Philanthropy highlights just a few examples of how your support has made a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. We are grateful for your investment in their futures.

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

REGIS IN 2023-2024

- *U.S. News and World Report* recognized Regis as a 50 Best Regional Universities in the North Region, top 40 Performers for Social Mobility, and top 50 Best Colleges for Veterans.
- RNcareers.org recognized Regis' nursing program as one of the top three in Massachusetts, top 10% nationally.
- The *Princeton Review* named Regis a Best Northeastern College for 2023 and to its 2023 Top Online Nursing Programs.
- Niche recognized Regis as one of the Safest College Campuses, Best Value Colleges, and Most Diverse Colleges.
- Regis is recognized in the 2023 I'm First! Guide to College for its Commitment to First-Generation Student Success.
- Intelligent.com ranked Regis among the Best Online Colleges in Massachusetts for 2024.
- *U.S. News* named the Social Work Graduate Program to its list of 2024 Best Health Schools and a 2024 Best Health School for Occupational Therapy Graduate Program.
- CounselingPsychology.org ranked Regis' Master of Social Work program among the top ten programs in the country.
- *Forbes* named Regis' Online Master of Social Work one of the best in the nation.
- *Degreechoices* named Regis among top colleges in Massachusetts.
- Research.com named Regis a Best Value College in Massachusetts.
- Regis earned gold status recognition as a Military Friendly® School for 2023-2024.



BUILDING **CHARACTER,**
CONFIDENCE, AND CAREERS.
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800

Members of the Regis community volunteered during Founders' Day



957

Underserved patients treated by students at the Regis Dental Center in 2023-2024



705

2024 nursing graduates, bringing the total Regis nursing alumni to 10,979



50%

First-generation students over the last four years (incoming undergraduates)



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MARIA ZODDA '72

CATHERINE BURKE & HIGGINS SOCIETY MEMBER

For Maria Zodda '72, Regis can be summed up in three words: intellectual, dedicated, and vital. Majoring in political science with a minor in history, Maria was drawn to Regis for its commitment to women's education and its strong academic programs. Her time at Regis not only shaped her career but also instilled a dedication to service that has guided her throughout her life.



Zodda's love for Regis and its core values inspired her to give back in a meaningful way.

"I chose to make a planned gift to Regis because I wanted to make a lasting impact," Zodda shares. "I have full faith that my contribution will directly benefit students, and I'm proud to make Regis my primary institution in this way."

After graduating, Maria began a 30-year career teaching at the Boston School for the Deaf, run by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Her liberal arts education from Regis provided a solid foundation for her work as a teacher, and even in retirement, she continues to serve her community. As a substitute teacher at Nantucket Public Schools and a volunteer on various town committees, Maria's passion for service remains as strong as ever.

"I admire how Regis has stayed true to its mission while evolving with the times," Zodda says. "I am proud to support Regis as they continue to empower students and ensure that future generations will have the same opportunity to learn and grow, just as I did."

LEAVE A LEGACY THAT WILL CHANGE LIVES

Planned gifts provide a unique opportunity for donors to give back to Regis while receiving tax benefits or income. Whether you'd like to extend your impact through a bequest intention or make a gift via an IRA Charitable Distribution, there are many ways for you to leave a lasting legacy at Regis while supporting future generations of students.

Visit regiscollegelegacy.org or call us at **781.768.7220** to learn more about planned giving options through the Catherine Burke Society.

DONOR RECOGNITION SOCIETIES



The 1927 Leadership Society, named in honor of Regis' founding by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston in 1927, recognizes donors who make annual gifts of \$1,927 or more to the university. When donors make a gift at this level, they are automatically enrolled as members of this special leadership group.



Named after former Regis President Sister Thérèse Higgins '47, CSJ, the Higgins Society honors members of the Regis community who have given at any level for at least three years consecutively. Members of the Higgins Society continue the legacy of Sister Thérèse—a cherished Regis College leader, alumna, and loyal supporter.



An alumna of Regis' first graduating class, Catherine Burke '31 left an endowed bequest to Regis that has supported nearly 1,000 students. The Catherine Burke Society acknowledges and celebrates alumni and friends who, like Catherine, demonstrate their deep commitment to Regis by including the university in their estate plans or through another type of planned gift.

Learn more about Donor Societies at Regis by visiting alumni.regiscollege.edu/philanthropy.

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COLLEEN CURRAN '27

NEUROSCIENCE | PRE-MED TRACK

Pioneering Pathways in STEM

Colleen Curran '27 is making the most of her time at Regis, thanks to the numerous opportunities her scholarship provides. This includes serving as an orientation leader, participating in both the women’s soccer team and the track and field team, and being a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and the American Medical Student Association—all while impressively completing her first year with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

“My scholarship alleviated a significant financial burden on my family and allowed me to be a more well-rounded student by participating in extracurriculars that will help me grow,” says Curran. “It motivates me to work hard knowing that there are people who believe in me and support my goals—it means so much to me.”

Curran is particularly thankful for the real-world experiences available through on-campus research at Regis, including her internship at the zebrafish laboratory.

“Zebrafish research is at the forefront of so many fields, so I was excited about the opportunity,” says Curran. “I have been able to apply the knowledge I learned in the classroom to the lab, and it has helped me gain confidence in my research skills, which will aid my success in the future.”

Outside of academics, Curran emphasizes the importance of the supportive Regis community in helping her grow and inspiring her to make a meaningful impact after graduation.

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Committed to these ideals, Curran plans to attend medical school after graduation to become a neurologist and conduct research to find a cure for Alzheimer’s disease.

“I aspire to make a difference in healthcare and have a positive impact on the world,” Curran says. “Everything I have achieved thus far is thanks to the generosity of Regis donors, and I am incredibly grateful.”

OYA BOZKURT, MEd '24 MASTERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Empowering the Next Generation

For Oya Bozkurt, MEd '24, teaching is not just a job—it is a calling. She has dedicated the last 22 years to teaching, most recently as a fourth-grade special education specialist.

“What keeps me motivated is my genuine passion for teaching,” says Bozkurt. “I find immense joy in making a significant difference in my students’ lives.”

Recognizing that many of her students experience instability at home, Bozkurt fosters a stable and encouraging learning environment, and witnessing their growth and success serves as a powerful testament to the transformative potential of education.

“I am constantly inspired to improve myself through professional development and to stay updated with the latest educational practices and innovations,” says Bozkurt. “This drive helps me continually adapt and provide the best possible support to my students.”

Although life circumstances such as raising her family and financial challenges may have delayed her plans, Bozkurt proudly graduated with her master’s degree in special education from Regis in May 2024.

“Pursuing a master’s degree is something I have wanted to achieve for a long time, and I am grateful for the support from Lawrence Public Schools and Regis for helping me complete this journey,” Bozkurt says.

A first-generation college student, Bozkurt carries the pride and responsibility of setting an example for others, honoring the sacrifices her parents made for her education and exemplifying the belief that lifelong learning is crucial for adaptation in the ever-evolving field of education.

Bozkurt is thankful for receiving the Sister Gretchen Bogan, CSJ Scholarship, which enabled her to achieve her dream of earning a master’s degree.

“The generosity of Regis donors has inspired me to give back to my community,” says Bozkurt. “I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals, just as others have done for me.”

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MATTHEW CABASSA '26

NURSING

PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

Building Confidence and Career

Matthew Cabassa '26, a dedicated nursing student and member of the men's lacrosse team, embodies the spirit of perseverance and gratitude, all thanks to the scholarship support that has greatly enriched his academic journey.

“My scholarship has made a significant impact on my education, allowing me to immerse myself fully in the college experience,” says Cabassa. “It has alleviated financial burdens, enabling me to focus on my studies without distraction.”

Playing lacrosse has imparted invaluable lessons in teamwork, discipline, and resilience—qualities that transcend the playing field and are integral to a career in nursing.

“Learning to balance academics and athletics has honed my time management and organizational skills, which are essential for my future in healthcare,” says Cabassa, highlighting the dual benefits of his college experience.

Cabassa describes his clinical experiences as enriching, where he applies classroom learning to real-world situations.

“I am grateful for my instructors' trust, which encourages active participation,” says Cabassa. “Our small cohort fosters a collaborative environment, enhancing both learning and camaraderie, which strengthens our overall experience.”

Cabassa aspires to make a difference in nursing, leveraging the knowledge and skills acquired at Regis to create positive change. His scholarship support has fueled his determination to succeed and make the most of this opportunity.

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By seizing this opportunity, Cabassa is poised to emerge as a compassionate healthcare leader, ready to tackle the challenges of the nursing profession with dedication and skill.

PRINCESA GONZALEZ '26
BIOLOGY | PRE-MED TRACK
LAB OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT MINOR

Bridging Passion and Purpose

From an early age, Princesa Gonzalez '26 has always had a passion for helping others, whether by cheering up friends on tough days or assisting her family with household tasks. It's no surprise that when Gonzalez began exploring colleges, she felt a strong connection to Regis after learning about its mission and core values.

Gonzalez is the proud recipient of the Regis College Puerto Rico Dear Neighbor Scholarship, a full-tuition, four-year undergraduate scholarship awarded to students who exemplify the values of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston.

“Being chosen as the recipient of the Dear Neighbor Scholarship is not just an honor but a profound affirmation of values I hold dearly—compassion, service, and a commitment to make a difference in the world,” says Gonzalez. “This scholarship allows me to continue my education and follow my dreams, and it inspires me to continue striving for excellence in all I do.”

Gonzalez merged her passion for science with her desire to help others by majoring in biology. After discovering that Regis offers a lab operations management (LOM) minor—one of only three in-person programs of its kind in the United States—she quickly decided to add it to her studies.

“After finishing my first semester of LOM courses, I fell in love with it and all the opportunities it could bring me,” says Gonzalez. “I was excited to learn all the ways I could make a positive impact in the world through lab work.”

Gonzalez is grateful for the hands-on experiences provided by the LOM program, including simulations and research projects, which have prepared her for life after graduation.

“My classes offered a deep dive into managing lab environments, allowing me to develop critical analysis, precision in experiments, and effective communication—skills transferable to any professional setting,” she says.

These experiences have helped Gonzalez refine her career goals, and more importantly, gain the confidence to achieve them.

“Regis has helped me develop a strong work ethic that is marked by perseverance, flexibility, and critical thinking,” Gonzalez says. “I can't wait to use the knowledge and skills I've acquired at Regis to make a significant contribution in my field.”

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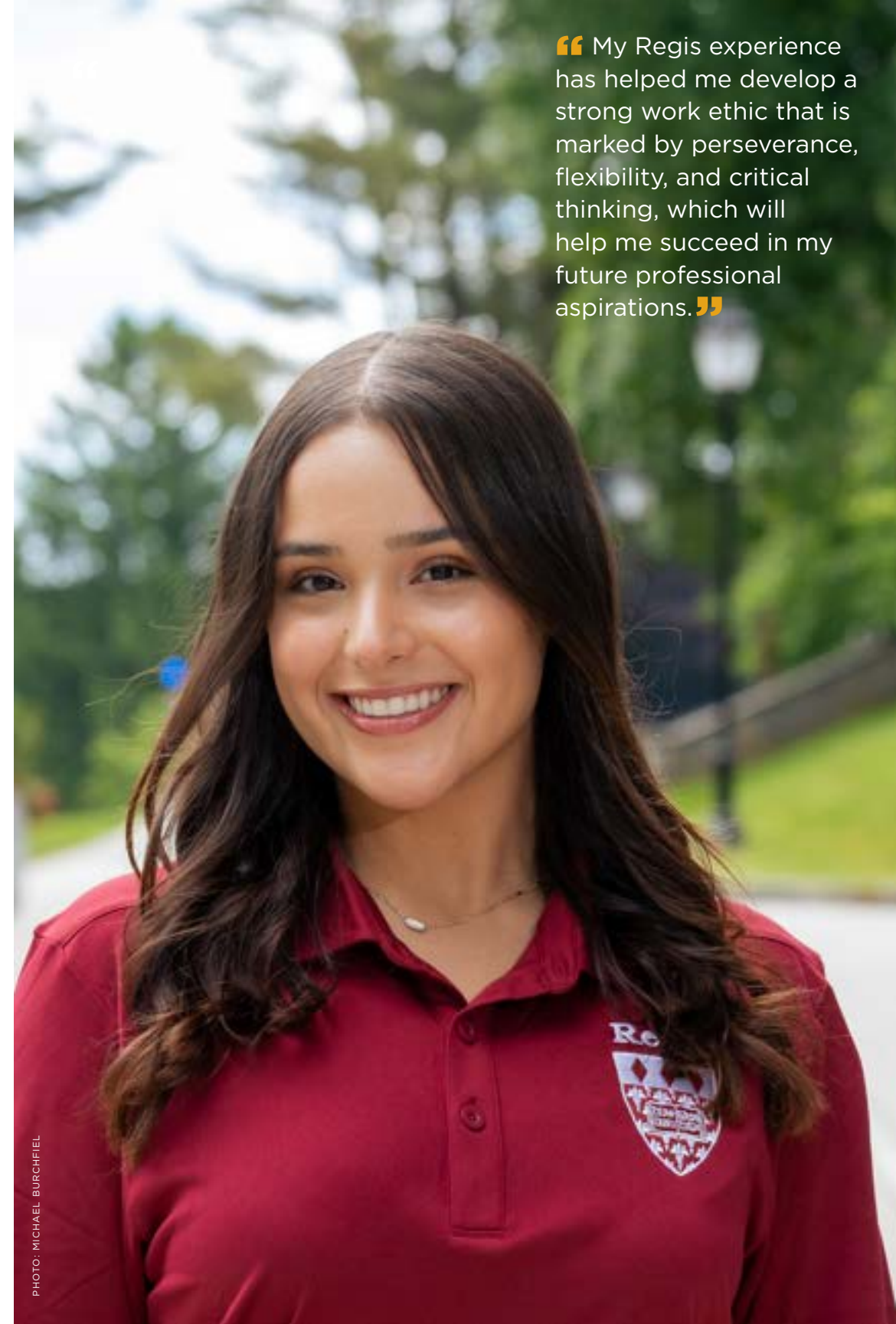


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Donors gave more than

\$118k



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One Day. One Regis



Average gift

\$263

Every gift counts!

Regis College



107

New donors gave a total of nearly \$18k



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15%

Increase in amount raised from 2023 to 2024

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AMBAR RODRIGUEZ '26

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
SPANISH MINOR

Championing Diversity and Inclusion

Home. From the moment education major Ambar Rodriguez '26 arrived on campus for her tour, she felt an immediate sense of welcome, which solidified her choice to make Regis her home for the next four years.

Thanks to the Regis Diverse Educators Scholarship—a full-tuition, four-year scholarship for students committed to serving underrepresented populations in education—Rodriguez has the chance to pursue her dreams of becoming a teacher.

“I am so grateful for this opportunity to further my education,” says Rodriguez. “Without my scholarship, I wouldn’t have been able to attend college because of the financial obstacles it presents.”

During her freshman year at Lynn Vocational Technical Institute in Massachusetts, she explored 16 trades before choosing early childhood education, a decision she cherishes.

“I met a wonderful young girl with Down syndrome who was the sweetest girl I’ve ever met,” says Rodriguez. “At such a young age, she had a clear sense of self and an eagerness to learn something new every day. Meeting her inspired me to pursue a career in early childhood education.”

Rodriguez hopes to be an inspiration to her future students. “Coming from an underrepresented background myself, I can connect with my students on a deeper level, helping to break down barriers and foster meaningful relationships,” says Rodriguez.

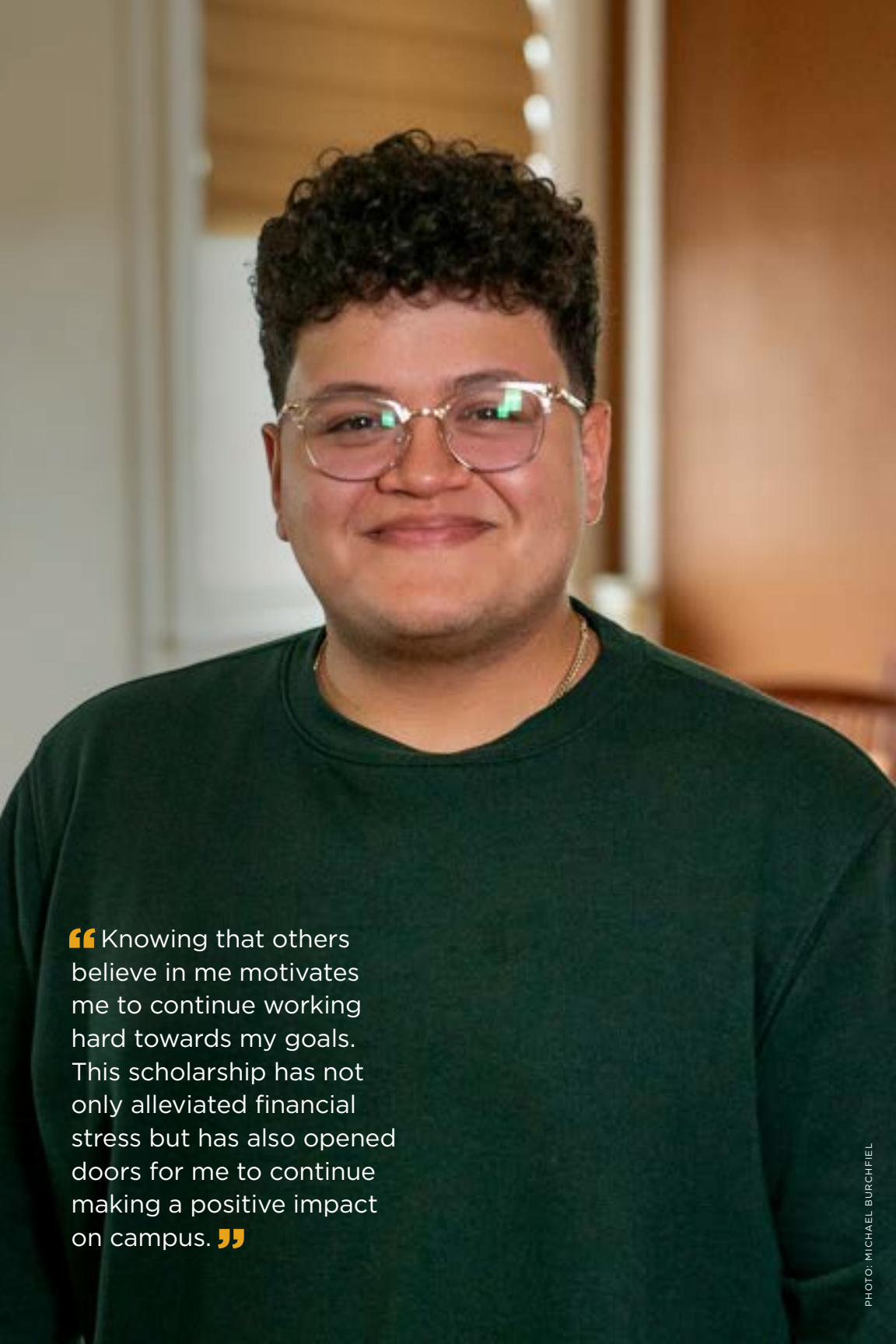
Inspired by her experience during her welcome tour, Rodriguez challenged herself to step out of her comfort zone and became a resident assistant and orientation leader.

“Through these experiences I have built my confidence, enabling me to create a welcoming environment for new students,” says Rodriguez. “Leading orientation this summer was a rewarding experience, and I’m committed to being a supportive resource for incoming students, ensuring they feel safe and valued as they begin their journeys at college.”

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JOSE MARTINEZ-ZEPEDA '26

NURSING

Empowered by Compassion, Driven by Purpose

Jose Martinez-Zepeda '26 always knew he wanted to be in the healthcare field. As a child, his frequent trips to the hospital were intimidating, but the care and compassion shown by the nurses left a lasting impression.

These experiences fueled his passion for nursing, a career where he could provide the same sense of safety and comfort to others in their time of need. Today, his determination and commitment to his goals have only grown stronger.

Navigating college life, especially as a first-generation student, can be overwhelming. The academic pressures, combined with financial strains, have made his journey particularly difficult. However, thanks to his scholarship, he now has the financial support to continue his education.

“Knowing that others believe in me motivates me to continue working hard towards my goals,” he says. “This scholarship has not only alleviated financial stress but has also opened doors for me to continue making a positive impact on campus.”

Through his role as secretary of the LatinXcellence Club, Martinez-Zepeda has the chance to give back to his community and ensure that others like him have the support they need to thrive. The financial support he has received has also inspired him to explore new opportunities, including becoming a resident assistant and tour guide, where he can further contribute to the campus community.

Martinez-Zepeda's time at Regis has been transformative, instilling in him the core values of love and service to others. His experience during a clinical placement at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center, where he connected deeply with a veteran, reinforced his commitment to nursing and reminded him of the human stories behind every patient.

“During a time filled with stress from trying to balance school, work, and home life, this experience reminded me why I wanted to become a nurse,” Martinez-Zepeda says. “It also showed me how patients are not just a list of symptoms and medications—they are human with their own experiences and backgrounds.”

As he looks forward to passing the NCLEX and beginning his nursing career, Martinez-Zepeda is driven by a deep desire to help those in need and to pay forward the generosity that has made his education possible.

BY THE NUMBERS: 2023-2024

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

TOP 3 REUNION

Participation Rate

37.7%
CLASS OF
1954

35.9%
CLASS OF
1959

35%
CLASS OF
1949

Dollars Raised

\$472,735
CLASS OF
1949

\$192,329
CLASS OF
1974

\$181,807
CLASS OF
1964

Increase in dollars raised from FY23 to FY24

13%



TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

\$8,736,987

Donors who INCREASED their gift from FY23 to FY24

895

240

NEW DONORS in FY24

Donors who gave CONSECUTIVELY over the past three years

911

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED AT THE LET IT SHINE GALA 2023

\$720,000

Undergraduates who receive financial aid or scholarships:

95%

New scholarships established over the last five years:

88

REGIS ENDOWMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

\$52,200,259

TOTAL FY24 DONORS

1,653

FY24 donors who had not given in 5+ years. Welcome back—we missed you!

324

TOTAL RAISED BY REUNION CLASSES IN FY24*

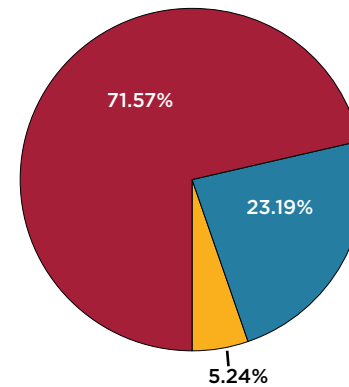
\$995,766

* Includes pledges and bequests

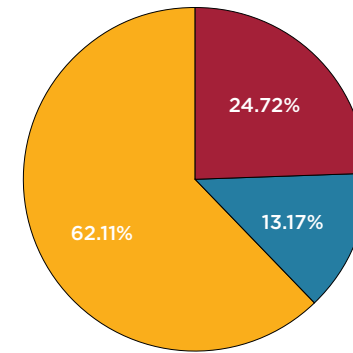
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The pie charts below reflect gifts made between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

DONOR BREAKDOWN BY CONSTITUENCY

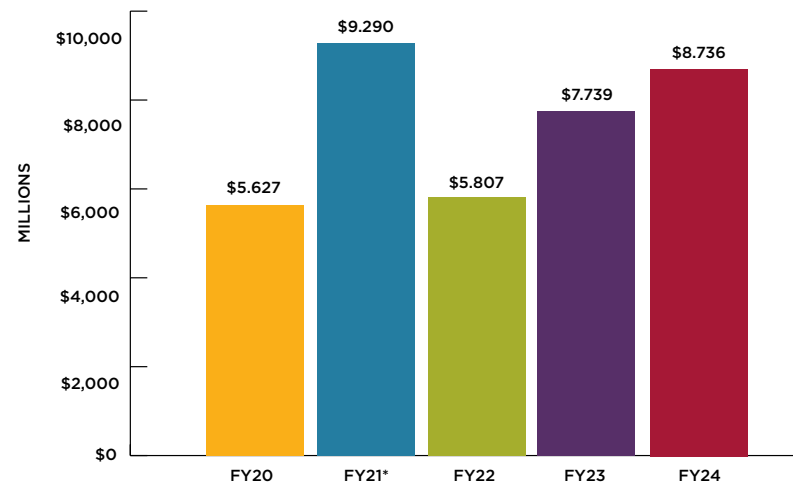


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Philanthropic Commitments to Regis: FY20 to FY24



*FY21 includes \$3.39 million in Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and COVID relief funds

TOP 3 NON-REUNION

Participation Rate

40%
CLASS OF
1947

35%
CLASS OF
1966

31.91%
CLASS OF
1956

Dollars Raised

\$129,345
CLASS OF
1968

\$74,075
CLASS OF
1957

\$51,550
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1953

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A Lasting Impact Through Donor Scholarships

Scholarships give talented students with financial need the opportunity to succeed in pursuing their dreams of a Regis degree. Donors may choose to create an endowed scholarship or a restricted, current-use scholarship.

How It Works

- A donor-named, endowed scholarship can be established with a minimum commitment of \$100,000 (to be pledged and paid over a period of one to four years) and the principal is retained in perpetuity.
- A restricted, current-use scholarship can be established with a minimum gift of \$25,000 (to be pledged and paid over a period of one to four years) and funds can be awarded immediately.
- Donors may establish the scholarship in their own name or in the name of a family member, classmate, or friend.
- Donors work with Regis to determine possible criteria for the scholarship, e.g., for students in a specific program of study.
- Scholarship donors receive an annual report, and pending privacy approval from the student, information about the student recipient(s).

Learn more at alumni.regiscollege.edu/scholarships. If you have questions or are interested in creating a scholarship at Regis, please contact Vice President of Institutional Advancement Staci Shea at 781.768.7048 or staci.shea@regiscollege.edu.

Dawn-Marie Driscoll '68 Creates Inspiring Legacy

The Marcella Driscoll Scholarship was established in 2024 by Dawn-Marie Driscoll '68 in honor of her late sister, Marcella. Despite Marcella's struggles with mental health, she found joy and purpose through the compassionate care of dedicated professionals.

"This scholarship is a tribute to Susan Allen and Danielle Lubin, Marcella's longtime care managers, whose kindness and dedication gave my sister many happy years. By supporting students in social work and mental health at Regis, I hope to inspire future professionals who will provide the same life-changing care that Marcella received, ensuring that her legacy of resilience and hope lives on."

Dawn-Marie Driscoll '68
Catherine Burke Society Member



Pictured left to right:
Dawn-Marie and Marcella

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