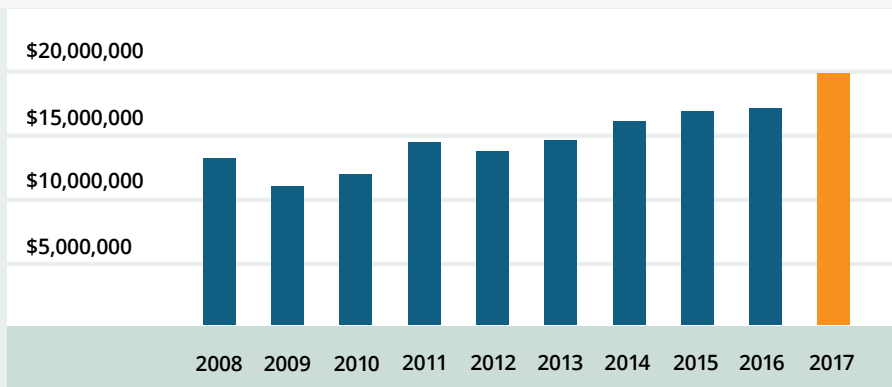


THE IMPACT OF PHILANTHROPY

Through the support of our alumni, employees and friends, the Empire State College Foundation provides invaluable support to our students and faculty, and enables the college to initiate new program development and partnership opportunities. In fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017), the Empire State College Foundation distributed \$1.76 million to various programs and initiatives. “The Impact of Philanthropy” provides an annual report on these activities.

TOTAL ENDOWMENT VALUE: 2008-2017

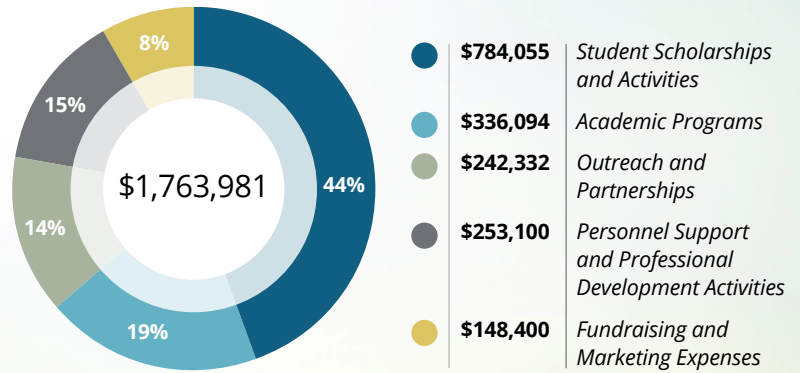
ENDOWMENT VALUE AS OF JUNE 30, 2017: \$19,763,303



FOUNDATION SPENDING FOR 2017-2018

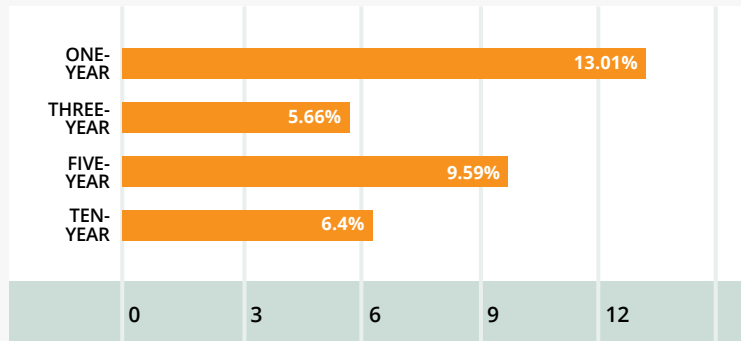
For the 2017-2018 year, the foundation has allocated a total of \$1,763,981 to distribute to students, faculty programs and other initiatives to ensure our students' academic success.

The largest percentage of funding – 44 percent – goes directly to students via scholarship awards and other student-focused activities.



INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

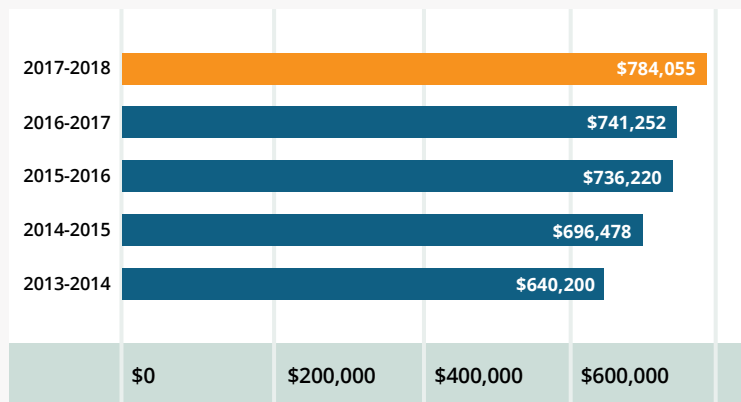
The investment portfolio has been well managed with an average rate of return of more than 13 percent in 2017. Our portfolio features a mix of equity investments, along with fixed-income investments and a small percentage in alternative investments, designed to balance long-term growth while maximizing current profitability.



SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENT ACTIVITY SUPPORT

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FOUNDATION SUPPORT RECEIVED BY STUDENTS IN 2017-2018: \$784,055

In 2017, the college launched an online scholarship application portal. The Empire State College Foundation Application for Scholarships Tool (ESCFAST) provided an opportunity for students collegewide to apply for scholarship funding. ESCFAST collects comprehensive input from faculty and staff on applicants, and drastically simplifies the scholarship process for students. More than 1,600 students submitted applications to be considered for one of 100+ donor-funded scholarships, which were distributed to more than 600 students across all areas of study.



OPENING THE DOOR TO STUDENT SUCCESS



Lashauna Walker

THE FUND FOR EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

B.S., BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS // BROOKLYN, N.Y.

“Four years ago, I couldn’t imagine being here, a college student in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree in Finance and Information Systems. I feel confident that with the knowledge and skills I’ve learned at Empire State College, I will soon be able to make the dream of having my own business a reality. I am extremely committed to my education, and one step closer to becoming a college graduate, thanks to your generosity and The Fund for Empire State College Scholarship.”

Vincent Crisano

THE FUND FOR EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

B.S., HUMAN DEVELOPMENT // STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

“I am learning so much on my journey, and one thing I have learned and will never forget is that an education is not something that can be taken for granted. It is important to believe in yourself and wake up every day knowing that you can make your situation better than it was yesterday. All it takes is a little bit of work and some faith in yourself.”



Halee Potter

ALUMNI/STUDENT FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP

B.A., SOCIAL SCIENCE, ANTHROPOLOGY // ATTICA, N.Y.

“SUNY Empire State College has provided me with great support since the beginning. A traditional college was not an option when I had so many other responsibilities. The guidance I’ve received from my mentor is unparalleled. Your generous contribution will allow me to focus on my studies and research, without this financial burden.”

Naureen Virani

JOSEPH L. MANCINO '80 FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

B.P.S., INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES // ROSLYN HEIGHTS, N.Y.

“The scholarship came at a time when I was struggling to believe in my own potential to succeed, and it restored my enthusiasm. This scholarship gave me a morale boost and the push to take on two more classes this semester. Because of the doors being opened for me, I feel like my life could change and my dreams are within reach.”

SUPPORTING FACULTY AND ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

The foundation allocated \$1,763,981 in 2017 to dozens of student-focused and faculty-led initiatives, in addition to direct scholarship support to more than 600 students.

Among many others, the foundation supported faculty development, diversity initiatives, Scholars Across the College and academic residencies.

● **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT** activities, included travel to professional and scholarly conferences and research projects. Over the past year, faculty members participated in 83 conferences, including 23 international conferences, and, overall, nearly 100 individuals were able to participate in scholarly professional development opportunities.

● **DIVERSITY INITIATIVES** included scholarships for under-represented students, along with other activities aimed at increasing participation in and access to college programs. Under the oversight of the college's chief diversity officer, these initiatives were implemented collegewide. In the New York Metropolitan region, the foundation supported several programs through the Black Male Initiative, including an alumni mentoring effort and the Fortified/Enriched Classroom Environment, which provides additional support to newly admitted at-risk students to ensure successful completion of their first year of studies.

● **THE SCHOLARS ACROSS THE COLLEGE** program allowed three faculty members to travel across the state to present their scholarly work and conduct research in their respective areas of study. Scholars made 10 presentations during the past year.

● **ACADEMIC RESIDENCIES** are an increasingly important part of the college's modes of delivery. These intensive weekend experiences are popular with students, offering peer-to-peer interaction not always available to them. Residencies also offer faculty an opportunity to drill down into themes and subject matter in collaborative, lively and creative ways.