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MMMC students are powered by you—our friends and supporters. You allow our students to dream—BIG! You give them the boost they need to attain a college education of the highest quality. And you shape who they are as students today and who they will become tomorrow as the creative changemakers who will ably and passionately lead us toward the 22nd century (it’s not that far away).

At Marymount Manhattan, we call our college community a family. You are an integral part of that family. You make possible the very special coming together of eager and creative students, distinguished and student-focused faculty, and a staff whose commitment to the education of our students is unwavering. Through the support you provide, you’ve given our MMC family a beautiful campus in the heart of the world’s greatest city—a home base for students to explore all that New York has to offer. In other words, you are the animating force of the College.

This Annual Report, covering the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, includes a lot of facts and figures, but beyond the numbers is a stirring account of the impact you’ve had on the students who attend our one-of-a-kind college in our one-of-a-kind city. In these pages, you’ll learn about the interdisciplinary centers created, scholarships and fellowships awarded, state-of-the-art spaces built and named, and extraordinary students graduated—all thanks to you.

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I extend my sincerest gratitude to you for being MMC’s champions of promise and potential and for helping the College do what we do best: prepare talented young people to make an immense positive impact on communities near and far and on the world in which we live.

Yes, MMC students are powered by you. Thank you for being an integral part of the Marymount Manhattan College family. Thank you for giving our students the gift of an MMC education.

With appreciation,

Kerry Walk, Ph.D.
President
$5,959,264
Total Raised FY22

Areas of Impact

44.3% Scholarships
33.8% Operating
21.9% Programs
Opening the Door

For many MMC students, scholarship aid is the key to unlocking a transformative college education. And thanks to a prominent gift from one of Marymount Manhattan’s generous donors, the door to accessibility has opened a bit wider.

A recent $1 million gift directed to scholarships will allow even more talented and deserving students to follow their academic passions at Marymount Manhattan. With the cost of a college education on every prospective student’s (and their family’s) mind, a gift at this level goes a long way to making an MMC education an affordable prospect for the next generation of creative thinkers and doers.
Supporting First-Gen Students

A new science-directed scholarship at MMC will help cover the cost of college for first-gen students—making it a fitting tribute to its namesake. The Mary Dorothy Visceglia Scholarship, made possible by a gift from Visceglia’s family, will aid first-gen students matriculating in the sciences, particularly those studying speech-language pathology and audiology. Its first recipients will be named in Fall 2023.

Like the scholarship’s beneficiaries, Visceglia ’57 was the first in her family to attend college. Her parents, Italian immigrants, believed in the promise of the American dream and the power of higher education. Known fondly as “MD” to her classmates, Visceglia majored in communication arts and designed her own program of study to pursue a career in speech therapy, a relatively new discipline at the time. She went on to become one of the first speech therapists to practice in the state of New Jersey.

Visceglia passed in 2020, but with this gift, others will receive the same encouragement to pursue their dreams that she did.
“If I did not have access to the scholarships I received, I would not have been able to attend MMC; I definitely would have had to stay in my home state. My educational path would have looked wildly different, because I would not have had the opportunities in both dance and psych that I had. I would have had to make very different choices, and my career would not be developing the way that it is now.”

Bee (Anna) Kelly ’21
Psychology, Dance, Cooksville, MD

“I wanted to go somewhere that was accepting and diverse; Marymount has been that for me. This scholarship will allow me to continue attending MMC as I pay for college myself. It helps me greatly.”

Michael Messin ’24
Creative Writing, Albany, NY

Why do your scholarship gifts matter?

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99%
Let MMC students tell you!

percentage of MMC students receiving scholarship aid from MMC and our donors

scholarship aid distributed to MMC students in FY22

“As a first-generation college student and woman of color, I face many financial barriers between me and my education. I genuinely believe that my professors, peers, and connections I have made can lead to a very positive outcome in my life. I have no family or resources that can help provide for my MMC education, so scholarship money is a real necessity.”

DeSyre Collier ’24
Politics and Human Rights, Public Relations and Strategic Communication, Kyle, TX

“My decision to attend MMC was based on my love for science. Financial assistance had a major role in my ability to study here. Since acquiring a scholarship, I was able to focus less on financial anxiety and insecurity and more on my studies.”

Eric Rodriguez ’24
Psychology, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Getting Creative with Health Issues

One hallmark at MMC is to encourage learning that transcends academic boundaries—and the College’s new Center for Health, Human Development, and Creativity, established through the generous support of an alumna and her spouse, is just the latest example.

Launched in 2022, the center helps students find creative ways to combine their interests in the arts, humanities, and social sciences with health and human development, uniting students and faculty from a broad range of disciplines for research and collaboration and serving as a hub for students of all majors interested in health-related professions.

It’s where anatomy meets movement as student biologists and dancers investigate the science of the body in motion. It’s where child psychology meets literature, the visual arts, and Musical Theatre as students assess and enhance social interactions among children with disabilities and those without. It’s where Theatre meets vocal health as student actors learn the mechanics of safely projecting their voices. Indeed, with the center’s staff and programs, MMC students have valuable new resources to help them chart careers that bring all their talents to bear.
The fruits of faculty-student collaboration

A forthcoming textbook edited by Nava R. Silton, Ph.D., the Director of the Center for Health, Human Development, and Creativity, features the work of many MMC students. *The Benefits of the Creative Arts Therapies for Children, Adolescents and Adults* explores how art therapy, drama therapy, dance therapy, and similar approaches can enhance human development outcomes.
MMC’s commitment to providing educational opportunities for justice-involved students continued through the pandemic, and in June 2022, the College celebrated these students’ work in a big way.

At in-person commencement ceremonies—the first held since 2019—President Kerry Walk conferred degrees on 39 women at the maximum-security Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for Women and 24 degrees on women at the medium-security Taconic Correctional Facility.

MMC has been the sole degree-granting institution at Bedford Hills for 25 years. In 2019, the College began awarding degrees at nearby Taconic. Students take courses that lead to Associate of Arts degrees in social sciences or Bachelor of Arts degrees in sociology or politics and human rights. Several students have completed their degrees at 71st Street upon release.

In the words of a graduate
MMC students served by the prison ed programs say they’ve found a new outlook on life. “Being in a place like this, you might lose hope, confidence, or self-worth, but education gives you something to focus on and shows you that you’re worth something,” said Taconic graduate La Quavia J. ’22.
MMC’s innovative approach to teaching incarcerated students has drawn high-level support: In 2022, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded the College a second $800,000 grant to bolster MMC prison education programs at the Bedford Hills and Taconic correctional facilities for women. The grant brings to $1.7 million the financial support The Mellon Foundation has provided over the past three years. The funding is meant to grow and enhance an educational model the College has become a national model for—BRIDGE, or Building Relationships for Inclusion, Diversity, Globalism, and Equity.

Among other things, BRIDGE emphasizes mutual learning and dialogue between MMC students at the Bedford and Taconic facilities and those at 71st Street. It also paves the way for more seamless re-entry of incarcerated students into society. Support from The Mellon Foundation has allowed MMC to appoint Communication and Media Arts Professor Erin Greenwell as MMC’s Ferraro Fellow in Prison Education, a position charged with spearheading BRIDGE initiatives.
Honoring the Incomparable Sr. Judith Savard

Many MMC Art alums were fortunate to study under Judith Savard, RSHM, a vibrant and beloved professor in the Art and Art History Department who passed away in 2004. But even students who came after her time have benefited from her legacy. In her 38 years at the College, Sr. Judith taught art history, studio art, and graphic design in addition to serving as department chair. Her vision shaped the visual arts at MMC—and the faculty who teach in the department today.

MMC has long offered a study-abroad art fellowship in her name. Now, thanks to the support of donors, the College will pay homage to Sr. Judith in a new way, by dedicating a room to her in the stunning Judith Mara Carson Center for Visual Arts.

How can you help keep Sr. Judith’s memory alive for the next generation? Flip to the back page to learn more.

We remember
Scan the QR code or visit mmm.edu/savard to watch a tribute video created in 2004 to memorialize Sr. Judith Savard.
When Maureen Kavanagh Chilton ‘83 enrolled as a Theatre major at MMC, the program was in the midst of an exciting and historic transformation. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the College had opened its Nugent building in 1974 and used the additional space to build a full, working theatre, expand its Theatre programming, and launch a Theatre BFA.

Today, MMC’s Theatre program receives national accolades and boasts a long list of successful alums, including Tony award-winners Annaleigh Ashford ‘05 and Aaron Glick ‘06. And now, it’s the generosity of Maureen and her husband Richard Chilton’s family foundation that’s helping a new generation of Theatre students dream big with the William and Dorothy M. Kavanagh Scholarship.

Named after her late parents and established through The Chilton Foundation, the scholarship has been awarded since 2006 to students who exhibit financial need and academic excellence.

The Chiltons’ support ensures recipients will receive the same benefits that Maureen did as an undergrad: individualized attention and the guidance and encouragement to explore the stage and beyond.
MMC students shine thanks to your generosity!

Kayla Kemp ‘24

Kemp, who is pursuing a BFA in Dance with a concentration in Jazz, was awarded a 2022 Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship. The highly competitive program provides funded summer internships, mentoring, and professional opportunities to promising undergraduate students over three years.

Kemp is already making an impact around the College as a member of more than five student organizations, including the Black and Latinx Student Association (BLSA) and Marymount Community Outreach.

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All three students received scholarships from the George and Kathleen Austin Foundation for the academic year 2021-22. As the inaugural crop of Austin Scholars, they represent excellence in science and serve as student ambassadors at events sponsored by the Department of Natural Sciences throughout the academic year.

Cobb was selected as a Fulbright English teaching assistant in Taiwan for academic year 2022-23. An International Studies major with double minors in Asian Studies and Communication and Media Arts, she previously served as an English Teaching Assistant to Cuban immigrants in her hometown of St. Louis.

Juliet Hernandez ’25, Christa Coburn ’25, and Dayanara Hidalgo Ambrosi ’25

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These two science standouts received the Kathleen DeBlasio Science Outreach Scholarship. It is awarded to students in the Biology program who make outstanding contributions to the scientific and educational goals of the Natural Sciences department at Marymount Manhattan.

Parke also won first place at the 15th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in Biological and Chemical Sciences—a phenomenal achievement.
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