



LEADERSHIP SOCIETY MARCH UPDATE

You are receiving this letter because you are a member of Saint Mary's Leadership Society, a family of givers who generously contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the university.

Greetings!

As a long-time leader at Saint Mary's, I regularly get the pleasure of witnessing the magic that happens when benefactors and students come together. With this Leadership Society letter, we aim to celebrate student voices and philanthropists like you who help drive Saint Mary's University of Minnesota to newer, higher, bigger, and better places.

Each year, our students who receive scholarships to attend Saint Mary's send a letter to their specific benefactor, sharing some of their background and post-graduation plans and providing feedback about what the scholarship money means to them.

A theme that consistently permeates those students' letters is this: benefactors are making dreams come true.

"I'm eternally grateful for the way you've changed my life," wrote one student. And this from another student: "I am now one step closer to achieving my dream. This scholarship means the world to me." Wrote another scholarship recipient: "Without your help, I wouldn't be here."

Some benefactors keep a close eye on the students they support and enjoy regular updates. Others rely on and treasure the annual letters they receive from students.

One generous Saint Mary's supporter told me that she carries her student's annual letter in her purse. She pulls it out from time to time when she is waiting for an appointment, simply to enjoy re-reading it. "The letters just make me feel good," she said.

How important is philanthropy to Saint Mary's? Put simply, we would not survive without it. The support of benefactors is an opportunity to transform our institution and take it to the next level.

So, let me join those student voices – a small sampling of which you can read and enjoy on the accompanying page – in thanking you deeply for your generosity and for your desire to help make dreams come true. There truly is no better legacy than that.

May God bless and keep you,

Gary Klein M'04, CFRE
Vice President, Advancement

Making Dreams Come True ... One Student at a Time

Student voices bring a theme of deep gratitude

“ I feel included, seen, heard. ”

Antonio
First Generation Scholarship
Class of 2028

“ I am one step closer to achieving my dream, and that means the world to me. ”

Lukanu
US Bank Scholarship
Class of 2027

“ It has truly changed my family, as I get to be the first to graduate from college. ”

Mayra
Cristo Rey Scholarship
Class of 2026

“ I have been so blessed by being at this school. ”

Taylor
Dr. William '39 and Jean
Hendrickson Scholarship
Class of 2026

“ Thank you 77 times seven for this opportunity. ”

Fr. Douglas
Tim Burchill Scholarship
Class of 2024



“ Without your help, I wouldn't be where I am today. ”

Gianna
Dr. William '39 and Jean
Hendrickson Scholarship
Class of 2024

“ Your scholarship means everything to me. I am overwhelmed by your contribution to my studies, for it was truly a game-changer for me. ”

Hailey
Arthur N. Flodstrom '64
Memorial Scholarship
Class of 2026

“ Thank you for believing in the power of education. ”

Ellen
Philanthropy and
Development
Alumni Scholarship
Class of 2024