

# Donor Report 2019-2020

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## About the Fund

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Business leaders created the Minnesota Private College Fund in 1951. They were seeking a way to assist private colleges and support student access to a high-quality education.

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Since its inception 69 years ago, the Fund has raised more than \$91 million. Every dollar raised goes directly to member institutions and their students, augmenting the funds that the colleges are able to raise.

### The Fund raises money for two purposes:

- **General operating support** pays for books, lab equipment, computers, utilities, maintenance and other core needs.
- **Need-based scholarships** help students from low- and middle-income families afford a quality college education.

### Pooled scholarships

Pooled scholarships are a tool that many donors use to address emerging scholarship needs. Sponsored by a collection of donors who contribute at varying levels, these scholarships are awarded directly through campus financial aid offices. The options include:

- Access & Equity Pooled Scholarship — for students of color, new Americans and first-generation students;
- Galileo Pooled Scholarship — for students studying the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering or mathematics; and
- Minnesota Scholars Fund Scholarship — for students from Minnesota.

### Named scholarships

Named scholarships are another option. Donors interested in establishing a named scholarship make a minimum annual contribution of \$17,000, with awards then being made to students at all of our member institutions.

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“This is all about students and ensuring they have the best options open to them. Private colleges are focused on ensuring students thrive and succeed — they make such a difference. So we in the business and foundation community need to do what we can to keep this kind of high-quality education available to everyone. And gifts to the Fund do just that.”

— Ann Houser  
Chair, fundraising committee, Minnesota Private College Fund  
Ann Houser Coaching and Consulting

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## Fiscal Year 2020 Report

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Minnesota’s Private Colleges are the grateful beneficiaries of the generosity of 121 donors whose commitments to the Fund in fiscal year 2020 totaled \$1,492,818. While not as high as last year’s total of over \$1.6 million, 2020’s total is still higher than that of the previous ten years.

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This was distributed to the member institutions as designated by donors, in the form of more than \$138,000 in operating support and over 280 student scholarships.

It is especially encouraging to note that eight new donors made gifts to the Fund (including a new named scholarship for all 17 campuses), 15 lapsed donors resumed giving, and 22 others were able to provide increases over their previous gifts.

In 2019-2020 we also saw \$345,111 in gifts and pledges toward future campaigns. The Boldt Company, the Ciresi Walburn Foundation for Children, the UPS Foundation, and Western Bank all provided future scholarship support. In addition, Emerson, and the Helen Harrington Charitable Trust continued to provide two of the Fund’s largest gifts of unrestricted operating dollars each year.

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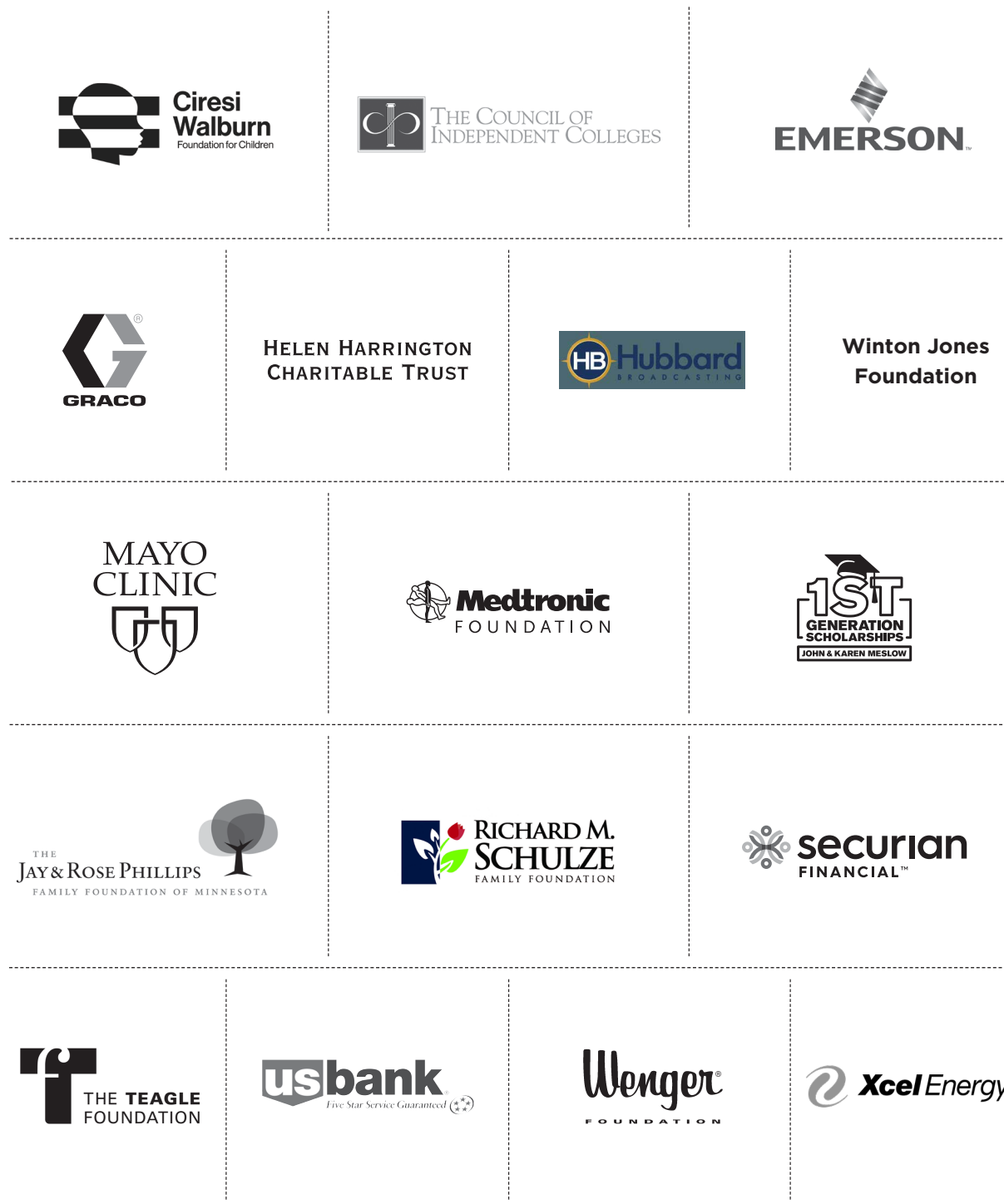
“The Foundation has been supporting the Minnesota Private College Fund for over 50 years, and nearly 30 years of that through the Phillips Scholars Program. Just as Jay and Rose Phillips lived their lives in service to their community, we are pleased to support emerging leaders who want to explore community service in a deeper way and make the kind of difference they would like to see in their communities.”

— Patrick Troska  
President, The Jay & Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota

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## Donors of Distinction

In 2019-2020, these donors have made the largest donations this fiscal year. We welcome their critical support, which allows us to make a real difference for our colleges and their students.



## 50+ Year Donors

Many donors support private higher education for the long haul. Year after year, they remain steadfast, consistently at our side. In fact, for a growing number, the commitment has endured for 50 or even 60 years. Donors reaching these milestones this year are:

### 50 Year Donor - WinCraft Incorporated

WinCraft, established in 1961, is a leading manufacturer of licensed and promotional products for retailers, professional sports teams, concessionaires, colleges, businesses, distributors, and schools. They offer a vast array of products for every retail selling season, hot market, and major event. WinCraft understands the industry and works hard to deliver products that help their customers grow their businesses.

Generations of students have been helped by the generosity of these donors, and others who have met this milestone. The following donors have been with us for more than 50 years:

Xcel Energy	68 years
North Shore Bank	65 years
Otter Tail Corporation	64 years
BNSF Railway Foundation	63 years
Merchants Bank	63 years
WNB Financial	62 years
Faegre Drinker Foundation	61 years
Federated Insurance Companies	61 years
Goodin Company	61 years
The Graco Foundation	60 years
Cargill	59 years
Groves Foundation	59 years
The Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation	57 years
Securian Financial	57 years
Emerson	56 years
The Medtronic Foundation	56 years
Wenger Foundation	55 years
The Jay & Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota	53 years
Western Bank	53 years
WHV, Inc.	52 years
WinCraft Incorporated	50 years

### 60 Year Donor - The Graco Foundation

Founded in 1926 as a local family business, Graco is now a global company with 3,500 employees. Graco's goal is to be the industry's highest-quality manufacturer of fluid handling products cutting across several markets. The goal of The Graco Foundation is to help organizations grow their ability to serve community needs through grants focused on capital projects, specific programs and technology needs. The Foundation places a priority on organizations that have a proven track record of enabling people to become self-sufficient and more productive. The Graco Foundation places emphasis on educational programs, especially STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs; human service programs promoting workforce development; and youth development programs.

# Donors

We appreciate the generosity of our donors. These gifts make such a difference, helping make a private college education possible for our students.

Years of Giving

Recognizing gifts received July 2019 to June 2020

## Elite Circle (\$200,000 and up)

Ciresi Walburn Foundation	3
for Children	
The Jay and Rose Phillips	53
Family Foundation of Minnesota	

## Founder's Circle (\$75,000 - \$99,999)

Xcel Energy	68
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## Board's Circle (\$50,000 - \$74,999)

The Council of Independent	43
Colleges through its CIC/UPS	
Educational Endowment Fund	
Mayo Foundation for Medical	27
Education and Research	
Medtronic Foundation	56
Communities Fund	
John & Karen Meslow	22

## President's Circle (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

The Graco Foundation	60
Helen Harrington Charitable	42
Trust	
Winton Jones Foundation	1
Richard M. Schulze Family	5
Foundation	
Securian Financial	57
The Teagle Foundation	2
Wenger Foundation	55

## Scholar's Circle (\$15,000 - \$24,999)

Emerson	56
The Hubbard Broadcasting	57
Foundation	
US Bank Foundation	44

## Benefactor (\$10,000 - \$14,999)

BNSF Railway Foundation	63
Faegre Drinker Foundation	61
Groves Foundation	59
Marvin Windows & Doors	31
Margaret Rivers Fund	31
Mary Lynn & Warren Staley	22

## Patron (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Baker Tilly	45
Boss Foundation	26
Paul Cerkvenik & Kathleen Murray	22
Federated Insurance Companies	61

## Provost (\$3,000 - \$4,999)

The Boldt Company	16
Bill Lurton	21
Otter Tail Corporation	64
Winona Heating & Ventilating Co.	52

## Dean (\$1,000 - \$2,999)

Anonymous Donor	44
Dave & Muriel Arnold Family	38
Fund	
Bush Foundation Board	1
of Directors Fund	
Kathleen M. Cooney &	6
Robert J. LaBombard	
David & Kitty Crosby	31
Dexter Davis	1
Susan M. Eich	6
David & Janet Estep	15
Geoffrey Glasrud	2
Ann Houser Charitable Fund,	6
a donor-advised fund of the	
American Center for	
Philanthropy	
Helen & Eldon Jones Fund	29
of the Mankato Area	
Foundation	
Kuhrmeyer Family Foundation	26
David B. & Joanne Laird, Jr.	32
Michael & Sylvia Lovett	7
Merchants Bank	63
Russ & Jan Michaletz	12
Teresa Mogensen	2
J. Thomas & Janet Rajala Nelson	25
Fund of The Saint Paul	
Foundation	
Laurie Nordquist	10
North Shore Bank	65
Nuss Family/Nuss Truck	30
& Equipment Donor Advised	
Fund of the Rochester Area	
Foundation	
Premier Banks	28

Years of Giving

Slaggie Family Foundation	17
Slumberland/Larson Foundation	32
Western Bank	52
WNB Financial	62

## Professor (\$750 - \$999)

James H. Barnes III &	12
Barbara A. Barnes	
Jim & Chris Green	9
LHB, Inc.	20
Jay Olson	3
Angela Wordell	2

## Graduate (\$500 - \$749)

Anonymous Donor	3
Rev. James P. Burns IVD	2
William & Anne Craft	6
Goodin Company Foundation	61
Kohner Materials	44
John & Cherie McDowall	34
McGough Construction	28
Wm. Miller Scrap Iron & Metal Co.	25
May & Vern Nordling	35
Philippus Bus Service	38
Abigail & Paul Pribbenow	14
Rapp Strategies, Inc.	28
Brian & Nancy Siska Family	17
Fund of The Minneapolis	
Foundation	
Smith Foundry Company	39
The Thro Company -	37
Christopher Thro	
WinCraft, Inc.	50

## Baccalaureate (\$250 - \$499)

4J2R1C Limited Partnership	27
Karen L. Angell	13
Thomas & Rebecca Bergman	5
Cargill	59
Cobb Strecker Dunphy	36
& Zimmermann, Inc.	
College of Saint Benedict	6

Rev. Brian Friedrich	1
Ajay Gupta	2
Carolyn & Patrick Jones	6
Dan Loritz	4
Robert & Sharon Mattison	16
Dr. Barbara McDonald	1
Mississippi Welders Supply Co.	45
Becky & Mark Roloff	4
Jim Rustad	9
Schwab	44
St. Paul Linoleum & Carpet Co.	35
Douglas Stang	4
Julie Sullivan	7
Thorne's Refrigeration LLC	34

## Associate

<b>(Gifts up to \$249)</b>	
Anonymous Donor	5
D.J. Bitzan Jewelers	20
Marjorie A. Boening	39
Thomas Fields	1
Foussard Hospitality	37
Dr. Stanley M. &	28
Luella G. Goldberg	
Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Haugh	27
Joanne Kendall	13
Mark Kronholm	12
David Kuefler	19
Dr. Eugene McAllister	1
Dr. Fayneese Miller	3
James J. Mongé	28
Mary Alice & Tim Morin	4
Rand Park	10
Gene & Carrie Pfeifer	5
Steven Poskanzer &	10
Jane Nofer Poskanzer	
Reasor Family Foundation	19
Tom & Susie Ries	8
Stacy Rooney	5
Brian Rosenberg	16
Sanjit Sethi - Minneapolis	1
College of Art & Design	
Bruce & Kaye Stender	16
Robert Vanasek	12

## Tribute Gifts

Thomas Fields	
in memory of George Floyd	
David B. & Joanne Laird, Jr.	
in memory of Doug Hennes	
David B. & Joanne Laird, Jr.	
in memory of Sandy Lewis	
Reasor Family Foundation	
in honor of Al Amatuzio	

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