

Subject: College of Sciences Monday Matters: Development

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Dear Colleagues:

In this time of severe budgetary uncertainty, I thought you might be interested in a summary of our progress on raising funds through donations. Krista Kimme is the development officer for the College of Sciences. She sends the following update.

Advancement Update

Last year 261 donors made up of faculty, staff, students and friends of the college donated a combined total of \$1,607,220 in support of our students and programs! We are so grateful for this tremendous support that elevates and advances the educational experiences we provide in the College of Sciences.

The College currently holds 106 endowed funds, 6 of which were established within the last 12 months. Each year we provide nearly \$100,000 in scholarship support to our students and that number continues to increase annually due to the generosity of our alumni and friends.

Science Matters Campaign

Many of our students are still struggling financially and continue to be impacted greatly due to the pandemic. More than 500 students in the college are currently at risk of not completing their degrees due to financial hardships. Thus, we have launched *Science Matters*, an emergency scholarship fund for students who find themselves in sudden financial need due to the global pandemic and its unprecedented economic impact.

As faculty and staff, you are our greatest advocates, promoting excellence and supporting ODU's mission. Now more than ever, we appreciate all that you do for the college and your respective departments, investing your time, energy and talent into our success every day.

You can help support our students in need by contributing to this initiative. Join us in supporting *Science Matters* to ensure that our students understand just how much their success and graduation matters to their ODU family.

You may make a gift to the Science Matters campaign online at: <https://fundit.odu.edu/o/old-dominion-university/i/odu-crowdfunding/s/sciences#Campaign-HeroesKYi3Cr1c4>.

It would be really wonderful if we could have a lot of participation from the College in supporting the Science Matters campaign. That will make it more likely that alumni and other friends of the college contribute as well.

Finally, if you prefer to support some other part of the college, such as your department, there are several ways to do that:

Payroll Deduction: If you are interested in supporting the college through payroll deduction please visit this site to set up your gift: <https://itsapps.odu.edu/forms/payrolldeduction/>.

Give Online: You may make a gift to any fund at Old Dominion University by visiting this site and following the

prompts: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=1c0e01>

Mail a Check: Please make your check payable to the ODU Educational Foundation and include a note designation for your gift. All checks should be mailed to the Educational Foundation at 4417 Monarch Way, 4th Floor, Norfolk, VA 23529.

If you have any questions or would like more information about supporting the college please contact Krista Kimme at kkimme@odu.edu or 217-778-1902.

Best Regards,
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