

# Forward

THE CAMPAIGN *for* CAIRN UNIVERSITY

IMPACT & GRATITUDE REPORT

THE HIGHLANDS



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## DEAR FRIENDS,

As the Forward campaign draws to a close and we anticipate the successful commencement of construction of the G. Patrick Stillman Athletic Complex, it is encouraging to reflect upon all that has been accomplished these past years by God's grace.

We are so grateful for you, your support of the University and our fundraising efforts, and the long-term impact you have on the University and the students the Lord entrusts to our care and instruction. The advancements that have been made through Forward are many. The strengthening of scholarship awards, the addition of academic programs in key strategic areas, and the improvements to the student experience and community life will enhance the fulfillment of our mission.

I have been involved with the University for nearly three decades in one role or another. I have seen the Lord at work over that time in many ways. I have witnessed changes on every front, from student services to facilities to the curriculum to programs to community and alumni relations. While the Forward campaign had relatively modest goals, its impact across the institution is significant. As we thank you for your participation, I also ask you to reflect upon God's goodness to Cairn and the importance of the work we do here. Your continued prayer and financial support is needed and will continue to make a difference in the lives of our students and the impact the University has on the church, society, and the world. When we embarked on this campaign a few years ago, we stated without apology that this university has always stood firm but never stood still. It is why we called this the "Forward" campaign. This is the Christian way. Forward. And while this campaign has come to a close, we are always looking to the horizon and what the Lord would have for us as we keep moving.

Yours,  
Todd J. Williams, PhD  
President, Cairn University




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# Improving Student Affordability

**Your generosity has provided more students with the opportunity to pursue a biblical education, regardless of their ability to afford it.**

Over 97% of our students receive financial aid because of the generous gifts made each year to The Cairn Fund. The Cairn Fund sustains long-established scholarships, like the music or need-based scholarships. But through the Forward campaign, we were also able to offer new ones. New scholarships for social work and biology were created, in addition to the New Horizons Scholarship Fund, which supports women who choose life.

In 2017, the University offered its first International Christian School Leadership Scholarships. To date, over 60 students have received this scholarship. Over the past four years, the University's undergraduate NRA (non-resident alien) student population has grown by 55%, and Cairn has continued to grow its support of those students, including the hiring of Dr. Guy and Carolyn Eshelman, our two missionaries in residence.



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My computer science internship turned into a full-time software engineering job. Because Cairn launched majors in technology, I had the opportunity to prepare for a career field I've always wanted to be in while still receiving the Christ-centered education that Cairn has always offered.”

**Miguel Tapia '20**  
*Computer Science*

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Growing up in Thailand, I had always dreamed of attending a Christian university in America. But financially speaking, that was going to be impossible. Receiving the ICSLS scholarship has not only been a financial blessing, but also an academic, relational, and spiritual one as well.”

**Jessica Fjording '22/G'22**  
*Youth and Family Ministry + MBA*



# Expanding Academic Opportunities

**Your generosity has expanded Cairn's reach through the addition of academic programs.**

The second major goal of Forward was to launch new programs in science and technology. In 2017, the University launched majors in computer science, information systems, mathematics, and graphic design. The following year brought biology programs, including pre-med and pre-physical therapy. Those weren't the only new programs; in the past three years, we've launched 26 degree programs and even more minors and dual-level options.

These new programs brought the need for new classrooms, labs, and studios, so our campus has seen many additions since the launch of the campaign. In addition to the existing 3D art studio, there is now a 2D art studio and a Mac graphic design lab. Other new spaces include a model classroom for education majors, two science labs for biology and chemistry classes, and a computer science lab for students in the computer science and information systems programs.



# Building Campus Community

**Your generosity is improving and creating additional spaces for building community among our students, faculty, and alumni, as well as facilitating outreach to the local community.**

The third and final major goal of Forward was to improve and create new spaces for student life and athletics. These spaces contribute to each student's experience at Cairn.

Since it opened in Fall 2018, The Highlands has been one of the best gathering places on campus. Students often enjoy their coffee outside in the courtyard, which received brand new furniture in 2019 as a gift from the Class of 1969.

In addition to these new spaces, we've also made improvements to existing ones. The Masland Library has undergone major renovations to improve our students' research and study experiences. In the past four years, they have also added over 483,300 new print and digital resources to their offerings to support student research.

One of the greatest projects funded by Forward is the G. Patrick Stillman Athletic Complex. Construction of the complex is scheduled to begin this spring and will be completed later this year. This new complex will create space for students to gather and athletes to compete.

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The lacrosse team is looking forward to competing in the new Stillman Athletic Complex. Offering lacrosse has brought a lot of great men and women to Cairn, and we are grateful for the opportunity to play together, study together, and grow together in our faith.”

**Andrew Joinville '23**  
Youth and Family Ministry



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