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LEE  UNIVERSITY

Annual Fund Impact Report

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



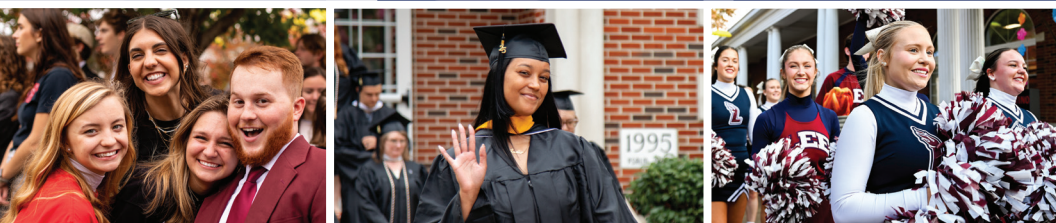
LEE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT
DR. PHIL COOK '91

Thank you for your generous support of the Lee University Annual Fund in 2025.

Your gift makes an immediate and meaningful impact by strengthening academic programs, enhancing student life, and ensuring that Lee continues to provide a Christ-centered education that equips students to lead lives of purpose and service. Because of your commitment, we are able to respond to emerging needs, invest in opportunities that enrich the student experience, and sustain the distinctive excellence that defines Lee University.

We are grateful for your partnership and for the important role you play in shaping the future of our students and our campus.

Phil Cook



STUDENT IMPACT

Your gift to the Annual Fund directly impacts the lives of our students and helps to create transformational moments on our campus.



The Annual Fund supports :

Student Scholarships: Annual Fund dollars directly contribute to financial aid, helping students afford a Lee education.

Academic Excellence: The fund enhances faculty development, classroom technology, and academic programs that keep Lee competitive and innovative.

Campus Life: From spiritual life programs to student activities, the fund enriches every aspect of student life.

Capital Projects: A portion of the fund helps support construction costs of new buildings around campus. For example, the 2025 fund helped to aid in the construction of our state-of-the art Engineering Building.

One of the most important aspects is the flexibility it provides. Because the gifts are unrestricted, the university can direct funds to the areas of greatest need each year. This means that your contributions go to aid students where they need it most.

OUR YEAR BY THE *NUMBERS*

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED

\$436,238

INCREASED

8%

\$31,783

FROM

2024 - 2025

RETURN GIVERS

68.5%

TOTAL DONORS

577

INCREASED

32%

NEW GIVERS

49

WHY YOUR GIFT MATTERS!



“ Support from so many proud alumni and friends has allowed me to become the best version of myself. I've experienced success in athletics as a member of the cross country and track and field team, my academics as a Summa Cum Laude graduate in Political Science and Public Administration and formed many great relationships through the wonderful student life programs here.

Thanks to your support I, and thousands of other students, have access to incredible faculty, innovative academic resources, and a beautiful campus as we develop and graduate with a spirit of Christ-centered excellence in our field of study. ”

- **Ryan Lovelace '25**

“ Because of the generosity of donors, I'm able to fully participate in both The Lee Singers and Delta Zeta Tau, two communities that are deeply shaping my life. The investment into these communities allows me to focus on serving, learning, and preparing and equipping myself for ministry.

- **Delaney Smith '27**



WE ARE LEE





PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

At the core of our Annual Fund giving is the President's Circle. This generous and faithful group of people invest an annual gift of \$1,000 or more and are an indispensable part of our annual giving efforts.

Our President's Circle members accounted for 53% of our total Annual Fund donors and 92% of our total dollars raised this year. In 2025, the President's Circle included 308 donors.

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE LIFETIME SOCIETY

Established in 2014, the President's Circle Lifetime Society honors donors who demonstrate exceptional long-term commitment to the university through Annual Fund giving. To qualify, members must meet:

- 1.) Ten or more years of giving to the Annual Fund.**
- 2.) A cumulative total of at least \$20,000 contributed to the Annual Fund over any number of years.**

While many reach this milestone through years of giving at the President's Circle level, others arrive by faithfully contributing smaller annual gifts until their capacity grows. Together, these varied paths form a community of generosity built on consistency, gratitude, and love for Lee.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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**TOGETHER,
WE ARE BUILDING
A STRONGER
FUTURE FOR LEE.**

GIVE TODAY!

