



Flagler forward

Groundbreakers AND *Wavemakers*







Dear Flagler Family,

I am delighted to share with you the inaugural *Groundbreakers and Wavemakers* newsletter. Each quarter, this special publication will provide you with the latest updates on our Flagler Forward Campaign as it transforms the people, programs and places of our campus community.

This fall, we kicked off another school year and welcomed more than 2,300 new and returning students to campus. They join us amid tremendous changes to our College, whether that be the addition of inventive new facilities or the creation of bold new programs.

In this edition, you will learn about some of these exciting developments. I hope you recognize your efforts in them, as your loyalty has been essential to actualizing our mission for a renewed Flagler.

We also hope you visit the official site for the Campaign at www.flagler.edu/flaglerforward. As the hub for Flagler Forward, you can learn more about our vision, ongoing priorities, and upcoming events; you can also join the thousands of other friends of the College who are driving our forward momentum.

It's an exciting time to be a Saint. Together, we are redefining Flagler excellence and fearlessly pursuing tomorrow.

Sincerely,



John A. Delaney
President of Flagler College



SCHOLARSHIPS *DOUBLE* SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

In 2022, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust made a \$12 million gift to facilitate key investments in Flagler College's future. Of that money, \$2 million was set aside to encourage donors to establish new endowed scholarships through a 1:1 match.

As a result, 120 new endowed scholarships have been created in just over two years, and the amount of donor-funded scholarship aid has doubled from \$700,000 to \$1.4 million.

"Even in the midst of last year's FAFSA delays and lingering fallout from the pandemic, our donors truly stepped up," said Vice President of Enrollment, Deborah Thompson. "Our students are extremely grateful to the donors who have established new scholarships."

Ninety-nine percent (99%) of Flagler students rely upon aid, and the average unmet need of an incoming freshman is \$7,005. Scholarships therefore serve as an essential component to

undergraduate success.

Donors who responded to the Kenan match recognized this need and were further inspired by their own special bond to the College.

"It was a great opportunity for me to give back to the school and help students who need financial assistance to get ahead," said alumna Kathleen Houseman '85. "When presented with the match opportunity, I didn't hesitate to participate, and I shared the program with several friends who are also alumni."

The tremendous doubling of donor-funded aid will transform Flagler's ability to support students in their educational journeys, and as endowed funds, they will provide these students with an essential sense of security now and into the future.

FORWARD FOR OUR PEOPLE



FORWARD FOR OUR PROGRAMS >>>

FLAGSHIP: INCREASED PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT GIVES STUDENTS *the World*

Since its launch in 2020, FlagSHIP (Flagler Sophomore **H**igh **I**mpact **P**ractice) has boldly circumnavigated the globe and provided our Saints with lifechanging cultural experiences in 20+ countries across five continents. Each year in January (Jan-term) or May (Maymester), sophomore students spend 2-3 weeks in local, national, or overseas locations addressing questions of global interest. Courses follow one of three structures: Intensive Format Seminar, Community Integration Education (CIE), or Study Abroad/Study Away.

“I studied abroad for my FlagSHIP and it was tremendously influential on me,” said Isabella Govea ('26), who researched development in Tanzania in 2023. “My perspective completely shifted and I’m now excited to refocus my studies toward a more global approach.”

With courses posted for the 2025 semester, a new generation of Saints will soon benefit from similarly transformative journeys of their own thanks to increased donor support for the program.

Nine new scholarships have been established to support FlagSHIP students since 2023, and each one has been doubled by a 1:1 match from the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust. The awards combined represent \$900,000 in newly endowed funds.

Students interested in study away or study abroad options often face prohibitive costs, limiting their ability to choose between local and international coursework. The recent surge in scholarship aid will now enable such students to choose the FlagSHIP experience best suited to their academic goals and independent of financial barriers.



THE MODULAR SCIENCE LABORATORY: OUR NEXT GREAT SCIENTIFIC *Breakthrough*

Thanks to donor support, science is expanding at Flagler College, and new facilities are underway to accommodate increased opportunities for programming and academic excellence.

Spring 2025 will mark the opening of a Modular Science Laboratory as the hub of our new Biology major, one of the fastest-growing and most in-demand courses of study in the country. The new facility, to be located off Malaga Street near Abare Hall, will provide new instrumentation, equipment, and classroom space; it will also enable students to conduct complex experimentation in well-resourced surroundings.

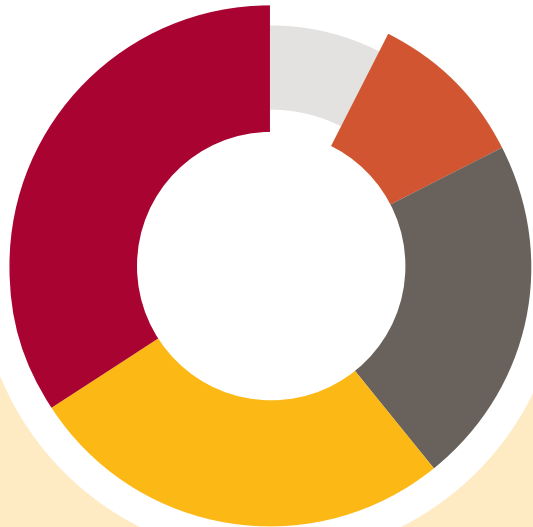
“It is essential to have a controlled environment to allow procedures to be performed safely and free from contamination,” said Immediate Past Chair of the Science Advisory Board and major donor to the new lab, Van Cogley. “The Modular Science Lab will free up much of the very limited laboratory space on campus for ongoing and additional use by physics, chemistry, environmental and applied mathematical studies.”

In addition to launching the Biology major, the Lab will also increase on-campus laboratory space and support new Plant Biology programming and greenhouse development. Most importantly, it will serve as a major stepping-stone to the construction of a permanent Science Building in the near future.



FORWARD FOR OUR PLACES >>>

MOVING FLAGLER *Forward*



Campaign Progress

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024)



Investing in
STUDENTS
\$14,140,542



Investing in
FACULTY
\$6,544,475



Investing in
PROGRAMS
\$17,221,919



Investing in
PLACES
\$22,334,405

\$60,241,341 raised to date from 10,337 donors
toward private philanthropy goal
of \$65,000,000

» RECENT CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF CELEBRATIONS

FEBRUARY 8, 2024
Northeast Florida
Sawgrass Marriott
Golf Resort & Spa



MARCH 28, 2024
Atlanta
The Whitley



APRIL 25, 2024
Southeast Florida
Marriott Harbor Beach
Resort & Spa



» UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 14, 2024
New York Metro Region
Montclair Art Museum

DECEMBER 3, 2024
Giving Tuesday



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