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Lighting the *Way*

MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY

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Together, the Moravian University community has achieved $102.1 million for its students, far surpassing its original $75 million goal. Our campaign chairs describe the legacy of the Lighting the *Way* campaign, the most transformative intiative in Moravian's nearly three-century history.



A Letter from the President

Lighting the way for our students, their future, and the next generation

Dear Moravian community,

There are moments in the life of an institution when we pause to celebrate what we have accomplished. For Moravian University, this is one of those moments.

Through Lighting the *Way:* The Campaign for Moravian University, our community achieved an extraordinary milestone. Together, we surpassed our campaign goal of $75 million two years early and went on to achieve more than $102 million in philanthropic support for our students, our campus, and our future.

But the true measure of this campaign is not a dollar amount—it is the impact those gifts will have on generations to come. Because of you, more students will have access to a Moravian education. They will discover new passions, pursue meaningful opportunities, receive the support they need to thrive, and graduate prepared to lead reflective lives of purpose and leadership. Your generosity has strengthened the places where our community gathers to learn, connect, and grow, particularly the transformational Haupert Union Building.

Most importantly, this campaign demonstrated just how deeply our community believes in Moravian's future, and that confidence gives us momentum as we look ahead. We will continue to honor the traditions that have defined Moravian for 285 years, embrace new opportunities to prepare our students for a rapidly changing world, and invest in life-changing scholarships, innovative academic programs, meaningful student experiences, and a campus community where every student can flourish.

To every alum, family member, trustee, faculty and staff member, and friend who helped make Lighting the *Way* possible: thank you. Every gift and every minute of service helped us achieve our goal—you played a part in this remarkable achievement.

While our campaign has reached its conclusion, our shared work continues. The future of Moravian is bright because you have helped build it. Thank you for helping us continue to light the way.

With gratitude,

President Bryon L. Grigsby '90, P'22, P'26, P'29

Our Students



2,059
*students—**99% of enrolled students**—received $2.5 million in scholarship support*

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

Anderson DeChiaro ’27

For **Anderson DeChiaro ’27**, a double major in biology and environmental science, Moravian University has provided transformative growth both in and out of the classroom. Through hands-on fieldwork, international travel, and personal mentorship, Andy has realized his passion for scientific discovery. “Moravian’s helped me grow professionally as an adult, but also as a scientist,” he shares.

Two of his stand-out experiences involve studying abroad—conducting independent honors research on rainforest ecosystems in Panama alongside Dr. Daniel Proud and traveling to Costa Rica through the Elevate program.

> *“Your contributions have given me so many opportunities around campus. I don’t think I would have gotten that same experience anywhere else besides here at Moravian,”* Andy says.

Inspired by the dedication of his faculty mentors, Andy plans to pursue higher education leadership. “I would like to become some type of science professor,” he says, with a focus on “entomology or working with some type of bugs.”

Andy is grateful for the support that has made his experiences possible, particularly the **Helen R. Kohler Global Experience Endowment Fund**. “Your contributions have given me so many opportunities around campus. I don’t think I would have gotten that same experience anywhere else besides here at Moravian.”

Watch a video about Andy and learn how your support enhances every part of his student experience.

BLOSSOMING AT MORAVIAN

Jordan Guerrier '27

When **Jordan Guerrier'27** arrived at Moravian University, she was lost—literally. During her first campus visit, Jordan and her mother wandered into the Sally Miksiewicz Breidegam Center for Health Sciences, unsure where to go. A kind welcome from a member of the campus community immediately made her feel at home.

Now a junior majoring in psychology with a minor in biology, Jordan has found that same sense of belonging throughout her Moravian experience. As a mentor through programs, like PUMP and Goals, and president of the ECO Club and Physics Club, she has embraced opportunities to lead, connect with others, and challenge herself. She also competes in cheer and has grown academically, athletically, and personally.

"Without Moravian, I would not be the person I am today," Jordan says. "I just blossomed when I got here."

For Jordan, her growth is especially meaningful to her parents, who immigrated to the United States from Jamaica and Haiti. As a first-generation college student and a member of Tri Alpha honor society, Jordan is living a dream her parents hoped to make possible for their daughter. Support she received through the **Baucus & Company Scholarship Fund** and **Andrea Creitz Memorial Scholarship Fund** has made her education accessible.

"Thank you for making my parents' dream come true," she says. "Without your support, I would not have been able to be where I am today."

12

new endowed scholarship funds were created to directly support our students and their success











A LASTING CONNECTION

Shane A. Hansen '18 & Sara Weidner Hansen '18

Shane A. Hansen'18 and **Sara Weidner Hansen'18** have a shared connection to Moravian University—it began as students and has grown into a generous commitment to giving back. Through alumni leadership, volunteerism, and philanthropy, the couple continues to invest in the community that helped shape their lives.

For Shane, serving on the Alumni Board is an opportunity to help others navigate the path beyond graduation. As a first-generation student, he felt "a great sense of responsibility (as most 'first gens' do) to be the first to trailblaze an unknown path while offering a hand for others to help navigate and balance the challenges that come with it."

Both Shane and Sara remain closely connected to current students through the Laurie Riley '82 Center for Career Success, particularly through attending networking events and mentoring. For Sara, volunteering provides an opportunity to remain part of the campus community she loves. "I had such an enjoyable and memorable college experience, and I believe that kind of connection and sense of community is worth preserving for future students."

Their commitment is rooted in a shared belief that no one succeeds alone. Shane says, "I have always loved mentoring and creating genuine connections with others to know that they are not alone, especially with the spirit of Moravian being that, 'when one hound calls, the rest come running.'"

Moravian is also where their relationship—and many lifelong friendships—began. "My college experience and the Moravian community gave me something I never had throughout grade school—a place of belonging," Sara says. "I met Shane, my husband, and my closest friends at Moravian."

Today, their generosity extends beyond their time as volunteers. Sara continues to support the Moravian Writers Conference and marching band, two experiences that hold special meaning for the couple. Shane gives to the physics department in honor of Dr. Edward Roeder and supports the Moravian Scholarship Fund to help provide future students with the opportunities that made his own education possible.

Together, Shane and Sara embody the enduring power of the Moravian community, returning to the place that gave them a sense of belonging and helping ensure the next generation finds the same support, confidence, and connection.

This feature is excerpted. To read the full article, visit *moravian.edu/lightingtheway/shane-and-sara-hansen.*

Their Future



SHAPING TOMORROW: A BOLD NEW ACADEMIC CHAPTER

Dr. James Scifers

Moravian University is entering a dynamic new chapter and its commitment to preparing students for the future remains steadfast. Under the leadership of Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Chief Academic Officer **Dr. James Scifers,** Moravian is launching new academic programs and innovative learning pathways designed to meet the evolving demands of the modern workforce.

In today's global economy, few sectors are evolving as rapidly as technology and transportation, and Moravian is diving into these growing industries. This fall, Moravian is launching a professional pilot major, an aviation management major, which will equip students with the skills to run airport operations behind the scenes, and an air traffic control minor in response to industry shortages. According to Dr. Scifers, these programs are designed to launch graduates directly into high-paying, high-demand careers right out of college.

Moravian has always been deeply rooted in serving its community. As the Lehigh Valley experiences shortages in social services and healthcare, the university is stepping up to fill those gaps. Building off of Moravian's master of social work program, which recently achieved full accreditation following its launch three years ago, Moravian is introducing a bachelor of social work (BSW). "This program creates a seamless, accelerated pipeline for students. Those who graduate with their BSW will be positioned to earn their master's degree in just one additional year, allowing them to enter the field faster, expand their scope of practice, and command higher earning potential," says Dr. Scifers.

On the doctoral front, Moravian is expanding its research footprint, adding a second research doctoral program, alongside the EdD program in transformational leadership. The doctor of science (DSc) in health sciences program focuses specifically on educating future health professions educators—training the next generation of faculty who will teach future nurses, speech-language pathologists, and physical therapists. "The program fills a distinct, highly specialized niche that no other institution in the country offers," Dr. Scifers explains. "Utilizing an online, asynchronous learning model, it allows Moravian to train future faculty across the Lehigh Valley and attract students nationwide."

As the landscape of graduate education shifts, Moravian is committed to offering flexible solutions for adult learners. The university is rolling out new certificate programs, particularly within the behavioral health space, that make it easy for working professionals to build on their education. "Rather than require a commitment to a multi-year master's program, Moravian is creating three-to-four-course "stackable" certificates," says Dr. Scifers. "Upon completing two certificates, students may be halfway to a master's degree, which lowers barriers to returning to higher education and allows working professionals to upskill quickly while building a direct pathway toward an advanced degree."

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping every industry, and Moravian is ensuring its graduates are at the forefront of this revolution. Led by Dr. Jenifer Norton, Executive Director of Emerging Technologies, Moravian's AI initiatives span the classroom and university operations, impacting students, faculty, and staff. "Moravian is working to embed AI across its programs and majors to ensure every Moravian graduate is AI-literate, understands its ethical implications, and has the practical skills to leverage AI within their discipline," explains Dr. Scifers.

These ambitious programs represent the Moravian University mission—innovative, responsive, and dedicated to student success—ensuring a Moravian education remains relevant and impactful for future generations.





TAKING FLIGHT: BUILDING AN AVIATION PROGRAM

Rachel L. Hall, MS

Moravian's new aviation program is taking flight this fall with a cohort of **23 students—14 professional pilot majors and nine aviation management majors**. According to **Rachel L. Hall, MS**, Director of Aviation Programs, the goal is about more than preparing students for careers in aviation—it is about preparing them to lead.

"Our overarching priority is to build an aviation program that prepares students not simply to earn a degree or a pilot certificate, but to enter the aviation industry as exceptionally well-prepared professionals."

Students in the professional pilot program combine rigorous academic coursework at Moravian with flight training through a partnership with **flyGATEWAY Aviation Institute**. Along the way, they develop skills in safety, professionalism, aeronautical decision-making, leadership, and career readiness. Aviation management students explore the operations, safety, technology, data, and business practices that support the global aviation system.

The program's inaugural class also has a unique opportunity: to help establish its culture from the ground up. "We want to build a program where students don't get lost in an aviation program; they become known, challenged, mentored, and prepared to lead within one."

Moravian's location adds another advantage, connecting students to airports, aviation businesses, transportation infrastructure, and major aviation markets throughout the northeast. Moravian has also assembled an **Aviation Program Advisory Board** of industry leaders that is helping shape curriculum, partnerships, internships, mentorships, and career pathways to ensure students are prepared for an evolving industry.

Ms. Hall envisions the aviation program becoming known not for its size but for the quality of its graduates and the strength of their educational experience. Over time, students will gain access to expanded facilities and technology, including simulation, aviation data and analytics, flight planning, safety education, and applied learning.

"At the end of the day," she says, "I want airlines, airports, flight departments, aviation companies, and other industry partners to recognize the Moravian name and know what kind of quality graduate they are getting."

NAVIGATING THE FUTURE: MORAVIAN'S APPROACH TO AI

Dr. Jenifer Norton

Moravian University is taking a human-centered approach to artificial intelligence—one designed not simply to keep pace with rapidly changing technology, but to help students, faculty, and staff navigate its possibilities and challenges with confidence, ethics, and purpose.

Leading that work is **Dr. Jenifer Norton**, inaugural Executive Director of Emerging Technologies, a position created following recommendations from the Presidential Taskforce on AI. Dr. Norton sees her role as rooted in a responsibility to help the entire campus community understand and shape the impact of AI.

"AI can feel as though it's taking away agency and autonomy," she says. "I want to empower our students, faculty, and staff to feel like they still maintain their agency, and explore the ways AI can amplify, not replace, their unique human capacities."

Moravian's AI strategy centers on three priorities: equity, enhancing human capacities, and preparing students and employees for a rapidly changing world. This work will extend beyond the classroom through the new **AI Innovation Lab**, which opened this fall. Students from every major and technical background will be able to bring real-world challenges into the lab and explore AI-powered solutions within established intellectual property, data, and ethics policies.

Looking ahead, Moravian's AI roadmap runs through the 2028–2029 academic year, with goals that include integrating AI across all majors, establishing an AI literacy requirement for incoming students, and creating a sustainable ecosystem for faculty development.

Still, Norton believes success cannot be measured solely by technological expertise.

"The key markers of success at this point are agility and discernment," she says. "We want to prepare our students by giving them every opportunity to hone those skills to successfully navigate the rapidly changing world."



As AI continues to evolve, Moravian is building a strategy designed to evolve alongside it—ensuring that technology remains in service of people and that graduates are prepared not just for the world they know today but for the possibilities still ahead.

Learn more about the all-new AI Innovation Lab helping students build practical AI tools for real-world application.

FROM CLASSROOM TO COMMUNITY

Damian De Los Santos Suriel '27

Damian De Los Santos Suriel'27, a sociology major and member of Moravian's Track & Field team, completed his summer internship expecting it to affirm his career direction. But what he gained was more than just professional experience—it gave him the opportunity to put his passion for helping others into action.

As a community initiatives outreach intern with Moravian's Center for Inclusive Excellence, Damian worked directly with high school students during the **Reed Raymond'74 College Readiness Program**, a five-day, overnight campus experience that prepares college-eager Lehigh Valley students and their families for the extensive college-search process.

"The best part was watching students become more confident throughout the week. Some students barely spoke at the beginning of the program, but by the end they were participating in discussions, asking questions, and talking about their future with excitement," says Damian.

> *"Seeing that change reminded me why I chose sociology in the first place. I want a career where I can help people, build meaningful relationships, and make a positive difference in their lives,"* Damian says.

The experience challenged Damian to grow. He learned that effective mentorship isn't about having all the answers—it's about listening, showing patience, and being willing to ask for help. He saw concepts from the classroom, including social inequality, access to education, and mentorship, come to life, and it confirmed his desire to pursue a career supporting others.

"Seeing that change [in the students] reminded me why I chose sociology in the first place. I want a career where I can help people, build meaningful relationships, and make a positive difference in their lives," says Damian.

Support from the **Lloyd and Laurie Riley'82 Brubaker Endowed Internship Fund** made this opportunity accessible to Damian. By relieving the financial pressure that often accompanies internship work, the stipend allowed Damian to focus on his professional growth, leadership development, and community impact.

"Your generosity made this opportunity possible," Damian shared in a thank-you note to his donor. "Instead of worrying as much about finances, I was able to invest my time and energy into gaining meaningful experience. Because of your support, I was able to focus on becoming a better student, a better leader, and a better person."







27,808

career-readiness activities completed, including 101 credit-bearing internships

BROADENING HORIZONS

Jacob Herrera ’26

For **Jacob Herrera’26,** studying abroad in Spain was more than an opportunity to explore Europe—it was a chance to challenge himself, deepen his understanding of business, and grow as an individual.

A business management major from Easton, Pennsylvania, Jacob immersed himself in Spanish culture while strengthening his communication skills and expanding his perspective on the global business landscape. During his semester abroad, he learned about the European Union, international business, cross-border operations, and global financial markets.

Salamanca became Jacob’s favorite place—not only because of its culture and relaxed pace of life, but because it was where he made the most memories during his time abroad.

> *“My semester abroad really broadened my horizons and exposed me to cultures and people whom I otherwise would not have met. Also, it allowed me to grow as an individual and challenge myself in ways I never thought possible,”* Jacob says.

“Studying abroad really broadened my horizons and exposed me to cultures and people whom I otherwise would not have met,” Jacob shared. The experience also pushed him beyond his comfort zone, allowing him to grow in ways he never expected while enhancing his knowledge of both business and Spanish.

Jacob’s transformative education abroad experience was made possible through the **Alexander, Elizabeth & Joann Trotsky Study Abroad Endowed Scholarship Fund**. “If it wasn’t for your donations, my trip abroad wouldn’t have been possible,” he shared in a thank-you letter to the donor. “Thanks in large part to you, I was able to enhance my knowledge, and I also made everlasting memories and friends.”



155

students studied abroad, including 78 who had never traveled outside the United States



277

student-athletes were recognized in the Landmark Conference honor roll for the fall and spring semesters

MAKING LIFELONG MEMORIES

Riley Flood ’27

Business management major **Riley Flood’27** says Moravian’s welcoming campus culture and strong career outcomes made it his clear choice for college. From Union, New Jersey, Riley has built an inspiring college journey centered on leadership, community engagement, and ambition.

As a student-athlete on the Men’s Basketball team, Riley credits his time on the court with instilling key values of teamwork, resilience, and maturity. Beyond athletics, he co-founded a campus podcast studio with classmates, a creative outlet that has sharpened his communication and technical skills outside the classroom. Riley’s favorite Moravian tradition is celebrating Heritage Day, as he has visited local elementary schools and read to the students.

These opportunities were made possible through donor generosity. As a recipient of the **Margaret L. Albright’43 Scholarship Fund** and the **Robert M. Amey’57 Memorial Scholarship Fund**, Riley has been able to focus fully on his academic and personal growth without the financial strain of working extensive off-campus hours.

> *“Without your support, I would have had to spend much more time working outside of school, and I would not have been able to enjoy the life-long memories that make Moravian so special,”* Riley says.

Looking ahead, Riley aims to launch a career in sports representation.

The Next Generation



A NEW HOME FOR CAREER SUCCESS

Career Success Team

The **Laurie Riley'82 Center for Career Success** returned to the Haupert Union Building (HUB) in October 2025, and it came home to a space designed to transform how students experience career development. Centrally located once again, it makes career development more visible and accessible, and the new space has opened an array of new opportunities.

Since its home in the original HUB and throughout its temporary relocation to Reeves Library during the HUB construction, the center's mission has remained unchanged: to empower students to discover meaningful career pathways and prepare for life after graduation. But its new home has expanded what that mission can look like in practice.

The center is now intentionally designed to foster connections among students, employers, faculty, alumni, and the Career Success Team. Two **dedicated interview rooms** give students a professional environment for mock interviews, virtual interviews, and employer meetings, helping them build confidence as they prepare for internships, graduate school, and full-time employment.

The new center has also introduced resources that help students put their best foot forward. The **Iris Air Professional Headshot Booth** offers complimentary, self-service professional headshots to students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Since its launch in October, it has been used during 582 sessions by 380 unique users. This fall, the center will expand its support again with a **Career Closet**, providing students with free professional and business-casual attire for interviews, internships, networking events, career fairs, and other experiential learning opportunities.

Perhaps the biggest transformation, however, extends beyond the center's walls. The HUB itself has become an extension of the Riley Center's programming, providing dynamic spaces where students connect with employers, alumni, graduate schools, and one another. Events such as the **Lehigh Valley Law School Fair** and **annual Etiquette Dinner** have brought the Moravian community together while giving students opportunities to develop confidence and professional connections.

"Career readiness is most impactful when it becomes part of a student's everyday college experience—not something they begin thinking about only as graduation approaches," says the Career Success Team. "Being located in the HUB allows the Riley Center to meet students where they already are. Whether they're studying between classes, grabbing lunch, attending campus events, or meeting friends, students pass by the Center



Are you interested in supporting the center by mentoring students and new graduates? Scan the QR code to complete a survey and share how you want to get involved!

every day. Those spontaneous interactions often become conversations about internships, networking, graduate school, career exploration, or simply taking the first step toward an exciting future."

That accessibility is reflected in the center's impact. During 2025–2026, the Riley Center provided **1,485 individual coaching appointments**, served **847 unique students through one-on-one coaching**, engaged **1,304 unique students** through career programs and events, and achieved an **87 percent undergraduate Handshake engagement rate**.

Most importantly, students say they feel the difference. One student shared,"Although I was nervous to make appointments and meet with my team because I felt behind or not qualified, the team made me so comfortable... each visit was reassuring of my abilities as a student and future employee."

Another shared,"The Career Success Team has helped me feel significantly more prepared and less overwhelmed when thinking about my future."

As the world of work evolves, so will the Riley Center. New initiatives, experiential learning opportunities, AI-focused resources, and the Career Closet will continue expanding the ways students prepare for what comes next. Its **2026 Career Readiness Excellence Award from the National Association of Colleges and Employers** offers national recognition of that innovative approach.

In its new home, career success has become more than a destination. It is a visible, accessible, and integral part of the Moravian experience, helping every student build confidence, develop career-ready skills, and graduate prepared to lead with purpose.







1,485
individual coaching appointments completed, serving 847 students

Learn more about the Career Success Team and their initiatives at *moravian.edu/career-success* or scan the QR code for their 2025–2026 annual report.

A WELCOMING RESOURCE

Dalley Silwamba '26 & Mo's Cupboard Team

For students facing food insecurity or unexpected financial challenges, Mo's Cupboard offers more than shelves stocked with groceries and essential supplies. It provides a welcoming space where members of the Moravian University community can find support when they need it most.

During the 2025–2026 academic year, **1,400 students, including 642 first-time users, visited Mo's Cupboard a total of 17,614 times** . The pantry provides food, snacks, toiletries, and other necessities to students from a wide range of backgrounds and circumstances.

Today, Mo's Cupboard has an expanded home in the Haupert Union Building (HUB), made possible in great part through the generosity of **Moravian's Class of 1968.** In recognition of their support, the space is proudly designated as the Class of 1968 Mo's Cupboard. Their generosity has helped create a larger, more welcoming environment where students can access essential resources with greater comfort and privacy.

For **Dalley Silwamba'26,** a Mo's Cupboard volunteer, the opportunity to serve others was deeply personal.

"I was motivated to volunteer with Mo's Cupboard because I wanted to help other students in need," he says. "As an international student from Zambia, I understand how hard it can be to get food and basic items sometimes. I also wanted to give back to the Moravian community that has supported me."

Dalley helped organize and restock shelves, check that items were clean and safe, assist students in finding what they needed, and maintain a neat and welcoming environment. He also helped arrange deliveries.

> *"The new HUB space is bigger, cleaner, and more organized. It is easier for students to walk in and find what they need. The space also feels more welcoming and private, which makes students more comfortable to use it,"* Dalley says.

The students who visit Mo's Cupboard represent the diversity of the Moravian community. "The students who use the pantry come from different backgrounds," Dalley explains. "Some are international students, and others are local students who may need extra support."

The new HUB location has transformed the experience for students. "The new HUB space is bigger, cleaner, and more organized," Dalley says. "It is easier for students to walk in and find what they need. The space also feels more welcoming and private, which makes students more comfortable to use it."

The additional space has also allowed Mo's Cupboard to expand its capacity. "There is more space to store food, so more items can be offered," Dalley says. "It is also easier to organize donations and serve more students. The new space helps reach more people and provide better support."



Beyond the pantry itself, the **Helping Hounds Student Fund** provides critical assistance for students experiencing financial hardship. During the 2025–2026 academic year, the fund provided $11,652.54 for needs such as textbooks, gas cards, parking passes, and meals, plus an additional $2,023.93 for food and need-based items.

Alumni and donors can help sustain this important work through financial support, volunteering, and donations of nonperishable food and essential supplies. Mo's Cupboard is also seeking volunteers to assist with pickups, deliveries, and distribution, as well as connections with companies and suppliers that can provide discounted cleaning products, toiletries, and pantry staples.

Pop-top canned goods, rice and pasta products, Campbell's products, condiments, and personal care items are especially welcome.

Through the generosity of the Class of 1968 and the broader Moravian community, as well as the dedication of student volunteers, the Class of 1968 Mo's Cupboard continues to ensure that individuals facing life's challenges have a place to turn and a community ready to support them.



Do you want to do more to help our students in need? Volunteer with Mo's Cupboard—scan the QR code to complete a survey to share how you want to get involved!

1,400
students visited Mo's Cupboard a total of 17,614 times



Fiscal Year in Review

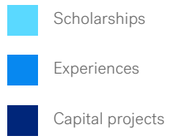
Moravian University

The 2025–2026 fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) was an incredible year marked by the close of Lighting the *Way:* The Campaign for Moravian University, which achieved $102.1 million for our students and their future. As we celebrate the end of the most transformative initiative in Moravian's history, none of our success would have been possible without the generous support and dedication of our community.

This year, Moravian University **raised a total of $9,864,605** received from **3,819 total supporters,** including **1,283 new supporters.** Total philanthropic support includes **$1,227,123 raised for the Moravian Scholarship Fund,** our largest source of unrestricted aid, which makes a Moravian education accessible and enhances the student experience.

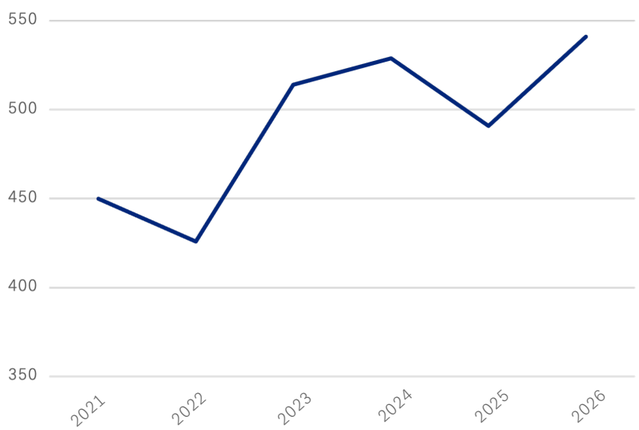
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Total support raised: $9,864,605

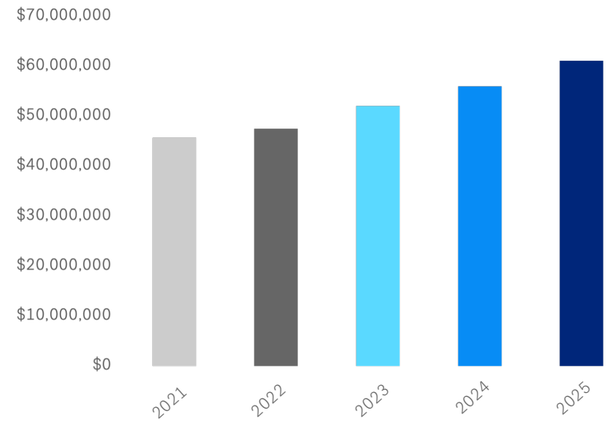
UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT



Moravian University welcomed its largest incoming class of **541 students** for the fall 2026 semester.

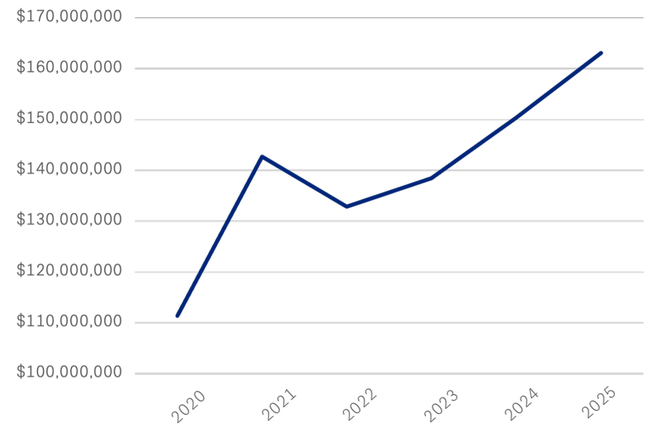
Factors contributing to this success: a favorable financial rating (BBB+ Issuer Credit Rating from S&P Global), the recent opening of the Haupert Union Building student center, and the ability to launch programs that meet the needs of the market, such as aviation management and AI-readiness. Learn more!

TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL AID DISTRIBUTED



For a full list of our supporters by community group, scan the QR code or visit *moravian.edu/thanks-recognition.*

ENDOWMENT VALUE



Moravian University received an issuer credit rating of **BBB+** from S&P Global Ratings in May. This rating reflects Moravian's long-term financial management, organizational stability, and strategic vision. Scan the QR code for the press release.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKINGS

#38
Regional Universities (North)

#28
Best Value – Regional Universities

#20
Undergraduate Teaching – Regional Universities (North)

Seminary Education



LEARNING, LEADING, AND RESPONDING

Rev. Dr. Lindsey Scott

Our work this year at the School of Theology has been deeply fulfilling, and one of its greatest joys has been getting to know you—our capacious community of lifelong learners. This community reflects the breadth of theological education today, bringing together alumni and other ministry leaders, degree and graduate certificate students, as well as lay leaders and other theologically interested folks.

Throughout the 2025–2026 academic year, we created new opportunities for our community to learn together. Our *Faith in the Public Sphere* series, an essential topic for our time, brought together our community, and our degree-seeking students enhanced the event by participating as part of their *Engaging the Questions* course.

We also gathered around the ideas and experiences of our community. Dr. Michael Toy and Rev. Dr. Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke L'21 hosted a book club for alumni, students, staff, and faculty to accompany Professor Hanna Reichel's lecture on their book, *For Such a Time as This*. Other events in the series featured alumni, faculty, staff, students, and guest speakers as panelists and lecturers, creating space for meaningful dialogue on issues shaping our communities.

Another memorable moment came as we celebrated the 25th anniversary of Lancaster Theological Seminary's LGBTQ Week with an alumni-led worship service and panel in Santee Chapel. Hearing directly from our impressive, dedicated, and passionate alumni left me blown away and inspired.

An increasing number of alumni are finding their way back to the School of Theology through the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program. This year, we made significant improvements to the program's writing phase, while a directed gift supported expanded recruitment efforts. As a result, **our incoming class is more than double the size from last year.**

That spirit of continued learning extends to Compass, our non-degree ministry training program. Three esteemed DMin alumni—Rev. Dr. Jennika Eckhaus '98, S'01, S'20, S'25, L'25, P'29, Rev. Desna Henry Goulbourne S'16, S'20, L'25, and Rev. Mandy Marie Mastros S'17, L'25—now bring their experience to Compass as instructors. Through accessible online short courses, Compass is helping alumni refresh their skills while equipping new lay and licensed ministers for service. Programs like Compass nurture the broad culture of call that is necessary as the church navigates a changing landscape.

We are also looking beyond traditional program boundaries to imagine new pathways into ministry and service. In partnership with Moravian's School of Behavioral Health, we are piloting second degree opportunities that allow Master of Divinity students to earn an additional degree, such as a Masters of Social Work or Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling, or a certificate on an accelerated timeline.

As I look back on the 2025–2026 academic year, I am grateful for you—not only as alumni, but as members of our lifelong learning community. Thank you for continuing to engage, learn, and lead with us. It is our joy to partner with you as we prepare the next generation of faith leaders.

—Rev. Dr. Lindsey Scott
Director of Strategic Programs, Lifelong Learning, and the Doctor of Ministry Program at the School of Theology at Moravian University



Hear how your support is making a difference in Jason's life.

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MTS students received $184,407 in scholarship support

FUEL FOR MINISTRY

Jason Velazquez S'28

Ministry has been a calling for **Jason Velazquez S'28** for as long as he can remember. After 25 years in ministry, he continues to be guided by a simple conviction: "I love God, I love people."

At Moravian Theological Seminary and the School of Theology, scholarship support has given Jason the freedom to pursue that calling while furthering his education. By easing the financial burden of his studies, scholarship assistance has provided something just as valuable as financial support: mental space to focus on ministry and the people he serves.

"Scholarship support allows me to focus solely on ministry with great freedom," Jason says.

> *"It's been a huge fuel for everything that I do in ministry,"* Jason says. *"Thank you for your generosity, for helping me in my life. I'll never forget it."*

His theological education is also expanding his perspective, helping him engage in deeper conversations with people whose ideologies and faith backgrounds differ from his own. He is learning that disagreement does not have to divide us—there is "room at the table" for everyone.

For Jason, the generosity of scholarship donors is more than assistance; it is encouragement and a reminder that he is on the right path. He is grateful for the help he received through the **Douglas LeTell Rights'15 Scholarship Fund** and **Allen W. & David A. Schattschneider Scholarship Fund**.

"It's been a huge fuel for everything that I do in ministry," he says. "Thank you for your generosity, for helping me in my life. I'll never forget it."

AN INVESTMENT IN THE LARGER CHURCH

Rev. Monica Guepet L'28

For **Rev. Monica Guepet L'28**, pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree is about more than advancing her own education. As an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and lead pastor of Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, she is preparing to better equip and empower lay pastors to serve alongside clergy.

Scholarship support has made that work possible. "Because of scholarship donation, I've been able to take two courses each semester," Monica explains. Her congregation also provides support, she says, "but without the scholarship donation, I would not be able to provide such focus to the studies."

Her particular area of interest is responding to questions facing the church today about the role of laity. Through her studies, she hopes to help lay pastors "read their context and serve the church alongside clergy." The impact, she says, can extend far beyond her own denomination and region, helping "not only United Methodists and the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference but the global church as well."

Monica is deeply grateful for those who support students through scholarships, particularly supporters of the **Marlin T. Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship Fund** and **First United Church of Christ, Bridgeport, Connecticut Scholarship Fund**, which funded her own journey. "This generosity is an investment not just in me as an individual but in our larger church," she says. "Thank you for privileging this and giving generously."



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LTS students received $146,000 in scholarship support

Learn more about Monica's experience and your impact.

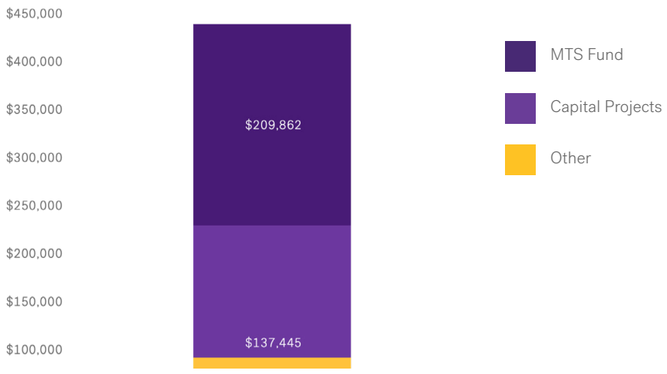
Fiscal Year in Review

Moravian Theological Seminary

Fiscal year 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) brought extraordinary milestones, from the triumphant close of the Lighting the *Way* campaign to the continued evolution of Moravian's School of Theology. We owe these achievements to our remarkable supporters, whose generosity and devotion strengthen our shared legacy.

This past year, MTS raised a **total of $440,770** received from **234 supporters,** including **nine new supporters.** Total philanthropic support includes **$209,862 for the MTS Fund,** the seminary's largest source of unrestricted aid, which supports all theology students and enhances their experience.

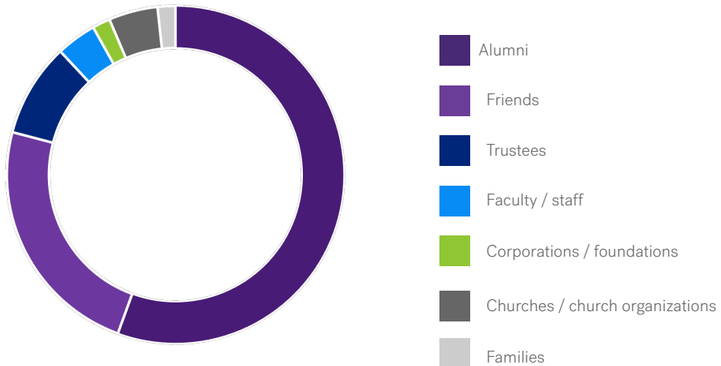
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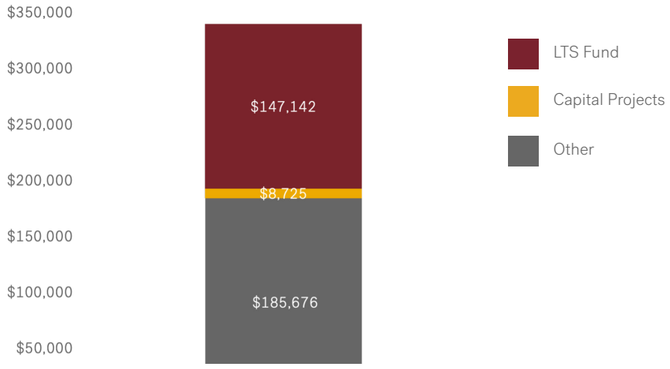


Lancaster Theological Seminary

Fiscal year 2025–2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) marked a pivotal milestone for LTS, highlighted by our 200th anniversary celebration and ongoing transition into Moravian's School of Theology. This progress reflects the steadfast generosity of our community and a shared dedication to preserving our rich history while shaping the future of theological education.

This past year, LTS raised a **total of $341,543** received from **209 supporters,** including **two new supporters.** Total philanthropic support includes **$147,142 for the LTS Fund,** LTS's largest source of unrestricted aid that supports all seminary students, helping make their education affordable and enhancing their experience.

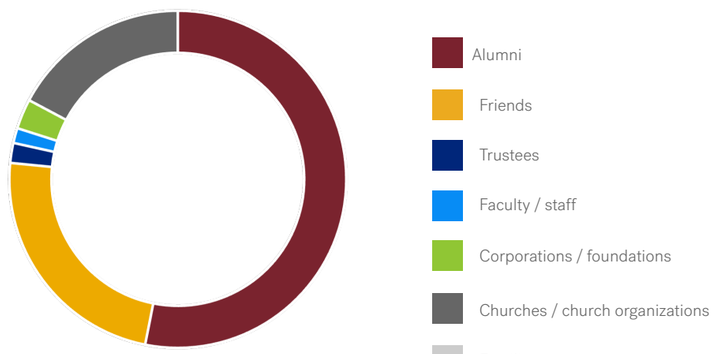
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$100 Million for the Future

Moravian University Achieves Historic Campaign Goal

Reaching a historic fundraising milestone is a moment of celebration for any institution, but for Moravian University and Theological Seminary, crossing the finish line of Lighting the *Way:* The Campaign for Moravian University is something far more profound. Lighting the *Way* soared past its ambitious $75 million fundraising goal—building upon Moravian's profound legacy and providing its students with more than $102.1 million in scholarship support, experiences, and learning spaces—and stands as the most transformative initiative in Moravian's nearly three-century history.

At its core, the success of Lighting the *Way* is a story of a community uniting behind a shared belief in the power of education. Driven by the leadership of Campaign Chair **Andrew W. Hart '90, P'23,** and Campaign Vice Chair **Rev. Dr. Nola R. Knouse S'09,** the campaign has illustrated that when alumni, families, faculty, staff, trustees, and friends join together, the resulting momentum creates an extraordinary legacy.

A Vision Embraced: Transforming Student Lives



Lighting the *Way* was designed around a bold blueprint to fortify the university's future by directly investing in the success, experiences, and physical spaces of its students. Seeing that blueprint come to life has been an unforgettable experience for those at the helm.

"When we launched Lighting the *Way,* we had an ambitious vision for what Moravian could become," reflects Hart. "To see that vision embraced by so many members of our community is incredibly rewarding."

For Hart, the true value of the campaign extends far past dollars raised—the underlying narrative demonstrates the community's shared trust in Moravian University.

"The most important aspect of Lighting the *Way* was not the fundraising itself—it was the shared commitment behind it," Hart shares. "This campaign united alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, trustees, and friends around a common purpose: creating opportunities for students and strengthening Moravian's future. The dollars matter, but the belief, engagement, and momentum generated by this campaign will be its most lasting legacy."

The tangible impact is reflected in the pillars of the campaign, which supported areas that affect students' daily lives. Moravian University raised a final total of $102.1 million, comprising an incredible $53.9 million raised for scholarships, 58% over its original goal, and $18.8 million for student experiences, 27% greater than its goal. Concurrently, $29.4 million was secured for capital projects and technology to modernize the campus, 11% over its original goal.



Knouse focuses on the campaign priorities when evaluating what Lighting the *Way* means for the student body. For Knouse, the emphasis on direct student aid is paramount. "The most important aspect of Lighting the *Way* is the scholarships," Knouse emphasizes, "To let our students graduate with minimal or no debt that hobbles their future."

Stability to Innovate: Navigating a Changing World

Beyond scholarship awards, the campaign provides Moravian with a new agility. Higher education is evolving at an unprecedented pace, requiring institutions to prepare students for an increasingly complex global landscape. Knouse notes that the campaign offers Moravian financial cushion, allowing it to focus on leading-edge educational strategies rather than basic operational endurance.

"Lighting the *Way* is providing an incredible sustainability for the institution, and that sustainability can be a terrific jumping-off place, a springboard for new ventures that will help our students become much more able and capable of handling the challenges we don't even have a clue that they're going to be facing," Knouse says.

She points to the exponential rise of artificial intelligence as a primary example of this modern shift. "10 years ago, we had no clue how extensive AI was going to be, so our students have to do more than memorize facts—they have to be able to adapt to the circumstances that are changing around them every moment."

This sustainability allows Moravian to lean confidently into new programming, such as its recent aviation initiative, and continue expanding its School of Theology.

"The sustainability and financial stability provided by Lighting the *Way* is going to open a lot of doors because we're not worried about survival," Knouse notes. "And when you don't have to worry about survival, then you can be adventuresome and start thinking about thriving as a university, as a seminary, and seeing our students adopt that mentality of thriving and reaching for big goals. My hope is that our students graduate with a mindset of abundance rather than a mindset of scarcity."

Resilience and Growth at the Seminary

The campaign's triumph is also felt by Moravian Theological Seminary, which raised nearly $7 million during a period of transformation. Over the course of the campaign, the seminary navigated multiple dean and faculty transitions, designed a reimagined curriculum, and executed a historic consolidation with the Lancaster Theological Seminary. Despite these sweeping updates, the seminary community stepped up with astounding support, achieving $5 million for scholarships, $1.6 million for experiences, and over 300,000 for technology and resources.

"For the level of support to come through anyway says to me that we love our seminary," Knouse says. She adds that while the structural transitions required deep resilience from the students, it served as a powerful real-world lesson. "They've been learning of resilience and learning that human difficulties aren't gonna stop the purposes of God."

A Message of Profound Gratitude

As the Lighting the *Way* campaign transitions into Moravian's history books, the emotion from campaign leadership is overwhelming gratitude to everyone who stepped up to contribute.

"My message is simple. Thank you, thank you, thank you," says Hart. "This campaign has succeeded because people believed in Moravian's mission and chose to invest in our future. Whether someone made a leadership gift or a first-time contribution, they became part of something bigger than themselves. They created opportunities for students that they never met, and that's an extraordinary act of generosity."

Knouse harmonizes with this gratitude, noting that every donor has left an indelible mark on the university's legacy. "A big, big, big thank you. What you have done with your support is provide an incredible, unmistakable vote of confidence in the future of Moravian University and Theological Seminary. You've done that so that any success Moravian students have in the future, you can pat yourself on the back for."

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