



Shaping our future

Annual Report

2024-2025

MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY

Lighting
the Way



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A Letter from the President

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

Dear Moravian community,

It's the 284th academic year at Moravian University—one filled with growth, innovation, and promise. In a time when many institutions of higher education face uncertainty, Moravian stands strong in our third century. Our rich history, enduring values, and unwavering commitment to education for all continue to support and guide our future.

Recently recognized as the fastest-growing university in the region, Moravian continues to build on its strong foundation. This fall, we will celebrate the rededication of our expanded Hauptert Union Building (HUB), a cornerstone of our commitment to student life and our community, commemorate the establishment of the Institute for Moravian History and World Heritage, and mark the unification of the School of Theology, uniting our two seminaries to deliver exceptional theological education. Truly, there is much to celebrate.

You are at the heart of this progress. Your belief in our mission and in the power of education has built the Moravian experience we cherish today. Through your support, more than 99% of our students receive financial support, making their education accessible and their experience enriching. Every gift of support, hour of volunteer service, and act of mentorship helps craft the future of Moravian.

You are stepping up for our students every day, and their achievements affirm why our mission is so important. Every success they achieve is a reflection of your investment in their potential. Thank you for being a vital part of our community. As we move into the final year of *Lighting the Way: The Campaign for Moravian University*, let us continue to build up our students and support their dreams. Together, we carry forward a legacy of learning, leadership, and impact.

With gratitude,

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

The new HUB will support
our campus and the
Bethlehem community
in unprecedented ways.
President Grigsby discusses
our new student center
opening this fall.



Our Students

Watch a thank-you message from Rachel to learn how your support makes her experience special.



1,935
students received scholarship support— that's 99% of enrolled students

ABILITY TO DREAM BIGGER

Rachel Casimir '27

There was a time **Rachel Casimir '27** didn't know if a four-year university was a possibility for her. Despite her financial concerns, she applied to a handful of colleges and received acceptance letters. The financial support Moravian University offered her was a difference-maker. She visited, loved the campus, and enrolled.

Rachel is a marketing management major and aspires to be a corporate transactional attorney defending small businesses and franchises. Growing up, she watched her immigrant father struggle as an entrepreneur. It lit a fire in her to one day defend business owners like him.

“Coming from a low-income family, I'd assumed I would go straight to the workforce or attend community college. However, thanks to your help, I've had the opportunity to dream bigger,” Rachel says.

When asked to describe herself in one sentence, Rachel is focused on her future, “I'm someone who's doing her best to make a lot out of a little.” She's taking advantage of every opportunity at Moravian, including networking and learning to market herself, as well as participating in various student groups. She currently serves as an orientation leader and volunteer with Vespers, plus she has executive board positions with the Black Student Union and Pre-Law Society. She says she's found a home in Moravian's community, and she look forward to giving back in the years to come to help future Greyhounds with similar backgrounds and goals.

FOLLOWING HIS DREAMS

Amari Anaya '27

For **Amari Anaya '27**, a music performance major, his Moravian experience has been a stage where he's discovered his voice, his rhythm, and his purpose. "My favorite part of being a Moravian student is how I'm able to immerse myself in my art," he says. "Being able to pursue so many different avenues of music is very important to me."

From day one, Amari has taken advantage of opportunities Moravian's vibrant music program offers. He holds multiple leadership positions in Moravian's music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, performs in various choirs and ensembles, and is a drum major in the marching band.

"My favorite part of being a Moravian student is how I'm able to immerse myself in my art. Being able to pursue so many different avenues of music is very important to me," Amari says.

Moravian has been the place where passion meets opportunity for Amari. With every performance and rehearsal, he's shaping a future defined by music, service, and self-expression.

"Being part of organizations that allow me to follow my passion is a dream come true," he says.



\$2.3M
*in scholarship support
was distributed to our
students*



10

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



COMMUNITY LIKE NO OTHER

Sophia Zeng Rivera '24, G'26

According to **Sophia Zeng Rivera '24, G'26**, Moravian made her the person and leader she is today. As an undergraduate student, she majored in health sciences on the pre-physical therapy track. Today, she is continuing her education in Moravian's doctor of physical therapy program.

Sophia participated in many student groups and opportunities available to her as a student. She was a member of multiple honor societies, academic and social clubs, and Greek life. She also served as a resident advisor, on the Moravian Activities Council, Moravian's largest student-run organization that plans safe, sober events for students, the 26-Points Club, a recruitment organization, and as a student alumni representative.

Even as a student, Sophia gave back to Moravian to support current and future Greyhounds. Today, she gives a recurring monthly gift and is a member of the Comenius GOLD Society, a giving society for young alumni (Graduates of the Last Decade) who want to make an impact on Moravian's future. She supports the Moravian Scholarship Fund, Moravian's largest unrestricted scholarship fund that helps alleviate students' financial hardship and enhances their experience.

"I have a lot of friends who come to Moravian through scholarships," Sophia says. "Being able to give back and see them do amazing things on our campus and be leaders in their communities on these scholarships is really amazing."

Sophia treasures the strong sense of mentorship she has found through Moravian's faculty and staff. She hopes that future students, especially those supported by scholarships, will also find guidance and encouragement from these relationships. Above all, what makes Moravian most special to her is its community—something she describes as unique, supportive, and truly like family. For her, Moravian will always feel like home.

Their Future



AN INSTITUTE FOR MORAVIAN HERITAGE

Dr. Katherine Faull

The launch of the **Institute for Moravian History and World Heritage** is a transformative moment in Moravian University's history—one that positions the institution as the academic cornerstone of Bethlehem's World Heritage designation. As I reflect on the year that includes the institute's founding, I am thrilled to share the beginning we are building for what will be a global center for Moravian studies.

Our Institute builds on the legacy of the Center for Moravian Studies, which was established in 1992 through a generous grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation to share the rich history and scholarship of the Moravian Church and led by Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood S'87. Since the inscription of the Bethlehem Moravian Settlement into the UNESCO World Heritage sites, the new Institute has the mission to serve as a beacon of educational innovation, bridging rigorous scholarship with cutting-edge digital technology. This year, we have assembled an exceptional leadership team: Dr. Craig Atwood as academic director of Moravian studies and scholarly publications, Dr. Richard Anderson as director of public humanities and academic programs, and Dr. Paul Peucker as director of archival resources and research. Together, we are developing initiatives that preserve, interpret, and share the universal values of Moravian heritage with audiences worldwide.

We are already making significant progress on our digital infrastructure, beginning work on a comprehensive Moravian heritage digital archive that will catalog primary documents, artifacts, and architectural drawings housed in our major archives. Leveraging our Apple Distinguished School status, we are creating innovative mobile applications and immersive digital experiences that will democratize access to Moravian history for scholars, students, and visitors globally.

We are planning our academic programming with the development of three certificate programs in world heritage studies, public and digital humanities, and Moravian world heritage studies. These programs will serve working professionals, educators, and international students while generating sustainable revenue for the Institute. We are also planning the International Conference on Moravian History for November 2026, which will bring together scholars from all four World Heritage Moravian Church settlements.

Perhaps most importantly, we are strengthening partnerships with Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, the Moravian Historical Society, and international colleagues in Germany, Denmark, and Northern Ireland. These collaborations ensure our work contributes to a vibrant heritage ecosystem that benefits our entire community.

As we look ahead, the Institute will create unprecedented opportunities for our students to engage with living heritage in their own backyard while contributing to global conversations about cultural preservation, community building, and educational innovation. The Moravian spirit of collaboration, education, and innovation continues to inspire new generations through this exciting initiative.

—**Dr. Katherine Faull**
Vice President for Moravian Heritage
Executive Director, Institute for Moravian History and World Heritage
Professor of Practice, German and Humanities

LEARNING ABOUT OUR ROOTS

Briann Baily '25

Briann Baily '25 was one of 21 students who participated in the Moravian World Heritage Experience in May, and she describes the trip as “life-changing.” Through the travel program, students visited the four sites that make up the transnational Moravian Church Settlements World Heritage designation: Prague, Czech Republic, Herrnhut, Germany, Christiansfeld, Denmark, and Gracehill, Northern Ireland.

The group was accompanied by President Bryon Grigsby '90 and Mrs. Lea B. Grigsby P'22, P'26, P'29 and Dean for Spirituality and Inclusion and Director of Moravian Church Relations Rt. Rev. Jennika Eckhaus '98, S'01, S'20, S'25, L'25.

“I’ve returned with a deeper understanding of my heritage, new friendships, and memories that I will truly cherish for the rest of my life,” Briann says.

Briann graduated in May with degrees in communications and sociology. Her goals for the trip were simple yet powerful: to explore new places, broaden her perspective, and create lasting memories. From the moment she arrived, those hopes were far exceeded. Briann immersed herself in the cultures of each country, learning about different currencies, local histories, and unique traditions.

Herrnhut, Germany stood out as her favorite stop on the trip. Briann says the group attended a church service that allowed her to reflect on the spiritual history tied to the community. Prague also left an impression with its slower pace, welcoming people, and vibrant mix of activities for visitors.

“Beyond the heritage sites, this trip was filled with unforgettable adventures,” Briann says. “From walking the cobblestone streets of Prague to experiencing the peaceful spirit of Herrnhut to learning about the Moravian community in Christiansfeld and embracing the beauty and warmth of Ireland, every moment was eye-opening and inspiring.”

155
students studied abroad, including 78 who had never traveled outside the United States



MAKING AN IMPACT

Kathryn Puharic '27

For **Kathryn Puharic '27**, pursuing an internship was about finding a way to merge her two passions: helping others and protecting the environment. This summer, the environmental science major found the perfect fit at Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, where she worked as an education and aquarist intern.

Kathryn says no two days were ever the same—some mornings were spent giving tours to summer camp groups and older visitors, while other times she collaborated with the education coordinator to design engaging programs on marine conservation. She also had the unforgettable experience of assisting staff in feeding and caring for the aquarium's diverse marine life.

Kathryn says the most rewarding moments of her experience were watching visitors' faces light up during a program or tour. Whether she was explaining the dangers of plastic pollution or showing children the wonders of marine ecosystems, Kathryn felt she was making a difference.

"Educating the public about marine conservation allowed me to feel like I was making an impact long after guests left the aquarium," Kathryn says.

Kathryn's connection to the aquarium runs deep—growing up near the Jersey Shore, she spent countless hours walking beaches, collecting shells, and wondering how small creatures fit into the broader marine ecosystem. Returning to the place that sparked her passion felt especially meaningful. Kathryn received an internship stipend, funded by a generous supporter, which helped alleviate travel costs associated with her internship, which was unpaid. She said without the stipend, she would not have had guaranteed transportation.

1,400+

students engaged in one-on-one career coaching and 91 were placed in for-credit internships



270

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

A SECOND FAMILY

Maia Machado '27

Student-athlete **Maia Machado '27** says Moravian quickly became her second home. The communication science and disorders major has fully immersed herself in the Greyhound community. She is a standout on both the field hockey and lacrosse teams, being named to the Landmark Conference honor roll—which recognizes student-athletes of sophomore standing and above with a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher—for both semesters during her first year of eligibility. Maia also finds time to be active in Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. Managing academics, athletics, and involvement has been a challenge she has embraced, thanks to her supportive environment.

"I chose Moravian because of the small, tight-knit community," Maia says. "I love going everywhere and seeing people I know. The coaches and teachers truly care about you here and make it feel like a second family."

That sense of belonging has been the highlight of her Moravian journey so far. Maia thrives on the encouragement she receives from professors, coaches, and peers. "What I enjoy most about my Moravian experience is the community. The teachers, coaches, and friends you meet here will always push you to do your best."

"I love going everywhere and seeing people I know. The coaches and teachers truly care about you here and make it feel like a second family," Maia says.

Her experience as a student-athlete has also fueled her personal growth, teaching her the value of teamwork and community. "This environment has taught me how to balance my time, and approach challenges with a positive attitude."



Do you want to help our students in need? Scan the QR code to support the Helping Hounds Student Fund or visit moravian.edu/giving/student-need to learn more about Moravian's initiatives and how you can help.



SUPPORTING STUDENT NEED

Mo's Cupboard Team

Student need on college campuses is a growing crisis across the nation. According to the Hope Center for Student Basic Needs at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, **three in five college students do not have enough to eat or a safe, consistent place to live.**

Student need at Moravian University is nearly as dire. The Hope Center polled a random sampling of 239 Moravian students in spring 2025 via email. They found **nearly 50 percent of respondents were experiencing at least one basic need insecurity**, ranging from food insecurity to housing insecurity and homelessness. They discovered:

- **Over 41 percent** of respondents experienced low or very low food security, meaning they have limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe food, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. (see *Figure 1*)
- **More than one in four** respondents experienced at least one challenge that prevented them from having a consistent and affordable place to live in the previous year. (see *Figure 2*)

But what is different at Moravian is the resources being offered to help students offset their needs. **Greg Meyer, dean for community wellness, Aileen Thompson, community support coordinator, and In-Chi Chow-Rivera P'24, P'26, executive administrative assistant for student life**, are behind these resources and empowering students to stay in college, gain access to what they need to be well, and succeed.

"I see a lot of students who have challenges and barriers to both physiological needs and safety needs, which sometimes can impact their mental health. Without basic needs of food, housing, and stability being met, it is unrealistic and impractical to have the ability to focus on school," Aileen explains. "Ultimately, in rare and unfortunate circumstances, some students decide to take a leave of absence to focus on their mental health and basic needs in order to come back in another semester."

"Without basic needs of food, housing, and stability being met, it is unrealistic and impractical to have the ability to focus on school," Aileen says.

Last year, the team worked with campus partners to develop the **Helping Hounds Student Fund**, which provides flexible aid to support students. Contributions support further initiatives on campus, like Mo's Cupboard, Moravian's on-campus food and resource pantry, and Mo's Fund, targeted support for students experiencing emergencies and hardship. While initiatives like Mo's Cupboard and Mo's Fund have existed for years, the Helping Hounds Student Fund gives Greg and his team the flexibility to use the unrestricted funds to help students however they deem necessary.

"In the 2024–2025 academic year, we spent \$18,626.69 directly on students and \$3,145.56 on food and other essentials for the cupboard. We spent \$10,763.49 from the Mo's Fund budget which benefitted eight students," Greg says. "Monetary support is the most important thing because then we can meet the variety of needs that arise. We also post some of our most-needed items on our Amazon Wishlist, which usually includes toiletries and cleaning supplies. We also can always use volunteers, so if people have time they want to give, they should reach out."

Student use of Mo's Cupboard has also skyrocketed since its inception. In 2018, the pantry helped 22 students; just last year, it supported 1,168 students—which is also nearly twice the number during the 2023–2024 academic year.

"We have extremely resilient and determined students here [at Moravian]. With the support of Mo's Cupboard, assisting in meeting basic needs, and with the support of family and friends, these students receive the higher basic needs of love, belonging, self-esteem, and self-actualization," Aileen says.



1,168
students visited
Mo's Cupboard
18,809 times

FIGURE 1. STUDENT EXPERIENCES WITH FOOD INSECURITY

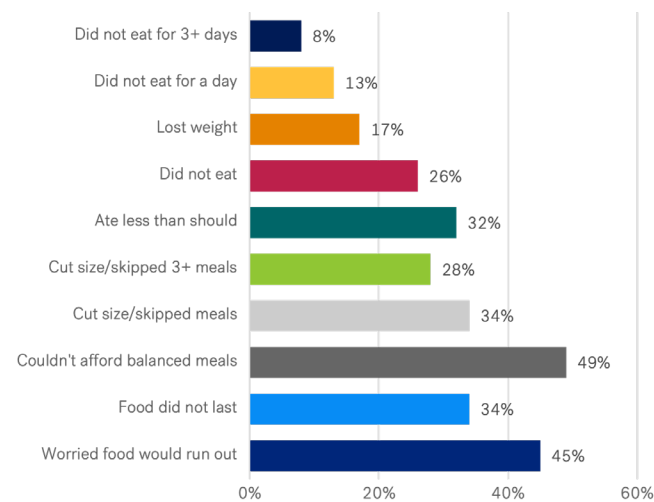
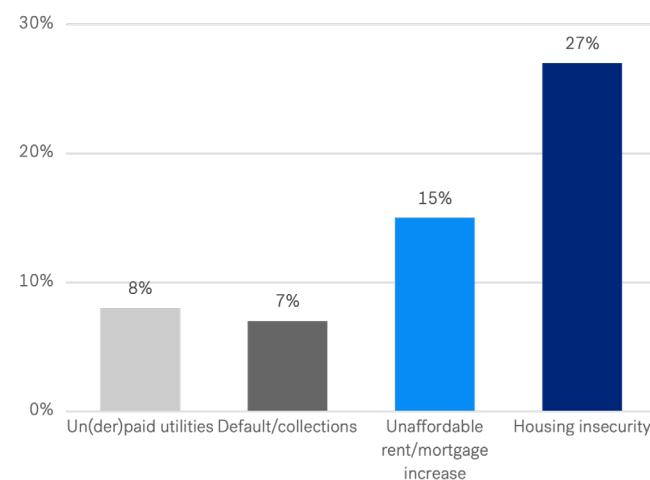


FIGURE 2. STUDENT EXPERIENCES WITH HOUSING INSECURITY



The Next Generation




The HUB is the first WELL-certified building in the Lehigh Valley and only the second higher education institution in Pennsylvania

STUDENT-CENTERED FROM THE GROUND UP

Amber Donato

Since the start of planning in March 2020, **Amber Donato, associate director of project management**, has been deeply involved in every stage of the Hauptert Union Building (HUB) transformation. Serving as the primary conduit between the Moravian community and the design and construction teams, Amber has coordinated across multiple fronts, working closely with Warfel Construction, Earl Swensson Associates, Inc. (ESa), and other partners, overseeing all aspects of the project from planning through construction, to final move-in. Her coordination with project engineers was also key to the HUB achieving WELL certification—it is the first WELL-certified building in the Lehigh Valley, the second higher education institution in Pennsylvania, and just one of 13 in the state.

“In Facilities, we act as the conduit between the campus community and our design and construction teams. I have assisted in the selection of the construction manager, furniture vendor, donor recognition package, and building signage,” Amber says. “Nearly all of these components require various levels of coordination with our campus community. It’s my job to make sure what is selected supports the needs of the campus.”

Amber has watched the HUB evolve from a series of blueprints into a nearly complete student union, and it has been both a long journey and a rewarding one. “The program and design changed a number of times as we worked to make this the best possible student union for our community,” she explains.

Amber says some of the most meaningful moments throughout the transformation have come from walking departments through their new spaces in the HUB for the first time. “For so many months, all they have seen are the floor plans of their office space and the building go up as they walk by. But the first time they were able to actually walk through their spaces, to see their excitement was very rewarding.”

Looking ahead, she’s eager for students to experience the building firsthand. “The new HUB will finally reflect the excitement of all the amazing activities, programming, and services that Moravian offers to our students. The Moravian community is so vibrant and deserving of a space that reflects that vitality. It’s going to be exciting to see the students enjoying the spaces we have labored over for so long.”

INVESTMENT IN THE HUB

Mark Reed

For **Mark Reed**, vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer, his role in new campus projects begins long before construction starts. His work starts with campus land-use planning and capacity analysis studies that reveal the institution's next pressing needs and identify where future buildings should rise. Once construction begins, his focus shifts to ensuring projects finish on time and within budget, balancing timelines with financial responsibility.

For the HUB, there was a unique alignment—the university's greatest need matched perfectly with its strategic plan, specifically its strong student focus, making the HUB expansion project not just practical but mission-driven. Mark believes the new building will inspire students, faculty, and staff, especially at a time of unprecedented growth and as it continues to expand its undergraduate and graduate academic offerings.

"I just think it is a feel good building. When people get to see it, feel it, and experience it, the word I've been using is 'spectacular.' I think it is a spectacular building, and I cannot be happier and more excited for the community to experience it," Mark says.

Mark views the project as transformational. He says while many other colleges in the Lehigh Valley and beyond are experiencing challenges with enrollment and finances, he hopes the new HUB serves as a symbol of optimism for Moravian's positive standing and motivates and excites the community. He acknowledges measuring return on investment can be complex, but he believes the building's impact will be clear in student recruitment, enrollment, and overall campus spirit.

Among the HUB's many features, Mark is most excited for the community to enjoy its four outdoor terraces, particularly those on the fourth floor which offer breathtaking views. He believes the building is more than a structure—it is, in his words, "spectacular."

Mark Reed speaks on the unique alignment of Moravian's greatest need and its student-focused strategic plan.



80+
student groups and clubs are available to students across campus to help them thrive

EXCITED TO GET STARTED

Alexis Coleman '27

When **Alexis Coleman '27** first arrived on campus, the communications major and graphic design minor wanted to be part of something larger than herself. She discovered the Moravian Activities Council (MAC) at the club fair and quickly realized the organization would shape her Moravian experience.

After about a year in MAC, she took on the leadership role of public relations director to help generate fresh ideas and elevate MAC's outreach. Her regular work includes coordinating large events and promoting the council's work across campus. She says she has learned a great deal in managing budgets and problem solving.

MAC is one of the student organizations that will be moving into the new HUB in the coming months and will have a designated office. According to Alexis, MAC events previously held in classrooms will now be able to be hosted in the HUB's event spaces, allowing them to expand and take advantage of state-of-the-art technology and resources.

"I have been very excited for a new HUB since it was announced, and seeing it grow every day makes me even more excited as construction wraps up," Alexis says. *"The MAC office will make an impact on my daily routine with planning and hosting events as a MAC member. It will be different than before, but I am very fortunate to have this experience with the new HUB, and I can't wait to see what it brings for me."*

Alexis says the new student center represents a fresh start—a place where MAC's impact can grow even stronger.

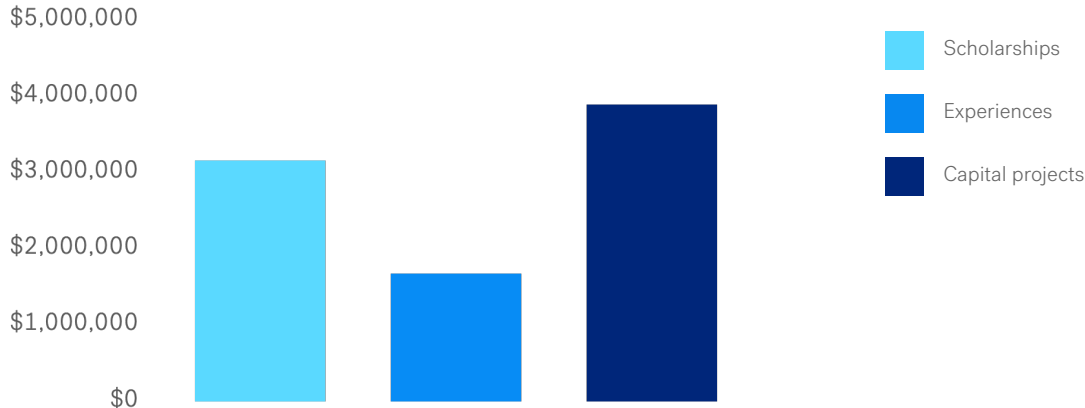
Fiscal Year in Review

Moravian University

The 2024–2025 fiscal year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) was a remarkable year of growth and new beginnings, and none of our success would have been possible without the generous support and dedication of our community.

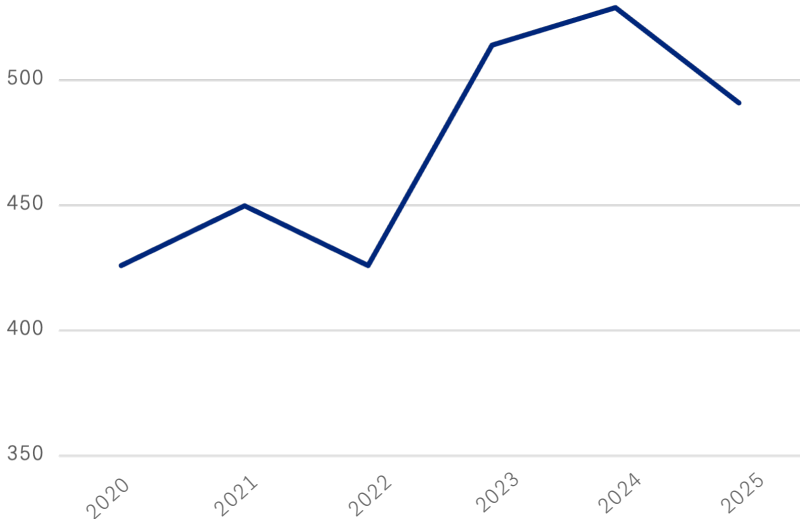
This year, Moravian University raised a total of \$8,721,798 received from 3,701 total supporters, including 866 new supporters. Total philanthropic support includes \$1,183,046 raised for the Moravian Scholarship Fund, our largest source of unrestricted aid, which helps make students' education affordable and enhances their experience.

TOTAL PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT BY IMPACT AREA



Total support raised: \$8,721,798

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

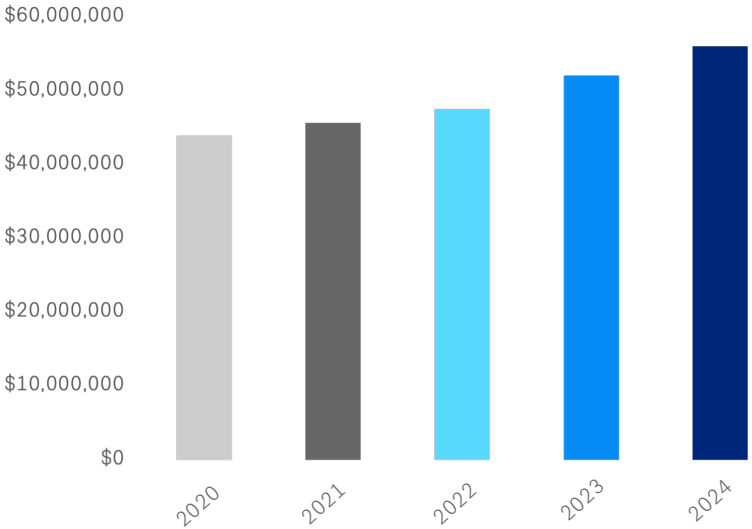


Moravian University was recently recognized as the fastest-growing university in the mid-Atlantic region and the fifth fastest-growing university in the nation.

The Class of 2029 includes 491 first-year students comprising 199 (40%) first-generation students and 60 legacy students.

Visit moravian.edu/fastest-growing to read more.

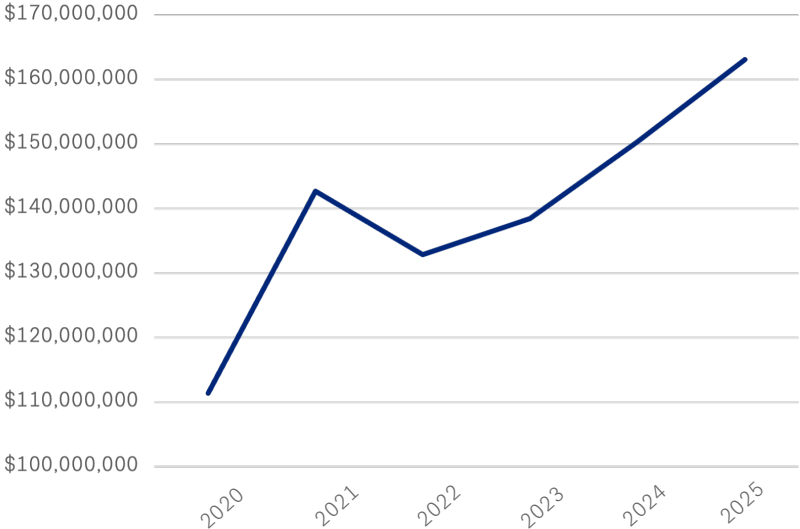
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL AID DISTRIBUTED



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ENDOWMENT VALUE



Moravian University received an issuer credit rating of BBB+ from S&P Global Ratings in May. This rating reflects Moravian's strong enterprise profile, steady enrollment, innovative management, and adequate financial profile. Scan the QR code for the full report.



U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKINGS

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Regional Universities North

#32

Best Value Schools

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Best Colleges for Veterans

Seminary Education



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: A NEW DIRECTION

Dr. Christian Rice

As I step into this role as vice president and dean of the School of Theology at Moravian University, I am filled with excitement about the new beginnings that await us. We are now officially one institution and we will, without question, be stronger together. I have had the lovely opportunity to meet with alumni from both LTS and MTS during the Meet the Dean tour this summer. The conversations were inspiring, and our shared sense of purpose was evident. Both seminary communities are the inheritors of distinctive and rich theological traditions whose resources are invaluable in the formation of future faith leaders and religious professionals. These precious inheritances are not to be taken lightly, and they will continue to serve as the inspiration for our education and worship as we move forward.

We start this new year with much optimism. We have just hired two new faculty and are seeing growing interest in our innovative programs, such as our Spiritual Direction Program and our Doctor of Ministry Program. This fall, we are beginning our new Master of Religion in Public Life degree which will offer comprehensive religious literacy for professionals from all career backgrounds. The new Institute for Moravian History and World Heritage will partner with the School of Theology to create truly unique educational opportunities for our students. We are offering a series of lifelong learning events this upcoming year, which are open to all. The fact that our school is embedded in such a strong university system will continue to provide us with great opportunities to be innovative and collaborative.

In closing, I see the education we are offering at the School of Theology as fundamentally critical to the shaping of our society. Many voices are suggesting that our society is currently suffering from a deficit of compassion. In this context, I think a theological education is exactly what is needed. While all education is intended to contribute to an individual's growth, theological education does this by intentionally inviting the head into a dialogue with the heart. We are making the space for there to be deep learning—learning impacted by the stories of others, while also shaped by the theological traditions we so deeply love. This is an exciting time for us, and I hope you will continue to partner with us as we begin the first chapter of the School of Theology this fall.

—Dr. Christian Rice

Vice President and Dean, School of Theology at Moravian University



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



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MTS students received \$200,279 in scholarship support

EXPERIENCING LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES

Mark Achtermann L'26

Mark Achtermann L'26 is using connections and opportunities at Lancaster Theological Seminary to make the most of his seminary journey. He is studying for his Master of Divinity degree and recently traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border. He worked with ministries focused on food and housing security, as well as environmental and immigration justice. He says the experience was transformative, giving him insight into the ways faith communities respond to pressing social challenges and strengthening his own call to connect theology with action.

“As in every age, the Church faces vital challenges today, and we must face them with the guidance of the ever-changing and changeless Spirit and the wisdom and experiences of the saints who have gone before,” Mark says.

Closer to home, Mark serves as a researcher and teacher with the Whittle Farm Project in the lower Susquehanna Valley. There, volunteers plant and harvest seven acres of sustainable vegetables, all of which are donated to local food banks. Through this ministry, Mark has been able to advance ecological theology in both theory and practice, weaving together scholarship, service, and sustainability.

SPECIAL CONNECTIONS

Rebecca Lepore '95, S'27

For **Rebecca Lepore '95, S'27**, the most meaningful part of her seminary journey has been the deep connections she has formed within both the Moravian Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary communities. As the two seminaries have joined together, Rebecca has found her education enriched by a broader network of faculty, students, and perspectives that have expanded her spiritual and theological formation.

Rebecca is pursuing her Master of Divinity degree and says attending MTS feels like coming home. Her father, the Rt. Rev. Douglas H. Kleintop, graduated from MTS in 1975, and during his pastorate at College Hill Moravian Church, Rebecca grew up in the parsonage next door. As a child, she roller skated along the sidewalks in front of the Bahnson Center, played the organ in the Saal, and eventually directed the seminary choir for 13 years. Most importantly, she has always loved the Moravian Church, making her decision to pursue seminary a deeply personal one.

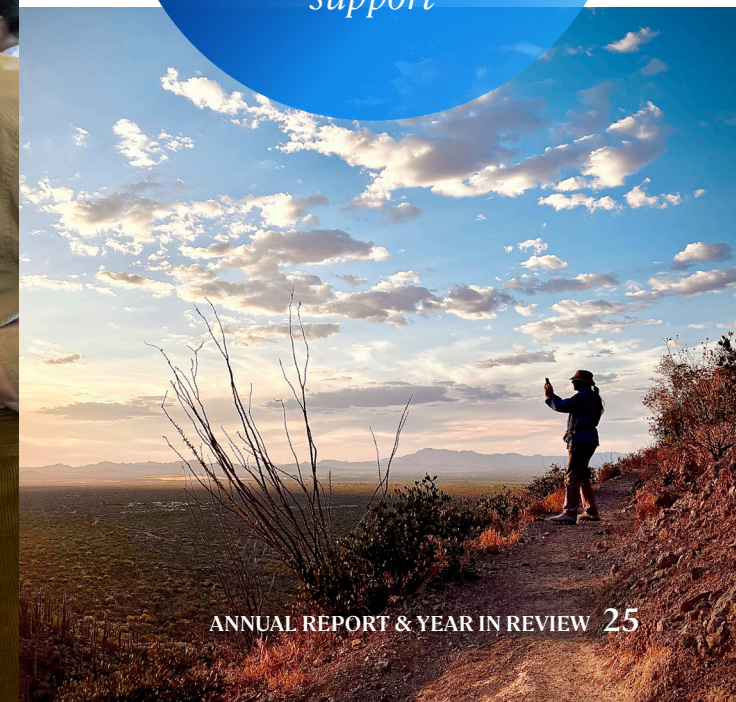
“I want to help people understand how extraordinary is the love of Jesus and to help them find God in both the joyful moments and in those times of deep and profound sadness and darkness,” Rebecca says. *“Never did I think that my life would go in this direction, but here I am, so I’m trusting God on every step of this journey with the prayer, ‘Lord, do with me as you will.’”*

Rebecca says she is especially grateful for the classes she has taken with Rev. Dr. Catherine Williams of LTS, whose teaching has shaped her growth in profound ways. She is also thankful for the friendships she has built with her LTS peers—through their honest and candid sharing of life experiences, she has gained new insights into faith, ministry, and the many paths that bring people to seminary.



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LTS students received \$932,552 in scholarship support



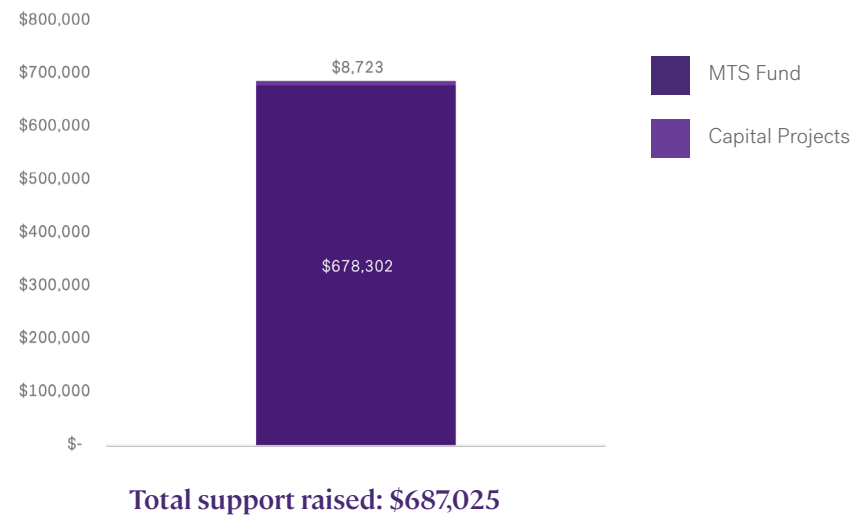
Fiscal Year in Review

Moravian Theological Seminary

Fiscal year 2024–2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) was a special time of growth, transition, and accomplishments made possible by our generous supporters.

This past year, Moravian Theological Seminary raised a **total of \$687,025** received from **192 supporters**, including **three new supporters**. Total philanthropic support includes **\$678,302 for the MTS Fund**, the seminary's largest source of unrestricted aid, which supports all seminary students, helping make their education affordable and enhancing their experience.

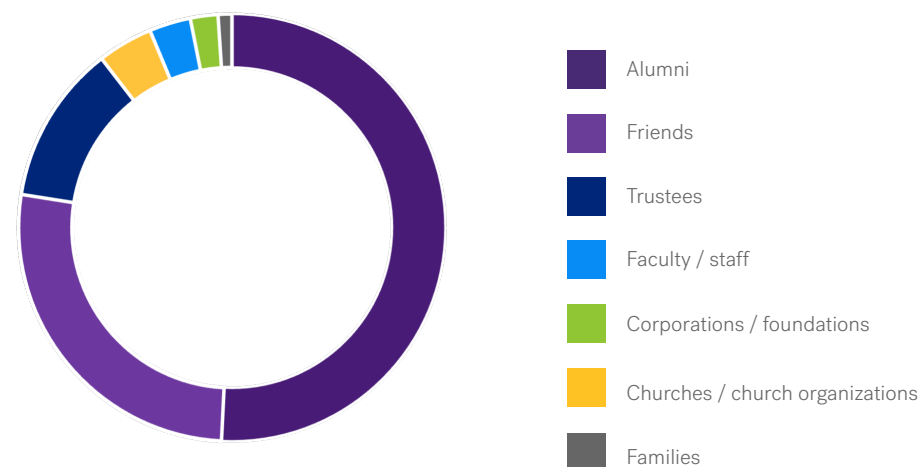
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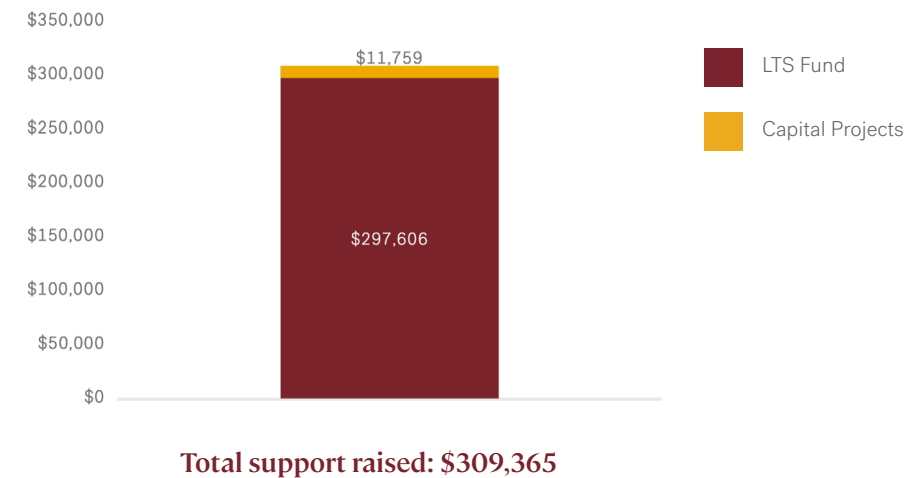


Lancaster Theological Seminary

Fiscal year 2024–2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) was an incredible year filled with accomplishments thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Lancaster Theological Seminary celebrated its bicentennial anniversary, honoring the commitment and resilience of the LTS community.

This past year, LTS raised a **total of \$309,365** received from **343 supporters**, including **15 new supporters**. Total philanthropic support includes **\$297,606 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.

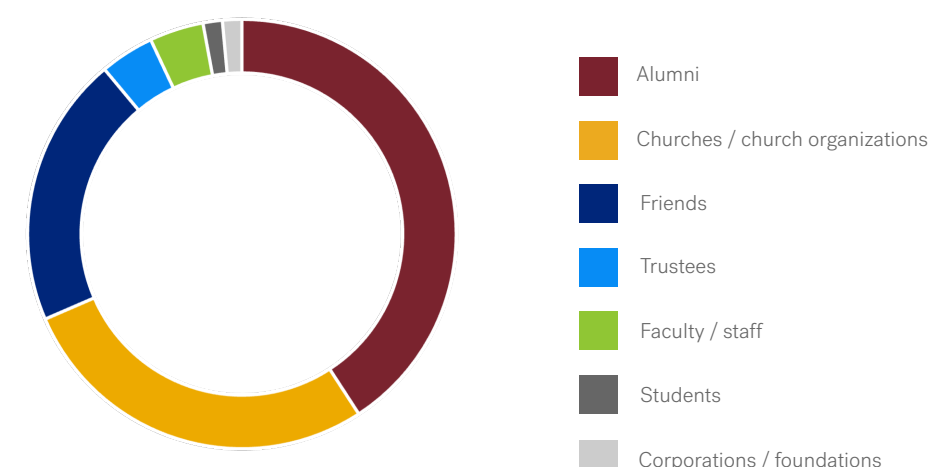
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