

FAST FORWARD FIFTY YEARS:

Imagine what the world could look like with Scots at the helm. Headlines transform from problems to solutions. Apathy turns to action. Light is shed on some of the most difficult challenges. We've imagined what it will take to meet the future and we're ready to get started.

Together, we can make the world brighter.

BRIGHTER DAYS

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As we turn the page on Macalester's 150th anniversary, I'm reflecting on the incredible year we had—full of celebration, learning, joy, and a whole lot of pride! My heart is full of gratitude for the countless people who have nurtured and shaped Macalester over the past 150 years. You all are part of our rich story, and I see this legacy in action every single day.

This year, I've been continually inspired by the spark within our community. We tackle tough challenges with curiosity, turn big ideas into action, and show up with unwavering belief in our shared mission to create a more just and peaceful world. Across generations and across continents, you support each other and make Macalester stronger every day. I see it all around me—on campus, in the classroom, and in our strategic plan. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the college are working together to make Mac even more irresistible to future generations of students.

We're taking the next step to deliver on our strategic plan's commitments. We're launching **Brighter**, a bold and ambitious fundraising campaign designed to set Macalester up for success for another 150 years (more details on page 14). This campaign has been shaped by feedback and ideas from so many of you, and I'm grateful to everyone who has already helped focus **Brighter** on what matters most—the student journey—and created early momentum through your generosity and support.

I can't wait to see where we go from here and all that we'll accomplish together in the coming years. Thank you for being a key part of Macalester's bright future!

Yours,
Dr. Suzanne M. Rivera
President



See how we celebrated our sesquicentennial.



IT STARTS HERE

What began as a research project during Juan Pineda's sophomore year became an internship during study away in Copenhagen, led to an honors project on therapeutic targets for ALS, and became an offer from Harvard as a post-doctoral candidate. Typical, for a Scot. They leave Macalester prepared and they leave having received countless hours of help from everyone around them—advisors, mentors, job coaches, professors, friends. That support adds up to a job offer, an acceptance letter, a robust plan of action after Commencement. On average over ninety percent of graduating seniors are employed in their chosen field, attending graduate school, interning or on fellowships, or in the Peace Corps six months after Commencement.

22.5

Million dollars given by 8,292 donors during our last fiscal year to support students like Juan.

7.6

Million dollars specifically earmarked for financial aid. We're one of sixty-six colleges in the country—of more than four thousand—that meet 100 percent of admitted students' demonstrated financial need.

The Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center was renovated during the summer as part of Macalester's strategic plan. In response to student input, the renovated facility features more social gathering spaces for students and expanded seating in Café Mac, the main dining hall.



FINDING HOME

Five hundred and sixty new students arrived on campus in fall 2024. Friendships blossomed in places that said *stay awhile*. Memories were made and new ideas came to life, creating a caring community of learners, thinkers, and doers. It matters where you live and where you learn. That's why we're putting efforts into creating spaces that make it easy to do both.



View our comprehensive campus plan.

Hennepin County Public Defender's Office Ian Glejzer '25



HOME Line Hamza Mahamud '26



International Institute of Minnesota Olivia Johnson '25



Global Rights for Women Kampe Rushoka '26



Hallie Q. Brown Community Center Mac Williams '26



ACLU of Minnesota Willow Albano '26



WHAT HAPPENS ON CAMPUS LEAVES CAMPUS

At Macalester, learning isn't anchored to a classroom or an address. We bring those learnings into neighborhoods, organizations, and businesses throughout the Twin Cities. Our students work with community partners, and what happens during that time is something they create together.

Urban Agriculture Reece McKee '25



Lyndale Neighborhood Association Mandy Week '25



AND IMPACTS THE WORLD

Yes, Macalester students are busy in the Twin Cities, but they also explore other communities through study away programs and our own Live It Fund grants. What they learn gives them a better understanding of their place in the world and how to be good citizens wherever they go.



Joanna Zeng '24 (left) and Merel Adriaanse '25 led Caring for Carers, a project at the Dulabhatorn Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand. There, they helped caregivers of children with disabilities by rebuilding community and support networks, empowering caregivers to value their work and well-being.



LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE

You've just read an article about nuclear proliferation. The expert? A Macalester professor. On NBC Nightly News is another Mac professor talking about gentle parenting. Next up? A professor who is leading a team of students to Norway through a grant to study climate change.

When our students enter a classroom, they're being taught by creative and thoughtful scholars who love teaching. Here, the doors are open and because of that, minds are opened wider.



Read more about faculty in the news.

11.9

Million dollars in grants awarded to faculty from eighty different funders over the past five years

73

Percentage of students who have had a mentored research experience or an internship while at Macalester

200+

Faculty offices with an empty chair just waiting for the next student to arrive



Professor Beth Severy-Hoven, Classical Mediterranean and Middle East, in her Old Main office. Up next: A January trip to Rome and Egypt with students.

READY

Isabel Viola Capecci • Carly Rae Carte • Daniela Castellanos • Jesus Felipe Castillo Palacios • Nicholas Cebula • Talia Anita Chait • Uditi Ch
Kellen McKenzie Chenoweth • Liam Gordon Childs • Zoë Madrigal Chinander-McFaul • Lucinda Frances Stielstra Chinn
Madison Kathleen Collett • Rachel Doris Paul Colson • Caitlin Skyler Compton • John Edward Conner • Heather Erin Cook • Sofia H. Cook
Rhianon Lily DeMilt • Calvin Elliott DeWitte • Ashley Delgado • Anna Sophia Devine • Gabriela Rose Diaz • Lucy R. Diaz • Megan Elizabeth Dill
Anna Sadie Eichenbaum • Laura Chigozirim Ejiolor • Graham Louis Elliot • Sydney Victoria Ellison • Sanan L. Engel • Siri Iris Erickson-Green • Lore
Fendig • Tadhg Clayborn Ferris Wayne • Farrah Ann Fettig • Kyra Michelle Fletcher • Ariana Rae Flores • Mayana River Ford • Amelia Julianne Frey
Garrison • Elise Carole Gautier • Elisa Karina Gehrke • Drew Taylor Getty • Kaleb Getu Gezahegn • Rose Marie Giblin-Vance • Mikayla Clare Giehler Co
Harmony Panush Grant • Emilio Alexander Ellis Gray • Siri Katharine Greene • Sylvia Greene • Ani Sori Gribbin • Zoe Elizabeth Grigsby • Lillian Maren G
Noah John Hanson • Eleanor Davolos Harden • Joseph Arthur Harrington • Sarah Jane Hatton • Vylen Amor F. Hayag • Alyson Misato Hayashi • Elizab
Hitchcock-Willis • Masa Sara Holocsi • Blake Elliott Hotchkiss • Morgan Ireland Houlihan • Leo Francis Hughes • Penelope Hunter • Alexandra C. Hurd
menez • Ebony Monique Johnson • Lewis James Jolly • Devon Jonaus • Nicholai René Jost-Epp • Nick Karik • Ballard August Kauffman • Cecelia Isabell
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K Little • Hongyi Liu • Zhihao Liu • Amaru Korayma Llumiquinga Lapham • Clara Hangyoul Lo • Mariah Kariann Loeffler-Kemp • Janette Naomi Lop
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Quaranta • Erica Nicole Paley • Andrea Jordan Palmen • Logan Pampel • Clarence Pan • Carlin Marie Panos • Semanti Pathak • Ellen Linnéa Patrickson
Livie Peterson • Juan Carlos Pineda • Trinity Michael Pirrone • Michael S. Piker • Benjamin T. Porter • Rebecca Boone Porter • Gabriel Antonio Preciado
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onzalez • Olayinka Oluwashola Baba • Madeline Marguerite Sabin • Razik Saifullah • Sophia Salinas • Emuna Salomon • Cecilio Sanchez • Tyler
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nall • Lauren Elizabeth Smith • Madeleine Anne Smith • Maksim Alexander Semyonov Smith • Andrew Patrick Smider • Xenia Sofianou • Ellie Solberg •
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Hope Wayne • Luess Xavier Webber • Gabriela Weisen • Jingyao (Joy) Wen • William Jensen Wentworth • Blake Christopher Whitlaw • Dante Whittaker
Andrew Hhab Yacoub • Handing Yan • Zoey Yandell • Mariko Claire Yatsushashi • Ziyi Ye • Wudase Seyoum Yigleu • Maoping Yu • Tianyi Yu • Zakary K

In 2024, 512 remarkable graduates stepped into their future. Among them, Fulbright Scholars, authors of honors projects, researchers, entrepreneurs, performers, athletes, changemakers—graduates whose aim is to bring those Macalester values and that Macalester spark to all of the places they land. Although the world may not be ready for them, they are ready for the world.

110

First-year students who received donor-funded startup stipends to cover expenses beyond tuition, room, and board—think winter coats, bedding, or classroom supplies. We want everyone who is admitted to Macalester to graduate from Macalester.

ONCE A SCOT, ALWAYS A SCOT

Scots are lifelong learners. For 150 years, our community has been engaged in asking questions and talking through solutions to thorny problems. During our sesquicentennial year, alumni gathered across the nation and the world to contemplate topics like expanding access to education, improving environmental sustainability, and what it means to be a changemaker.



721


Number of alumni who volunteered at Mac last year—speaking in a class, mentoring a student, hosting an event, etc.



MacConnect is the perfect place to remain engaged with Macalester: sign up to volunteer, find events, submit class notes, and engage with students and fellow alumni. (Haven't checked it out? Follow the QR code.)







WHAT IF we imagined headlines far different from the ones we see today? What if big ideas were given the support to flourish?

Together, we can make the world **BRIGHTER**.

Let's start at 1600 Grand.

OPPORTUNITY

**Let's make a
Macalester education
possible for the most
talented and diverse
students from around
the world.**

The life-changing impact of a Macalester education—and the world-changing impact that our students go on to create—all depends on getting here in the first place and having the support to make the most of the experience.

Davis United World College
Scholars gathered in the fall.







DISTINCTION

Let's give every Mac student the fullest and most transformative experience in and beyond the classroom.

We're doubling down on the strengths that make a Macalester education uniquely powerful. That begins with supporting the work of our incredible faculty. It also means investing in high-impact learning experiences like internships, mentored research, community engagement, and study away. With our new campaign, we're saying: These experiences aren't extras. They're a core part of what a Mac education should be, and every student should have one or more of these experiences during their time here.

If water is considered an amenity, are some people benefiting while others bear the risks? This question drives the summer research of Environmental Studies Professor Anika Bratt and her students.

ENVIRONMENT

Let's give every student the support, the facilities, and the connections they need to thrive.

Our residential campus in the heart of the Twin Cities is one of Mac's deep and distinctive strengths, and a key to our future. Our new Residence Hall and Welcome Center will become a new front door to campus.



View the construction plans.







BRIGHTER

Tomorrow's challenges require the ability to see clearly, think deeply, and act boldly. To bridge differences and build connections. To spark change and take action.

This is the work our students are preparing to take on every day. And our duty as an institution—and community—is to support them as fully as we can. That's the charge we're taking on with *Brighter: The Macalester College Campaign.*

There's no better investment than our students. The spark they bring. The change they'll lead. The brighter world they'll help create.



5
years



\$250
million



30,000+
alumni




To learn more about the campaign, scan the code or visit macalester.edu/brighter.

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