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LETTER FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear University Christian Community,

I would like to take this time to thank all of our families, alumni, alumni parents, faculty and staff, community partners and Board members for your generosity and support during last year's Annual Fund campaign. This past year's efforts contributed to approximately 15% of our annual budget. The funds raised this past year went towards a number of factors:

- Supporting our dynamic faculty and staff by addressing our school's largest and most important expenditure through salaries and benefits.
- Enhanced security initiatives, such as an egress gate on the patio and subscription to Remind messaging service.
- Continued support of our arts and extracurricular programs through acquisition of supplies and resources.
- Support professional development opportunities for our faculty and staff that continues to enhance our academic experience at UCHS.
- Support operating costs across the board to include dual enrollment costs from our higher education partners.

Your gifts help our school continue to offer a Christ centered educational environment in which academic excellence, servant leadership and moral fortitude are imparted on our students on a daily basis. These are the things that make University Christian an impactful and unique environment.

We are grateful for the blessings you have bestowed on our school!

Colin Barrett



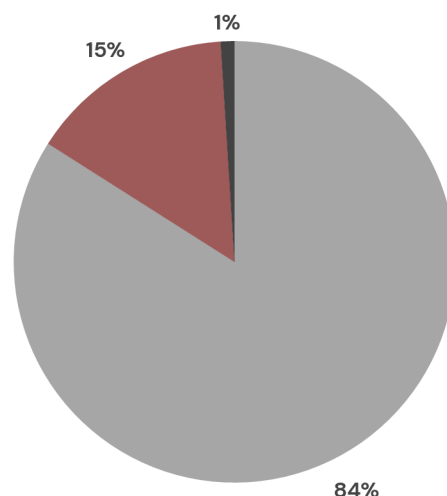
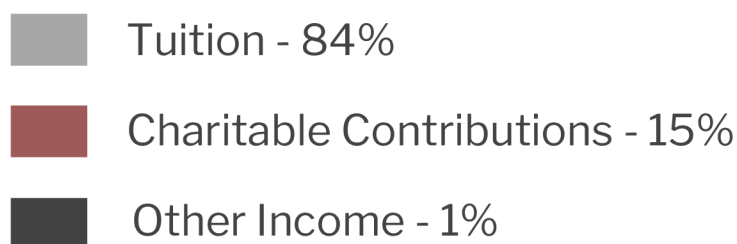
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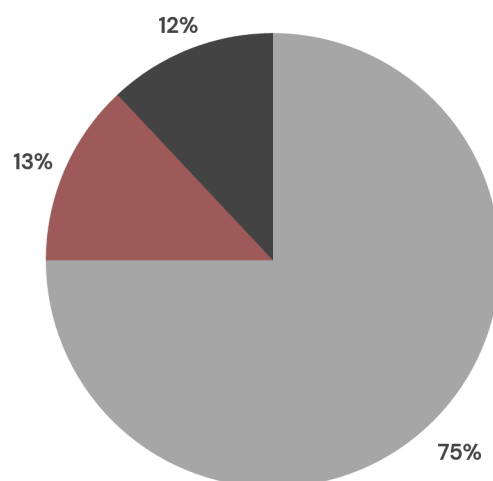
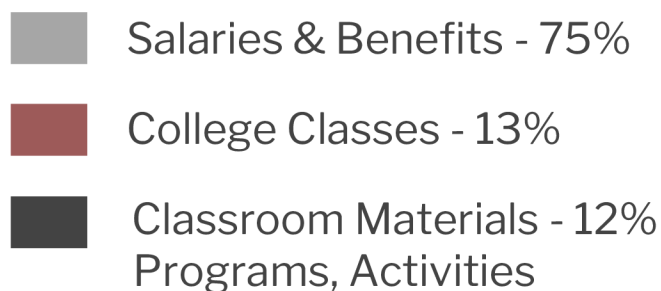
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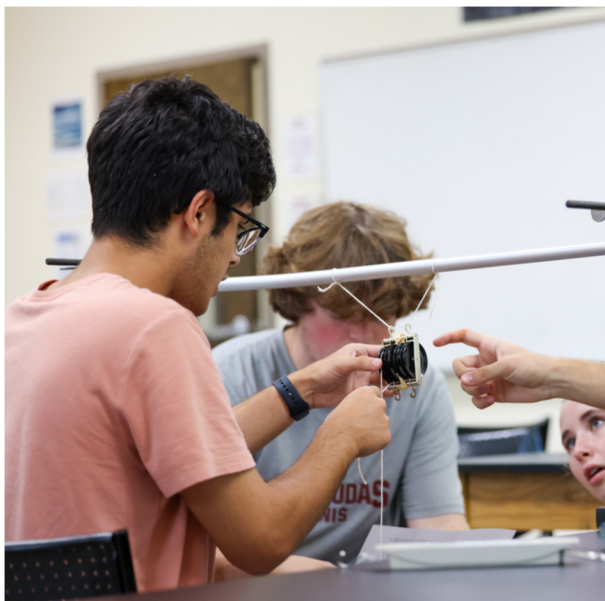
As you can see below, the University Christian Annual Fund contributes approximately 15% of our income. The funds raised are imperative to help our school grow and thrive while retaining an experienced and innovative teaching staff. Another important aspect of our finances is that students graduating with approximately 24 - 30 credit hours save almost \$27,000 dollars or more if they were to attend a North Carolina state school. The cost of these credit hours is included in University Christian's tuition. The Annual Fund helps defer those costs, providing an abundance of savings towards a student's college education.

2023 - 2024 INCOME



2023 - 2024 EXPENSES





LEARNING TO LEARN

Our academics aim to create generations of lifelong learners. Through engaging instruction and a desire to instill curiosity through critical thinking skills, our students graduate with more than basic academic knowledge. Students learn to question, analyze and formulate solutions to problems and inquiries.



PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

Many students walk in the door unsure of where they are going and what journey lies ahead. Barracudas gain exposure to a number of different paths through dual enrollment, excellent college counseling and encouragement to be inquisitive. By their junior year, many students begin to develop an idea of where they want to be and how they will contribute to society.



INSTILLING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Every week students give each other character awards as a way to build a sense of community and lift each other up. Transforming a culture takes deliberate actions and students at UC work hard to create a positive and empowering environment. We hope these efforts continue long after a student graduates in order to create a world we all want to live in.





SERVING AND LEADING

Barracudas carried out 6,554 Service Hours during the 2023-2024 school year. Our students are learning to serve others and lead by example. In John 13:15, Jesus says, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." Students recognize that they have the ability to use their God given gifts to serve others and by leading these efforts, inspire others.



DISTILLING VIRTUE

Every year students sign an Honor Code as well as regularly attend Chapel. Morning Community reinforces a development of a moral compass as we discuss scripture, life events and other topics that give us examples of fortitude. The habits we build as high school students continue into college and beyond. This makes what we do at University Christian integral to creating virtuous individuals.



Regardless of the amount, our supporters show a belief in the mission, vision, and leadership of UCHS.

Every dollar and every donor makes a difference.

We are grateful for their support!

THANK YOU
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