

The PRINCIPIA

The Impact of Your Giving

2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Your contribution makes meaningful change on a global scale.

"I believe Principia's work—inconspicuous though it may be, and should be—occupies a frontline position in the present world conflict of ideals."

(Education at The Principia, p. 151)

These words from Principia Founder **Mary Kimball Morgan** speak to the magnitude of the work Principia is engaged in, and your indispensable role in this work. Today, as ever, Principia is sending innovators and problem solvers, creators and critical thinkers, healers and helpers into the world—and your participation makes this possible. Your support and partnership enable Principia's students to actively engage in their "frontline position," bringing fresh perspectives and a positive approach to the world.

Total donors



3,484

Howard
Society
donors

686

587

Legacy
Society
members

117 funds and programs
supported

72% of gifts received
were \$125 or less

“I don't know how the job market will look, due to the development of AI, but one thing I do know is that **the education I have received from Principia will help me navigate life after college.** Having an education as well rounded and uplifting as the one Principia has given me will help me throughout the rest of my life.”

— ZEMMA (C'25)




Innovating

- **Upper School STEM students were recognized by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association** for their award-winning solution to help patients with specialized support devices.
- **The School's multi-level Impact Challenge hosted 48 student-led projects**, partnered with 26 organizations, and included over 20 professionals to provide feedback and practical assistance.
- **With a new approach to liberal arts learning**, the College began a major academic reimagining that will prepare graduates for success and leadership in future-focused careers.
- **The College broke ground on a solar farm**, which will provide learning opportunities for students, sustainable energy for the campus, and a pollinator habitat for generations to come.

Discovering

- **Middle School's World Religions Summit** brought in 10 experts from a wide range of religious traditions to share spiritual perspectives and worship traditions.
- **School students from fifth grade and up participated in service, academic leadership, and character-building trips** ranging from Washington, DC and Yellowstone National Park to Greece and Puerto Rico.
- **Students continue to uncover ancient secrets** and apply multidisciplinary skills to help unearth the remains of a prehistoric mastodon on the College campus, leading to a new opportunity for publishing in an educational journal.
- **In the spirit of expanding spiritual horizons and deepening their understanding of Christian Science**, School and College students traveled as a group to Boston to attend the Annual Meeting of The Mother Church.

Thanks to you

A photograph of four young women standing outdoors, looking at a large green plant. They are dressed in casual attire, including jackets and hoodies. The background shows a building with white siding and a red door.

"The love I feel here is boundless and makes me feel like a part of a community."

— ROWAN (US'27)



“Being on the Middle School soccer team and percussion ensemble are my favorite parts of Principia because they extend past the standard classroom and allow me to explore my interests.”

— RYE (US'29)

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Thriving

- **Upper School girls' varsity basketball went to the State Championship** for the first time in School history, taking second place.
- **College men's tennis and women's tennis teams were crowned champions** of the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) and qualified for the NCAA DIII National Tournament.
- **The School's sustainability efforts were recognized** by Missouri Green Schools, while the third-grade beekeeping project continued to garner attention for integrating science lessons and business/economics.
- **Mediation teams on both campuses prevailed** with the School team taking first in multiple categories at the fourth annual National High School Mediation Tournament, while the College team extended its streak with wins at the Maharishi International University "Peacemaker" Tournament and the International Intercollegiate Championship Mediation Tournament.

Launching future-ready leaders

- **Lower School students hosted Wonderworks**, a Literacy and STEM experience that crowned creativity and broke down barriers between art and science.
- **Upper School took its inaugural excursion to Taiwan**, where Mandarin Chinese 3 and 4 students experienced a full immersion in language and culture.
- **Principia's three-person entrepreneurial team took first place** in the College Innovation Challenge and competed in the St. Louis Regional Entrepreneurial Education Contest against teams from prestigious institutions.
- **Four outstanding first-year delegates from the College** participated in the intercollegiate Model Illinois Government simulation at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, IL.

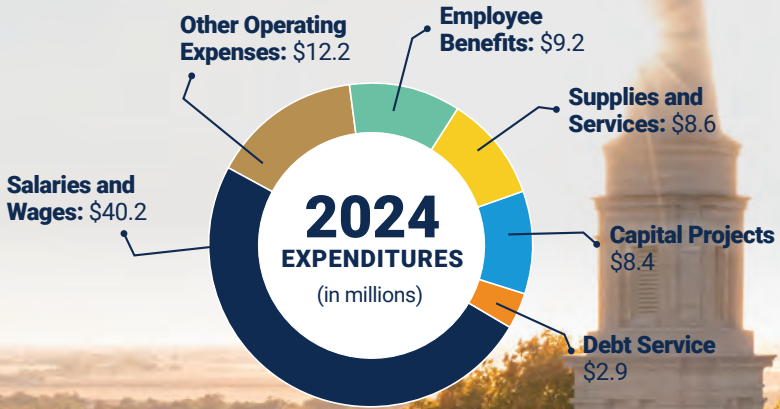


“Principia’s education has profoundly prepared me for the future—giving me the tools and confidence to pursue diverse and ambitious goals.”

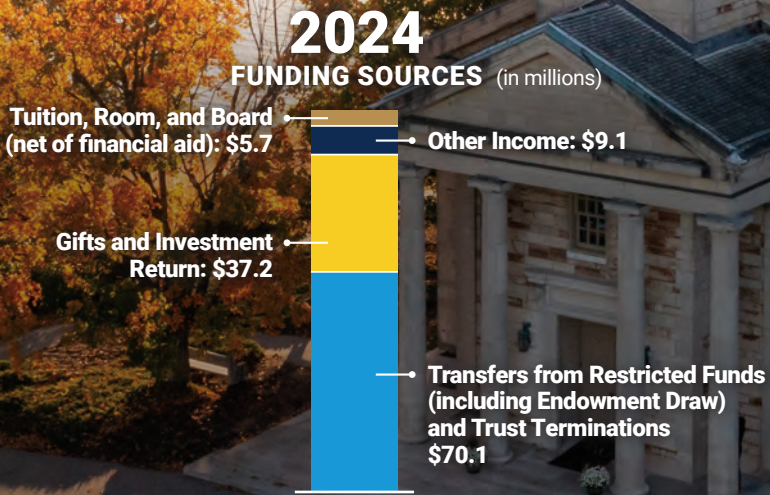
— LUCAS (C’26)

2024 Financial Highlights*

July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024



With fiscal year expenditures of approximately \$82 million, Principia relies on the endowment, donor contributions and other income, and payments from students and families to fund annual operations. **Increased annual donations might not eliminate dependence on the endowment**, but they can make that dependence more sustainable by permitting Principia to reduce the level of annual spending drawn from the endowment.



* For additional financial data, contact Principia's Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer Tom Nickell at tom.nickell@principia.edu.

Key Areas Supported

based on dollars raised

Annual Fund

Innovation
and
Sustainability
Initiatives

International
Student
Support

Spiritual Life

Student Aid

Top 5 Classes

by donor participation

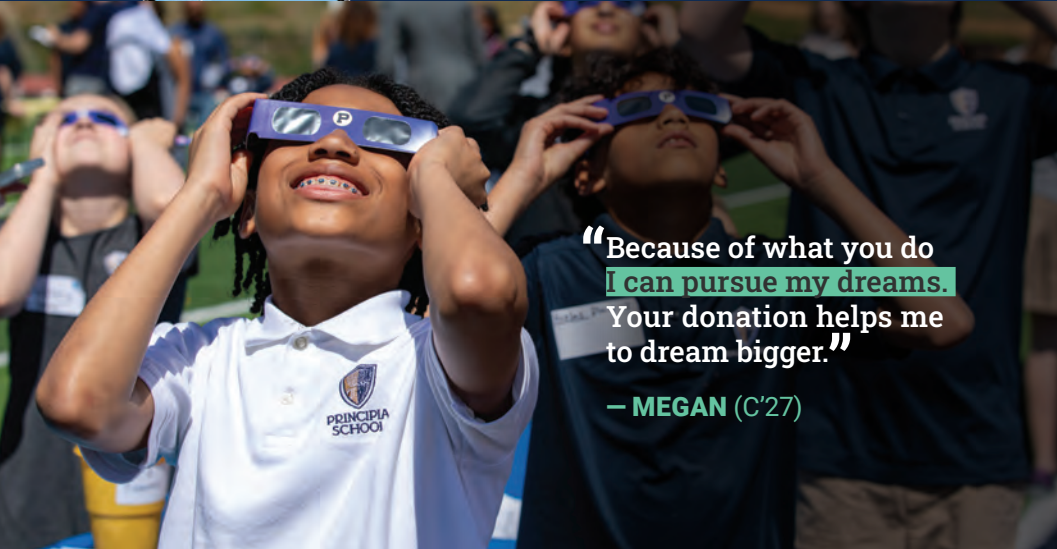
College 1962	College 1974	College 1975	College 1958	College 1982
31.3%	29.4%	29.4%	27.3%	26.4%

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“Because of what you do
I can pursue my dreams.
Your donation helps me
to dream bigger.”

— MEGAN (C'27)