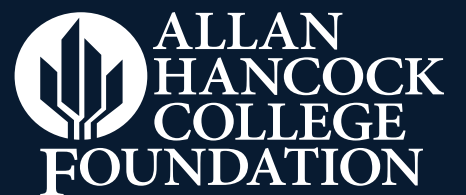




ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE FOUNDATION | FALL 2025

IMPACT REPORT





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THE EMAIL ARRIVED ON A MONDAY AFTERNOON...

The mother of one of our student athletes had died unexpectedly, and he could not afford airfare to her funeral in Phoenix. By Tuesday afternoon, the Foundation team had purchased the ticket and arranged ground transportation for him to the airport.

Supporting students comes in many forms. It often looks like awarding scholarships, which the Foundation has done since its founding in 1977. Sometimes it looks like ensuring every high school graduate can continue their education through the Promise program.

And sometimes it looks like a plane ticket.

Our community provides remarkable support to our students—this year the Foundation provided nearly \$1.5 million in support to students and the college. So, when you make a gift to the Foundation, you make a gift *through* the Foundation to real students with real needs, real hopes, real futures.

This year's Impact Report shows how we support students, why we support students, and suggests how you can join in the community's support of students.

As 2025 comes to a close, I ask you to consider joining more than 500 of your neighbors who support students through the Foundation each year. Your gift may provide a student's first scholarship, fulfill a promise of tuition, or even provide a plane ticket home.

With gratitude,



Jon Hooten, Ph.D.

Executive Director

College Advancement & the Foundation

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE EXPANDS ITS IMPACT

For nearly 20 years, the President's Circle raised approximately \$60,000 each year for priorities identified by Hancock's president, ranging from student support, capital needs, and staff development. Each member of the circle contributed \$1,000 to the fund—no more, no less.

In 2024, the Foundation significantly expanded the President's Circle into an annual giving campaign through which the community can contribute unrestricted dollars to the Foundation. Today, a gift of any amount is welcome, whether once a year or as an automatic monthly donation.

Today, the President's Circle is a vital and vibrant annual campaign that supports students when they are most financially vulnerable. The President's Circle also advances critical priorities that allow the college and Foundation to better serve students. In fiscal year 2024/25, the President's Circle received over \$274,000 (including proceeds from the Hancock Honors)—nearly four times what the community contributed the previous year!

DIRECTLY SUPPORTING STUDENTS

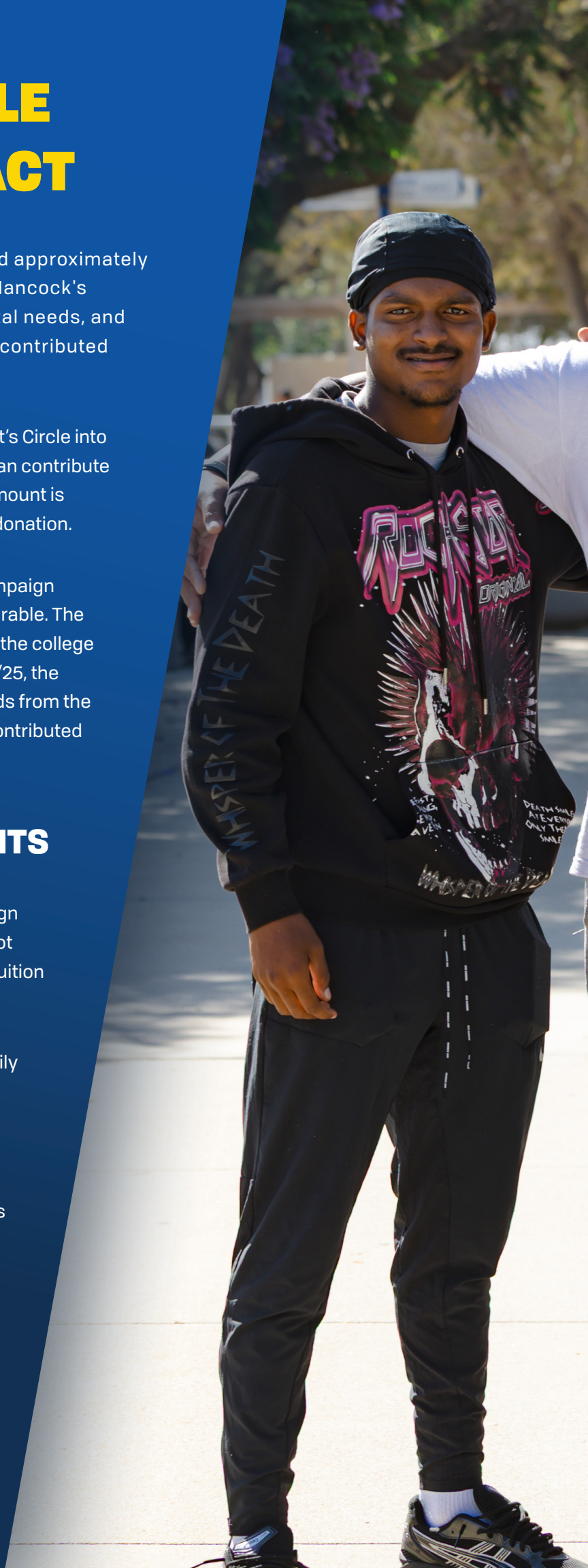
A student who cannot hear or speak approached Hancock's Learning Assistance Program to take a class in American Sign Language. The student could not afford the tuition and did not qualify for financial assistance, so the Foundation paid her tuition with President's Circle funds.

Another student's father died unexpectedly, leaving the family without his income. The President's Circle paid one month's rent for the student to help ensure he could stay in classes.

Another student owed an outstanding fee of \$166 to enroll in a class, but he and his son were experiencing homelessness and could not pay. The President's Circle covered the fee so he could continue on his academic journey.

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giving to the President's Circle
Campaign increased from
\$68,000 to

\$274,000

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

More than 800 students and Foundation donors gathered at the Joe White Memorial Gymnasium on May 22 to celebrate the Allan Hancock College Foundation's annual scholarship awards.



This year, the Foundation awarded 518 scholarships to 416 Hancock students totaling \$605,000—the most in the Foundation's 48-year history. Generous members of the community also funded 18 new scholarships in 2025.

"Our scholarship program offers more than financial support to students," says Jon Hooten, executive director of the Foundation. "The dollars are important, but the recognition of a student's success is just as valuable."



Angela Ruiz received the prestigious Marian Hancock Scholarship. The \$10,000 scholarship is awarded annually to one exceptional student who exemplifies service to the college, academic excellence, and strong personal character. Angela is the 61st student to earn the Marian Hancock Scholarship since it was first awarded in 1967.

Daisy Garcia received the second-annual Daane Award for Integrity in Leadership. Daisy was elected by her peers to serve as the Student Trustee of the Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees for the 2025-26 academic year.

The scholarship program has assisted thousands of students in pursuing their educational goals. Thank you to the donors who make this program possible.



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SCHOLARSHIP MEANS MORE THAN FINANCIAL HELP

Nineteen-year-old Nevaeh Martinez is a 2025 Allan Hancock College graduate who earned a scholarship from the AHC Foundation. She is now a proud student at San Diego State University pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

Nevaeh's path wasn't easy. Growing up with a mother struggling with addiction, Nevaeh faced instability, depression, and setbacks in school. "I was 13 at the time, and I didn't know what depression was until I felt it," she said. Starting high school during COVID made things worse, but with support at Orcutt Academy and cross-enrollment at Hancock, she persevered.

In 2025, Nevaeh graduated from Hancock—just one year after graduating high school—with two degrees, in administration of justice and liberal arts, along with four certificates of achievement.

Nevaeh credits her mother, Griselda, and stepfather, Arturo "Cheech" Raygoza, with inspiring her. Both attended Hancock too, with Cheech founding the B.I.G.E. club for formerly incarcerated students and Griselda later serving as its president. "My mom has been my greatest inspiration," Nevaeh said. "Without her and Cheech, I don't know where my life would be."

"The AHC scholarship means far more than financial help—it represents opportunity, hope, and belief in my potential," she says. "As a justice-impacted student, this support has eased the burden of expenses, allowing me to focus on my studies and pursue my dream of creating positive change as I transfer to San Diego State University."

"It reminds me that people truly do care about investing in the future for students like me," she continues, "That encouragement inspires me to one day give back and then support others in just the same way."

Adapted from an article by Pamela Dozois in the Santa Ynez Valley Star.

Pictured from left: Richard Martinez (father), Nevaeh Martinez, and Griselda Martinez (mother and Hancock alum)






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A man with a mustache, wearing a dark suit and a patterned tie, is shown in profile, smiling broadly and raising his right fist in a celebratory gesture. He is standing behind a podium, and a microphone is visible to his right. The background is a warm, out-of-focus orange-brown color.

**TO THE DONORS WHO
MAKE THIS POSSIBLE:
YOU AREN'T JUST
FUNDING EDUCATION—
YOU'RE FUNDING
RESILIENCE.**



STUDENT PERSEVERES TO GRADUATE FROM HANCOCK

Recent Hancock graduate **Edward Lamberson** was the student speaker at the 2025 Hancock Honors. This is an excerpt of his speech.

My name is Edward Lamberson, and I'm proud to say I just graduated from Allan Hancock College—an accomplishment I once wasn't sure I'd ever reach. My story is proof of one word: perseverance.

After high school, I was working toward becoming a truck driver when a spinal cord injury changed everything. Recovery was long and isolating, but in 2022 I took a chance and enrolled at Hancock. My first semester ended with a 1.45 GPA and academic probation. But I didn't quit. I worked harder, raised my GPA, and found my passion in sociology and human resources.

The Hancock Promise allowed me to focus on my education without the burden of tuition. Hancock gave me more than classes—it gave me opportunities, friendships, and the belief that I belonged. I earned an internship in HR, received scholarships that fueled my journey, and now I'll continue my studies in the new Cal Poly business program right here on campus.

To the donors who make this possible: you aren't just funding education—you're funding resilience. Hancock saw the student I could become, not just the grades I had.

Perseverance brought me here. Hancock gave me the tools to keep going. And now I'm walking toward my dream of working in human resources for the Seattle Mariners or Seahawks—knowing I've already overcome bigger challenges than I can count."

WATCH EDWARD'S SPEECH



2025 HANCOCK HONORS CELEBRATES THE COMMUNITY

The 2025 Hancock Honors, presented by CoastHills Credit Union, was an unforgettable night of storytelling, art, entertainment, and celebration. On Saturday, September 6, the Foundation welcomed more than 325 members of the community to the Fine Arts Complex for an evening of exquisite cuisine, delicious signature cocktails, and dancing with one of L.A.'s hottest new DJs—all in honor of three distinguished honorees who have made a lasting impact in Santa Maria, Lompoc, and the Santa Ynez Valley.

This year's honorees included the late community banker and philanthropist Jim Glines, retired Hancock faculty member and veteran Dr. Henry Davis, and the Santa Ynez Valley Foundation, a nonprofit devoted to enriching lives throughout the Santa Ynez and Los Alamos Valleys that has sponsored scholarships at Hancock for 20 years. The evening included a touching tribute to Dr. Davis, who passed earlier in the week, and an announcement naming the Glines Memorial Ballpark.

This unparalleled evening, hosted by the Allan Hancock College Foundation, raised \$280,000 in ticket sales and sponsorships, benefiting the President's Circle campaign.

"This is a unique moment when northern Santa Barbara County gathers to celebrate the impact that Hancock has in the community," says Kevin G. Walthers, Superintendent/President of Allan Hancock College. "And because so many students and alumni are involved in the execution of this event, it's also an opportunity to invite the community to see the quality of education we're providing here."

Erica Jane Flores, Vice President of the AHC Foundation Board of Directors, emceed the program, which featured a diverse collection of mixed media performances by Hancock faculty and students, as well as an inspirational student speaker.

Planning for the 2026 Hancock Honors is already underway, and we can't wait to open our doors to the community to celebrate the individuals and organizations who are creating lasting change and a positive impact on Hancock College and its surrounding communities.



**WATCH THE
EVENT VIDEO**





CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY IN THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

On a warm Tuesday evening in June, the Foundation invited more than 60 people from the Santa Ynez Valley to gather at the beautiful La Tarantella Villa on the Grassini Family Estate to learn more about Hancock. Guests chatted poolside, sipping wine poured by Katie Grassini and nibbling on seasonal bites from Chef Budi Kazali as the sun set over the hills of Happy Canyon.

Guests gathered to learn about the impact Hancock College has on the Santa Ynez Valley from President Kevin Walthers, Jon Hooten, Hancock alumnus Fidencio Flores, and a group of Hancock students.

"Connecting the community with the college is one of the important functions of the Foundation," says Hooten. "This was a picture-perfect evening that resulted in a lot of new friends of the college in the Santa Ynez Valley."



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FUGATE HONORED DURING DAY OF GRATITUDE



Longtime Santa Marian Burt Fugate believed in the transformative power of education. For 20 consecutive years, the family foundation he oversaw with his son Mark contributed a total of \$258,000 in scholarship support for more than 120 Hancock students. Fugate's wife Blanche was also on hand to speak about Burt's philanthropy at Hancock

Fugate, who passed away in 2024, was honored during a special Saturday brunch in March. "A Day of Gratitude" welcomed approximately 75 guests who contribute financially to the President's Circle, the scholarship program, and other Foundation priorities. The purpose was simple: to express gratitude to those who contribute to students' success through gifts to the Allan Hancock College Foundation.

In addition to hearing an update from Allan Hancock College President Kevin Walthers, guests listened as Angela Ruiz, the 2024-25 student body president, shared an inspiring story about how the Foundation's support has impacted her and other first-generation students at Hancock.



BOARD ADDS SIX DIRECTORS

The Foundation Board of Directors welcomed six new members in 2025.



Dr. Carolyn Baldviez (Santa Maria) is a local dentist and community leader who also serves on the St. Joseph Catholic High School Advisory Board and recently completed a term on the Marian Regional Medical Center Community Board. She has also served on the Santa Maria Youth and Family Center board and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Mid-central Coast.



Michael Boyer (Pismo Beach) is President & CEO of Santa Maria Valley Chamber. Previously, he served as CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mid Central Coast. He has been a business and community leader primarily in San Luis Obispo County for over 22 years. Michael has served on numerous nonprofit boards and is a founding director of Diversity Coalition San Luis Obispo County.



Mike Brady (Los Olivos) is a successful real estate broker whose firm, The Brady Group (Sotheby's International Realty), lists distinctive properties in Santa Barbara wine country. Mike has served on numerous governing boards, including Solvang Theaterfest, the Santa Ynez Valley Board of Realtors, City of Solvang Board of Architectural Review, and the Land Committee of The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County. In his free time, Mike is also a writer and artist.



Michael Carroll (Lompoc) returned to the board after a one-year hiatus. Michael is an experienced local banker, currently serving as Branch Manager for U.S. Bank in Lompoc. He has served as chair of the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, president of the Lompoc Valley Club, the Lompoc Rotary Board of Directors, as well as the community council for the Lompoc Boys and Girls Club, where he was named volunteer of the year in 2018.



Katie Gorndt (Lompoc) is Vice President and Director of Nursing at Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital, where she is the chief executive for the facility. Katie also serves on the governing board of EconAlliance and has been involved with numerous nonprofits in the region, including Rotary of Solvang, CommUnify, United Way, Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People, and SEE International.



Candice Monge (Arroyo Grande) has served as Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Executive Officer for Marian Regional Medical Center (Arroyo Grande and Santa Maria Campuses) since 2015. Prior to that, she served in numerous leadership roles in health care on the Central Coast. Candice currently serves on the Board of Directors for CALM and earlier this year received the SESLOC Credit Union "Cares for Community" award.



FOUNDATION LAUNCHES ALUMNI RELATIONS PROGRAM

In 2025, the Allan Hancock College Foundation officially launched an alumni relations program and is dedicating a member of the Foundation team to lead the new effort full-time.

The purpose of the alumni program is to encourage former students to reconnect with their college and discover how Hancock can continue to serve them in their life and career.

In its first year, the alumni program is focusing on former students in several specific academic programs. Last fall, for example, the Foundation joined the MESA/STEM program to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the MESA program at Hancock by inviting alumni of the program back to campus. Approximately 70 alums and their families attended that reunion to tour science facilities, meet current students, and reconnect with faculty and classmates.

This fall, in collaboration with the Registered Nursing program, the Foundation is planning a reunion for alumni to meet graduating nurses. In the spring, the Foundation is planning to host a similar reunion with graduates of the Police and Fire academies.

"Historically, community colleges have not thought about their former students as alumni, like bachelors-granting institutions have," says Jon Hooten, executive director of the Foundation. "But we're already finding that our former students are often fonder of their experience at Hancock than any other institution."

UNAUDITED FINANCIALS

as of June 30, 2025

\$27.9 MILLION

Total Foundation assets, 87% of which are in permanent endowment

\$1,443,848

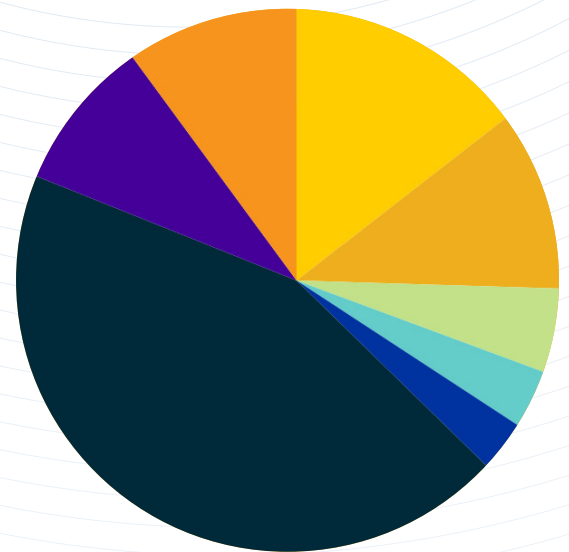
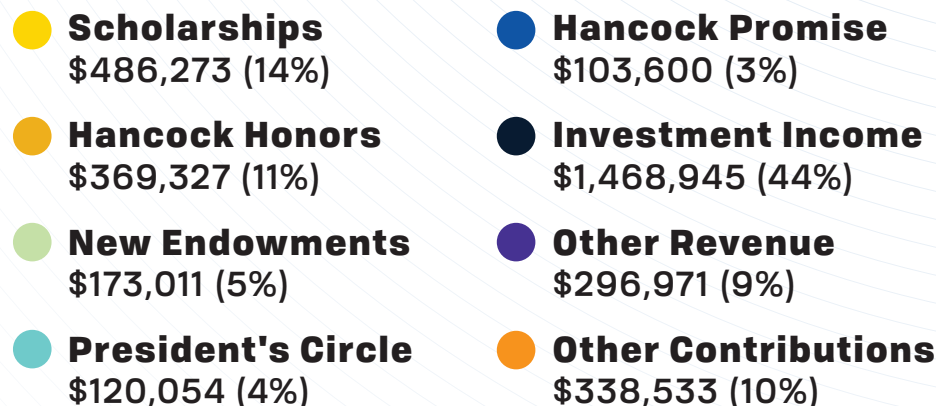
Total benefit to students and the college

REVENUE

The Foundation stewards community donations as well as investment income to support its purpose of Ensuring College for All.

CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUE

\$3,356,714

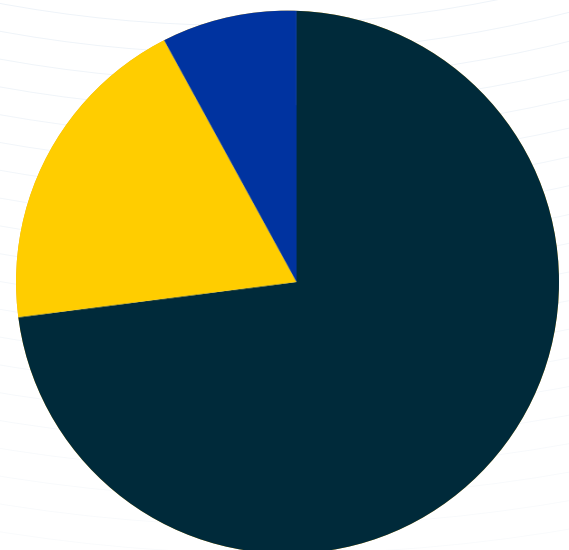
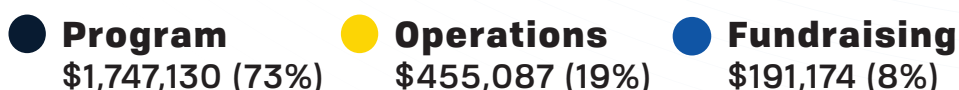


EXPENSES

The Foundation team keeps operations lean while maximizing contributions and program spending.

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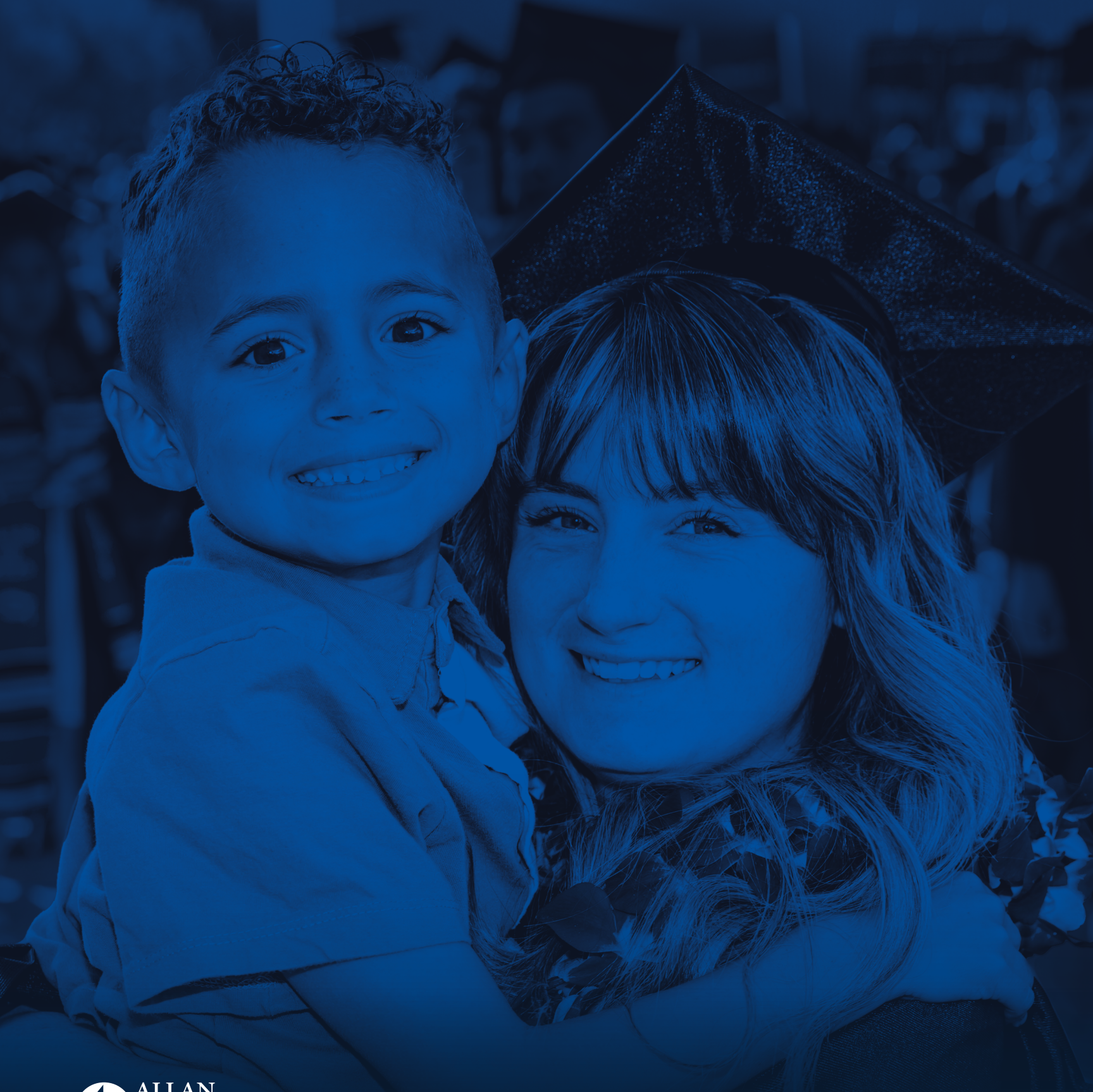
\$2,393,391



SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2025: \$605,000

Total in scholarship awards—the most in Hancock's history!





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