“A Greater Penn State for 21st Century Excellence”

Greater, Together

Philanthropy—support from private individuals, families, and leaders who believe in the University’s mission—has always been vital to our success in fulfilling the University’s land-grant values.

On July 1, 2016, Penn State launched an ambitious vision for the future of our institution focused on three core imperatives of a public university: Open Doors, Create Transformative Experiences, and Impact the World.

This six-year fundraising campaign, named “A Greater Penn State for 21st Century Excellence,” has been an overwhelming success. The University surpassed its $2.1 billion goal, raising $2,204,949,028.

The college also surpassed its goal—twice—raising $158,036,613, including $27,857,405 for Open Doors, $1,925,935 for Create Transformative Experiences, and $121,161,734 for Impact the World.

A total of 3,100 gifts were given to support the college’s campaign, including gifts from 2,273 alumni and 827 friends, in addition to corporate partners, foundations, and organizations. Such success would’ve been unthinkable without your help.

Every Gift Makes a Difference

Every gift to Penn State starts and ends with an individual. Although we measure campaign progress by the dollars raised, we measure impact by the stories, ideas, and possibilities that exist because of giving.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brida, director of development and alumni relations, by email at cmb273@psu.edu or by telephone at 814-867-2592 to explore providing philanthropic support.

Note: numbers through June 30, 2022

Campaign Highlights

Original 2016 Goal: $67 million Surpassed in May 2019

Second Goal: $110 million Surpassed in February 2021

125th Anniversary Goal: $125 million Surpassed in September 2021

Campaign Total: $158+ million

Lee Kump, John Leone Dean, reveals the campaign total as of April 24, 2022, to the EMS Development Council members.