



ANNUAL  
**IMPACT  
REPORT**

2019-2020  
Stewardship Report



**AZUSA PACIFIC**  
UNIVERSITY



**BECAUSE OF YOU** impactful Christian scholars are being prepared at Azusa Pacific University. Students like Jelove are transformed through your support as they train for meaningful work that influences the world for Christ.

Your generosity empowers students every day by funding scholarships, student affairs programs, and technology upgrades. Your support equips our faculty and staff to be more innovative as we remain thoroughly anchored in our God First legacy as an academic community.

You are a crucial part of the university community's renewed sense of hope as we focus on Christ-centered academic excellence and commit to financial health with new strategic planning for a sustainable future.

**THANK YOU.**

# Jelove Mira

Graphic Design '21 | Santa Monica, CA



A couple of summers ago, my mother was a victim of a cranial aneurysm. As the main breadwinner for our family, she not only provided income for my sister and me, but my father as well, whose disability renders him at home for most of the day. Through the grace of God, and the prayers of family and friends, my mom was able to survive her brain surgery and was on the path to full recovery. During her recovery, however, I was put in a position where I didn't know if I could continue to even attend school, let alone pay for it. Having a scholarship has been an immense blessing for my family and me. It lifts a weight that we feared we would have to carry on our own. Because of your generosity, my family doesn't have to choose between

sending me to a Christian educational institute, or paying for medical bills. My scholarship further emphasizes how willing and passionate those around are to see me continue my studies and succeed in the future. It is a reminder that we are never in this journey alone.

I chose APU because I felt able to find my own voice in an institute based on Biblical principles. The faculty and students have a sense of community, and are very eager to interact with each individual. I've learned more about my faith, and also about who I am as a person. Extracurricular activities such as clubs and mission trips test my capabilities and encourage me to succeed.

So far, I would say my mission trip to Cebu, Philippines has impacted me the most. This was my first time ever going on a mission trip, and I really had no idea what it would be like or how it would personally impact me. When I was invited out of the blue to join the mission trip, I accepted because I saw it as an opportunity to be used by God to help further aid whatever work He was already doing. We stayed in Cebu for a couple of weeks, and I became close with many of the people there, including many of my classmates whom I had just met. God showed me that there are places on earth that seem to be in poverty, materialistically speaking. However, the richness comes from the community, love, generosity, and overall joyous spirit of the people around you. Everyone there was so eager to make us feel comfortable and would go out of their way to do so. I cried when it came time to leave, and a couple of weeks after arriving back to the United States, I was still emotional as I shared about the trip. I learned how much I take for granted. Even more importantly, I learned that as someone who has been blessed, it is my job to share that blessing with others.

Ever since I was a child, I loved being a storyteller. I loved to write, draw comics, and make skits and videos with my friends. Although I am studying graphic design, I hope to someday work among movie companies

such as DreamWorks, Universal Studios, or Laika Films. APU's art classes are open-ended and encourage students to think outside the box with our ideas. We are taught that the execution itself does not make the artist, but rather the creativity and way of thinking. At the end of the day, my passion is to create, and I would love to someday be part of a story that helps encourage and inspire someone to follow what God has laid on their heart as they pursue passions of their own!

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**- Jelove M.**



## THE NEW ERA

PRESENTING PRESIDENT PAUL W. FERGUSON

“I am so grateful and honored to serve as the 17th President of this outstanding university. We remain committed to our *God First* mission, providing a learning environment of Christ-centered academic excellence, and equipping our faculty, staff, and students to engage the world for Jesus Christ with virtue. That challenge in our current culture and times demands our full focus, and we seek your continued prayers and support.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul W. Ferguson", is displayed on a white rectangular background. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.



An experienced and acclaimed administrator and educator, Paul W. Ferguson, Ph.D., DABT, became the 17th president of Azusa Pacific University on June 3, 2019. A Southern California native, raised in Hacienda Heights and now residing in Azusa, President Ferguson is known for spurring academic innovation and improvement, fostering effectiveness in administrative practices, and building a strong bond with students, faculty, and alumni. President Ferguson has spent his first academic year at APU listening and leading the institution through a comprehensive process of strategic planning and vision casting. Azusa Pacific looks forward with renewed hope to the future of our university.

# FACTS & FIGURES

AS OF JUNE 30, 2019



**9,501**

Total Students

**11:1**

Student-to-Faculty Ratio



50% Undergraduate  
50% Graduate



**3,000+**

students graduated from APU in 2018-2019, joining the legacy of APU difference makers.

**\$99,560,772**

Institutional Scholarships & Grants

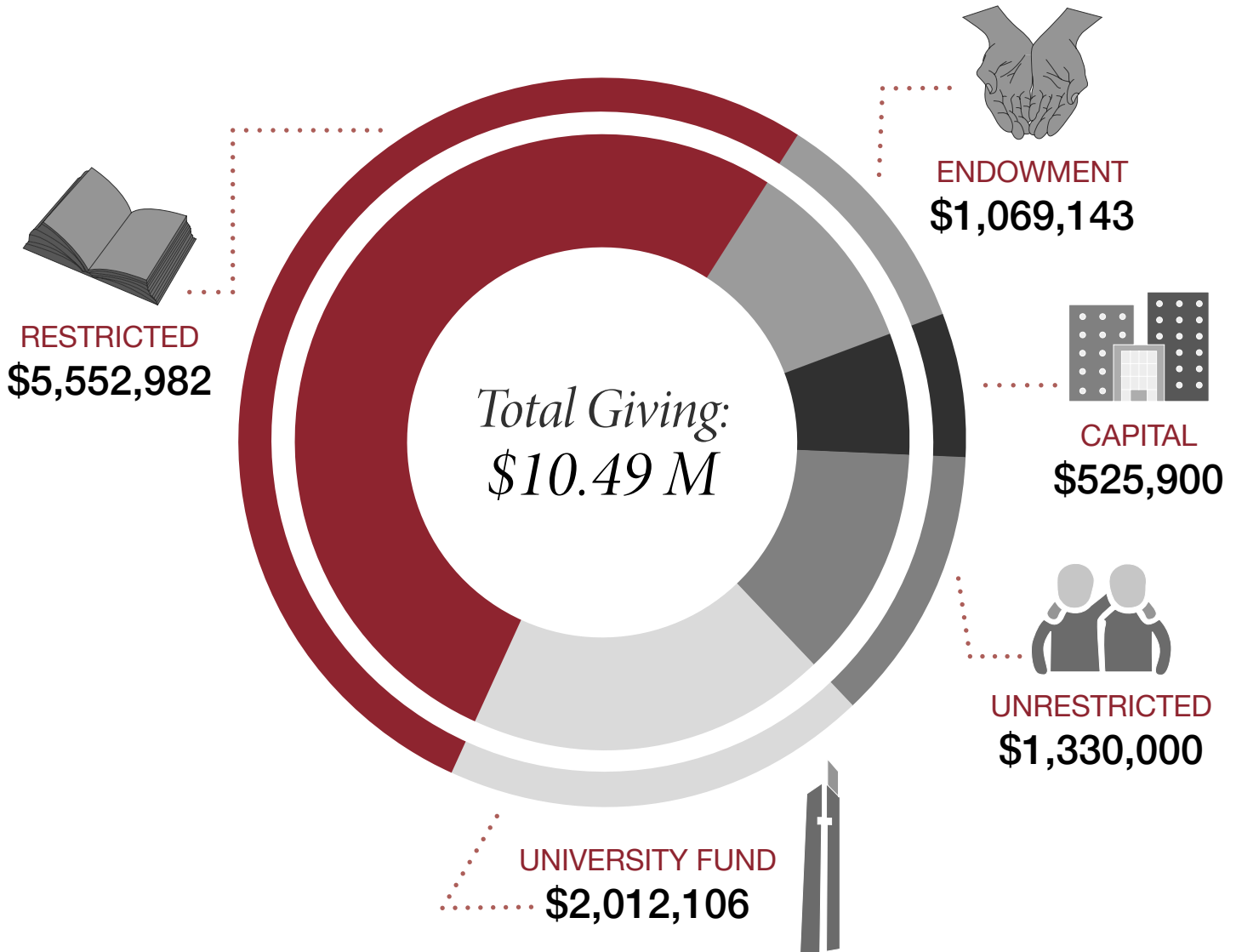
**\$26,666,580**

Federal & State Scholarships & Grants

**93%** of undergraduate students receiving any form of institutional financial aid

# TOTAL GIVING **BY PROJECT**

2019 FISCAL YEAR







**Thank You!**

*God First*



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