dreams are built on a SOLID FOUNDATION
Supporting the University of Missouri–Kansas City’s core mission of access to education is only possible through you, our donors who enable us to set the bar of excellence higher each year with resources that provide opportunities for dreams to come true.

Your gifts inspire our students to unlock their potential. Your generosity challenges our faculty to make new discoveries. Your investment creates a legacy of generosity. This sustained, meaningful support inspires us each day — making it possible for our faculty and students to accomplish more than they believed they could.

The impact of your giving this past year includes:

- The 800 students who will benefit over the next nine years from a new $20 million scholarship program established by the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation and the H&R Block Foundation. Through this new scholarship program, the two foundations will provide $10 million to be matched by a combined $10 million from UMKC and two UM System scholarship programs: the Promise and Opportunity Scholarships program and the Next Generation Merit program. This, along with a new $10 million scholarship program created by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and KC Scholars, will create opportunities for students.

- The Board of the Friends of the Conservatory launched its 20/20 Campaign, aimed toward creating 20 endowed scholarships by the end of 2020. So far, 13 new endowed scholarships have been established to benefit UMKC Conservatory students, including one who will become a prestigious Trustees Scholar.

- We broke ground and started construction on the School of Computing and Engineering’s new 57,800-square-foot Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise and Research Center. Despite this past winter’s challenging weather, the facility is on schedule to open August 2020. Donors contributed $32 million toward the project, which will house cutting-edge research and teaching labs, including a high bay structural laboratory, a nanotechnology “clean room” facility and a virtual reality/augmented reality training and development center.

By giving to the UMKC Foundation, you are ensuring dreams are realized for each and every person who walks through UMKC’s doors.

Thank you for all you do.
Kansas City businessman and philanthropist Harrison Jedel — who had a reputation for taking big risks for outsized returns — established a foundation five years before his death to support cancer research, the arts and education. His foundation established six non-endowed scholarships with the UMKC Foundation, three in art/art history and three in math. The recipients have used the scholarships as a launchpad for success.

“This scholarship was a huge stress relief. I did not have to spend so much energy worrying about day-to-day bills. I had time to devote to understanding the material and participating in study groups.”

— RACHEL TALMADGE, Jedel scholarship recipient
Hundreds of area students will benefit over the next nine years from a $20 million scholarship program established by UMKC and the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation, the H&R Block Foundation and the University of Missouri System.

"Being involved at UMKC is something of a family legacy. The law library is named for my grandfather. My father was involved for decades. I share that passion."

— Tom Bloch, immediate past chair, UMKC Foundation board of directors
Dr. Larry Piebenga was a legendary ophthalmologist and UMKC instructor. In his memory, his family contributed to the UMKC Foundation to support a research study on corneal calcification, led by Dr. Peter Koulen. The basic science study hopes to find ways to precisely assess corneal calcification and determine how changes that occur from the condition affect the ability to accurately diagnose eye diseases.

“This is potentially a high-impact study that affects the outcome of many patients. By properly diagnosing their condition, we can work to develop new therapies for eye diseases that affect patients’ vision.”

—PETER KOULEN, PH.D., professor, Felix and Carmen Sabates / Missouri Endowed Chair in Vision Research and director of basic research, Vision Research
Atheleen Kilway, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry in the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, and Marshall Miller decided to forgo traditional wedding presents when they got married. Instead, they asked their guests to donate to their favorite causes instead. She says donating to higher education directly impacts student success.

“I’m one of six kids and we didn’t have a lot, but my parents actually supported us through our undergraduate education. Education is something that someone cannot take away.”

— KATHLEEN KILWAY, PH.D.
Linda Hood Talbott (B.A. '62, M.A. '64, Ph.D. '73), completed her education and built her career as a philanthropist, researcher and educator here at UMKC. From the time she was an undergraduate six decades ago, Talbott has been investing both time and money in the university. She sees funding scholarships as a critical building block to success.

“I ask myself, ‘What’s the impact of helping another person to flourish?’ There are a lot of opportunities to make a difference.”

—LINDA HOOD TALBOTT, B.A. ’62, M.A. ’64, PH.D. ’73
2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR

July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, the UMKC Foundation received

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