In a speech this past spring, University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan cited a letter Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1821 in which he spoke of “the sweet consolation of seeing our sons [and today, of course, our daughters] rising under a luminous tuition to destinies of high promise.” Those involved in the U.Va. Parents Program know this “sweet consolation” firsthand. Today, U.Va. students—your children—are receiving one of the most outstanding educations in the world, an education that continues to lead them on toward great destinies.

This 2012-2013 Annual Report highlights the many ways your gifts and involvement are helping to sustain and enhance this exceptional education and community. First, however, I want to express my profound thanks. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, almost 2,000 families lifted the Parents Fund to its most successful year yet, contributing a total of $791,205. Each of these dollars will be directly allocated by members of the Parents Committee to support the student experience. Whether you gave $25, $250, $2,500, or $25,000, your gift contributed to making this year one for the record books—and for that, the students are enormously grateful, as am I.

In addition, thanks to the wonderful parent volunteers who served, and continue to serve, on the Parents Committee. In addition to giving financially, you freely lent your time, energies, and ideas. We simply could not be successful without you.

Although it has changed throughout the years, the U.Va. student experience has always been, and remains, without parallel across the country and globe. Your gift to the Parents Fund confirms you share this belief in its uniqueness. On behalf of the entire University community, I thank you.

Marilyn Wright, Director
Parents Program and U.Va. Parents Committee
From the Committee

THE U.Va. PARENTS FUND helps maintain and enhance a unique experience for all students at the University. The Fund is administered by the Parents Committee. As co-chairs of the Committee, we wish to thank you for your contribution to the Parents Fund; each and every gift, large or small, matters.

The Parents Committee allocates portions of the Fund to the University President and the Vice President of Student Affairs to be used for students and parent programming. This past year, the grants program awarded more than $300,000 to over 60 applicants. A complete list of the Parents Committee grants can be found at www.uvaparents.virginia.edu.

In addition to the grants, we guaranteed Parents Fund resources for the next three years to establish a job developer position at University Career Services. This important position will aid our sons and daughters in obtaining internships and entry-level jobs.

There are 1,896 donors to the Parents Fund and 160 families serving on the Parents Committee. We are honored to be part of this dedicated team of parent volunteers. We particularly appreciate the tireless efforts of the leadership team; Tricia and Charles McDaniels, Tracy and Jim Rutherfurd, Beth and Tom Eckert, Mary Gustafson and Jim Nosseir, Maggie and Mark Fitzsimmons, Karen and Peter H. Double, Meg and Neil Clinard and Paula and Alex Powers.

In addition to the meaningful impact on our students’ experiences, the Parents Committee has offered us the opportunity to meet and get to know wonderful U.Va. parents, their students, and U.Va. faculty members and administrators. We are proud and honored to be part of this collective effort with such committed fellow members!

Teresa A. Sullivan
President, University of Virginia

Parents are important to the University family. The Parents Committee makes vital contributions through the Parents Fund that enhance life and learning for all of our students.”

— Teresa A. Sullivan
President, University of Virginia
The Parents Fund enhances the U.Va. student experience through annual gifts from parents of current and former students. The Parents Fund is administered by the U.Va. Parents Committee.

Gifts to the Parents Fund support three areas, all directly connected to students:

**Parent Committee Grants and Special Initiatives (50%)**
Any University student, organization or department that provides services, programs or projects to U.Va. students is eligible to apply for Parent Committee grants and support for special initiatives. Recipients range from student-led clubs/organizations to departmental programs and special events.

**President’s Office (25%)**
The President’s Office allocated its Parents Fund resources to the Alumni and Parent Engagement Office to support programming that enriches the student experience in conjunction with parent engagement. Student send-offs, UVaExpress and the International Student Welcome dinner are all supported with these dollars.

**Student Affairs Office (25%)**
The Parents Fund provides critical support to this office which shares a similar mission with the Parents Committee. Their office “oversees the environment and programs that ensure the unparalleled U.Va. student experience, student self-governance, and culture of honor thrive at U.Va.”

**University of Virginia Parents Fund**
The Parents Fund is the only organization to which U.Va. students can apply for support from their parents. The Parents Fund supports a wide range of projects and programs that enrich the student experience in conjunction with parent engagement.

**U.Va. Parents Committee**
Formed in 1980, the U.Va. Parents Committee is comprised of alumni and non-alumni parents from around the globe. Its mission is to “enhance the student experience for all University of Virginia undergraduate students.” Committee members share a vested interest in making a direct, positive impact on the student experience for their child and their classmates, both in and out of the classroom. Members give financial and intellectual resources to support and administer the Fund. In many cases, resources allocated by the Committee support needs that would otherwise go unmet, yet afford opportunities that become highlights of the students’ experiences.

To make a gift to the Parents Fund or to learn about joining the Parents Committee, please visit [www.uvaparents.virginia.edu](http://www.uvaparents.virginia.edu).
Parents Fund at Work

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Consistently a major recipient of Parents Fund support, the University of Virginia Library system has received $238,504 from the Fund since 1990. The Parents Committee recognizes, with Thomas Jefferson, the centrality of a library in a student’s educational experience and has allocated resources accordingly. Supported projects include:

- Furniture for Alderman, Clemons and Fiske-Kimball Fine Arts libraries
- Study, tutoring and common space enhancements in Clemons, Physics and Chemistry libraries
- Digital resources and technology enhancements for the Library and its labs and classrooms—ensuring students have access to the most innovative research and learning tools

A gift to the Parent Fund

upholds U.Va.’s tradition of excellence in student life and learning by:

- Encouraging student leadership, creativity and enterprise through support for student organizations and projects
- Supporting a strong academic core, through key faculty-student interactions and scholarships
- Helping students prepare for life beyond the University through internships and career development
- Promoting student safety and health on and off Grounds
- Fostering a unique and welcoming community for all students through annual events, traditions and special initiatives

One of U.Va. students’ most cherished traditions since its inception in 2001, Lighting of the Lawn is made possible, in part, by the Parents Fund, which allocated a $4,300 grant toward the event in 2012.
The Gilbert J. Sullivan Scholarship

THE GILBERT J. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP, named for the longtime Alumni Association president and Parents Committee co-founder, is given annually to a rising non-legacy third-year student. Selection is based on a demonstrated record of citizenship, leadership, academic achievement and financial need. The award covers a portion of the tuition and fees for the student’s third and fourth years.

2012–2013 RECIPIENT

Elizabeth Bickley (College ’14)

The 2012–2013 recipient of the Gilbert J. Sullivan Scholarship was Elizabeth Bickley, a member of the Class of 2014 from Marietta, Georgia. Elizabeth is double majoring in English language and literature and Latin American studies in the College of Arts & Sciences. She is involved in many activities on and off Grounds including interning in the Outreach Office of the University’s Office of Undergraduate Admission, serving as an Orientation Leader, member of Third Year Council and the service fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi, and a tutor at Southwood Community Center.

The Sullivan Scholarship was a lifeline for Ms. Bickley during a difficult period for her family. “Thanks to the Sullivan Scholarship, my family and I were able to afford the U.Va. out-of-state tuition during one of the most challenging times,” she said. “I am grateful for the loving influence of Mrs. Sullivan. We all can learn a lot from her gusto for life!”

Your generosity means so much to my family and me. Thank you for investing in me and for believing in me. I will pay it forward.”

—Elizabeth Bickley

Parents Fund at Work

HELPING STUDENTS FIND AND PREPARE FOR JOBS

One of the Parents Fund’s most exciting areas of support in 2012–2013 was its three-year commitment to create a new job developer position in University Career Services. The Parents Committee has pledged a total of $182,550 in seed money for the new position, which will provide critical support to students as they prepare to enter the next stage of their personal and professional lives. The job developer will identify and communicate job and internship opportunities, with a focus on undergraduates in the College of Arts & Sciences. In addition to this new position, the Parents Fund continues to support Career Services in other ways, such as providing funding for summer internship stipends.
A $10,000 Parents Committee grant helped stage the Stan Winston Arts Festival of the Moving Creature on April 20, 2013, the culmination of a year-long collaborative, interdisciplinary workshop with visiting artist and Hollywood experts.

**Parents Fund by the Numbers**

**RAISED**
$791,205
(to be used during the 2013–2014 school year)

33% increase from previous year

**ALLOCATED**
$702,335
($595,000 raised in FY12 plus endowment payoffs on remaining monies from unclaimed grant disbursements)

- $158,000 to the President’s Office
- $158,000 to Student Affairs Office
- $306,135 in annual Parents Committee Grants to 53 Organizations
- $80,200 to other initiatives including the job developer position at Career Services

1,886 donor families, from 42 States and 6 Countries

40 Matching Gifts totaling $40,846
Gifts ranging in size from $5 to $15,000

All gifts matter
Parents Committee Grants

61 grants
made to 53 different organizations in 2012–2013

Grant sizes ranged from $100 to $40,000
A full list of grants is available at uvaparents.virginia.edu/projects-funded

Select Grants
IN 2012–2013
Scholars to Advance Research (STAR) seminar series at the School of Nursing
Curry School of Education Community Center
Presidency in Film series (put on by the Virginia Film Festival and the Miller Center)
Luther P. Jackson Black Male Initiative (program of the Office of African-American Affairs)
Black Voices Gospel Choir fall concert and event
Virginia Women’s Chorus annual spring concert
Digital expansion of the Cavalier Daily student newspaper
Day in the Life (community tutoring program)
Madison House (student-run volunteer center)
FACE AIDS at UVA’s Pins for Pastries program
Pancakes for Parkinson’s annual breakfast
India Day, China Day, Filipino Food Night, Yalda Night and other cultural events
Second Year Dinner Series, Third Year Ring Ceremony, Fourth Year Class President’s Dinner and other Class Council initiatives

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— Patricia M. Lampkin
Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

Through the generosity of parents, we have made significant strides in improving our offerings in career services, student safety and across a wide range of other student activities.”

From the academic rigor to abundant opportunities for personal growth and exploration beyond the classroom, the balance that is struck in the U.Va. student experience is both amazing and unique. The Parents Fund directly enhances this incomparable experience.”

— Johnny Vroom, Col ’13
2012–2013 Student Council President