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DAY OF GIVING
APRIL 14-15
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Join alumni, faculty, staff, parents, students, and friends for this year's **Day of Giving** at Anderson University. Together, we will send out more servant leaders shaped by AU's mission and core values.

Get involved at
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Giving starts at noon on April 14 and ends at noon on April 15 — a full 24 hours of fun!

Please help support more AU students who are Called to Soar.



■ Greetings!

I hope that by now you've heard about our Called to Soar fundraising initiative focused on enhancing the student experience through

scholarships, excellent academic programs, campus renewal projects, and more. Launched by AU's Board of Trustees in October 2018, our goal is to raise \$20,000,000 by December 31, 2021. So far we have raised more than \$12 million, and with an anticipated estate gift, we still need to raise approximately \$5 million this calendar year.

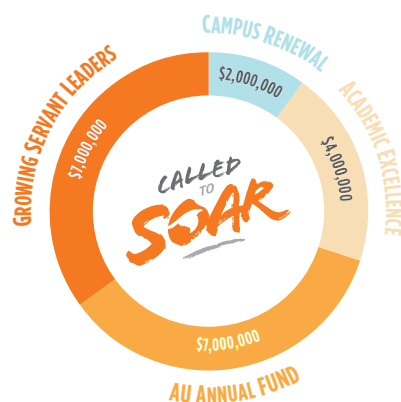
You can be part of Called to Soar in a meaningful way by giving to an area of interest, or by giving to the Called to Soar General Fund in support of initiative priorities. Gifts of any size will make a difference!

To make an online gift or to learn more, visit calledtosoar.org or contact Jen Hunt, vice president for Advancement, at jehunt@anderson.edu. You can also include your gift or pledge in the envelope provided.

As we imagine the future of AU together, I ask you to prayerfully consider how you might be part of increasing the number of students who have transformative experiences at Anderson University.

Blessings,

John S. Pistole
President



■ H.L. and Sandy Baker

During our Called to Soar launch event on Feb. 5, we were honored to present the first Called to Soar Award to H.L. '61 and Sandy (Moore) '62 Baker. The Called to Soar Award was named to honor individuals for whom Anderson University has had a meaningful impact on their direction in life, or calling, and who demonstrate how their AU experience influenced the ways they have excelled in their workplaces, churches, or communities.

When asked about the ways they have lived out their calling since their college days, they said, "We have tried to honor God with our heart, soul, and mind... loving others as ourselves."

Congratulations to H.L. and Sandy! Stay tuned for more AU alumni awards for those who have answered their "Call to Soar."

If you have questions or would like more information on any of the items mentioned in this newsletter, please contact Jen Hunt, vice president for Advancement.

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■ Note from Jen Hunt

With help from generous donors like you, we have already been able to accomplish a lot through Called to Soar!



If you want to learn more about how you can be a part of any of these or other projects, please contact us and stay tuned for updates.



You have helped us raise funds for renovating the Breitweiser Music Technology Lab, updating the Weight Room in the Kardatzke Wellness Center.



With your support, we have created **honors student lounges** on the honors floors of Smith and Martin Halls. Sidney Cox, a junior honors student, shared: “The honors lounge has been a great place to study and spend time with other members of the program, especially during the COVID-19 season. I want to thank the donors and let them know that their generosity is allowing for a new generation of people to get the best possible preparation for serving God.”

We have dreams for enhancing and creating gathering spaces in and around the Olt Student Center, and in the former campgrounds, pictured here, which we now refer to as the East Lawn.

Donor support has also allowed us to begin planning the **Dunkin Social Media Command Center** in the Falls School of Business, a new **Electrical Engineering Computer Lab**, and expansion of the **School of Nursing’s Sim Lab**, where students can experience simulations of patient care. **To see and hear more about the exciting things happening in the Nursing program, visit calledtosoar.org!**



We are excited to announce that we have received a pledge to match donations up to \$100,000 for additional Sim Lab space and equipment so the School of Nursing can accommodate more students in this growing field. You can double your gift to this project and make it a reality!



■ For Such a Time as This

John Sanders developed a deep respect for and friendship with President John Pistole when the two worked as colleagues in the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). “President Pistole impressed me,” Sanders said, “because he would openly talk about his faith and never tried to hide what is core to him.” As a fellow Christian, Sanders said that it was this respect and admiration that led to his partnership with Anderson University.

In the Fall of 2015, President Pistole invited Sanders to visit AU and to learn more about the exciting things happening on campus. Sanders explained, “When I accepted the invitation my expectations were limited, and I thought I would simply explore the campus and get a deeper look into a Christian liberal arts university. What I experienced during that visit was so much more. I saw a number of amazing things happening at AU, and I knew immediately that I wanted to somehow be a part of it and that God brought me here for a reason.”

John Sanders feels blessed to have been given many opportunities such as receiving an excellent education, his involvement with multiple start-ups, and the call to be a public servant. He adds that, “As someone who has been blessed beyond measure, my choice to give to AU was largely inspired through prayer and by Esther 4:14: ***For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from***

another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

Sanders’ generosity to the university includes enabling AU to be a pilot institution for an important tool developed by his company for use in airports. The **VeriFLY** app is currently being used to help AU mitigate the difficulties surrounding COVID-19. “VeriFLY allows people to assert their identity in the physical world and is used by over 250,000 people in different ways. At AU, VeriFLY allows each student, faculty, and staff to obtain a valid pass to access campus facilities and is one of many measures AU is taking to address public health and safety against COVID-19,” explained Sanders.

Through his gifts to Anderson University, John Sanders has both helped AU students have transformative experiences, and has been instrumental in helping the university move forward safely in the midst of a pandemic.



■ Heritage Society

| BARRY & CONNIE HIPPENSTEEL

“Barry and I have decided to include AU in our will, because we believe in the mission to educate students for a life of faith and service. We are also very grateful for the education and experiences we had as students at AC and were very thankful for the opportunity to return to campus in 2002 to join the staff at the Kardatzke Wellness Center. Lastly, our quality of life is now greatly enhanced by attending the excellent music, theater, and dance programs at AU.”