

IMPACT REPORT

2023



PRESIDENTIAL FUND FOR EQUITY IN THE MARIST EXPERIENCE

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PRESIDENTIAL EQUITY FUND

Shortly after his arrival at Marist in 2021, President Kevin C. Weinman and his wife, Beth, announced a very generous pledge in the amount of \$250,000 to establish the Presidential Fund for Equity in the Marist Experience as an inspirational demonstration of their support. This important fund helps to remove financial barriers for talented students so they can pursue high-impact experiences that may be unattainable to some students, such as unpaid internships, attachment courses with a travel component, and tutoring services.

More than 60 donors have joined Kevin and Beth in supporting this unique fund including every member of the College's Board of Trustees. Nearly \$1 million has been raised to date, including \$840,000 in term support and \$150,000 in endowed funds. This report illustrates the total expenditures from the fund as of September 30, 2023, broken down by activity. As of September 30, 2023, 189 students have applied for funding and 125 students have received awards. The impact of this special fund is immeasurable.

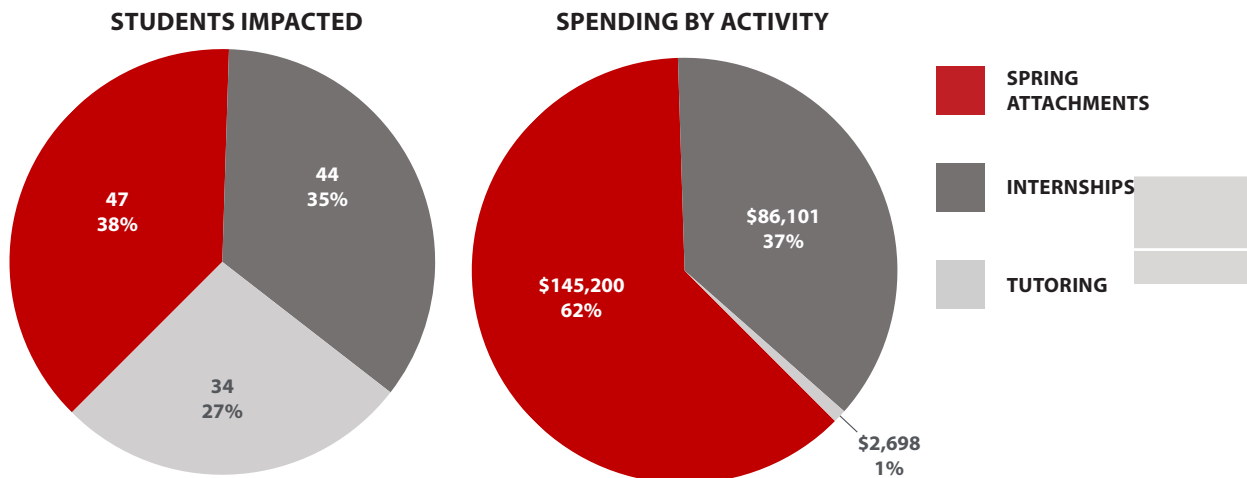
The pages that follow highlight just a few of the many students whose lives have been meaningfully enriched through the Presidential Fund for Equity in the Marist Experience. Their stories and many more like them are a powerful testament to how access to these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities and experiences can be truly life-changing.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL EQUITY FUND



PRESIDENTIAL EQUITY FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

STUDENT COUNTS	AMOUNT
INTERNSHIPS	
Spring '23 (15)	\$35,159
Summer '23 (14)	\$30,242
Fall '23 (15)	\$20,700
Total Internships	\$86,101
ATTACHMENTS	
Spring '23 (47)	\$145,200
TUTORS	
Fall '22 & Spring '23 (34)*	\$2,698
Total Presidential Equity Funds used as of 9/30/23	\$ 233,999



* Based on the significant demonstration of need and an assessment of the cost of tutorial services, the College has incorporated tutoring for all Marist students into its operating budget.

INTERNSHIP RECIPIENTS



James Hickman '24

Major: Political Science

Internship: Eastern District Court of New York

“It is hard to express the level of gratitude I feel for what has truly been a life-changing opportunity. I was able to conduct research, sit in on federal proceedings of every kind before numerous judges, participate in moot court, and even write opinions for ongoing cases. There is no doubt in my mind that these experiences are ones I will look back on for years to come as the roots of a career I hope to one day grow. I cannot stress enough that it is the support I received from the Presidential Fund that made this internship possible. It is my hope that by sharing my experience I can encourage other students to apply for the fund and that it will afford them similar opportunities free of the financial strain that is typical of working an unpaid internship as an undergraduate.”



Julianna Lindquist '23

Major: Biomedical Sciences

Internship: PM Pediatric Urgent Care

“I had the opportunity to intern at a pediatric urgent care facility. Along with affirming my career goal of becoming a physician, I discovered my deep interest in pediatric medicine. The Presidential Equity Fund scholarship allowed me to fully enjoy every hour at my internship, as I did not have to worry about paying for gas, groceries, or internship clothes for the first time. I cannot thank Marist enough for providing me with endless opportunities, despite my family's socioeconomic status, which will help me endlessly in my future career.”



Sadira Hayes '24
Major: Fashion Merchandising
Internship: Unshattered

“ In light of receiving the Presidential Equity Fund scholarship, the door of possibilities has opened for me! I have been able to successfully complete my internship and learn so much more about the fashion industry as a whole. I have been able to network and connect with so many new people who have pushed me to broaden my perspective and outreach. This scholarship has allowed me to truly thrive and grow tremendously within my personal and professional life; one small step for me, one big step toward my dreams. Thank you to all those involved! ”

Itati Serrano '26
Majors: Political Science and Global Studies
Internship: Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea

“ The Presidential Equity Fund allowed me to further cultivate my knowledge of legal services through an internship at Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea Law. I witnessed and formed part of how a law office operates—an experience that will be invaluable!

This scholarship supported me financially by allowing me to live on campus since the law office is in Poughkeepsie and my home is in Connecticut. Additionally, it helped me toward my graduation goal as I could take this internship for my political science electives.

This internship helped me gain clarity that I want to pursue an honorable law career. My passion for becoming an attorney is ineffable, and I could not be more excited about my future. I have created a plentiful network of legal mentors who have shown me the “real world” in the legal field.

I am humbled to have had the opportunity to receive this scholarship which is why I thank Marist for allowing me to pursue my goals through the Presidential Equity Fund. As a first-generation student, I never thought this possible, but this scholarship allowed me to discover that dreams do come true. ”



SHORT-TERM FACULTY-LED TRAVEL PROGRAMS

Alexandra Bova '23

Major: Environmental Science

Short-term program: Environmental Issues in Iceland

“ I am so thankful that I was able to use the Presidential Fund to participate in this course! This experience was the first time that I had traveled overseas, and I am so glad that I was able to attend. During my time abroad I saw incredible sights that I never thought that I would get to experience in person, and I applied the content that I had learned in my Environmental Science courses to our class discussions. I also incorporated knowledge from my minors in French and in Global Studies, in addition to knowledge from my next steps in the field of Global Public Health. Overall, this experience was a wonderful send-off into my graduate studies after college, and I learned so much from the experience itself, and everyone who was able to attend with me. ”



Tara Kenna '24

Major: Psychology and Child Education

Short-term program: Education in Hawaii

“ I am grateful to President Weinman for starting the Presidential Fund as it has allowed students like me to better focus on our studies while having access to unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. The aid I received enabled me to pursue my interest in Hawaiian culture and experience their approach to education firsthand! From our visits to 10 schools, cultural and historical sites, and exploration of the local communities, I gained valuable insight that will enhance my effectiveness as a future teacher. The memories, friendships, and appreciation for other cultures that I gained from this attachment program will stay with me forever! ”





Jaden Woodard-Teneus '24

Major: Criminal Justice

Short-term program: Criminal Justice Ethics in Amsterdam

“ I am extending my deepest gratitude for the incredible opportunity that was granted to me through the Presidential Fund. Thanks to this generous scholarship, I could participate in the short-term program, which has profoundly impacted my personal and academic growth. In addition, I was able to travel to a part of the world I never thought I would be able to visit. The experience of being immersed in a new culture and engaging with individuals from diverse backgrounds has broadened my horizons in ways I never thought possible. I just again want to say thank you so much to Marist, the President, the board, and donors for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and for allowing me to check off Europe on my bucket list. ”



Keanna Williams '24

Major: Business Administration

Short-term program: Business in Italy

“ The Presidential Fund helped me be able to go to a country I have always wanted to go to. It opened a world of opportunities for personal and academic growth, and it also allowed me to immerse myself in a different culture and gain a global perspective. I am very grateful I received this scholarship and I hope others in the future can make great use of it just like I did. ”

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