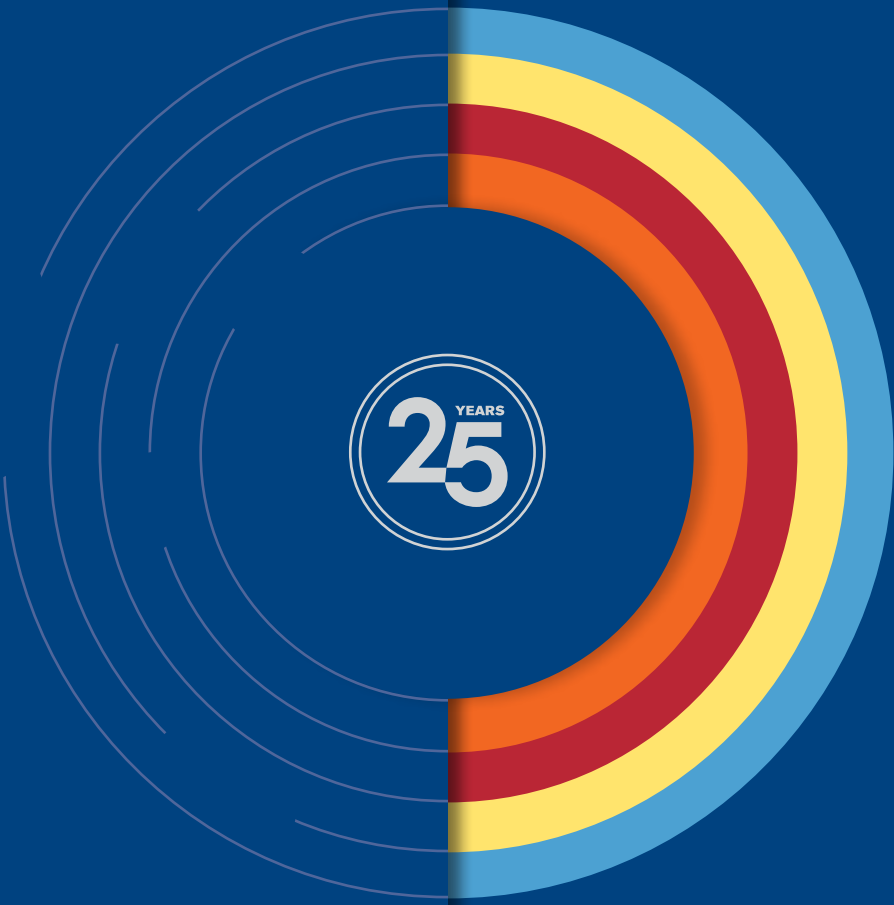


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**DORRANCE
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAMS**

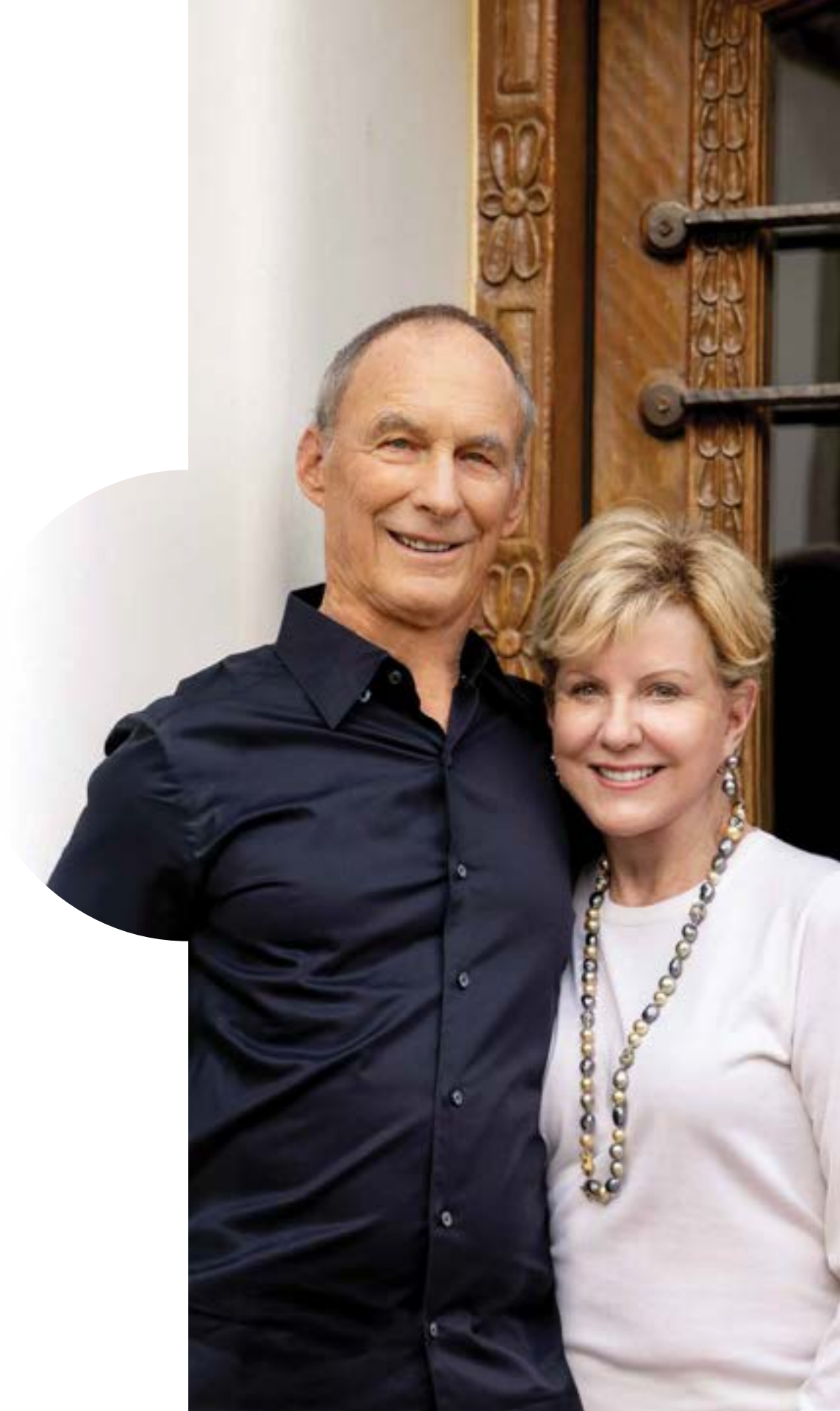


Dear Jacquie and Bennett,

In 1999 you dropped a pebble in a pond! Congratulations on the silver anniversary of the Dorrance Scholarship Programs. I hope you take pleasure in this expression of gratitude and accomplishment.

James Hensley
Executive Director





Twenty-five years ago the Dorrances had a vision to help talented, driven Arizona students **fulfill their dreams of going to college.**



Since 1999,
they have helped
more than 700
first-generation
college students
pursue higher
education at
Arizona's three
public universities.





For many of these eager young people, the Dorrance Scholarship Programs provides an avenue for financial support, academic assistance, and enrichment activities, **allowing them to achieve their highest and best.**



PROGRAMS



Summer Bridge Program

Before freshman year, scholars complete a five-week program designed to help them successfully transition to university life. During their summer, scholars are introduced to learning processes, campus resources, and academic expectations.



Humanities Program

The summer after their freshman year, scholars are immersed in the humanities to help prepare them for advanced academic study and their semester abroad. The program emphasizes learning how to write and speak clearly and persuasively, analyze data, and work in groups.



Study Abroad Program

This optional semester abroad begins in Washington, D.C. and continues to Europe, offering scholars opportunities to analyze cultural artifacts and trace European influences from their origins and to the United States.



Innovation Program

After their sophomore year, scholars engage in formal training in innovation and entrepreneurship. Emphasizing innovative thinking, calculated risk-taking, and problem solving, the program helps them identify challenges and develop, execute, and present their solutions.



Internships

Scholars complete an internship experience the summer following junior year. Internships offer an opportunity for scholars to work in their desired field and learn how their course of study applies to the professional world. Scholars build experience that makes them stronger candidates for graduate school and employment.

ANGELA MARSH, CHARLENE FASSLER, JUANITA RUBIO, SAMBO DUL, CHRISTINA KOST, RAMON QUINONEZ, MIGUEL SANCHEZ, BRIAN PULLINS, DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, ESMERALDA ANGEL, EVELYN BUSTILLOS, JOSE CANO, JOSE PEDREGO, MARIA LUISA CONTRERAS, RHET EIKLEBERRY, DESHAWN STEWART, JOE WHITE, KAELYNN SPORKA, ROBERT PULLINS, BRIAN BEX, CAROLINA YANES DEL CASTILLO, JESUS LUGO, LAURA ANDERSON, MATTHEW KOLANO, PIPER MCELHANEY, SERGIO LOPEZ, ELSA LANDEROS, ERICK SIGALA, LEON BEGAY, ULISSES RIVERA, AMBRA JORDAN, KEVINA TIDWELL, MARTIN CISNEROS, MAT ESTRADA, GLENN PATTON JR., TORI WINGLER, JUSTIN LOVEALL, JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ, ROBERT DAVIS, MONA DIXON, ROSE COURSEY, SARAH LORDS, ALEX GALE, CHRISTINA FINDLEY, CLARA RIDDICK, ESTHER ADUSEI, ULISES ESTRADA, YAZMIN REYES, ANTONIO GUTIERREZ, HA MAI, JUAN MORA, KARLEA FLEMING, SAMANTHA SIRK, ALBAROSA FLORES, ANNA DONG, CORA TSO, DARBY VANCE, KIMBERLY VU, PRISCILLA LAMAS, SERGIO ESEBERRE, WYATT FESSENDEN, JACKIE WEN, ADILENNE DIAZ, DAX MCDONALD, JOVANNA FIGUEROA, STEPHANIE MORRISON, VANESSA DURAN LOZANO, CHRICITAN ADANE, GAVIN VANDINE, JUAN PANDURO, KARINA NAVARRETE, MARTIN LOPEZ, SHAUNA BURGOYNE, AARON REYES-PADILLA, ALEXANDRA FERNANDEZ, ANNA KYLER, ASHTON KEAMS, ELISHA POLK, SARAH LE, STEPHEN MARQUELING, ALAIN GODINEZ, ALEKSI CROCI, NADENE HUBBARD, AMBER BOLLING-GALUPPO, ANTHONY HERNANDEZ, CELINA DURAN LOZANO, EMILY TRADER, GABE MICHAUD, JULIANA NGUYEN, GENESIS MENDOZA, KEVIN LAU, RUBEN GAMEROS, DYLAN GEORGE-SILLS, SALMA LEYASI, KIRA SANFORD, SHANNON TITCH, STEVEN ROSENTHAL, AMARONEY THACH, BRENDAN LAKE, ASHLEY GRADILLAS, MARISELA MENDEZ, JEAN FIGUEROA, BRYAN JAIMES, GISELLE BELTRAN VALDEZ, JAQUE ALVAREZ, YULIANA LOPEZ, NICK CUDA, MORGAN PIERCE, KIM PRELLER, LILI PRIMERO, ADRI QUINTERO PACHECO, SAL REAL ARRAYGA, CRISTAL VARGAS CESARIO, EBONI ANDERSUN, JOWUN BEN, MADISON HICKS, ROBBIE LANDING, CODY HAYS, LIZA MATRECITO, DAKOTA SALLAWAY, DUSTIN PERKINS, CHUCK MCGUIRE, CRAIG PETERSON, SARAH BUTKAY, CHUCK COLE, ERIKA RODE, CHRISTOPHER FALLON, ELLIOTT DEWEY, KAYLYN JACKSON, FRANCISCO NARANJO JR., JAYNA TRUJILLO, RACHEL LEAVITT, AMBER MORIN, BETTY JEAN SMILEY, CODY SELLERS, FRED DAEL, JUSTIN STRONG, TIFFANY HUGHES, EUGENIA FOWLKES, JOSHUA LYNCH, KAIYLA DARMER, LISA TIMPANI, AUSTIN KAISER, KAYLYNNE GRAY, ALI FIGUEROA, ALLISON JOURDEN, BRYCE SIMPKINS, CHARLIE WILSON, JEREMY

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**Dorrance family's support
1999-2024**

713
**Total number of Dorrance
scholarships awarded**

95%
**Percentage of Program
alumni who graduated with a
bachelor's degree in six years**

JOHNSON, MAKENNA SOWARDS, TYLER THORP, BREENA NEW, CONNER SLUNAKER, BERMUDEZ, JESUS APODACA, JORDAN FARINSKY, ANDRES PARRA, JAKE HADLEY, FREDRICKSEN, ASHLEY KOBOLD, CECILIA PALOMERA CORREA, KIARA PENA IBARRA, CHATTIN, ABBY VERDUGO, BEATRIZ MORALES PEREZ, DAISY CASTANEDA, JOSE JAMES WORDEN, PALOMA IBANEZ, CASANDRA LARKINS, BRAEDON DAY, STACY CORONEL TORRES, LUCAS HAM, NOELIA RANGEL, DOMINICK RODRIGUEZ, KATE THOMAS KERKAERT, LONG TRINH, BRIDGET SHEA, BRYAN GREGSTON, MERIMA RWASINE, ALEX DOSPINOIU, AMBER SPEARS, MANNY VALENCIA, ANTHONY FRAZIER, SALDIVAR, MICHEAL HOFFMAN, NIMA SEKHADIA, SHAINA SHAY, ARMANDO VERONICA LEYVA, FERNANDO VILLA, LAUREN GRAHAM, LUIS MENDIVIL, SANDRA RODRIGUEZ, JACOB CALIS, KAYLYN GRAMMATER, CIARA LOVE, KARLA MARQUEZ, TIMOTHY GLASSBROOK, TONYA KING, AIMEE WONG, JAZMINE TAMAYO, LEVI LAPPE,

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Dear Jacquie and Bennett,

This report is an homage to your investment in each Dorrance Scholar over the last 25 years. What began as a gesture to help a few students has grown from ten awards to 60 each year.

The financial support helped us pay for college. For some, that allowed us to borrow less or work fewer hours so we could focus on our studies and take full advantage of campus life. Graduating with little to no debt has hastened economic success.

The academic support helped us excel in our classes. It helped us challenge ourselves with more demanding coursework and take time to discover our capabilities. Being open to our own potential has revealed paths previously unseen and unconsidered.

The Dorrance programming helped us build a community on campus. For those of us from smaller high schools, we could approach a large university with more confidence. For all of us, it was a support system as we embarked on a journey that no one in our families had before. It meant camaraderie.

You sat in our interviews, welcomed us during our orientations, cheered us on during our Innovation presentations, and celebrated with us as we completed the Program. You witnessed a spark in each of us. Your investment created ripples that still expand ever outward into the world. The ripples have washed over us in different ways, but attending a university will forever be an important milestone in each of our lives.

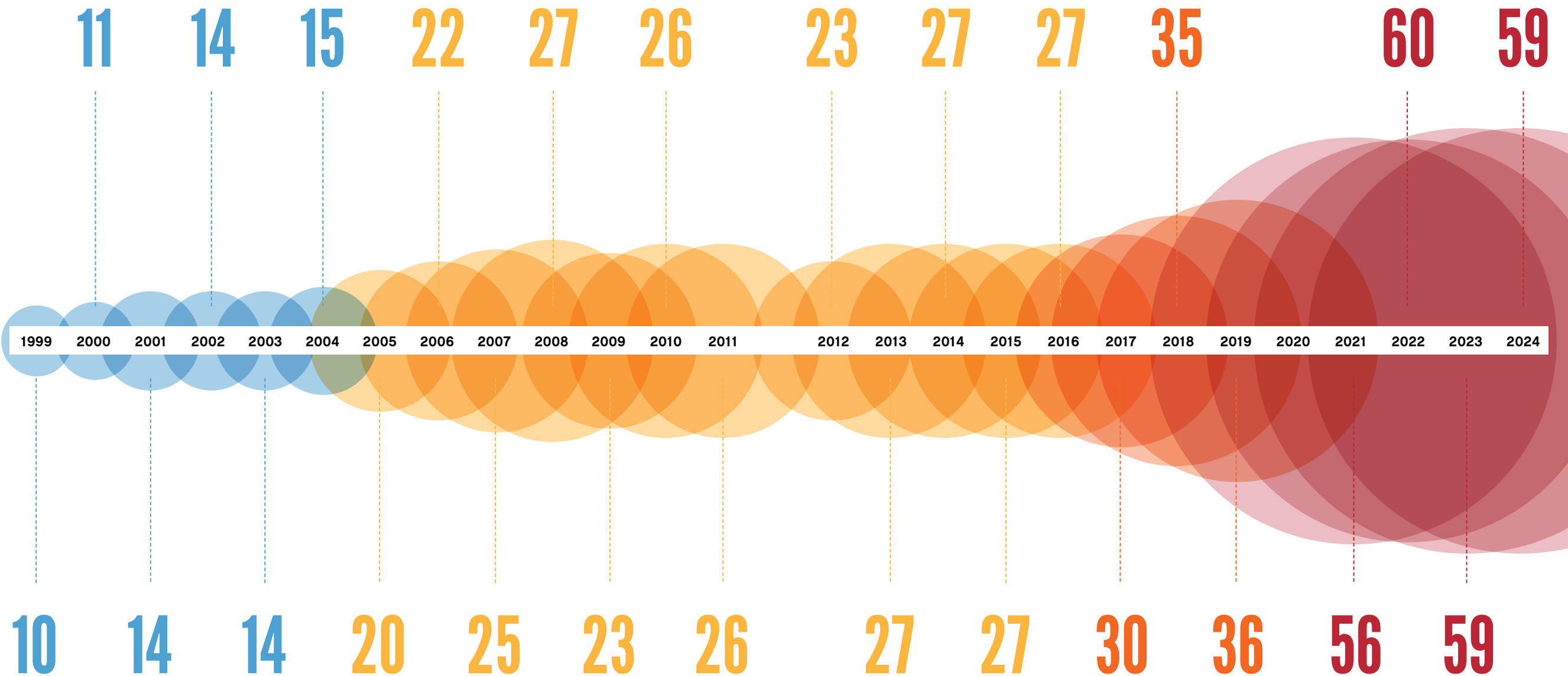
We wonder if you knew what your generous scholarship would be 25 years later?

Sincerely,

Dorrance Scholars

1999-2024

In 1999, the Dorrance Scholarship Programs began by selecting ten deserving high school seniors. Over the last 25 years, the program has expanded exponentially. Today, the foundation selects up to 60 students per year, which means as many as 240 Dorrance Scholars live and attend classes at an Arizona university.



DORRANCE SCHOLARS

College graduates give back in many ways. First-generation graduates, perhaps especially so. The impact of a college degree touches upon the character and career of the alumni, as well as the broader members of their communities.

CHARACTER

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COMMUNITY

GENERATION

SOCIETY

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THE PROGRAM THAT INFLUENCED ME THE MOST WAS THE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE. AS A LIFELONG CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF ARIZONA, THE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE TAUGHT ME WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO BE A STEWARD OF WHERE I LIVE.

Josh Lynch

Teacher, Mesa Public Schools
Bachelor's in Secondary Education, Music Instrumental,
Northern Arizona University

A lifelong Arizonan, Josh emphasizes the importance of serving as a steward of the state, a lesson he learned during the Dorrance Conservation Experience*. Along with cultivating his desire to explore new opportunities and interests, the program helped Josh realize his love for Arizona, a love that directly impacts his role as a music teacher.

*the Conservation Experience was retired in 2017

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MY PLANS CHANGED DRASTICALLY WHEN I EXPERIENCED THE HUMANITIES PROGRAM. IT CHANGED MY LIFE AND SHOWED ME THERE WAS A WAY TO PURSUE WHAT I WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT.

Kyle Martin

Graduate Student, University of Chicago
Bachelor's in Classics & Psychology, University of Arizona
Master's in Classics in progress

Like the majority of Dorrance Scholars, Kyle began his undergraduate career as a STEM major. He ultimately earned his bachelor's degree in Classical Studies. Kyle attributes this evolution to the Dorrance Humanities Program and to studying abroad. These experiences fill a gap in the education of students who have little to no exposure to the humanities, and stress the value of considering the great questions that address what it means to be human.

DORRANCE SCHOLARS BUILD CHARACTER

The same philanthropic spirit that established the Program's creation also drives scholars to give back. Through volunteer service, scholars gain experience, adaptability, and exposure to the challenges facing their communities. The number of volunteer hours and breadth of organizations serviced speaks to the character of Dorrance Scholars as they seek to improve the world around them.

Agriculture,
Food, and
Nutrition

Animal
Welfare

International
& Foreign
Affairs

Recreation &
Athletics

Public &
Society

Education

Youth
Development

Conservation &
Environment

57,192

volunteer service hours spent
at 650 organizations

Science &
Technology

Human
& Family
Services

Healthcare &
Medicine

Civil Rights &
Social Action

Community
Improvement

Housing &
Shelter

Public
Safety

Religious
& Spiritual
Development

Mental Health
& Crisis
Intervention

Arts &
Culture

Employment &
Job Security

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THE PROGRAM MADE EVERYTHING SEEM MORE DOABLE. IT OPENED A NEW SET OF OPTIONS THAT I NEVER THOUGHT WERE POSSIBLE. THAT HAS TRANSLATED EVEN FURTHER – IT MADE ME BELIEVE I COULD GO OUT AND ACHIEVE MY OTHER GOALS.

Antonio Gutierrez

Project Manager, Embrey
Bachelor's in Construction Management, Arizona State University
Master's in Real Estate Development, Georgetown University

As a high school student, Antonio did not plan to attend college; instead, he intended on a career as a member of the U.S. Border Patrol, a common path for many residents in his hometown of Yuma. However, upon applying for and receiving the Dorrance Scholarship, Antonio recognized that his options surpassed his previous expectations. As an undergraduate, Antonio studied Construction Management. Now, twelve years later, as he completes his master's in Real Estate Development from Georgetown University, he intends to pay it forward by moving back to Yuma to help his community.



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CAREER

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SCHOLAR
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SCHOLAR
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I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT INTERNSHIPS WERE SUCH A BIG DEAL AND COULD SHAPE MY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. THE PROGRAM HAS CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO MY LIFE, BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE, IT HAS MADE ME A WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUAL.

Kim Preller

Research Technician, Barrow Neurological Institute
Bachelor's in Neuroscience, Biomedical Sciences, and Biological Science, Arizona State University

For Kim, the internship experience paved the way for a career in research. Now a Research Technician exploring the causes and cures of neurodegenerative diseases, Kim embodies the values of dedication and achievement that the Program impresses upon its participants. As she begins the process of applying to an MD-PhD program, Kim credits her summer internship with making her an accomplished and versatile member of her research team.

DORRANCE SCHOLARS ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS



Alumni who have completed a graduate degree or are currently enrolled in graduate school



Alumni who have completed a doctorate or professional degree or are currently enrolled in a doctorate or professional program

According to census.gov 14.4% of Americans complete an advanced degree such as a master's, doctoral, or professional degree.

Medicine & Public Health: 49



Business & Finance: 45



Engineering & Technology: 39



Education/Youth: 26



Non-Profit: 21



Science & Research: 20



Higher Education: 19



Social Services & Advocacy: 19



Conservation: 15



Student: 15



Art & Design: 14



Law & Justice: 13



Retail/Management: 11



Behavioral Health: 6



Real Estate or Insurance: 6



Transportation/Communications: 6



Military: 5



Parenting: 3



Veterinary Sciences/Animals: 3



Travel & Recreation: 2



Other: 40





IMPACTING MY

FAMILY

DSP
SCHOLAR
1999-2003

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THIS YEAR WE HELPED OUR 18-YEAR-OLD MOVE TO FLAGSTAFF TO ATTEND NAU! WATCHING THE DSP EVOLVE OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS, WITH THE FOCUS NOT JUST ON EDUCATION, BUT ON GROWING A WELL-ROUNDED HUMAN WITH LIFE EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM ALSO HELPED INFLUENCE THE WAY I PARENT.

Kaci Lint

Learning Experience Designer, Banner Research
Vice President, Arizona Museum of Natural History Foundation
Bachelor's in Psychology, Northern Arizona University

As a member of the first cohort, Kaci represents the lasting effects that a university education can have on an individual and her family. Kaci moved her son to Northern Arizona University to start his academic journey, but Kaci's college graduation inspired her mother to return to school and complete her degree.

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RECEIVING THE SCHOLARSHIP INSPIRED MY SISTER TO APPLY, THEN OUR COUSIN AND EXTENDED FAMILY DECIDED TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION. MY SISTER AND I TALK TO THEM ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BROADENING THEIR HORIZONS BEYOND THEIR DEGREE.



Gigi Siqueiros

Investments Analyst,
Northern Trust Corporation
Bachelor's in Finance,
University of Arizona

Florentina Siqueiros

Current Scholar,
Bachelor's in Animation
in progress,
Arizona State University

Florentina is one of several legacy scholars to be inspired by an older sibling who earned a Dorrance scholarship and completed the Program. As a high school student, Florentina was unsure about whether she would have the opportunity to attend college. That is, until her sister Gigi was selected as a Dorrance Scholar in 2018. Suddenly, a university education seemed attainable for Florentina. Not only does Gigi credit her professional success as an Investment Analyst to the Program, but she also recognizes the way in which it has ripple effects in the lives of its participants. Now, Gigi and Florentina consistently encourage their family to follow their passions and better themselves through education.



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FAMILY

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2018-2022

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SCHOLAR
2021-2025

DORRANCE SCHOLARS TRANSFORM FAMILIES

Since the Program's inception, 17 legacy recipients have chosen to pursue higher education after seeing a family member receive the scholarship. Despite having a family member in the Program, a legacy scholar still makes it through the selection process on their own merits.

“**SEEING MY BROTHER RECEIVE THE DORRANCE SCHOLARSHIP WAS HONESTLY A RELIEF. I WAS GLAD TO KNOW THE WORK HE PUT IN WAS RECOGNIZED AND AWARDED. THE MOST BENEFICIAL ASPECT OF MY BROTHER GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS BEFORE ME WAS THE REASSURANCE THAT IF HE COULD DO IT, SO COULD I.**

David Ndayiragije

DSP Class of 2024



“**SEEING MY COUSIN RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP HELPED ME REALIZE THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY WAS SOMETHING I COULD ACHIEVE, TOO. IT GAVE ME THE SPARK TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF, KNOWING THAT HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION COULD OPEN DOORS. HER JOURNEY INSPIRED ME TO IMAGINE MY OWN PATH FORWARD AND BELIEVE THAT A REGULAR GIRL FROM NOGALES COULD EMBRACE A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH IS HOW I STILL SEE THE PROGRAM TODAY.**

Stephanie Perez

DSP Class of 2015



“**WATCHING MY SISTER GO THROUGH THE PROGRAM INSPIRED ME AND GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO BELIEVE THAT I COULD DO IT, TOO. MY SISTER SHOWED ME HOW TO BREAK ASPIRATIONS INTO MANAGEABLE STEPS. SHE TRULY MADE EVERYTHING SEEM POSSIBLE. WHEN I APPLIED FOR DSP, I HAD HER IN THE FRONT OF MY MIND.**

Kaiyla Darmer

DSP Class of 2010



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DURING MY TIME IN THE PROGRAM, I LEARNED THE VALUE OF PHILANTHROPY. THE DORRANCE'S GENEROSITY AND SELFLESSNESS HAS INSPIRED ME TO SHARE MY TIME, KNOWLEDGE, AND RESOURCES WITH OTHERS.

Manuel Valencia

Senior Program Operations Manager, Raytheon
Vice President, Western Little League
Bachelor's in Engineering Management, University of Arizona

Of the many lessons the Program imparts upon scholars, one of the most consistent has been the importance of philanthropy and community outreach. Inspired by the Dorrance's philanthropic mission, Manuel has embraced his community. As a mentor to young engineers, Manuel encourages young adults to broaden their horizons through travel and cultural engagement. Moreover, Manuel promotes youth sports, serving as a volunteer coach and Vice President of Western Little League in Tucson. He is also the founder, President, and head coach of Tucson Crusaders Baseball, a non-profit focused on developing youth through baseball.

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SCHOLAR
2005-2009



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2017-2021

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THROUGH THE PROGRAM,
I REALIZED IT IS NOT MONEY THAT
DRIVES MOST PEOPLE, BUT GIVING
BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES IN
SOME WAY. JACQUIE AND BENNETT
SHOW US THAT SUCCESS CAN
MEAN A LOT OF THINGS.

Nadene Hubbard

Water Conservation Specialist, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Bachelor's in Sustainability, Arizona State University

When considering college, Nadene was determined to successfully transition from life in a small town on the Navajo reservation to a large university campus. Her goal was to excel academically and obtain a degree that would enable her to give back to her community. The summer after graduating from high school, Nadene took a significant step by moving into the dorms to participate in the Dorrance Summer Bridge Program, a five-week immersive experience designed to help students transition to university life. The program introduces scholars to essential learning strategies, campus resources, and academic expectations, equipping them with the tools to become successful university students. Nadene attributes the Summer Bridge Program to opening her eyes to a new world of opportunities.

DORRANCE SCHOLARS UPLIFT COMMUNITIES

Through their time in the Program, scholars have opportunities to explore their interests and passions. Through summer programs, college courses, and volunteer service, scholars discover the causes that matter most to them. The Senior Grant Project, established in 2010, provides an opportunity for them to advance the way they invest in their communities. In their fourth year, scholars work together to identify a local non-profit organization and complete a process that encourages responsible philanthropy. Scholars present their research and funding proposals at each university.

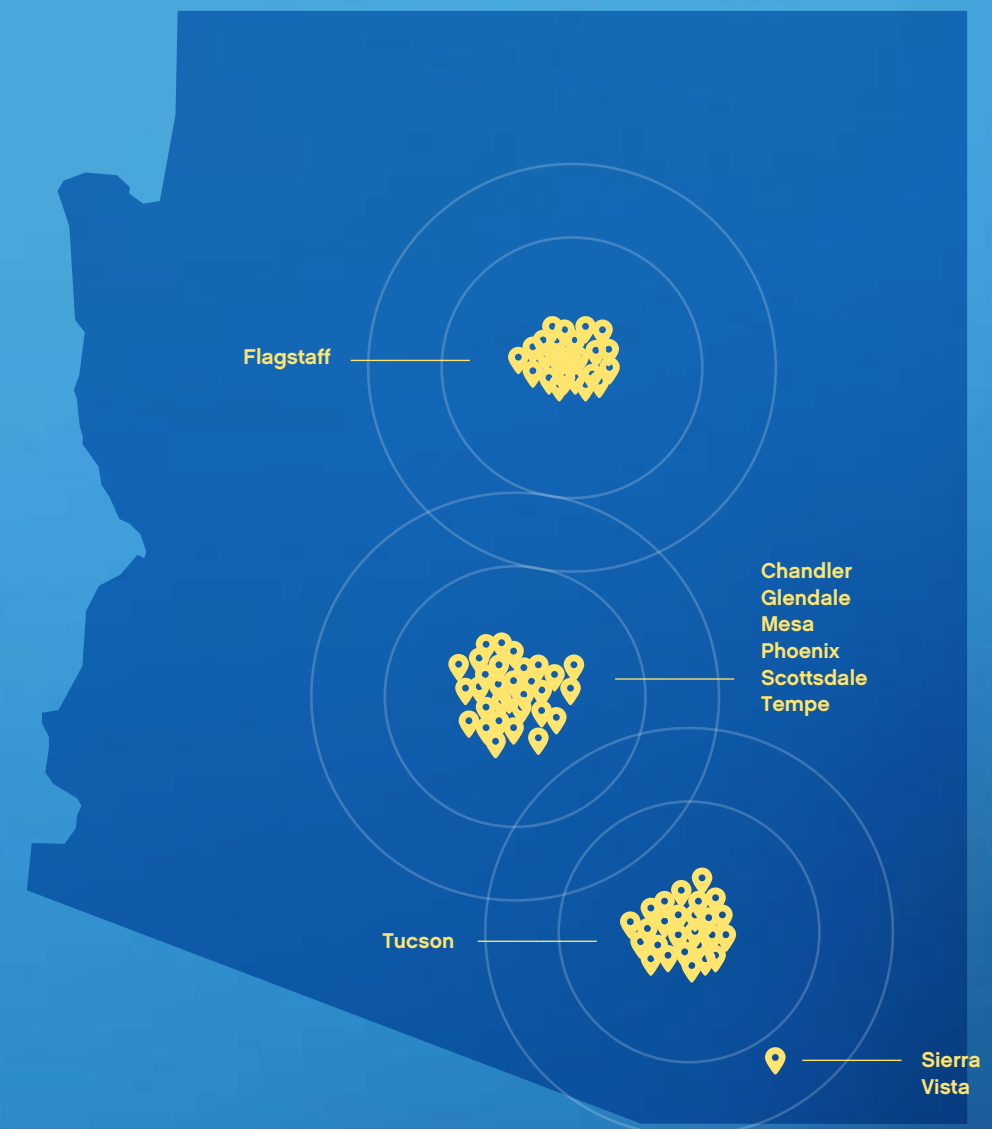
“**THE PROGRAM WAS BRILLIANT 25 YEARS AGO, BUT JACQUIE AND BENNETT HAVE ENCOURAGED ITS GROWTH. NOW, THE PROGRAM TOUCHES EVERYTHING – THE SCHOLARS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND ARIZONA COMMUNITIES.**”

Carolyn O'Malley

DFFE Board Member

\$414K

Total dollar amount donated to the local community through **Senior Grant Projects**



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FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE TRENDSETTERS AND INNOVATORS. WE CREATE NEW LEGACIES THAT RIPPLE ACROSS FUTURE GENERATIONS. BY CHARTING NEW PATHS, WE SERVE AS EXAMPLES AND PROFESSIONAL ROLE MODELS FOR FUTURE STUDENTS.

Jesse McCain

Associate Director, Public Service Pathways, Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Outreach, University of Virginia
Bachelor's in Political Science, University of Arizona
Master's in Higher Education, University of Arizona
Doctorate in Philosophy, Higher Education & Sociology of Education, University of Virginia

As first-generation college students, Dorrance Scholars are well-aware of the challenges and complexity of navigating an undergraduate education. However, Jesse – and the Program – believe that, despite potential barriers, first-generation students possess unique capabilities and perspectives, drawing on life experiences for inspiration and purpose. Jesse's experience as a scholar, as well as the extensive research he has conducted on first-generation students, informs his role as a mentor to incoming freshmen who are embarking on their own academic journey. During the Summer Bridge Program, Jesse leads a "Values in Higher Education" workshop in which students explore their values and how such values drive their purpose as scholars, leaders, and professionals.



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THROUGH THE INNOVATION PROGRAM, I LEARNED HOW TO TACKLE REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS AND BRAINSTORM SOLUTIONS. I CAN IMPLEMENT THESE LESSONS INTO MY MATHEMATICS LESSONS. I LEARNED HOW TO BREAK DOWN COMPLEX INFORMATION AND SCAFFOLD IT IN A WAY THAT MY STUDENTS CAN ACCESS THE INFORMATION.

Christina Findley

Math Teacher & Department Chair, Empower College Prep High School
Bachelor's in Earth & Space Exploration, Arizona State University
Master's in Applied Mathematics and Statistics, University of California

In order to provide a well-rounded education for scholars, the Program hosts a summer Innovation program for rising sophomore scholars to apply their knowledge of the Humanities to an entrepreneurial endeavor. The program equips students with the skills to address community-based issues or opportunities through innovative solutions, namely strategic communication, analytical thinking, public speaking, and leadership. These are a few of the many skills that Christina brings to her role as a high school math teacher. Not only does Christina teach her students to apply mathematical lessons to the world around them, but she also emphasizes the importance of education and innovation.

DORRANCE SCHOLARS IMPACT GENERATIONS



GRADUATE STUDENTS

The program taught me that nothing can hold me back from success, but it also gave me tools to have a more successful future. I started as a first-generation undergraduate; now I have my PhD.

Destiny Simpson

NAU, DSP Class of 2013



PROFESSIONALS

Because I am a first-generation graduate, I was able to obtain a certain tier of career that no one in my family has been able to obtain. I am the first person to have a career and not just a job.

Lacy Monroe

ASU, DSP Class of 2013



MENTORS

I am a mentor to new attorneys in my office. As a first-generation college graduate, I am invested in helping those working to obtain their educational and professional goals. We are uniquely positioned to understand their struggles and the determination needed to overcome life's roadblocks to success.

Laura Anderson

ASU, DSP Class of 2007



EDUCATORS

As a teacher, being a first-generation student means everything! I have students from a background similar to mine. When they see where I am today, it makes an impact. My students benefit the most knowing they have a chance because I got that chance.

Amy Roberts

UA, Class of 2006



INVESTORS

I am the first in my family to do a lot. A personal achievement I am proud of is investing in my retirement. Thanks to the Program's focus on financial literacy, I am the first in my family to invest in my financial security.

Kylee Hoffman

NAU, Class of 2017



ENTREPRENEURS

The Program fostered growth and encouraged me to embrace opportunities. That mindset has been crucial in my entrepreneurial endeavors, making me the first in my family to start and own a business.

Alexandru Dospinoiu

UA, DSP Class of 2005



PHILANTHROPISTS

Being part of the Program inspired me to find a philanthropic cause I cared about. I was the first person to graduate with my bachelor's and master's degree. Now, I am the first philanthropist, too. It is a joy to consider my community's needs and the ways I can give.

Naomi Taylor

ASU, DSP Class of 2006



HOMEOWNERS

I had the opportunity to experience more of my life than I realized was possible. I was the first person in my family to purchase a home!

Jose Rodriguez

UA, DSP Class of 2013

When first-generation college students receive their bachelor's degree, the benefits continue to expand. Their ability to rise above obstacles and innovate opens the door to new opportunities.

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I WOULD NOT HAVE PURSUED RESEARCH THAT HAD TO DO WITH ART OR EVEN KNOW HOW TO TALK ABOUT ART IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AND CULTURAL EVENTS. LOOKING AT ART AND ENGAGING IN ARTISTIC PURSUITS CAN PROVIDE SOMEONE WITH THE KEYS TO LIVING A RICH AND MEANINGFUL LIFE.

Hassan Aleem

Co-Founder, Nuance Behavior
Bachelor's in Molecular & Cellular Biology and Physiology,
University of Arizona
Doctorate in Neuroscience, Georgetown University

A core component of the Dorrance Study Abroad Program is fostering an appreciation for the arts; scholars visit museums throughout Europe as they explore the origins of Western culture. When Hassan traveled with the Program in the summer of 2008, he became interested in the effects of art and beauty on human cognition, namely impacting one's ability to find purpose in their own lives. In his own words "art is a reflection of cognition." This intersection of neuroscience and beauty (i.e. neuroaesthetics) has led Hassan to a career in which he combines elements of art and psychology to design effective, impactful products and services for users across the globe.



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2006-2010



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THE INNOVATION PROGRAM LET US PRACTICE ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS PLAN, WHICH GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO TRY SOMETHING NEW. MY PROJECT WAS ABOUT CONNECTING NON-PROFIT PROFESSIONALS, AND THAT IS WHAT MY CAREER IS ABOUT NOW. THE WAY WE MANAGE WATER WILL IMPACT SOCIETY AND HOW WE LIVE.

Shaina Shay

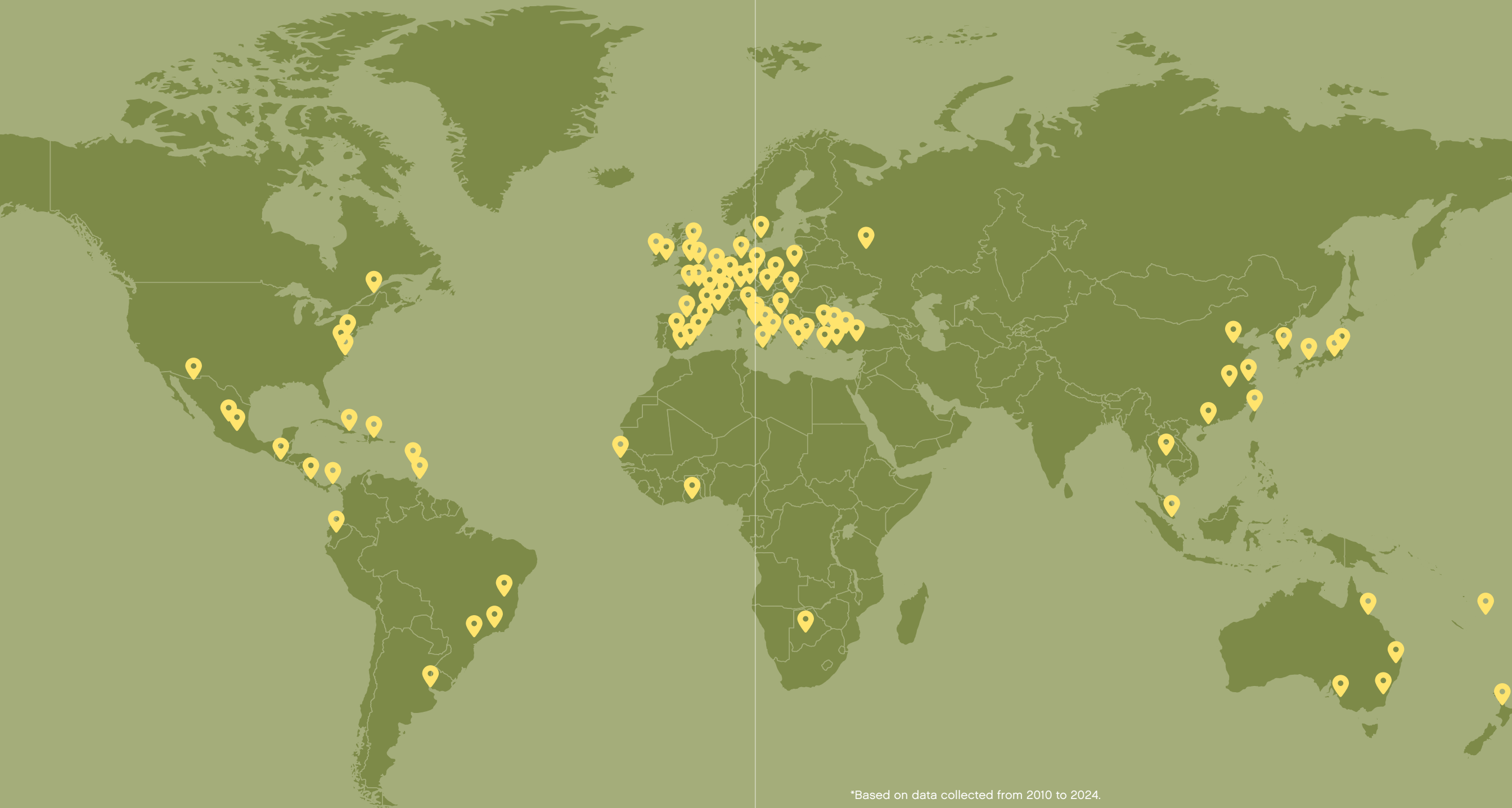
Owner and Editor-in-Chief, The Water Report
Bachelor's in Environmental Science and Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Arizona

DSP
SCHOLAR
2007-2011

Through the Dorrance Innovation program, scholars are encouraged to explore innovative ideas that will improve their communities. As part of her project, Shaina developed a business plan that connected non-profit professionals, an effort that is similar to her current career. Through her work with The Water Report, she shares cutting-edge water solutions with professionals who are implementing projects and creating long-lasting impacts around the world. Shaina is still thankful for the academic and financial support that gave her the confidence to make a career out of her passions.

DORRANCE SCHOLARS EXPLORE THE WORLD

Since 2001, the Program has encouraged scholars to travel. What started as financial support in the form of a travel stipend has transformed into a semester abroad during sophomore year. Upon entering the program, 91%* of scholars had never traveled abroad. From 1999 to 2024, scholars have traveled to 132 cities across the globe, fostering cultural exchange and understanding.



*Based on data collected from 2010 to 2024.

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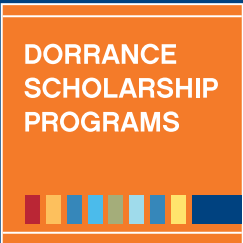
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