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2020-2021
Stewardship Report

Thank you

In a year of many challenges, we have experienced God's faithfulness and provision through friends like you. Your support and prayers have helped sustain APU and our students in remarkable and resilient ways. APU has been a *God First* university for more than 120 years, and we are confident that our Christ-centered mission is more vital in our world today than ever before. Thank you for joining with us to prepare graduates like Kathryn who will meet the great needs of our world.

APU continues to be an innovative leader in higher education, and this year, our community of faculty, staff, and students have developed new ways of learning and living out our Four Cornerstones: Christ, Scholarship, Community, and Service. We embrace the challenges before us with a sense of hope and optimism, and a desire to join God in His work in the world. While we look forward to our hopeful return to campus, we trust that our learnings this year have made APU stronger and better equipped to educate students for a rapidly changing world.

Thank you again for your generosity and your faithful prayers that make an APU education possible for so many students.

Serving together,

Corbin Hoornbeek

*Vice President for University Advancement
Azusa Pacific University*



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A Note From *Kathryn*



Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness in providing me with this scholarship. Without it, my family could not afford my attendance at Azusa Pacific University. Although this year has been different from others, the opportunity to be an APU student is no less impactful on my life. Azusa Pacific University is a positive, welcoming community that helped me feel at home at a time when I did not have a physical home. In November of 2018, I lost my house to the Camp Fire in Northern California, leaving my family confused and desperate. Shortly after evacuating my hometown of Paradise, I applied for a scholarship at APU. Months later, after my family and I settled into an apartment, I received an invitation to interview for the scholarship on campus. During my weekend stay at APU, I felt I had found my new home. My family and I prayed that God would grant us the ability for me to attend APU, and through your generosity, God answered our prayers. Your kindness changed my life, giving me hope when I had very little. Because of your benevolence, I have the opportunity to be a part of the most loving community of difference-makers, and I cannot thank you enough!

Azusa Pacific University is where I feel most at home. I first toured the campus during my junior year of high school, and the minute I stepped up to the Welcome Center, I felt as if I belonged here. My hometown of Paradise was a small, quiet community which mostly consisted of retirees. My home church was fairly large in proportion, but my friend group was small and remained consistent throughout elementary to high school. When I applied for college, I was excited to leave home and discover new opportunities, though I was also afraid to leave my community behind. At APU, I found the perfect balance between comfort and novelty. It was an entirely new community, but I felt accepted right away. To this day, I have yet to meet a student or faculty member who is not kind and welcoming. During my tours of the campus, there were always students who seemed excited to attend APU. After my time here, I fully understand their excitement because APU is the most amazing place to be!

In addition to the positive community, I am also very impressed with APU's academics. Since my freshman year of high school, I have wanted to major in math, with intentions to someday become a math professor. I love computing calculations and theorizing with mathematical concepts, and APU is a great place for both. When I visited campus for a preview weekend, Dr. Bradley McCoy informed me that APU is focused on helping students obtain internships and research opportunities, which was very encouraging. Later that year, I attended a Number Theory class taught by Dr. Sharon McCathern, and I was so excited by the material that I could not wait to be a student in her class. In these ways, APU stood out as the best option for me.

I am involved in a few different groups on campus, including a discipleship group. I am also a Math and Physics Fellow, a Math and Physics Center tutor, and an Honors College Mentor. My discipleship group has been very beneficial in my spiritual life as I have started journaling my prayers and being more attentive to how God is speaking to me. My discipleship group leader, Sophie Cook, has helped us to focus on relevant topics like trusting God and finding our identity

in Christ. Through this, I have been able to go deeper in my faith.

In addition to the discipleship group, being a member of the Honors College has also greatly aided me in my faith journey. Through studying great literary works such as Dante's Divine Comedy and Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle, I have learned how to pray more effectively and to focus more closely on Jesus. Through my friendships in the Honors College, I have also made discoveries about myself. For example, prior to attending APU, I believed that I was not worth being friends with, and that I would be unable to form real friendships at school. However, during my freshman year, I grew close with my roommate, my hall-mates, and others, and I realized that other people view me as valuable. As a person with social anxiety, it was amazing to learn that the people I cared about truly cared about me.

In the future, I hope to pursue a Ph.D. in mathematics and eventually work as a mathematics professor at a university. I believe that mathematics reflects the beautifully formulaic way that God designed our universe, and my calling is to discover and share that beauty. In my Mathematics and Physics Fellowship, I have had the opportunity to discuss the connection between mathematics and the Christian worldview, which further cemented my understanding that God intended our world to function mathematically. I have also had the opportunity to discuss God's mathematical intentions in several of my math classes.

In addition to discovering the fundamental truths God provides through mathematics, I also feel called to teaching. As a tutor in the Mathematics and Physics Center, I have had the opportunity to assist students with difficult problems, using my knowledge of mathematics to answer their questions and explain concepts they have trouble understanding. This position is difficult because at times, I do not immediately know the answer. However, it is also extremely rewarding to guide a student from confusion to understanding. One of the most exciting moments is seeing the look in a student's eyes and hearing them say, "Oh! I get it now!" My hope is that I can continue to direct students toward further understanding of mathematics for the rest of my life. Thank you for making this possible through your generosity!

*Kathryn Tickle '24
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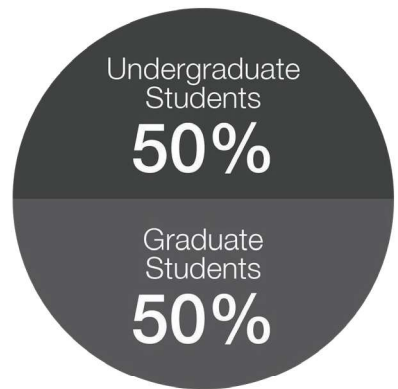
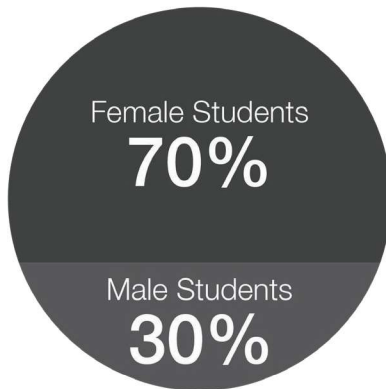
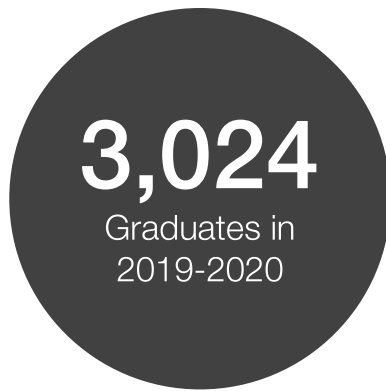
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Institutional Scholarships & Grants

\$24,884,696

Federal & State Scholarships & Grants

83% of undergraduate students receiving any form of institutional financial aid



Total Giving *by Project*

2020 Fiscal Year



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