A REPORT ON THE ENDOWMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

As of June 30, 2020, the St. John’s School endowment balance was approximately $80.2 million, an increase from the prior year of approximately $1 million. This increase resulted from the combination of a 2.5% investment return gain for fiscal 2020, approximately $3 million in spend from the endowment assets, and approximately $2 million in endowment contributions.

The School’s endowment spend is generally calculated as 4% of the preceding calendar year’s average endowment balance.

IN A TIME OF UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES, the St. John’s community has united, showing its versatility and creativity. St. John’s is fortunate to have committed donors that are invested in the mission of the School and specifically its precept of responsibility, not only for each other but for the community as a whole. As a donor to the St. John’s endowment, I hope you know how much the School’s resilience is due to your thoughtful and forward-thinking generosity.

The breadth of St. John’s philanthropic support has impacted its ability to respond in times of crisis. Our faculty have kept pace with innovations in instructional technology, empowering them to quickly pivot to a remote learning program. Additionally, the availability of financial aid continues to ensure that exemplary students can access a St. John’s education, particularly in periods of economic fluctuation.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of St. John’s, please accept my sincere gratitude for your continued dedication and support. If you have any questions about the information contained in this report, please feel free to contact Lorin Crater, Endowment and Planned Giving, at lcrater@sjs.org or 713.850.4023.

Respectfully,

Mark Desjardins
Head of School
2019-2020 NAMED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Below is a listing of named, endowed funds grouped by market value as of June 30, 2020.

$1 MILLION AND ABOVE

CULLEN CHAIR IN PRIMARY EDUCATION
Established in 1985 by The Cullen Foundation in support of Primary Education faculty salary and development.

ELKINS CHAIR IN ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE ARTS
Established in 2002 by The Elkins Foundation in support of English and Language Arts faculty salary and development.

FLORES FAMILY CHAIR IN MATHEMATICS
Established in 2004 by Cherie and Jim Flores in support of Mathematics faculty salary and development.

FUND FOR FINANCIAL AID IN HONOR OF THE CLASS OF 1964
Established in 2006 by Annie and Robert ’64 Graham as a matching gift challenge to the Class of 1964 in support of financial aid.

J SQUARED FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Established in 2013 during the Opportunity of a Lifetime Campaign by Ann and Johnny ’63 Johnson.

WINIFRED S. JONES MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 1995 by Melissa A. Jones ’68, Jesse H. Jones II ’69, and John C. Jones ’74, in honor of their mother. The Houston Endowment, Inc. matched their gift 2:1. The fund provides financial aid to minority students.

$750,000 - $999,999

ELKINS CHAIR IN MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
Established in 1993 by The Elkins Foundation in support of Mathematics and Computer Science faculty salary and development.

RAY C. FISH CHAIR IN HISTORY
Established in 1978 by the Ray C. Fish Foundation in support of History faculty salary and development.

WILLIAM P. HOBBY CHAIR IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
Established in 1978 by the Hobby Foundation in support of Social Science faculty salary and development.

ANN AND JOHN W. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 1980 by Ann and Johnny ’63 Johnson in support of financial aid.
CFP ENDOWMENT FOR GIRLS’ ATHLETICS
Established in 2007 by Sylvie and Gary Crum in support of girls’ athletics.

ELLEN CLAYTON GARWOOD SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1993 by the Clayton Fund in memory of one of St. John’s founders, Ellen Clayton Garwood, in support of financial aid.

FAITH AND VIRTUE ENDOWMENT
Established in 2007 to provide funds to create elective course work in Christianity, the Bible, world religions, spirituality, and ethics. This effort was spearheaded by Sara and Fred Robertson and Callie and Tom Paterson.

DAVID ADAMS GOODRICH ENDOWMENT FUND
Established in 2013 by Raymond Goodrich ’68 in memory of his brother David Goodrich ’69 in support of History faculty salary and development.

JAMAIL ENDOWMENT FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
Established in 2002 by Louise ’79 and Rob Jamail in support of faculty development.

JESSE H. JONES CHAIR IN HISTORY
Established in 1972 by the Houston Endowment, Inc. in support of History faculty salary and development.

MD ANDERSON CHAIR IN SCIENCE
Established in 1993 by the MD Anderson Foundation in support of Science faculty salary and development.

E. K. SALLS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 1985 by the family and friends of the second St. John’s Headmaster, Elwood K. Salls, in support of financial aid.

FLOWERS MASTER TEACHER OF SCIENCE K-12
Established in 1994 by the H. Fort Flowers Foundation and the Flowers family in support of Science faculty and development.

FLOWERS UPPER SCHOOL MATHEMATICS FACULTY ENRICHMENT FUND
Established in 2000 by the H. Fort Flowers Foundation in support of Mathematics faculty salary and development.

EDWARD E. FORD FOUNDATION FACULTY ENRICHMENT FUND
Established in 1994 by the E. E. Ford Foundation in support of faculty development.

EDWARD E. FORD FOUNDATION MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2007 by the E. E. Ford Foundation in support of aid for students of color that have demonstrated a financial need.

STUART KENSINGER ’81 ENDOWMENT FOR PEACEBUILDING AND LEADERSHIP
Established in 2020 in memory of Stuart Kensinger ’81 by son Philip Kensinger ’16. The Endowment serves as a resource to the St. John’s community to engage guest speakers in varying student, faculty, and community settings. The purpose is to encourage respectful dialogue and exchange from differing faith, political, social, and cultural backgrounds to promote an understanding and appreciation of differing perspectives.

WILLIS KING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 2013 by Dr. and Mrs. Willis King in support of financial aid.

LIU COURT ENDOWMENT
Established in 2005 by Cindy and Frank Liu in support of Athletics.

GRAY ALTON MARSH SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1997 by family and friends of Gray Alton Marsh ’80 in support of financial aid.

MORIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 2007 by Laurie and Reed ’64 Morian in support of financial aid.

MYRTLE ALICE SIMS SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2007 by James A. Elkins III ’70 in honor of Faculty Emerita Myrtle Sims in support of financial aid.
MAURIE AND PHILIP CANNON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 1998 by St. John’s Board of Trustees in honor of Maurie ’61 and Philip Cannon’s service to the School and in support of financial aid.

METZ CASADEMONT SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 2005 by Michael Metz and Clare Casademont in support of financial aid.

SCOTTLAND YARD AND CAVEN FIELD ENDOWMENT
Established in 2005 by Vivian and Scott Caven in memory of Scotty Caven ’04 in support of improvements to the soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey fields.

CHAO ENDOWMENT FOR ASIAN STUDIES
Established in 2003 by Anne and Albert Chao in support of Asian Studies.

SARAH GARRETT INJAC AND LAURA GARRETT GREIG ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2014 by J. Patrick Garrett in honor of his daughters in support of financial aid for former KIPP students.

HINTON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2001 by Barbara and Marks ’60 Hinton in support of financial aid.

JOHN L. WELSH, JR. SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1993 by the McCrea Foundation and Welsh family in honor of John Welsh’s service as the second Chairman of St. John’s Board in support of financial aid.

NEVA AND WESLEY WEST MASTER TEACHER IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Established in 1993 by the Neva and Wesley West Foundation in support of Foreign Language faculty salary and development.

WENDALL ZARTMAN ENDOWMENT FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE
Established in memory of Wendall Zartman in 2020 by the R. R. Vale Foundation as directed by Laura and Andrew ’86 McCullough to support tuition assistance.
THE JULIE LOUIS BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 2004 by Stewart Baker in honor of his wife, Julia Louis Baker ’64, in support of financial aid.

H. SCOTT CAVEN III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Established in 2005 by Vivian and Scott Caven in memory of their son Scotty Caven ’04. Awarded to a graduating senior that exemplifies character and achievement.

PAUL CHAPMAN ’71 FELLOWSHIP IN SERVICE-LEARNING
Established in 2019 in memory of Paul Chapman ’71. The Fellowship awards student grants to conduct domestic summer service and/or research projects that seek to identify, research, and resolve a problem in the community. It is intended to enhance students’ contact with communities beyond the Storied Cloisters and to offer an opportunity to explore the relationship between academics and real world applications.

ALAN AND ELLIS CHIDSEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 1965 in honor of St. John’s founding headmaster Alan Chidsey and his wife, Ellis, in support of financial aid.

CHRISTOPHER JAMES DANIEL AND CATHERINE MIRTHA DANIEL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1997 by the Ray C. Fish Foundation in support of financial aid for minority students.

HEADMASTER’S STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND
Established by St. John’s Board of Trustees in support of incidental student needs.

JESSE H. AND MARY GIBBS JONES ENDOWMENT FOR ADVANCED FACULTY STUDIES
Established in 1996 by the Houston Endowment, Inc. in support of faculty development.

ANNA B. McCULLOUGH ENDOWMENT FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE
Established in 2020 by the R. R. Vale Foundation as directed by Anna McCullough ’83 in support of tuition assistance.

OLGA C. McLAREN POETRY ENDOWMENT
Established in 2001 by Faculty Emerita Olga McLaren and Theron McLaren in support of Lower School poetry.

SARAH RABINOW PESIKOFF ’86 FACULTY SUMMER ENRICHMENT FUND
Established in 2015 by Sarah Pesikoff ’86 to support faculty who are interested in spending a portion of their summer exploring and embracing a learning experience or subject area outside their area of expertise.

JAMES E. PETERSEN SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1993 by James Petersen ’51 in support of financial aid.

READER’S DIGEST SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 1984 by the New York Community Trust in support of financial aid.

MARK REED FUND FOR STUDENT LIFE
Established in 2009 by Annie and Robert ’64 Graham in honor of former Assistant Headmaster Mark Reed in support of Student Life.

E. K. AND ANNE SALLS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Established in 1976 by the Cain Foundation upon Headmaster Elwood K. Salls’ retirement. Awarded to a graduating student, typically the child of a faculty member.

COLONEL H. GRANT TAYLOR, JR. M.D. LEADERSHIP AWARD
Established in 2015 by the Class of 1963 in memory of H. Grant Taylor, Jr. ’63. Awarded in recognition of a student’s leadership.

FRIITZI WYCKOFF SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2004 by William and Maria ’81 Boyce in memory of Maria’s mother, Fritzi Wyckoff ’56, in support of financial aid.
JOHN ALLMAN FUND FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
Established in 2009 by St. John’s Board of Trustees in recognition of past Headmaster John Allman’s outstanding service to the school in support of faculty development.

BRICE LOWER SCHOOL ARTS À LA CARTE ENDOWMENT
Established in 2001 by W. R. Brice in honor of Anne Brice in support of Lower School art enrichment programs.

SUSAN AND RICHARD DEGNER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

DAWN GROSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

AMALIA HETHCOAT ENDOWMENT
Established in 2014 by Patrick Ryan ’09 and Melanie Lilienstern ’09 in memory of Faculty Emerita Amalia Hethcoat.

WILLIAM DAVID MCKONE ’20 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 2019 in memory of William David McKone ’20.

MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1979 by friends and family in memory of Faculty Emeritus James J. Murphy in support of financial aid.

DAWSON-NGUYEN FAMILY ENDOWMENT
Established in 2019 by Ba Nguyen ’92 and Gwendolyn Dawson in support of tuition assistance for single parent households.

SHANKS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 1981 by friends and family in memory of Rex Shanks, Jr. in support of financial aid.

SIMONS/SKLAR FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Established in 2010 by the Simons and Sklar families in memory of Miriam Sklar.

ANTHONY C. SIRIGNANO CLASSICS FUND
Established in 2012 by Jeremy Radcliffe ’92 in memory of Faculty Emeritus Anthony Sirignano in support of programming and instruction in the Classics.

TURK ADROGUÉ EL-HAKAM FELLOWSHIP IN SCIENCE ENDOWMENT
Established in 2019 by Leila El-Hakam and Matias Adrogué in honor of Erol Turk. The Fellowship will award students grants to conduct summer research and/or participate in a domestic summer experience or internship that seeks to research, learn, and/or apply science.

ALLISON GROSS WALLACE ’83 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 2020 in memory of Allison Gross Wallace ’83 to support tuition assistance for well-rounded students whose talents, attributes, and personal breadth will make deep contributions to the fabric of St. John’s School.

ELLA R. WINSTON ENDOWMENT FOR FACULTY
Established in 1994 by James O. Winston in support of faculty salary.

WORTHAM ENDOWMENT FOR CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION
Established in 2002 by the Wortham Foundation in support of landscape maintenance.
MICHELLE CORMIER ENDOWMENT FUND
Established in 2019 by the Class of 1994 in memory of Michelle E. Cormier ’94.

ELLEN CLAYTON GARWOOD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Established in 1968 by Jack and Burdine Johnson in honor of Ellen Clayton Garwood. Awarded to an Upper School student who has demonstrated imagination and talent in creative writing.

ELIZABETH AND DANNY GOODWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 1986 by the Goodwin family and the Class of 1986 in support of financial aid.

STRAKE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
Established in 2019 by the Strake Foundation at the recommendation of the Allison ’80 and Dan Parsley Family. The Fund currently supports unrestricted endowment.

THE SUMMERS FAMILY ENDOWMENT
Established in 2018 by Matthew Summers and Alicia Blackburn Summers ’02 in support of St. John’s Endowment.

WOO MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT FUND
Established in 2006 by Nancy and Don Woo in support of Middle School faculty development.

COLLEGE COUNSELING ENDOWMENT
Established in 2005 as part of the Foundations for the Future Campaign in support of college counseling.

CATHERINE MORGAN SALLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 1960 in memory of Catherine Morgan Salls in support of financial aid.
St. John’s is an independent, co-educational day school presenting a 13-year sequence of college preparatory training. A non-profit institution, it was founded in 1946 to provide the community with a school of exacting standards in the development of individual, spiritual, and physical growth. While the means to achieve that purpose may change, it remains the basic mission of the School.

The School seeks to develop the whole person in preparation for a lifetime of personal fulfillment and contribution to society. In particular, it is dedicated to the enhancement and the expansion of future leadership for Houston and the country. The School offers talented, motivated, and energetic students a genuine challenge for academic accomplishment and for development of a sense of self-worth and of personal responsibility. The School in turn holds itself responsible for providing that challenge.