

"We are absolutely thrilled that this project can move forward to completion. We are deeply committed to the mission of Carroll College and believe strongly in the value Carroll graduates bring to the world. Our hope is that this gift inspires others to act philanthropically and support Catholic education at Carroll College and around the world. Now more than ever we must be thinking and taking action to establish a **strong liberal arts Catholic education**. By creating a space on campus that both addresses the rapidly evolving **technological and academic needs of students** while also providing an appealing space for fellowship and community, the Jack and Sallie Corette Library and Simperman Learning Commons helps demonstrate **Carroll's commitment to intellectual and personal excellence.**"

—Roy Simperman



Frances and Roy Simperman

Jack and Sallie Corette Library and Simperman Learning Commons

The vast remodel to the Jack and Sallie Corette Library and Simperman Learning Commons is one step closer to completion following a historical gift made to Carroll College in Spring 2021.

With a deep commitment to the holistic ideals of a Carroll College education, Roy '62 and Frances Simperman once again demonstrated their boundless support for the college with a transformational gift to fund continued renovations of the Jack and Sallie Corette Library and Simperman Learning Commons. With their generous \$2.3 million donation, the Simpermans provided Carroll with the 4th largest single gift in the history of the college.

This gift is a significant catalyst in the college being able to secure the remaining funds needed to complete renovations to the library and learning commons. In large part due to the generosity of the Simpermans, renovations to the upper-level space are tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2022.

The upper-level renovations will make the Jack and Sallie Corette Library and Simperman Learning Commons a model academic library and a regionally unique facility for students, faculty, and staff to engage in cross-disciplinary work and research in a distinctly collaborative and innovative environment that integrates highly sophisticated technology into all aspects of scholarship and student experience.

Roy Simperman, a Carroll class of 1962 graduate and Chairman and CEO of Semaphore Corporation, has donated to Carroll every year for 42 years for a wide variety of scholarships, endowment funds, the nursing program, the Simperman Building, and many other areas on campus. With respect to the library project, the Simperman's initial gifts for the first phase of the remodel were over \$1.9 million with their spring gift bringing the total they have given for the Carroll College Simperman Learning Commons project to over \$4.2 million.

The individual listing of donors for Carroll College's fiscal year 20-21 can be found at:
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Dr. Julian Nolan with his psychology students in May 2021. Students presented their research in the sunshine outside the Campus Center.

NOT FOR SCHOOL, BUT FOR LIFE

2020 - 2021 CARROLL ANNUAL REPORT



BECAUSE OF YOUR **GENEROSITY**
the success of our
SAINTS CONTINUES.

Dear Friends of Carroll College:



This fall, Carroll was named the #1 **Regional College in the West** for the 11th year in a row by *U.S. News and World Report*. **This is a distinction that no other Catholic college or regional university has achieved.**

and makes a difference in the lives of our students.

At Carroll, we work to educate the next generation and prepare them for a career and life of impact. It is because of your support and belief in the transformative qualities of a Carroll education that we are in a position to lead the college into a bright promising future.

On behalf of all of us at Carroll College, we are profoundly grateful for the vital contribution you make to our mission and for your generous giving, which continues to inspire us in our ongoing work. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers with gratitude for the blessing you are to Carroll.

This achievement has been made possible in part by your generosity and support, which continues to shape the educational opportunities and experiences of our students. At a time when higher education faces numerous challenges, your gifts sustain our mission and create optimism for the future.

This 2020-21 Annual Impact Report provides a snapshot of the achievements and accomplishments from the past fiscal year (7-1-2020 to 6-30-2021). This is just a small representation of the many ways your generosity impacts Carroll College

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NURSING CENTER



The new E. L. Wiegand Nursing Simulation Center provides Carroll's undergraduate and Accelerated Nursing students an unparalleled training ground to prepare them for the rigors of the nursing profession. The center features three new state-of-the-art simulation labs with seven high fidelity patient simulator manikins and an observation room. The new facility promotes teaching and engaged learning through high-impact practice in a safe and realistic healthcare setting

IN-PERSON



Out of nearly 3,000 colleges and universities surveyed in fall 2020, Carroll was among the 27% who remained open and in-person for the entire autumn semester. The other 73% were either fully or primarily online or hybrid. Carroll demonstrated that by adhering to safety protocols and diligently following testing, quarantine and isolation procedures having a safe, in-person college experience was possible even in the midst of a global pandemic.

WASTEWATER TESTING



Throughout the course of the pandemic, Carroll biology faculty have teamed up with the cities of Helena and East Helena as well as Lewis & Clark Public Health to test municipal wastewater samples for the presence and concentration of COVID-19. Carroll's faculty were able to use this experience to engage with students on a topical subject and expand into other areas of COVID-19 research in the classroom.



Shining a Light on our Student-Athletes

Kathleen (Joyce/Trudnowski) Mullins came to Carroll in 1967 to pursue her childhood dream of becoming a nurse. After attending one year of Carroll College's nursing program, she took part in a "search" and decided to pursue her thoughts about religious life. She received her BS in nursing at Marillac College in St. Louis, joined the Sisters of Charity and worked in Leavenworth, Kansas, as a registered nurse in a number of hospitals.

In 1982, she made the decision to pursue a different way of serving the Lord and responded to a call to become a traveling nurse for 10 years.

In 1990, she married Jim Trudnowski and served as the Director of Health Services at Carroll College for 20 years. She retired from nursing at Carroll in 2018 as Director of Wellness and Health Services after a remarkable 44 years as a nurse. A student once shared that she was a comfort to anyone who visited her and that she was called the mother of Carroll. Kathleen feels blessed to have served and when asked for her thoughts, she answered, "God chooses you to do something, and if you hear Him, you can do it." She then pointed to her heart, "You can't light a candle and leave it in here." Kathleen lives in

The Dr. James Trudnowski '57 and Kathleen (Joyce) Trudnowski Mullins Student-Athlete Endowment

Helena with her husband, Gerard Mullins.

In 2019 Kathleen established the Dr. James Trudnowski '57 and Kathleen (Joyce) Trudnowski Mullins Student-Athlete Endowment, in memory of Dr. Jim Trudnowski (who passed away in 2010) for his life-long commitment to teaching, coaching, and health and wellness of young people.

The endowment has a unique purpose to benefit all student-athletes. The fund provides for educational presentations and training to focus on staying mentally and physically well, being good leaders, and encouragement to share their light with others.

In light of the challenges presented to our student-athletes due to COVID-19 over the past year and a half, this training opportunity provided by the Dr. James Trudnowski '57 and Kathleen (Joyce) Trudnowski Mullins Student-Athlete Endowment is particularly significant to our student-athletes at this time.

Carroll College is fortunate to have this endowment as it is the only one of its kind in the Frontier C=onference.



Catholic Studies class in All Saints Chapel classroom. Photo taken just before the COVID-19 pandemic.

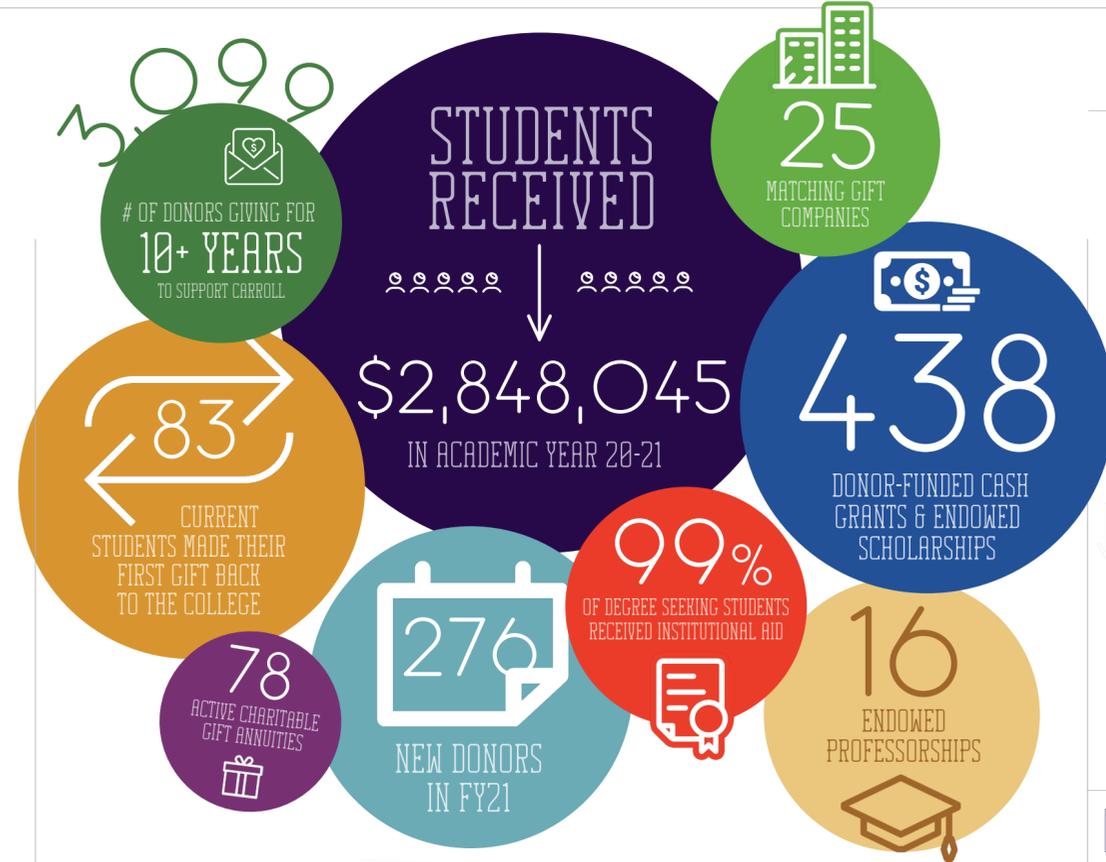
Carroll's Catholic Mission Burning Bright

At Carroll College there is a learning environment that emphasizes our Catholic values, promotes service to others, and prepares students professionally – not for school, but for life. The experience empowers students to realize the vision of the life they are called to lead.

Thanks to the generosity of a family foundation and several individual donors, Carroll College has been able to enhance our Catholic mission in academics by offering both a major and minor in Catholic Studies. Catholic Studies examines the ongoing impact of the Incarnation in human history. Different academic disciplines, cultural trends, and events are examined alongside the Church's teaching so students can make deeper connections between the classroom and life, culture and Catholicism, truth and charity, faith and reason. Students learn to walk in fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ and live according to His grace and truth.

In May 2022, Shae Bills and Elizabeth Simkins will be the first Carroll students to graduate with a Catholic Studies major. There are currently nine students who have declared Catholic Studies as a major and 11 as a minor.

A positive outcome of Carroll's Catholic mission and impact has come through the growth in the number of seminarians for the Diocese of Helena. We are blessed to have the largest cohort of seminarians in decades. Nine of the 13 young men currently in seminary for the Diocese of Helena graduated from Carroll College.



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Thank you to our outgoing trustees: Alex "Papu" Rincon, '04 and Sr. Diane Steele.

WINTER SESSION



With a revised fall schedule and extended winter break due to the pandemic, Carroll was able to launch its first Winter Session of classes during the stretch between Thanksgiving and early January. The session was a tremendous success with 138 students participating in 12 courses. All classes were delivered remotely with the session divided into three-week and six-week sections.

SOLAR ECLIPSE



After spending the summer of 2020 working with the Montana Space Grant Consortia, Carroll STEM students, Shirley Davidson and Keaton Blair were among a group of 17 student researchers from across the country who traveled to Santiago, Chile, under strict COVID-19 protocols, to assist NASA and the National Science Foundation with first-of-its-kind solar eclipse research.



INTERNSHIPS



History and international relations major McCabe Webb earned a prestigious and first-for-Carroll internship with the Carter Center's Conflict Resolution Program in Sudan in spring of 2021. Due to COVID restrictions, McCabe interned remotely from Carroll but communicated regularly with his supervisor in Khartoum. (cont.)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



In fall of 2021, McCabe is studying at the American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE and following graduation plans to continue his education and pursue a career in some area of terrorism/counter-terrorism and human rights.



While the global pandemic certainly created challenges for our Global Education program, in spring 2021, 18 international degree-seeking students chose to pursue their education at Carroll. These students hailed from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Iceland, Lebanon, Netherlands, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, and Taiwan.

NASA GRANT



A NASA grant in the amount of \$86,000 allowed Carroll Chemistry Professor John Rowley the ability to hire three undergraduate students to conduct research during the summer that has the potential to support future NASA missions by developing a method to create solar panels using minimally-processed resources readily available on Mars. Preliminary data collected by students in Carroll's chemistry courses inspired the proposal and made the grant possible.

ALUMNI CALLERS



Carroll's Advancement Outreach Center employs students who learn the value of philanthropy by reaching out to alumni, family, friends, and businesses throughout the year. The team not only raises significant dollars from loyal supporters but also makes meaningful connections with many who love Carroll College and appreciate a campus update from a current Carroll student.



Nursing students from the Carroll College Student Nurses' Association initiated a collection drive to make health and hygiene kits. Through generous donations, they were able to donate 60 hygiene kits fully stocked with soap, deodorant, washcloths, socks, combs, hand sanitizer, reusable masks and so much more to God's Love Shelter in Helena.

SERVICE



Collar Scholars at Carroll College is a new club on campus comprised of students who assist in raising puppies who will eventually become assistance dogs through Canine Companions for Independence, a nationally affiliated, (cont.)

COLLAR SCHOLARS



non-profit organization that provides service dogs for people with disabilities. Carroll's Anthrozoology program and new Canine Center provide a welcome and receptive environment for this club to succeed on campus.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Carroll's Intro to Public Relations class organized a massive Easter Egg Hunt to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena and Great Falls. Nearly 300 local grade schoolers converged on campus to find the thousands of colorful eggs stuffed with candy hidden in the campus grass.

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK



In the fall of 2021, Carroll welcomed its first cohort of students for its new Master of Social Work degree. The clinically-focused master's program is delivered in a hybrid format combining both in-person and remote learning. Recognizing the great need for trained professionals in the field of social work, Terry Payne of PayneWest Insurance graciously provided the funding to launch the MSW program.