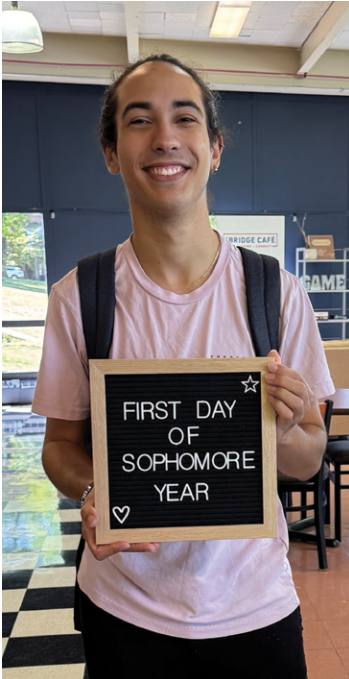


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President Michael J. Avaltroni



A Message from the President

Each year, as I reflect on the extraordinary impact of your generosity, I am reminded that Fairleigh Dickinson University's story is truly written by you: our dedicated alumni, donors, and friends. Your support fuels the ambitions of our students, empowers our faculty, and strengthens the very foundation upon which FDU builds its future.

Thanks to you, the University remains a place where students discover who they are, what they can achieve, and how they can make a difference. Your choice to invest in FDU's vision makes all of this possible. At the heart of every student's success, every new program launched, and every milestone reached stands a generous community whose belief in Fairleigh Dickinson University makes a world of difference.

As you read this Donor Impact Report, know that each success story and every new initiative carries your signature. We are deeply grateful for your partnership as we write the next chapter in Fairleigh Dickinson University's proud history together.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Avaltroni', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael J. Avaltroni, Ph.D.
President

Full Circle | *How Giving Comes Back Around at FDU*



"Someone believed in me before I even knew what I was capable of. I give back to FDU so I can be that someone for the next student walking through those doors."

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A Story of Full-Circle Impact

For Kimanii Dinan-Payton, giving back to Fairleigh Dickinson University is deeply personal. A proud alumna of the Class of 2018 and now a donor, she sees giving back as a way to honor the support she once received and to open the same doors for others at FDU.

An FDU Connection That Changed Everything

Fairleigh Dickinson University was more than a place of study. It was a launching pad for self-discovery, professional ambition, and lifelong connection.

She remembers FDU not just for the rigorous accounting and finance curriculum, but for the vibrant student life that made each day

meaningful. Whether cheering on the basketball team, attending student events at the Greg Olsen Student Union Building, or gathering with friends at Jeepers for wings after class, she found joy in the balance between hard work and community.

Empowered by EOF and Giving Back in Its Honor

At the heart of her FDU experience was the Educational Opportunity Fund program, and especially her counselor, Ms. Montero.

"Her unwavering encouragement and motivation instilled in me a drive to strive for excellence," Kimanii recalls. "She played a pivotal role in shaping my FDU experience and inspiring me to reach my full potential."

A Testament to the Power of Education and Community

As a student, Kimanii was an active member of Cheerleading, FDU's National Association of Black

Accountants chapter, Association of Latino Professionals For America chapter, and the Rotaract Community Service club. These communities helped her build leadership skills and a network that still shapes her professional life as a Senior Associate in Tax Services. Today, what keeps her connected to FDU is not just nostalgia, but deep gratitude.

"FDU provided the bedrock upon which I built my future," she says. "The supportive faculty, the diversity of thought, and the friendships I made shaped not only my academic path, but who I am as a person."

The Ripple Effect of One Gift

Kimanii sees her giving as a way to spark something larger—a ripple effect that stretches beyond her own success. "This isn't just about giving back. It's about building something that lasts," she says. "When one student rises, they lift others with them. That's the power of education, *and* the power of giving."

Three Students | *Journeys Fueled by Your Philanthropy*



REGINA



Fueling a Passion for Hospitality

After culinary school, Regina continued her education by enrolling in the Hospitality and Tourism Management program at FDU.



Hands-On Experience, On and Off Campus

In addition to her coursework, Regina works as a Kitchen Supervisor at Montclair Golf Club and actively participates in the Hospitality Society, Club Management Association of America, and Culinary Club.



Driven to Lead

After graduation, Regina aspires to become a leader in the field.



"As a woman of color from a diverse background, I've seen how underrepresented women are in this industry—not just in the kitchen, but in operations. In addition to pursuing my own goals, I want to open doors for others to lead. I hope to mentor and support the next generation of passionate female cooks and hospitality professionals."



SHALOM



A Course That Changed Everything

Shalom's favorite class at FDU came during his first semester: *Developmental Issues in Psychology*. "That course is often taught with a narrow focus on childhood," he explains, "but Dr. Johnson expanded the scope, encouraging us to explore how mental health evolves across every stage of life. I can confidently say it's one of the courses that completely transformed how I view clinical science and how I approach patient care."



Scholarship That Opened a Door

As a second-year PhD student, Shalom secured an internship with Yale University's Department of Neurology. Scholarship support helped make this unpaid opportunity possible, allowing him to conduct research on practicum-level training for neuropsychologists. His work ultimately led to the publication of an academic paper.



"I aspire to become a clinician-scientist specializing in pediatric sleep health after graduation."



ALICIA



Inspired to Care

Alicia has wanted to be a nurse since childhood. "Watching the compassionate and skilled nurses who cared for my grandmother, who suffered from a rare autoimmune disorder, deeply inspired me. Their professionalism, empathy, and dedication left a lasting impression and solidified my passion for becoming a nurse."



Finding the Right Fit at FDU

Alicia chose FDU because of its low faculty to student ratio and positive atmosphere.



Leading Through Service

While taking classes, she also works with Holy Name Medical Center EMS and serves as the vice president of the Student Nurse Association.



"My ultimate goal is to become an emergency department nurse at a level one trauma center. I am drawn to the fast-paced, high-acuity environment of emergency medicine, where critical thinking and quick decision-making are essential. I hope to gain certifications and specialized training in trauma and critical care."

FDU Students Thank You
Hear from more of our scholarship recipients here:



FY 2024-2025 GIFTS

\$5.9 million

Total Raised

7,878

Total Gifts

2,631

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1,907

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\$568,044

Total Contributed

\$297.87

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\$80,104,380

Scholarships and Grants Awarded

5,334

Student Recipients of Scholarships and Grants

208

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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Dennis Turpan Lab Opening

Fairleigh Dickinson University celebrated a historic step forward in innovation, education and philanthropy with the official ribbon cutting of the Dennis Turpan Research and Development Lab for Cutting-edge Technologies and Disciplines. The lab is a cornerstone in FDU's growing efforts to drive interdisciplinary research and support the University's bold HealthPath Forward initiative. Named in memory of FDU alumnus Dennis Turpan, BS'71 (Metro), an Air Force veteran who overcame significant medical challenges to complete his degree, the lab serves as a testament to perseverance, service and the transformative power of learning.

"Here, students will work hands-on with emerging technologies, collaborate across disciplines and engage in research that builds real-world skills," said University Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Benjamin Rifkin.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

FDU Health Connected Care and Innovation Lab

Based at the University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences near the Florham Campus, the new FDU Health Connected Care & Innovation Lab, powered by BD, helps further the university's strategic focus on healthcare and innovation. "We are committed to integrating academic learning with real-world training, providing competitive advantages for our students and helping to address the critical demands of the healthcare sector," said President Michael Avaltroni. BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company), a global leader in medical technology, played a major role in the development of the lab. The lab features cutting-edge technologies, including a prototype holographic communications platform, and serves as a central training environment for nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant and allied health students.

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