

## CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT



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In a time of extraordinary challenges, Drexel alumni, friends and colleagues, like you, made a difference where it was most needed. You helped students and neighbors facing hardship in the pandemic, created co-op opportunities in a changing job market, and advanced potentially lifesaving research. As we enter an academic year unlike any other, our supporters will be vital to fueling student success and our impact on our community, nation and world.



### Campaign Progress

Drexel concluded the 2019-2020 academic year with more than \$640 million raised toward the Campaign's \$750 million goal, and more than 26,000 alumni engaged. The coming months will see a renewed focus on fundraising for student emergency and co-op support, research innovation (especially our ability to rapidly respond to new challenges and opportunities), and advancing health care, including academic medicine, public health, biomedical engineering and health professions.

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## Emergency Funding Is a Lifeline for Students

In addition to compelling students to leave campus and pivot to remote learning, the pandemic created sudden and real financial hardships. By supporting emergency funding for students, generous alumni, parents, friends and organizations helped Dragons weather unexpected challenges and focus on their studies.

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## Drexel Community Unites Around Student Success

On June 24, 4,035 Dragons demonstrated their collective power by raising nearly \$900,000 toward student success during 24 Hours of Impact: Drexel's Day of Giving.

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## Endowed Professorship Advances Public Health

Creating endowed professorships to recruit and retain exceptional faculty is a priority of The Campaign for Drexel. Brisa N. Sánchez, Dornsife Endowed Professor of Biostatistics in the Dornsife School of Public Health, uses and develops knowledge and tools — including statistical models and big data — to better understand the impact of the environment on public health and to foster healthier communities.

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## New Complex Is an Intellectual Oasis on Campus

A significant gift from Greg S. Bentley, a Drexel trustee who chairs the Advisory Board for Pennoni Honors College, and his wife, Caroline, has made possible a new and repurposed space which is an epicenter for honors college students and an exciting and distinctive destination on the University City campus.

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