Virginia Athletics Foundation

Through its fundraising efforts, the VAF strives to support a preeminent intercollegiate athletics program at the University of Virginia by providing student-athletes the opportunity to achieve academic and athletic excellence.

Each year more than 9,600 individuals make the commitment to be members of the Virginia Athletics Foundation. The financial investment of VAF members helps position our teams to successfully compete both at the national and conference levels.

Your Annual Fund gift supports:

316.6 Scholarships – Scholarships are the primary focus of the VAF Annual Fund. Each year the scholarship bill continues to grow as the cost of in-state and out-of-state tuition continues to rise.

Cost of Attendance and Scholarship Increase
The Virginia Athletics Foundation funds the entire cost of Virginia’s 316.6 athletics scholarships through a combination of donations to the Annual Fund and endowment distributions.

When members of the “Power Five” conferences – the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12, and SEC – met in January 2015, several new measures were passed, including the addition of full cost of attendance to athletics scholarships. The traditional athletics scholarship covered tuition, room, board, books and fees. The cost of attendance stipend helps student-athletes cover travel expenses, personal expenses and school supplies. The University establishes the cost of attendance by using Federal guidelines.

The All In For Excellence fundraising effort includes support for the full cost of attendance for scholarship student-athletes. For the 2016-17 academic year, the implementation of the full cost of attendance is projected to cost an additional $1.33 million.
ATHLETICS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM – The VAF Annual Fund supports the athletics academic affairs program by providing an annual operating budget of more than one million to deliver the very best academic support for all student-athletes. The mission is to provide support and resources, aid in personal development and create independent lifelong learners in accordance with the mission of the athletics department.

SPORT-SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL BUDGETS – Annual operational budget support for each of the University’s 13 women’s and 12 men’s sports is provided through a combination of athletics department and donor contributions. The Friends Of fundraising program is a sport-specific giving option that allows donors to designate their annual gift in support of specific sports. This is a critical component in meeting the operational needs as well as scholarship costs for specific sports within the athletics department.

Our Annual Fund goal in 2016 is to raise $18.3 million and to increase our membership to 10,000 members. To be successful, we need everyone to be All In For Excellence.

Thank you! Thank you VAF donors for providing me and 650 other student-athletes the ability to compete and represent the University of Virginia. Thank you for providing me with some of the best years of my life, and for giving me the opportunity to walk among amazing individuals everyday. Thank you for the life lessons UVa has taught me. And thank you for the relationships and experiences that will last a lifetime. It truly would not be possible without the people funding my scholarship. I am who I am because of you.”  – Aimee Chapdelaine, 4th year, Softball
OTHER WAYS TO INVEST IN VIRGINIA ATHLETICS

COACHES 10 PROGRAM
The goal for each sport-specific Coaches 10 program is to have a minimum of 10 donors annually contribute $10,000 each for three consecutive years. This gift is in addition to their current level of Virginia Athletics Foundation giving. A relatively new program, Coaches 10 has already proven successful for several of Virginia's teams.

FRIENDS OF PROGRAM
The Friends Of program allows VAF donors to designate their Annual Fund gifts to a specific sport to enhance the sport's annual operating budgets.

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS
A gift to the scholarship endowment provides the athletics department with a lifetime gift that helps support scholarship costs every year. The Foundation invests endowment gifts with the University of Virginia Investment Management Company (UVIMCO) for long-term growth. The earnings generated by the investment are used to support scholarship needs in the sport the donor chooses to endow. Current endowed scholarship giving levels are $100,000 (partial scholarship), $250,000 (in-state scholarship), and $500,000 (out-of-state scholarship).

FACILITIES
Facility projects are part of the All In For Excellence initiative, but not part of the annual fundraising goals that include support for scholarships, endowment and operations. Facility projects will be handled separately based on the fundraising and the University's approval process. Capital projects will be prioritized based on need, equity and fundraising potential. Current facility fundraising efforts underway include a new men’s and women’s golf practice facility at Birdwood Golf Course, a baseball stadium expansion and enhancement at Davenport Field, and a new men’s and women’s outdoor tennis facility at Boars Head Sports Club.

PLANNED GIVING
Cavalier Legacy recognizes donors who make or have made a planned gift for the benefit of Virginia athletics. This includes all irrevocable and revocable gifts, including bequests. With a planned gift, a donor may be able to make a greater impact than they thought possible during their lifetime.

CONTACT INFORMATION
The Virginia Athletics Foundation is the fundraising organization that raises money for all 25 sports at the University of Virginia.

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