Since its founding in 1819, the University of Virginia has sought to host talented students from all walks of life—burgeoning leaders whose diverse perspectives give them the ability to take on challenges in new and innovative ways. Thomas Jefferson believed that all citizens should be free to fulfill their human potential. Today, UVA remains committed to educating the best and brightest—regardless of their ability to pay.

The University is now deepening its commitment to affordability. Recently, the Board of Visitors established the Bicentennial Scholars Fund, an endowment designed to encourage private support of one of the University’s most pressing priorities: undergraduate scholarships. By providing the University with a sustainable, long-term source of financial aid, the fund will relieve the pressure on tuition increases. Ultimately, it could become the University’s leading source of financial aid funding.

**A Watershed Moment**

Gifts to the Bicentennial Scholars Fund will not only fortify UVA’s commitment to educating the next generation of global leaders, but solidify our role as America’s public university. UVA has long stood as one of only two public universities in the nation to meet 100% of undergraduate financial need. With your help, we will continue educating talented students from all backgrounds and circumstances.
Unparalleled Opportunity

In seeking to help donors make the most of this extraordinary moment in University history, UVA is offering $100 million in matching funds:

• The University will match any commitment to endowed undergraduate scholarships of $100,000 or more, payable over up to five years, with a fifty cent match on every dollar.

• If a donor wishes to commit $1 million or more and pay the total over three years, the University will match the gift dollar for dollar.

The fund offers an excellent chance to create a named endowment that will be awarded and recognized in perpetuity. President Teresa A. Sullivan and her husband, law professor Douglas Laycock, stepped forward with the fund’s first contribution. Their gift is already serving as an inspiration to others.

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