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The social implications of gifts are powerful. Gifts are a cornerstone of human society and have been the focus of some of the most important anthropological works of the last century, as in Marcel Mauss's classic exposé on exchange, *The Gift*. Mauss's study of the relation between forms of exchange and social structure reveals the widespread practice of exchanging gifts in societies from ancient Rome to present-day Melanesia.

Gifts are important indicators about what societies value. Donations to COA are investments in the future. They support leaders who will make a difference to our planet. Higher education for all students, regardless of socioeconomic class. The importance of progressive models of higher education. Research on MDI and our surrounding communities. Fresh ideas. Youth. Innovation. We thank you for your belief in this institution and for your gift.

Yet, considering College of the Atlantic and all of you who find yourselves reading this Annual Report, I much prefer we use the word "investment." Yes, you have all given the college resources you could have decided to give elsewhere, and for that we are deeply grateful. But I also expect—and hope—that there's a smidgen of reciprocal altruism in these exchanges, and that you look for a return on your investment in us.

There is nothing coldhearted about this.

I prefer the word investment because, in fact, it conjures two very important and very warm, generous ideas. First, your investment in us manifests partnership. It symbolizes and activates a sense of wanting to work collaboratively. It symbolizes and activates a shared purpose. Second and, again, collectively, we seek and work to grow your investment: yes, in the numeric sense through sound financial management, but also in the sense that, through partnership, we grow a new idea and that growth makes tangible improvements to the world around us.

As we approach our 50th year as an institution, we will be spending more time demonstrating how our partnership through investment touches down in three areas: the economic, intellectual, and cultural life here on Mount Desert Island; the wicked challenges that shape our global ecological future; and the world of higher education. As an institution and as individuals, we seek to help shape the revitalization on MDI; to seed the world with the most effective leaders who will use their COA experience to help navigate our difficult and complex ecological future; and to innovate and evolve our system of higher education against a tide of homogenization, narrow-mindedness, and rote information acquisition.

These are audacious goals, but COA has a history of creating outsized impacts for our small size and has done so in large part because of the investors outlined in this report. We thank each of you.

Sincerely,
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Dr. Darron Collins, '92
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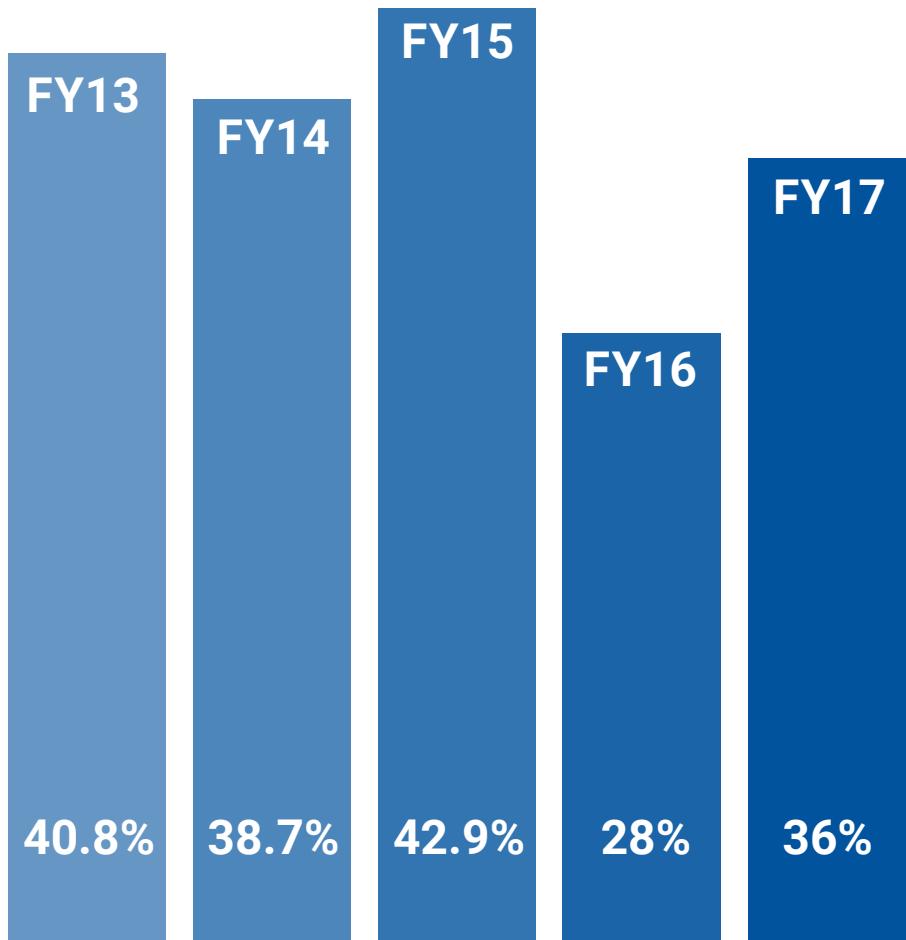
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2016



JULY

COA launches the Community Energy Center with graduate student Andrea Russell MPhil '17 at the helm.

An Acadia National Park Centennial sculpture exhibition, curated by June LaCombe '75, features alumnus Miles Chapin '10.

The Share the Harvest annual farm dinner is prepared at Beech Hill Farm by renowned Bar Harbor restaurant Havana, which is owned by alumnus Michael Boland '94.

COA sustainable business professor Jay Friedlander is among *Maine Magazine's* 2016 list of 50 Influential Mainers charting the state's future.

AUGUST

The first courses are held at a proposed new college on the Seto Inland Sea Island of Ōsakikamijima, Japan, based on COA's trans-disciplinary model.

The Princeton Review ranks COA at #2 in the country for LGBTQ-Friendly and #6 for Best Campus Food, and gives the school a perfect rating for its commitment to sustainability.

SEPTEMBER

A total of 100 new students, hailing from 18 countries and 22 states, are welcomed to the COA community during the annual convocation ceremony.

The national magazine of the Sierra Club names COA the greenest college in the country "by a landslide."

Dr. Kourtney Collum is named the Partridge Chair in Food and Sustainable Agriculture Systems.

OCTOBER

A panel on communications opportunities and challenges within environmental and social justice activism launches COA's first Thoreau Gathering, with environmental activism communications specialist Anjali Appadurai '13.

The Princeton Review names COA the most environmentally responsible college in the U.S. and awards the school a #1 ranking in their *Top 50 Green Colleges of 2016*.

NOVEMBER

10 COA students and their professor attend the UN Climate Conference in Marrakech, Morocco.

A team of COA students takes home \$2,500 and splits first-place billing at the Maine Food System Innovation Challenge.

Chair of Government and Polity Dr. Jamie McKown joins associates from Bowdoin College and The Wall Street Journal on Maine Public Radio to discuss 2016 campaign messaging and voter turnout.

DECEMBER

Private well owners on the northern half of MDI are encouraged to join a water study led by earth sciences chair Dr. Sarah Hall.

Dr. Darron Collins '92 joins the leaders of over 400 colleges and universities from across the country in signing an open letter urging the preservation of the DACA program.

Men's Journal features COA as the first in a list of 8 colleges for students who would rather be outside.

COA YEAR IN REVIEW



2017

JANUARY

Brought back to life by the passion and dedication of faculty and students, the small-scale literary magazine *Bateau* returns to print after a hiatus of several years.

Students, alumni, and COA community members join the Women's March on Washington and sister marches.

Jodi Baker is named full-time faculty, the first Chair in Performing Arts.

FEBRUARY

Author Jennifer Tseng wins the COA/Bateau Press 2016 Boom Chapbook Competition for her poetry collection *Not so dear Jenny*.

The Washington Post publishes an article on college selection by President Darron Collins.

COA friends, alumni, and prospective families get an exclusive behind-the-scenes talk and artifacts debrief at the International Spy Museum by collections manager Dena Adams '01.

MARCH

COA welcomes Mount Desert Island native Susan Letcher as a professor of plant sciences.

Dr. Elizabeth Sibert opens College of the Atlantic's Spring 2017 Seminar on Climate Change speaker series with *A History from the Bottom of the Sea: Microfossils, Marine Ecosystems, and Global Change*.

In a Maine Fulbright Lecture, Professor of Global Environmental Politics Dr. Doreen Stabinsky explores the impending, severe consequences of slow-onset climate events.

APRIL

A select group of students joins the front lines of cutting-edge genetic science, thanks to a new academic collaboration between The Jackson Laboratory and COA.

The Occupy Wall Street movement, as seen through the lens of photographer Brendon Stuart, is the subject of *Project: The 99%*, on exhibit at the Ethel H. Blum Gallery.

Share the Harvest launches its 2017 season.

MAY

The Maine Music Educators Association celebrates its 100th anniversary with the performance of a special orchestral piece written by COA Composer in Residence John Cooper.

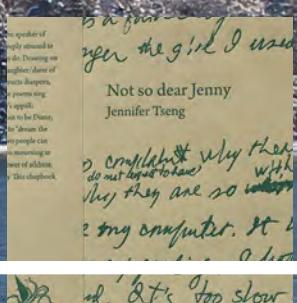
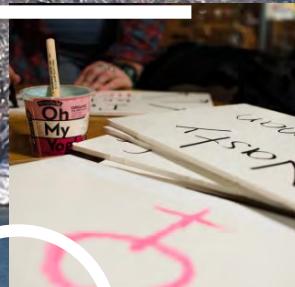
A \$10,000 Projects for Peace grant, to bring renewable energy to an impoverished elementary school in Ghana, is awarded to first-year student Sara Löwgren '20.

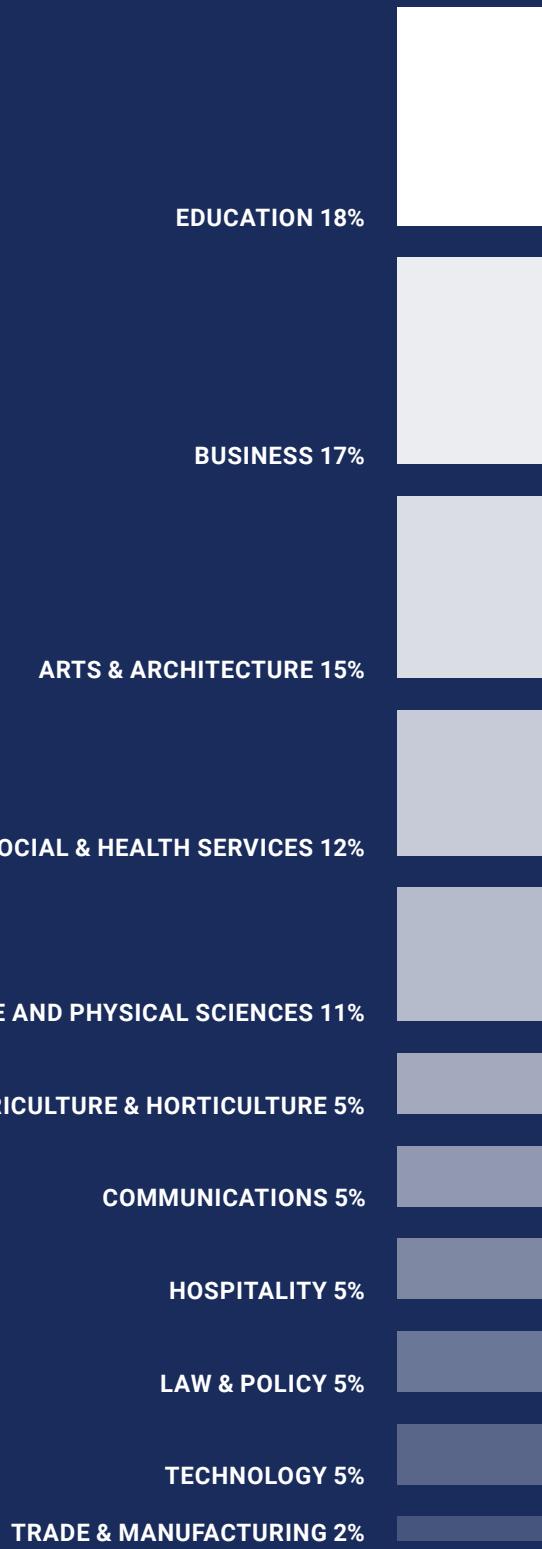
Kimberly López Castellanos '18 is the recipient of a prestigious Udall Scholarship for her work merging climate justice activism and communications strategies.

JUNE

Laughter, tears, and applause fill the air as COA celebrates its 44th Commencement, with featured speaker Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib.

Summer 2017 Coffee & Conversation series kicks off with Ann Luther, board member and former president of the League of Women Voters of Maine, and James Russell Wiggins Chair in Government and Polity Dr. Jamie McKown.





WHAT OUR ALUMNI DO

WITHIN 1 YEAR OF GRADUATION

54% work at a job in their field

26% start graduate school

WITHIN 5 YEARS OF GRADUATION

60% attend graduate school



EMPLOYERS INCLUDE:

Center for International Environmental Law
Chicago Botanical Gardens
Dry Bed Creek Farm
Fiddleheads Forest School
Harvard College
Maine Biofuels
Museum of Science, Boston
National Park Service
New England Aquarium

Norman Rockwell Museum
Perkins and Will Architects
The Jackson Laboratory
The Nature Conservancy
UNICEF
United States Congress
Vassar College
Wellington Capital Management

MOST FREQUENTLY ATTENDED GRADUATE SCHOOLS:

American University
Boston University
College of the Atlantic
Columbia University
Duke University
Harvard University
Northeastern University

Tufts University
University of California
University of Copenhagen
University of Maine
University of Southern Maine
Yale School of Forestry

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Alumni giving demonstrates to other funders—individuals as well as foundations—the sense of value students received from their education. We stress participation; a gift of any size is appreciated. Thank you to all of the following who gave this fiscal year.

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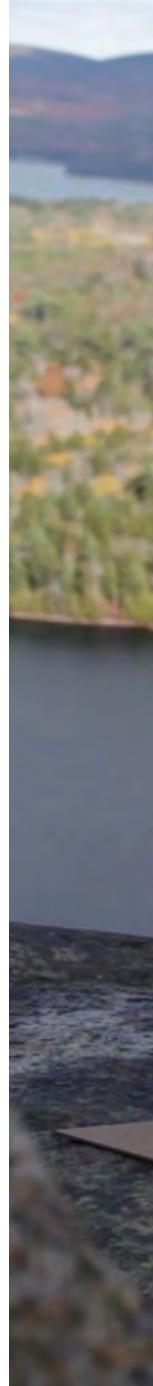
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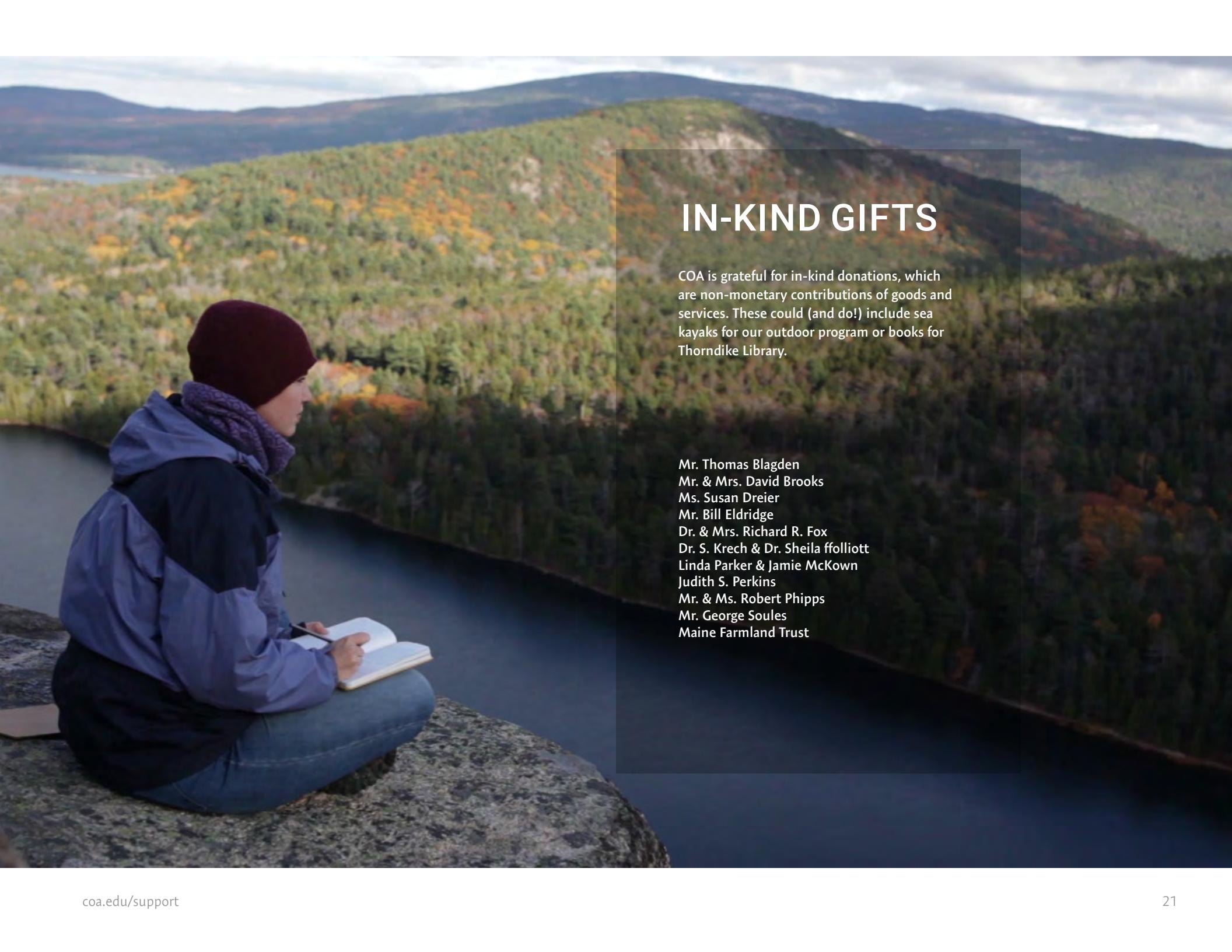
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A photograph of a person sitting on a rocky cliff edge, looking out over a lake and forested mountains in autumn. The person is wearing a maroon beanie, a blue hoodie, and a purple scarf. They are holding an open notebook and a pen. The background shows a vast landscape with colorful foliage on the hills and mountains under a cloudy sky.

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Mr. & Mrs. Horace Hildreth Jr.
Dave & Carolyn Hollenbeck
Ms. Sherry Huber
Lyn Hurwich '80
Ms. Esther Karkal '83
Craig Kesselheim '76
Carl & Lorraine Ketchum
Ms. Aleda Koehn
Scott Kraus '77 & Rosalind Rolland
Ms. Andrea Lepcio '79
Eugene Lesser '78 & Jennifer Starr
Dr. & Mrs. Ralph C. Longsworth
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Bill McDowell '80
Mr. & Mrs. Clement McGillicuddy
Clifton McPherson '84

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Mrs. Marie Nolf
Mrs. Virginia Nyhart
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Judith S. Perkins
Mrs. Daniel Pierce
Mr. & Mrs. George Putnam
Ms. Sydney Roberts Rockefeller
Ronald & Patricia Rogers
Mr. Daniel Sangeap '90
Barbara Sassaman '78
Meg Scheid '85
Mrs. Allan Stone
Mr. Stuart Dickey Summer '82
Nick and Joan Thorndike
Jean McHugh Weiss '81

OVER 15 YEARS

Anonymous (3)
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Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Alie
Bernie Alie '84
John & Karen Anderson
Elizabeth Rousek Ayers '95
Steven Barkan & Barbara Tennent
Jill Barlow-Kelley & Bobby Kelley
Ron Beard & Sandi Read
Mr. Bruce Becque '81
Ms. Teisha Broetzman '88
Shan Burson '83
Suzanne Taylor & Don Cass
Ms. Cynthia Chisholm '86
Kenneth Cline
John Dandy '84
George & Kelly Dickson MPhil '97
Mr. & Mrs. William Eacho
Mr. David Emerson '81
Dianna & Ben Emory
Ms. Julie Erb '83
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Fernald
Galyn's Galley
Garden Club of Mount Desert
Stephen & Kathleen George

Matt Gerald '83
William Ginn '74 & June LaCombe '75
Ms. Megan Godfrey '77
Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Goodman
Abigail Goodyear '81 & John Allgood
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Gower
Mrs. Bo Greene
Ms. Linda Gregory '89
Mike & Peggy Gumpert
Mary J. Heffernon
Jo Todrank '76 and Giora Heth
Ms. Barbara Hilli
Lisa '80 & Bob '79 Holley
Bill & Cookie Horner
Anna Hurwitz '84
Joplin (Than) James '84
Mr. William Janes
Ms. Laura Johnson
Ms. Leslie Jones '91
Dr. James S. Kellam '96
Mr. Steven King '80
Ted Koffman & Joanna Allen
Burks B. Lapham Family
The Agnes M. Lindsay Trust
Peggy & Carl Little
Abigail Littlefield '83
Maine Coast Sea Vegetables
David Malakoff '86 & Amy Young
Ms. Casey Mallinckrodt
Ms. Carol Manahan '77
Mr. and Mrs. Grant G. McCullagh Sr.
Ms. Sarah McDaniel '93
Donna McFarland & Alan Richins
Jeffrey Miller '92
National Park Tours & Transport, Inc.
Ms. Hope A. Olmstead
Lynn & William Osborn
Cara Guerrieri '83, Francis Owen '83, and Henry Owen ('13)
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Paul
Shoshana Perry '83 & Hale Powell
Ms. Susan Pierce '77
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Pierson
Mrs. Patricia Pinkham
Ms. Carole Plenty
Frances Pollitt '77 & Frank E Briber III
Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton Robinson Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rothstein
CedarBough T. Saeji '93
Henry L.P. Schmelzer & Cynthia E. Livingston
Mr. & Mrs. Roland C. Seymour
Mr. Samuel Shaw
Dr. & Mrs. Dennis Shubert
Stephen & Roberta Smith
Lynne and Michael Staggs '96
Mr. & Mrs. William P. Stewart
Bonnie Tai & Dan Thomassen
Dr. Davis Taylor
Mr. Frank Twohill '79
Ms. Katrina Van Dine '82
Ms. Katrina Van Dusen
Ms. Wendy Van Dyke ('80)
Christiaan '09 and Cody van Heerden, MPhil '17
Richard Hilliard & Karen Waldron
Dr. Peter Wayne '83
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Witt

OVER 10 YEARS

Anonymous (8)
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Ms. Judith Allen
Mr. Peter Anderson '81
Genevieve Soloway Angle '00
Susan George Lyons Applegate '76
Ms. D. Gay Atkinson II
Wendy Knickerbocker & David Avery '84
Lelania Prior Avila '92 & Family
Teny Bannick '86
Bar Harbor Whale Watch Co.
Wesley & Terrie L. Beamer
Paul '79 & Robin '80 Beltramini
Glen Berkowitz '82
Edward & Connie Birkenmeier
Deirdre Swords & Michael Boland '94
Paul Boothby '88
Drs. Richard Borden & Patricia Honea-Fleming
Ms. Lynn Boulger & Mr. Tim Garrity
Mr. Charles Butt
Cadillac Mountain Sports
Liza F. Carter ('78)
Barbara & Vinson Carter
Ellen Casey-Magleby & Melinda Casey-Magleby '00



Mr. Erin Chalmers '00
Sally Morong Chetwynd '76
Katherine Clark '91
Jamie Clark & Susanna Porter
Dianne Clendaniel & Steve Redgate
Ms. Janis Coates
Nancy Andrews & Dru Colbert
Pancho Cole '81
Karen and Darron Collins '92
Mr. T.A. Cox
Mr. Stefan Cushman
Mr. & Mrs. Shelby M.C. Davis
Nicole d'Avis '02
Davis United World College Scholars Program
Steve '79 and Rose ('88) Demers
Tina Rathborne
Mr. Robert DeSimone
Holly Devaul '84
Ms. Catherine Devlin '93
Ms. Angela DiPerri '01
William & Ellen Dohmen
Mr. Millard Dority
Mr. Scott Durkee '84
Diane Dworkin '89
Mac Ehrhardt ('85)
Mrs. Catherine Elk '82
Judith and David Hackett Fischer
Thomas A. Fisher '77
Ms. Carla Ganiel
Beth & Will Gardiner
Dr. & Mrs. Philip Geier
Ms. Susan Getze
Ms. Lauren Gilson '88
Mr. William D. Ginn Sr.
Ms. Tree Goulet '78
Mary (Nelson) Griffin '97
Susan Dowling & Andrew Griffiths
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Mr. & Mrs. John Michael Hancock
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Jennifer '94 & Christopher Harris
Ms. Holly Hartley
Atsuko Watabe '93 & Bruce Hazam '92
Mr. Peter Heller '85

Gail Henderson-King '82
Ms. Susan Highley '86
Ingrid & Ken Hill
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Mr. James Houghton
Ms. Jane Hultberg
Jen Hughes
Margaret and Peter Jeffery '84
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Michael Kattner '95
Sarah '05 & Shawn '00 Keeley
Mr. Mark Gauthier & Mr. Arthur Keller
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kiel
Mr. Richard Klyver '17
Ms. Cynthia Krum '83
Jude Lamb '00
Ms. Marjorie Lau '81
Mr. Jack Ledbetter
Randy Lessard '92 & Melissa Lessard-York '90
Philip Lichtenstein '92 & Jessica Greenbaum '89
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Lipkin
Ms. Maria Vanegas Long '84
Peter & Babette Loring
Ms. Sarah Luke
Sam Coplon & Isabel Mancinelli
Ms. Pamela Manice
Ms. Susan Flynn Maristany '82
Allison Martin '88 and Elmer Beal
Valeska and Erik Martin '98
Leslie McConnell '81
Julia Davis McLeod '03
Ms. Carol Mead '85
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Ms. Pamela Meyer
Kendra '01 & Jake Miller
Steve & Rebecca Milliken
Mr. David Milliken
Katherine Moore
Meredith & Phil Moriarty
Noreen Hogan & Suzanne Morse
Mr. Sean Murphy '14
Ms. Anna Murphy
Jacob '93 & Carol '93 Null
Mr. & Mrs. James Owen
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Ms. Margaret Pennock '84
Kim & Keating Pepper
Helen Hess & Christopher Petersen
Shiva Polefka '01
Ms. Sheila Sonne Pulling
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Mr. & Mrs. Hartley R. Rogers
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Ms. Carolyn Snell '06
Mrs. John Spencer

Richard MacDonald ('06) & Natalie Springuel '91
Laura Starr '84
State Street Corporation
Mr. John Steele
Toby Stephenson '98 & Andrea Perry '95
Bill Stevens '84
Ms. Marie Stivers
Ms. Caren Sturges
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Ms. Karen Wennlund '85
Mr. & Mrs. Harold White III
Dawn Lamendola '92 & Joshua Winer '91
David Winship '77
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Zawislak





GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT

Philanthropy is about generosity in all its forms, and gifts of time—a most precious resource—are truly appreciated. Whether volunteering in classes, on one of COA's boards, in the gardens, serving on a panel, or presenting at a public event, our community is enriched by the generosity of the following.

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Christie Anastasia '92
Becky Anderson
John Banks
Timothy Bass
Ronald Beard
Dr. Carissa Bielamowicz
Thomas Blagden
Michael Boland '94
Jennifer Booher
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Alyne Cistone
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Angie Reed
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Rachel Singh
Jasmine Smith '09
Chris Sockalexis
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Stephen & Allison Sullens
Meryl Sweeney
Rhonda Tate
Dr. Elizabeth ten Grotenhuis
Nicholas Thompson
William & Geneva Thorndike
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Allison Gladstone Watters '00
Ted Widmer
Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib
Dr. John Wilmerding

FINANCIALS

from the Administrative Dean

Fiscal Year 2017 was a period of modest growth of revenue, expenses, and overall fund balances. We balanced the operating budget with a very small surplus and increased the total net fund balance to \$73.7 million, including \$53 million in the endowment. The endowment grew by about \$4.8 million, as investment earnings and new gifts outpaced the annual draw of \$2 million, which supports the operations of the college through scholarships, faculty chairs, and unrestricted allocations. We continued to reduce the long-term debt (tax exempt bonds issued to finance the construction of student housing).

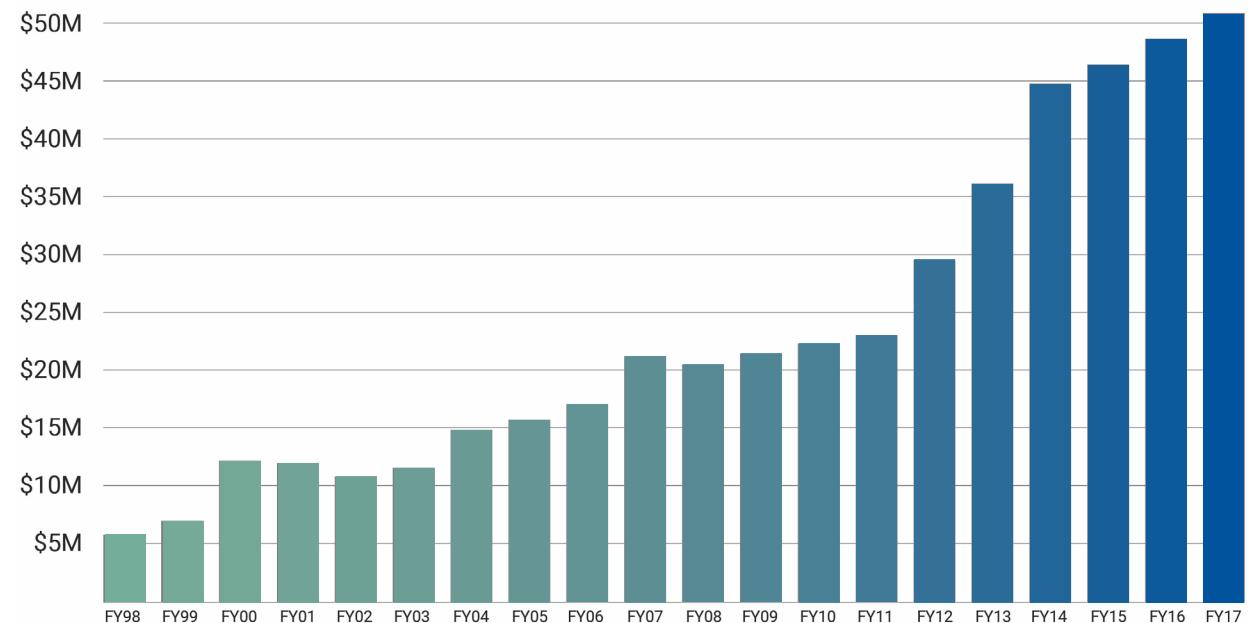
The summary of our operating budget shows our results for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Note that these figures do not include depreciation, but do include the cost of debt service and capital expenses, such as the purchase of equipment. The major source of operating revenue continues to be net tuition. Our tuition and fees grew very slightly from the prior year by \$80 thousand, but student aid increased by \$485 thousand, so that the overall decrease in net tuition was \$565 thousand. We are still seeing many student families who need significant financial support.

Other significant revenue sources include the annual draw from our endowment, our annual fund, and the Davis United World College Scholarships. We again had a wonderful year-end drive to support the annual fund, which raised \$1.3 million. The Davis Scholarships continue to support a wonderful cadre of students from over 40 countries. Several other revenue sources are offset by related expenses such as housing, dining, and operation of summer activities.

We continue to hold the line on the expense side of the ledger, as we have over the last several years. Our major on-going expense increases have been modest salary raises and additions to the faculty to keep pace with growth of student enrollment. And we, like many organizations, face increases in the cost of health care insurance, which is the major component of our fringe benefits.

Andrew S. Griffiths
COA Administrative Dean & Chief Financial Officer

COA ENDOWMENT HISTORY OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Excerpts from audited statements, rounded to nearest \$1,000

FUND BALANCES	JUNE 30, 2016	JUNE 30, 2017
Plant and equipment (net of depreciation)	22,608,000	20,981,000
Long term debt	(7,495,000)	(7,165,000)
Endowment	48,148,000	52,965,000
Other net assets	6,643,000	6,897,000
Total Fund Balances	69,904,000	73,678,000
OPERATING BUDGET	FISCAL YEAR 2016	FISCAL YEAR 2017
OPERATING REVENUES		
Tuition and Fees	13,652,000	13,572,000
Less COA Student Financial Aid	(7,616,000)	(8,101,000)
Net Tuition after Financial Aid	6,036,000	5,471,000
Contributions—annual fund	1,256,000	1,293,000
Davis Foundation UWC Grant	998,000	1,166,000
Endowment Allocation to Operations	2,007,000	1,916,000
Other Restricted Gifts and Grants	465,000	580,000
Student housing and dining	1,448,000	1,472,000
Summer programs and farms (net)	301,000	219,000
Other Revenue	156,000	1,040,000
Total Revenues	12,667,000	13,157,000
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Instruction and student activity	4,443,000	4,544,000
Student housing, dining and grounds	1,380,000	1,438,000
Davis Foundation UWC Grant expense	998,000	1,166,000
Workstudy Expenses	354,000	441,000
General administration	1,300,000	1,411,000
Payroll taxes and fringe benefits	2,225,000	2,138,000
Development and admissions	1,048,000	1,026,000
Interest and debt service	787,000	778,000
Capital Equipment	126,000	204,000
Total Expenditures	12,661,000	13,146,000
Operating Surplus/ (deficit)	6,000	11,000

GIVING AT A GLANCE

College of the Atlantic's 2017 fiscal year was July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017.

2,888 GIFTS RECEIVED
FOR ALL FUNDS

66%

SENIOR CLASS
PARTICIPATION

36%

ALUMNI
PARTICIPATION

OVERALL
GIVING &
PLEDGES

\$5.1M

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