



2017-2018
Report to Alumni & Friends
of Knox College



Maria Ha '18

Economics major, business and management minor

Social media intern, DK COS

Maria Ha has an amazing resume for a new graduate: real-world experience in financial services, entrepreneurship, and marketing communications. She interned at Société Générale and Hyundai Securities. As a participant in StartUp Term 2017, she and Fusion5 launched pop-up campus restaurants. And, as a videographer in the Office of Communications, she learned how to create content that gets clicks, likes, and shares. Now she's building a strong social media presence for DK COS, a New York City-based distributor of South Korea's top cosmetics brands.

Taharka Baraka '18

Computer science major, business and management minor

Technical Analyst, Solstice

It makes sense that Taharka Baraka works for a Fortune 500 technical consultancy with an international client base. After all, he has spent plenty of time working with diverse teams—he was a member of Knox's soccer and basketball squads and an alumnus of Knox in Barcelona. He also graduated with real-world experience as an application developer, thanks to a project for the Sjögren Syndrome Foundation that he began working on in CS 292 Software Development.

Claire Cody '18

Chemistry major, dance studies minor

Winner of the John C. Weigel Prize for highest scholastic achievement

Ph.D. student in chemistry, Yale University

Claire Cody began doing independent research with Professor Helen Hoyt in her sophomore year—an experience she credits with helping her get into the Ph.D. chemistry program at Yale. In addition to this intensive focus on science, Claire pursued a love of dance throughout her four years at Knox, not only serving as president of Terpsichore but also participating in the Drumming and Dance in Ghana immersive program.

Aidan Murphy '18

Theatre and creative writing major
Author and composer, *Torvald! The Musical*

It takes artistic daring to write a musical sequel to one of the 19th century's most frequently performed plays—Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House*. Aidan Murphy got the idea in his very first year at Knox, ultimately writing 100 pages of dialogue and composing music and lyrics for 13 songs. Financial support from the ASSET Program and the Vovis Center for Research & Advanced Study enabled him to spend an entire summer researching period and musical theatre production.

98% of students received financial aid and/or scholarships last year

Dear Knox community:

Three years ago, following the renovation of Alumni Hall and the start of construction at the Whitcomb Art Center, I told the Knox community that we were at the beginning of a transformative moment.

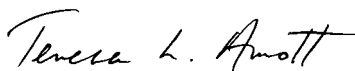
Across campus, we could all sense a spirit of optimism and energy about the College's future. As you'll read in these pages, the transformation continues, thanks to the generosity of the Knox community. We've introduced new majors (business and management and environmental studies), new degree options (bachelor of science degrees in nine academic disciplines), and new opportunities for every student, including the Power of Experience grant that helps them pay for independent research, study abroad, internships, or community service.

One challenge still remains: keeping a Knox education affordable. The things that make the work we do here so powerful—small classes, great professors, and countless opportunities for learning beyond the classroom—are also what make it costly.

The College's historic mission is to ensure a high-caliber liberal arts education is available to all bright, promising students. Gifts to the Knox Fund put that kind of education within the reach of more families. I truly believe that it is the best preparation available for the careers of the future—and that it is an engine of upward mobility.

This is our Knox. Help keep it strong by supporting the Knox Fund.

With gratitude,



Teresa L. Amott
President

\$13.2 Million
donated to Knox
last year

7,026
Knox College
donors

12%
are first-time
donors
(Welcome!)

Leadership



Post Hall Patio

COMPLETION: August 2018

To complement renovations to the Post Hall lobby, Knox has replaced and expanded the exterior patio outside Post Hall. New landscaping and furniture have created a shady and comfortable place for residents to relax and study. The revitalized space honors two 1960s-era alumni with sustainable, native plantings that will create a miniature prairie landscape.

\$3.7 Million

 given for capital projects in FY17-18

“Old Church”

PROJECTED COMPLETION: January 2019

What do people call a new addition to campus before it gets a name? Right now, the former Second Baptist Church at the corner of Cherry and South Streets is simply known as the Old Church. After its congregation decided to relocate, Knox decided to turn it into the new home of both the Center for Intercultural Life and Spiritual Life. Once complete, Knox will solicit ideas for its new name from students.

President Teresa Amott once observed to a group of alumni, “The great thing about Knox is it is exactly as you remember it. And the worst thing about Knox is ... it is exactly as you remember it!” New construction and renovations were a major part of the College’s Knox 2018 strategic plan—and continued donor support is revitalizing the campus building by building, year by year.

Jorge Prats Field

Gifts are still being accepted to complete Phase 1 of the project.

PHASE 1 COMPLETION: August 2018



The recent success of Knox’s men’s and women’s soccer teams highlighted the limitations of its soccer field. Players couldn’t use the field after heavy rains for fear of damaging the grass, and when the team hosted the Midwest Conference Championships in 2016, there was real concern that the turf wouldn’t hold up under three days of continuous play. This summer, workers installed state-of-the-art synthetic turf that rebounds quickly from inclement weather and heavy use. New fencing will protect the field when it’s not in use. Phase 2 renovations will add lighting, a new scoreboard, and a new press box.

Beta House

PROJECTED COMPLETION: December 2018



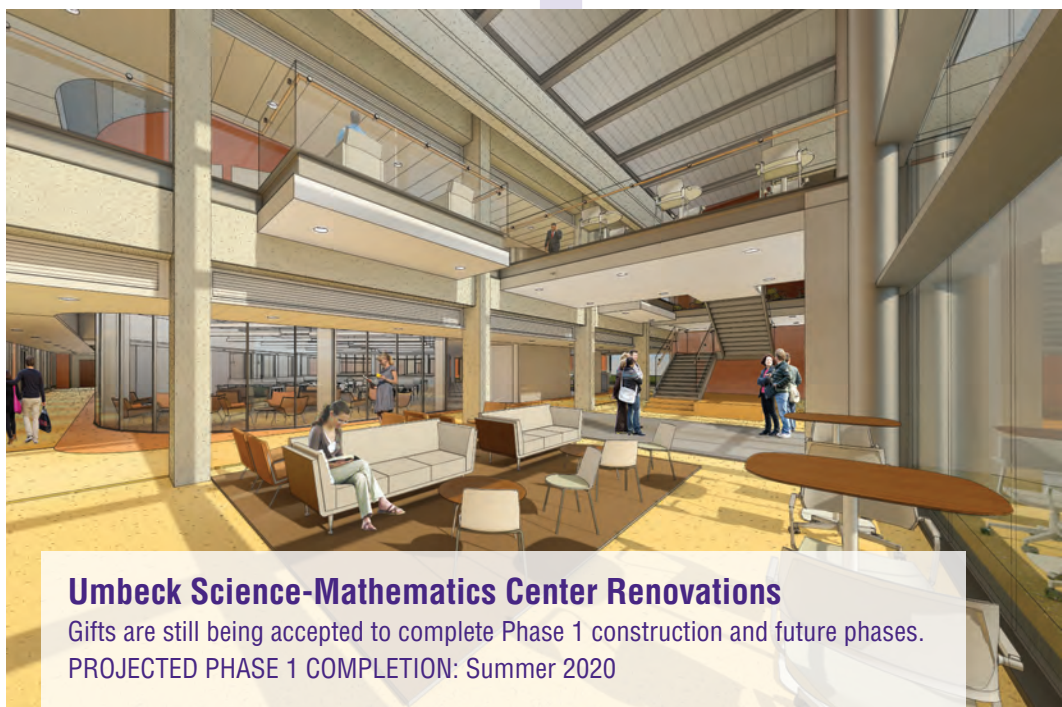
The Xi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has occupied their campus home just west of Alumni Hall for nearly 100 years. The current renovation, funded by Beta alumni, not only improves safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility, it updates the interior for the needs of 21st century Greeks, including space for 30 residents across a combination of single-, double-, and triple-occupancy rooms.



**Borzello Gallery
in Ford Center for Fine Arts**
COMPLETION: September 2018

The Knox campus now has its first permanent space exclusively for curated art exhibits, alumni and student shows, and selections from its permanent art collection with the opening of the Borzello Gallery. As interest in the College's museum studies minor grows, it will offer a space for students to get real-world experience designing, producing, and promoting exhibitions.

Campus



Umbeck Science-Mathematics Center Renovations

Gifts are still being accepted to complete Phase 1 construction and future phases.
PROJECTED PHASE 1 COMPLETION: Summer 2020

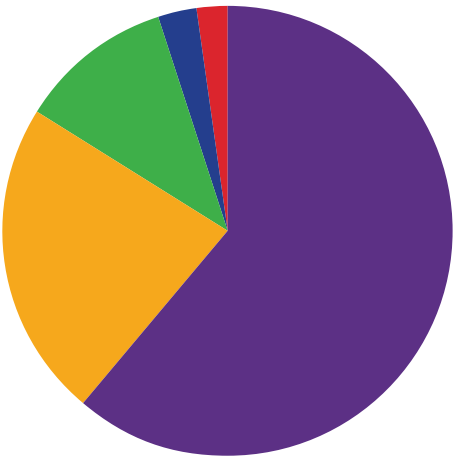
Knox College has the oldest science building among its peer institutions in the Associated Colleges of the Midwest. Rather than start over from scratch, architects came up with an innovative plan to renovate the space in five phases, starting in the central core—recycling the building while trying to minimize disruption to faculty and students. An expanded glass atrium will create new study and collaboration spaces for students while visually connecting the building to the center of campus. The famous tiered classrooms in the core will become a new science learning commons, and the existing science library will be transformed into six reconfigurable classroom spaces.

Knox Fund

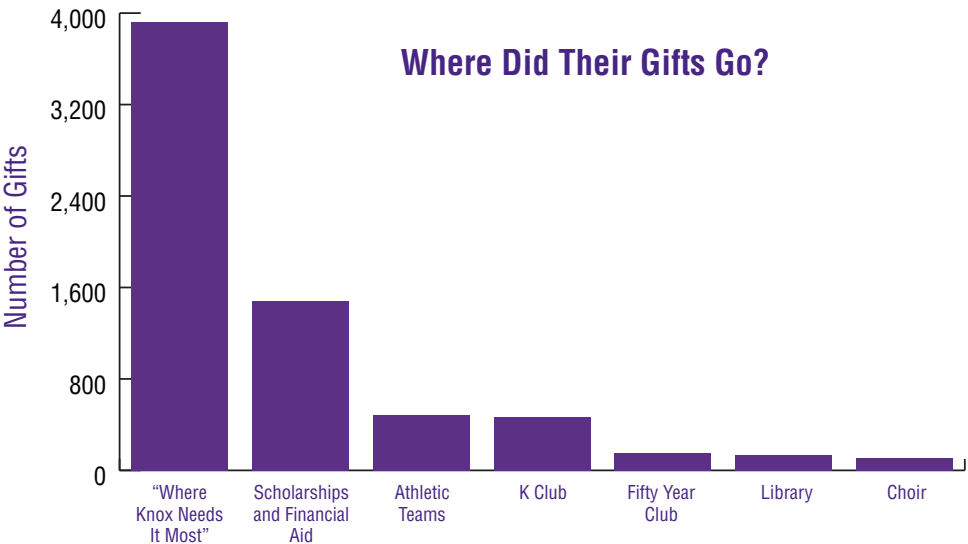
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Who Gave to the Knox Fund Last Year?

- Alumni
- Friends
- Parents
- Faculty/Staff
- Businesses/Organizations



Where Did Their Gifts Go?



This Is Our Knox.

Helping others has been a core Knox value since the College's founding—and the Knox Fund is proof of it. A Knox education is full of unique educational experiences that prepare students to address 21st century challenges. Your gifts pay for what tuition doesn't cover. Quite simply, the work that happens here only happens because of you.

Please support the Knox Fund by returning the enclosed envelope or by giving online at knox.edu/OurKnox.

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