



### IT IS **OFFICIAL:**

Our new name took effect on the morning of Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

While we celebrate all that is new at Edgewood University, I'm confident you will recognize what is most important, and what remains central to our work, in these pages.

Driven by our mission and guided by our values, we continue to stride toward our second century with resolve.

We continue to expand the reach of our mission through hard work, and beneficial partnerships. We continue to respond to the needs of our times by strategically adding new and highly sought-after programs and modes of delivery to our academic portfolio. New expertise and energy in Athletics is expanding the profile of our Eagles as we continue to shape the future of our Athletics and Wellness Campus.

The legacy of the community of Edgewood University — from our founding Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa to our current students, faculty, staff, alumni, and Trustees — is a living demonstration of spirit, intellect, imagination, and heart. We who stand on the shoulders of those who have come before embrace the responsibility to serve all of our students first and foremost.

In this Year of Community, we are reminded again of the power of YOU. As you read this, you should please know of our gratitude for your faith, your trust, and for your support for Edgewood University. Yes, we have a new name. Yes, we will enter our next century with renewed vigor, ready to face challenges and eager to seize opportunities, confident in our direction. We are grateful for those realities. And at the center of it all — at the heart — is you, the Community of Edgewood University.

Cor Ad Cor Loquitur.

Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D. President





Thanks to a combination of effective planning, spending discipline, and very hard work by everyone at Edgewood University, we are in a strong financial position, especially considering the struggles of many higher education institutions.

Edgewood University currently operates with a \$46 million annual budget and our community has responded to the \$3 million operating deficit of 2019-2020 by delivering a cash-positive result in every fiscal year since then. This consistent performance reflects disciplined financial management, committed and cohesive leadership, and a sharp focus on mission, even as we navigate uncertainty in higher education, and in our world.

- Net assets have grown by \$20 million since 2020, currently reaching \$143 million
- \$61 million in endowment, up \$20 million since 2020
- ↑ \$24 million in cash reserves
- ↑ \$7 million in capital reserves

#### **MEASURES TO ENSURE YOUR COMMUNITY THRIVES**

The federal government assigns a Financial Responsibility Composite Score to all colleges and universities, which is a key indicator of financial stability. Scores range from -1.0 (financial distress) to 3.0 (maximum strength). A score of 1.5 or higher indicates long-term viability.

Edgewood University has earned the highest possible score of 3.0 in two of the past five years (and scored 2.2, 2.3, and 2.9 in the other three), reflecting the University's strong balance sheet and disciplined management.

#### **MEASURES TO ENSURE MISSION-DRIVEN OPPORTUNITIES**

An important outcome of disciplined and cohesive financial management is enhanced opportunities to expand the reach of our mission. While some peer institutions have leaned heavily on borrowing, for example, our total debt (most of which was borrowed to finance new and improved student housing) stands at just \$8 million. This conservative approach gives us greater flexibility to respond to opportunities — the needs of our times — and invest in strategic priorities.

Expanding the reach of our mission remains a hallmark of Edgewood University. Identifying the needs and opportunities of the world started for us in 1927, with a commitment to educate young women, at a time when their opportunities were too few. Our recent strides in our graduate programs have resulted in measurable progress toward reducing our dependence on traditional undergraduate students. We have intentionally diversified our revenue by expanding programs that serve adult learners, graduate students, and certificate-seekers. As a result, undergraduate tuition now accounts for just 59% of our revenue — down from 69% in 2015 and 62% in 2020. This shift strengthens our financial position, enables us to deliver the exceptional experience our undergraduate students and families look for, and positions Edgewood University to thrive well into our next 100 years.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** 2025-2026

We are deeply grateful for the continued commitment of our Trustees. In addition to generously giving their time and expertise, Trustees play a vital role by making an annual gift to the University. These contributions help drive our Mission forward, fuel strategic priorities, and support the evolving needs of our students — today and for the future.

Thank you to all current and former Trustees who helped us reach 100% financial participation last year. Your leadership sets a powerful example as we look ahead to another impactful year.

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In November, President Manion reconnected with 21 former trustees — both in person and virtually — who served under Presidents Emeriti Mary Ewens, O.P., Jim Ebben, Dan Carey, Scott Flanagan, and Mary Ellen Gevelinger, O.P., and enjoyed lunch on campus with three long-serving institutional partners. He expressed deep appreciation for their past service and affirmed their continued importance as valued members of our community.



Front (l. to r.) Diane Ballweg '75, MA '07, Kim Sponem, MBA '98, Deborah Schwartz, Ann Neviaser '80, Sr. Toni Harris '71, Roberta Gassman, Sr. Sarah Naughton (not pictured: Sr. Virginia Pfluger '59)

Back (l. to r.) Darrell Behnke, Phil Blake, Gary Schaefer, Neil Fauerbach, MBA '05, Becky Splitt,
Frank Byrne, Londa Dewey, President Andrew Manion | Virtual Attendees included Jim Barr,
Kevin Hayden, Jim Imhoff, Odell Nickelberry, MBA '94, Mary Ellyn Sensenbrenner, Mike Larson

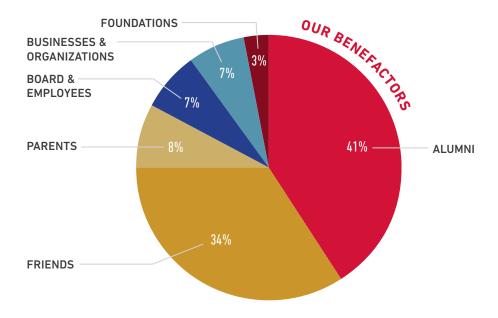


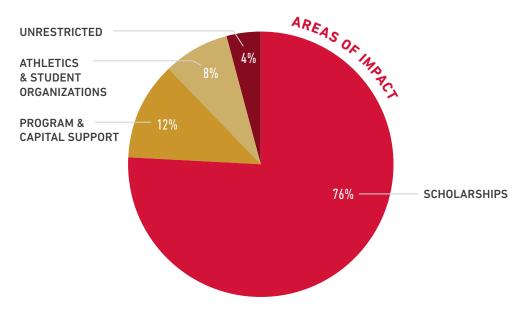
(l. to r.) Pat King, MA '88, Marilyn Ebben, Peg Luby, President Andrew Manion

### **OUR NEXT CHAPTER**

As we turn the page to the next chapter at Edgewood University, our commitment to educating students for meaningful personal and professional lives of ethical leadership, service, and a lifelong search for truth remains as strong as ever.

Thanks to your support, we are expanding access to high-quality instruction across diverse disciplines. More importantly, we are preparing students to become thoughtful, engaged citizens who lead with purpose and help build a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world.









Edgewood University was a generous \$955,000, which provided scholarships for approximately 136 students. All Predolin Scholars, including incoming first-year, upper-level, and transfer students, are majoring in the fields of nursing, business, and science.

Since 2008, we have received nearly \$14.5 million in support from Predolin Foundation, with more than \$10 million of the total having directly benefitted more than 700 students with Predolin Scholarships. In addition to scholarship support, Predolin Foundation grant funds totaling over \$4 million have provided for new equipment and capital improvements for the business, nursing, and science departments.

**READ ABOUT KALLIE NORBY '25** a recent Predolin Scholar alumna

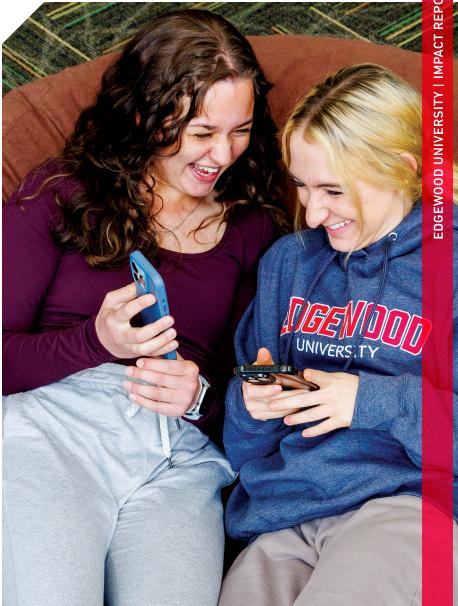














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# RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

#### **ENROLLMENT GROWTH IN GRADUATE BUSINESS PROGRAMS**

Our graduate business programs — including MBA, MSA, MBA+DBA, and DBA — have experienced extraordinary enrollment growth, signaling both expanding global reach and increasing domestic appeal. As of Spring 2025, we are proudly serving students in 38 countries.

Total enrollment has grown from 43 students in Spring 2023 to 827 in Spring 2025

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#### **NEW CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES**

With the renovation of our building on Deming Way, on Madison's West Side, we are excited to launch three new programs within the Henry Predolin College of Health Sciences. The addition of these new programs expands our offerings to individuals looking for rewarding careers in healthcare.

- Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice: Nurse Anesthesia (DNPNA)
- Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (hybrid model) (ABSN)





# WASHBURN SOCIETY

The Washburn Society recognizes those who have included Edgewood University in their estate plans. This giving society is named to honor Governor Cadwallader Washburn who gifted his villa and lakeshore property to the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa in 1881, thus planting the seed of what has grown into our beautiful campus.

Planned gifts create a personal legacy, regardless of the amount, by helping to ensure a future where every student can benefit from an Edgewood University education.

For more information, please contact Jen Stewart, Director of Leadership Giving & Planned Gifts, at 608-663-6813 or jstewart@edgewood.edu

#### **MARY KELLY-POWELL & BILL POWELL**

Mary and Bill share a lifelong commitment to community, equality, and social justice. Mary joined Edgewood University in 1996, teaching nursing students at every stage of their journey. Her commitment to excellence led to leadership roles as Chair of Nursing, Academic Dean, and Vice President for Academic Affairs until her retirement in 2012.

In honor of her impact, the Dr. Mary Kelly-Powell Leadership Award was established in 2005 and is awarded annually to a graduating nursing student who demonstrates exemplary leadership skills.

Today, Mary and Bill support student scholarships and have chosen to continue their support beyond their lifetimes with the ultimate gift. Together, they will help students reach their dreams by committing a portion of their estate to create the Mary Kelly-Powell and William Powell Endowed Scholarship in Nursing. Their faith in the mission of Edgewood University to provide a values-based education is critical to our future and the future of our students.

### Last year we were honored to receive legacy gifts from the following:

- Dollie Newlun
- Marcella Finegan Trust
- Elizabeth (Zastrow) Schuster '64



We are grateful to the following who have included a provision for a future estate gift to Edgewood University.

- Anonymous (10)
- Sarah J. Barnes '06
- Christine Beatty
- Jo Anne Berschet
- Thomas & Shaila Bolger
- Barbara Snyder Boonchouy '65
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- Robert (†) & Carroll Heideman
- Mary Kelly-Powell & William Powell
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- Verna (Schneider) '77 & Merlin Maiers
- Ellen (Ryan) McNally '65
- Ann M. McNeary '88, MBA '93
- Bryan Meddings '98
- Sharifa Merchant '92, MBA '97

- Charlotte Meyer
- Pamela (Converse) Miller, MBA '91
   & Thomas P. Miller
- Tess Mulrooney '85
- Richard V. Munz
- Eileen B. Murphy '69
- Dr. O.C. Nickelberry, MBA '94
- Mary Kay (Paisley) Nielsen '63
- Amv Ohlsen '99
- Nancy (Galles) Olson '64
- Jim Ottney
- Karen (Currier) Pfeil '85
- Patrick Riopelle, MA '99 & Jane Radue
- Heidi L. Roth '84
- Sandy Sandona '65
- Jeff Schmidt
- Colleen Settles, O.P. '71
- Jacqueline & Darl Shimko
- Guy '90 & Eileen Somers
- Anne Barrett Swanson & David K. Swanson
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- Linda K. Trent
- Lisa Van Lieshout, MBA '08
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- Daniel & Noreen (McNamara) Welte '71
- Margaret (Bruns) Wood '69



are student-athletes

1300+

**Graduate Students** 

100%

of incoming students receive grants or scholarships

28%

are first in their families to go to college

L200+

Undergraduate Students 23%

of our students' families have annual incomes less than \$50,000

21%

identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

95%

of students within their graduate field of study earn job placement one year after graduation

# PROGRAMS INSPIRED BY OUR MISSION



### **Cutting Edge® Program**

The Cutting Edge® Program, created in 2007 under the leadership of President Emeritus Dan Carey, offers an equitable opportunity for learners with diverse abilities to develop and acquire the skills needed for independent and self-determined lives. Within an inclusive and supportive environment, the students in the program and our community thrive, resulting in a positive impact for all its members.



#### Sarah. Class of 2025

Cutting Edge Individually Planned Certificate: Art and Education **FAVORITES:** 

- Class: Art 117 Ceramics
- Professors: Dean Leeper and Peter Makela
- Memory: Meeting friends and having a roommate

**INVOLVEMENT:** Office of Student Involvement events, Multicultural Student Lounge Internship, Special Olympics

**FUTURE PLANS:** Staying in Madison, looking for a job in childcare, and working at overnight Scout Camp this summer



#### Jack, Class of 2025

Studies in Education with a minor in Health and Society

#### **FAVORITES:**

- Class: All my Child Life classes
- Professors: Michelle Turner and Sarah Keyes '12, MA '19
- Memory: Hanging out with friends and going to class

INVOLVEMENT: Student Senate, Guitar Ensemble, Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disorders (LEND), Special Olympics

**FUTURE PLANS:** Staying in Madison, continuing with LEND, and finding a job in the healthcare field

Wispact, Inc. Grant
Supports Educational
Opportunities for
Cutting Edge® students

Support for the Cutting Edge® Program was provided by Wispact, Inc. through a \$10,000 grant for student scholarships. Established in 2021, the Wispact, Inc. Foundation aims to create more opportunities to improve the lives of persons with disabilities across Wisconsin.

Recent Wispact scholarship recipients were Caleb, who is working toward a paraprofessional license for work with schools, and Drew, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in computer science for future work in cybersecurity.

### Siena Scholars Program

The Siena Scholars Program is a relational leadership and scholarship program that honors the traditions of our Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa and invites students to deepen their relationship with Self, God, and Others, while building a more just and compassionate world.

The Siena Scholars program, inspired by the life of St. Catherine of Siena, provides students with opportunity to:

- · Build practical leadership skills in relationship building, self-reflection, dialogue, and listening.
- · Join a community of peers and mentors that promote personal and spiritual growth.
- Deepen their understanding of themselves and how God is calling them to share their gifts in the world.



Siena Scholar

"I appreciate your generous gift to our program and group. We are so grateful to have people like you that support us and our mission."

Chasity, Fourth-year

Program Supporter

"As a Catholic woman, I was raised with the belief that we are called to share our blessings. I have been fortunate in many ways and feel a deep responsibility to give back. I am proud to support Siena Scholars, leaders our society needs now more than ever."

Dora Yelk '83, '91, Religious Studies degrees



# PROGRAMS INSPIRED BY OUR MISSION



# **Emerging Leaders Program**

For nearly 18 years, the Emerging Leaders Program has supported students, from all backgrounds, who choose Edgewood University.

That support provides equal opportunity to succeed in higher education.

Our Emerging Leaders are students from Wisconsin demonstrating financial need, leadership skills, and most are first in their families to go to college. What began with a cohort of 3 students, grew to 12, and today serves 23 students.

- 100% are first in their families to attend college and in high financial need
- Average GPA of 3.3
- Student-athletes: 7 participating in Men's Soccer, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Volleyball, and Tennis
- Student Leaders with roles in Campus Ministry, Athletics, Multicultural Student Organizations, Residence Life, and Student Senate
- 97% first year retention rate
- Contribute 1,150 hours of community service



2024-2025 Emerging Leaders cohort



Students participate in the Passing of the Torch ceremony



#### **Brad | Fourth-year**

"The Emerging Leaders Scholarship has given me the opportunity to grow as an artist, student, and member of my community. I have met many people who have supported me throughout my time, and I know they will continue supporting me when I graduate. Thank you to the donors of this Program, which allows every one of us to do and be more in our communities."

#### Magnolia | Second-year

"I am incredibly grateful for this scholarship, which is allowing me to continue my studies without financial burden as it provides essential relief for my family and me. Thank you for your confidence in me and for supporting me on my journey."





## TO OUR EMERGING LEADERS SUPPORTERS

**Andrew & Amy Manion** 

Ann McCullough, O.P. in memory of M. Eileen McCullough

**Anonymous** 

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**Bob Reif Memorial Gifts** 

Cynthia Butitta '76

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### Nick Pasquarello Named New Director of Athletics

In June, Nick Pasquarello began his new role as Director of Athletics at Edgewood University. Pasquarello brings more than three decades of coaching experience, 24 years in higher education, and 15 years in collegiate athletics. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the W Club and Strategic Partnerships at UW–Madison, where he supported student-athletes through academic, career, and community development. A former professional soccer player and longtime coach with the Madison 56ers and Wisconsin men's and women's programs, Pasquarello holds deep ties to the local athletics community.

"The future of Eagles Athletics is bright," Pasquarello said.
"We will build on a proud tradition while expanding our commitment to student-athlete success on and off the field."

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President Manion praised Pasquarello's leadership and vision as we prepare for our next chapter, including the continued development of the new Athletics and Wellness Campus in Fitchburg. Pasquarello will oversee 21 NCAA Division III programs and nearly 350 studentathletes — more than one-third of the undergraduate population.



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#### **EAGLE GOLF OUTING**

Thank you for making our recent golf outing a tremendous success! With 138 participants, 15 generous sponsors, and \$40,000 raised, it was a great day to be an Eagle.

Your support plays a vital role in strengthening our athletic programs and providing meaningful opportunities for our student-athletes. We're truly grateful for your continued commitment to Eagle Athletics.



SSM HEALTH SPONSOR (l. to r.) Matt Kinsella, Amy Franta, Sue Anderson, Meghann Voegeli



**DOUBLETREE SPONSOR** (l. to r.) Tom Ziarnik, Joey Moser, David Smith, Jordan Smith

#### **TEAM STATS**

- 39 Conference Tournament Championships
  - Most recent: 2025 women's tennis & 2024 women's volleyball
- 76 Conference Championships
- Most recent: 2024 women's volleyball, women's tennis, & men's soccer
- 42 National Tournament Appearances
  - Most recent: 2025 women's tennis & 2024 women's volleyball
- 194 Student-Athletes Earned NACC Scholar-Athlete following the 2024-25 academic year

# DIVISION III ATHLETIC TEAMS

- M Baseball
- W Basketball
- w Bowling
- M W Cross Country
- M W Esports
- M Gal
- M W Lacrosse
- M W Soccer
  - W Softball
- M W Tennis
- M W Track & Field
- Μ w Volleyball



#### Miguel Konde Gwo '24

Recent graduate and soccer student-athlete Miguel Konde Gwo '24 was named the 2024-2025 G. Steven Larson Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) Student-Athlete of the Year for men's sports.

"My journey has been academically challenging yet insightful, community-like, and it has equipped me with the necessary skills to succeed wherever my journey takes me next."

Konde Gwo graduated summa cum laude in December with a 3.91 grade-point average while majoring in criminal justice. He is a two-time NACC Scholar-Athlete and was selected Academic All-District (first team) and Academic All-America (second team) by College Sports Communicators in 2024.

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ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS: (L. to r.) Mark Lowry '77, Emily (Ciha) Jacobson '07, President Andrew Manion, Peggy Weber '90, MSN '07, Christina Heltsley, O.P. '81, Eileen Harrington '77, Mathias Lemos Castillo '18

#### 2024 ALUMNI AWARDS

Each fall, Edgewood University recognizes extraordinary alumni with three awards:

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD** Acknowledges the accomplishments of alumni who have achieved excellence in their professional career and have demonstrated a commitment of ethical leadership, service, and search for truth.

**DOMINICAN MISSION AWARD** Recognizes alumni who have shown a commitment to social justice or a history of extraordinary volunteer service in the community, country, or the world.

**PROMISE AWARD** Recognizes alumni, 40 years of age or younger, who are emerging leaders and have achieved a high level of success through professional accomplishments and service to their alma mater or community.

#### **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

Eileen Harrington '77 | Madison, WI

• Retired Attorney and Civil Servant

Mark Lowry '77 | Gilbert, AZ

 President and Founder of the National Golf Player Development Foundation

#### **DOMINICAN MISSION AWARD**

Peggy Weber '90, MSN '07 | Madison, WI

• Retired Counselor and Nurse

Christina Heltsley, O.P. '81 | Madison, WI

• Prioress, Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa

#### **PROMISE AWARD**

Mathias Lemos Castillo '18 | Madison, WI

• Founder and Consultant, MLC Consulting, LLC

Emily (Ciha) Jacobson '07 | Green Bay, WI

• Owner and Doula, Green Bay Doulas



### **Eileen Harrington '77**

#### A Lifelong Advocate for Social Justice

Eileen Harrington '77 built her career on a foundation of ethical leadership, public service, and the steadfast pursuit of justice — pillars that shape her own life. A Madison native, Eileen grew up just two miles from Edgewood's campus and was educated by the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters at Edgewood High School and Edgewood University where she graduated summa cum laude, earning a B.A. in History and Social Sciences.

#### From Edgewood to Executive Director

After graduating from Edgewood, Eileen moved to Washington D.C., where she earned her law degree from Antioch Law School and began a career devoted to public service. For more than 30 years, she served as an attorney, civil servant, and senior executive. Within the Bureau

of Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), she played a vital role in protecting consumers by writing regulations for telemarketing, email, and online commerce. Eileen led the efforts to create a national Do-Not-Call list. Spending nearly three decades at the FTC, she held leadership positions in its Bureau of Consumer Protection, and capped her career as the FTC's Executive Director. Eileen also pitched in to support the economic recovery following the 2008 Great Recession by serving as the Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Small Business Administration. She is incredibly proud of the important work her team accomplished to help small businesses recover during the Great Recession.

#### From Executive Director to Community Advocate

While her public service career is remarkable, Eileen's passion for helping extends well beyond her professional roles. She served on the board of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association), supporting its mission to empower women and end racism; volunteered and held a board position for the DC Coalition to End Homelessness; and gave her time at a shelter for women and children impacted by domestic violence.

Since returning to Madison in 2012, Eileen has continued her commitment to civic engagement. She's served as Chair of the City of Madison's Taskforce on Government Structure, has volunteered for the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County, and is an active member of the Northside Action Team, which works to register voters and support progressive candidates and causes.

#### **Living the Edgewood Mission**

As a 2024 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award, Eileen reflected, "The values I experienced in the Sinsinawa Dominican women who educated me from grade 3 through college are the same values that form the foundation of civil service in our great nation."

Eileen's life and work are a living testimony of the Edgewood mission in action. Her legacy is a powerful reminder that the values learned at Edgewood are meant to be lived – in classrooms, boardrooms, courtrooms, and in communities. While Eileen has received many honors, including the highest recognition bestowed upon civil servants — the rank of Distinguished Executive — conferred by President Clinton, it is not the accolades that define her journey. It is the hands she has held, the hearts she has touched, and the lives she has quietly uplifted that continue to inspire her. These moments of connection fuel her enduring commitment to show up, serve with purpose, and live out the mission that has guided her career.







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#### **THANK YOU**

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Your generosity strengthens our mission, empowers our students, and drives lasting impact. We move forward with confidence because of you.



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