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At Northeastern, philanthropy fuels our tremendous momentum so our students can experience everything we have to offer during the most formative time of their lives. Our forward-looking parent donors make gifts that support everything students require, from robust academic programming to transformational global experiences, from groundbreaking research to extracurricular sports, clubs, and activities that ensure students thrive.

SURGING PARENT SUPPORT

Here is a snapshot of recent parent giving highlights:



PROTECTING THE OCEAN'S TREASURES

An anonymous parent has created an assistant professorship within the Marine Science Center with a gift of \$1 million. This innovative position is for pre-tenure faculty starting out in their careers, and allows Northeastern to recruit the best and brightest early on. After a period of 5–7 years, the assistant professor moves up, and a new recruit is brought in, creating a legacy of emerging stars. And with coastal sustainability playing a large role in climate change and rising oceans, this assistant professorship is critical for navigating future seas.



HELPING AT THE BORDER

The Northeastern University School of Law is known for its transformational education—and parents John and Kelly Waller played an integral role in enabling our students to benefit. Thanks to their \$100,000 gift, students working in NUSL's Immigrant Justice Clinic travelled to Dilley, Texas—home of the nation's largest family detention center—to work with the Dilley Pro Bono Project, offering legal services to immigrant mothers and children. NUSL students prepared clients for immigration interviews, helped draft affidavits, conducted group information sessions, and observed immigration court proceedings.



EVERYONE LOVES THE LIBRARY

The Northeastern University Library is always open—and the Parents Leadership Council helped it stay that way with a collective gift of \$24,000 this past year. At any time of day or night, the library now provides access to nearly one million ebooks, millions of articles in every field imaginable, copious archival collections, and a digital repository service comprising photographs, audio and video files, documents, data sets, and more. Overall, the Parents Leadership Council made gifts totaling \$275,615 to the university in fiscal year 2019.



GIVING THE GIFT OF GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

Parents Matthew and Kelly Thomas know that global experiences like co-op, study abroad, and international research provide an invaluable lens on the world. As such, they established two \$25,000 funds so Northeastern students can do just that. The Joe Thomas Explore the World Fund, named in honor of son Joe, AMD'18, enables more international experiences for students of the College of Arts, Media and Design, while the Max Thomas Explore the World Fund, named in honor of son Max, Khoury'20, does the same at the Khoury College of Computer Sciences.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT EVERY LEVEL

Each year, Northeastern relies on the generosity of parents to help provide an exceptional experience for our students. In fiscal year 2019, 2,633 parents made gifts totaling \$2.7 million. Parents make a difference at every level, and our most philanthropic families are members of the following societies:

THE FAMILY FELLOWS PROGRAM. The Family Fellows program comprises parents who establish a philanthropic legacy at the university by committing an annual gift of \$10,000 or more. Established by Northeastern parents, the program has supported internships, research awards, scholarships, enhanced music and makerspace facilities, global co-ops, athletics, and gap funding for student ventures. Members enjoy celebration events with top university leadership several times a year.

THE HUNTINGTON SOCIETY. Membership in the Huntington Society honors donors who have made generous commitments of \$100,000 or more to Northeastern, which have expanded opportunities for experiential education for students, developed our talented faculty, and transformed our campus. Members of the Huntington Society serve five-year terms and are among the closest friends of the university. As leaders in Northeastern's philanthropic community, their visionary investments make an impact for generations to come.

TO MAKE A FAMILY GIFT:

If you would like to support the university that means so much to your student, please go to giving.northeastern.edu or call Daniella Bacigalupo-Arce, director of the Family Philanthropy Team, at 617.373.4477.



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