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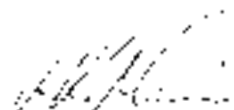
As I look back over the highlights of the past year, I see a distinct pattern of extraordinary generosity that positively impacts our students' lives. Your confidence in and support of the mission and vision of Chadron State College is heartwarming. Our priorities continue to be teaching and learning as evident in our students' honors and awards at regional and national levels. The connections they make with faculty and staff continue to be a bridge to bright futures.

I would like to take this opportunity to express special thanks to Connie Rasmussen for a distinguished career with Chadron State College and the Chadron State Foundation. The college was fortunate to benefit from her efforts as long as we did. The improvement and progress the college has realized would not have been possible without the Foundation and Connie's leadership.

She led the Foundation's first capital campaign, an impressive achievement that has transformed the campus, and initiated the second one with a rare blend of professionalism and affability. A remarkable amount of growth has been accomplished during her tenure and I am confident we will continue to build on that momentum.

As we wish Connie well in her upcoming adventures, it is equally exciting to have Ben Watson coming onboard. He has a solid understanding of the immediate and extended community and will undoubtedly lead the Foundation forward with dedication and purpose.

Thank you again for your belief in and backing of the college and our students' endeavors. Together, we can be assured that the horizon is bright.



Dr. Randy Rhine
President



Greetings from the

Foundation

This past year has been eventful. At this time last year, Connie Rasmussen announced her retirement as the CEO of Chadron State Foundation. She was a part of the Foundation staff for 25 years and brought many talents to Chadron State, but her passion for this institution was foremost. The Foundation Board announced its new CEO at the October board meeting, Ben Watson. Ben brings a great skillset to the Foundation and most importantly, he has passion for Chadron State and this region we serve.

Another big event for CSC this year was the groundbreaking for the renovation of the Sports Complex. Work started immediately after the last home football game last fall. The dedication is scheduled for September 15. A quick turn-around time of only 10 months to complete the facility. It is an amazing transformation.


The Foundation's Next Horizon Campaign for Chadron State College includes the Math Science Initiative which will secure funding to renovate the Math Science Building. It was built in 1968 and has seen limited updates for the last 50 years. Among the many outstanding programs at Chadron State is the Health Professions program, as well as RHOP. Despite a less than stellar facility, the programs that call the Math Science Building home continue to have successful graduates. This building renovation is important to continue to attract the exceptional students who attend CSC and prepare them for professional schools or their career.

This year the Foundation Board says goodbye to Jim Wefso and Jim Jacobs as they have served three-3-year terms. Their insight was invaluable. There is a quote from Elizabeth Andrew that accurately describes the two Jims: "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart."

A big thank you to President Rhine, the dedicated staff at the Foundation and the college community who support this great college that makes a difference in the lives of its students. Thank you to all who support the Foundation with your generous gifts. We strive to be good stewards with this generosity and we work hard to educate ourselves so we can make wise investment decisions. This year more than \$457,000 in Foundation scholarships were awarded to more than 500 students.

The generosity of those who support the Foundation – alumni, donors and friends of this college – is seen across campus. The physical beauty of the campus, the new buildings, the thoughtful renovations of existing buildings and the outstanding students you meet on the campus are a reflection of the generosity of your support of Chadron State.

On behalf of the Chadron State Foundation Board of Directors, THANK YOU!
Sincerely,



Marjean Terrell, Chair
Chadron State Foundation





\$1 million bequest honors Lincoln woman's parents

By George Ledbetter

A former research chemist at the University of Nebraska Lincoln who died in March left more than \$1 million dollars for an endowment that will provide scholarships for students at Chadron State College.

Virginia H. Stryker's bequest of \$1.03 million to the Josephine Newman and Henry Carl Stryker Endowment will fund annual scholarships for students within the CSC service region who demonstrate financial need, said Ben Watson, Chief Executive Officer of the Chadron State Foundation.

The endowment is named in honor of Stryker's parents, who were tenant farmers in the Mitchell area. Stryker herself never attended Chadron State College.

Former Chadron State Foundation Chief Executive Officer Connie Rasmussen said she developed a close relationship with Stryker after initially being contacted by her in 2011.

"(Virginia) was the oldest of five children. Neither parent completed high school. Her mother attended CSC for one summer to get a teaching certificate," Rasmussen said. "Education was so important to her mom, and Virginia saw that. When she started thinking about her estate, she wanted it to help students who grew up poor like her, but determined to get an education."

Stryker was born in Scottsbluff in 1930 and graduated with honors from Mitchell High

School. She studied chemistry at UNL and graduated in 1952. She spent one summer working for the Truman Commission, a study of the higher education system in America, in Washington, D.C., and was offered a job there after graduation, but turned it down after being encouraged to continue her education, said Rasmussen.

Stryker attended graduate school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where she worked in a science lab with students, her obituary reported. While in Illinois she also worked for a pharmaceutical company doing medical research synthesizing medicines that are still in use today.

In 1987, Stryker moved to Lincoln and worked as a research chemist for UNL until her retirement. She then became a volunteer for the Lincoln Police Department, among many other activities.

"She had so many interests (and was) very philanthropic," Rasmussen said. "She was giving gifts during her lifetime."

Among Stryker's many gifts to Chadron State before her death were a large set of high quality art books for the art department and silverware and crystal dishes for the college's president to use for entertaining guests, Rasmussen said.

Stryker joined the Living Legacy Society in 2013 by alerting the Foundation that she planned a future gift to the college, Watson

said. At about that time she also financed restoration of a Steinway piano used by the CSC music department and provided funding for the initial Cuba study abroad trip that took place in 2014.

Rasmussen said Chadron State was included in her philanthropy because she realized the impact the college has on western Nebraska and its service region.

"She knew how difficult it was for her family and the sacrifices they made. She said, 'I want it to go where it will really make a difference,'" Rasmussen said. "That was her whole point, education changes your life."

The first awards from the Stryker endowment were actually made in the 2016-17 school year, because Stryker wanted to hear directly from the students who received the scholarship about their future goals, Rasmussen said. With the substantial balance of the bequest now transferred to the Foundation, more money will be available for scholarships from the endowment, she added.

"Chadron State is incredibly grateful for our relationship with Ms. Stryker and her gift that will transform lives for generations," Watson said. "As a research chemist, I like to think that Virginia took a very analytical approach to determining where she could make the biggest impact. Virginia's gift will create opportunities for students for years to come."



CSC graduate takes post on Nebraska's top court

By George Ledbetter

If it were not for the influence of two Chadron State College professors, John Freudenberg might have followed a career in engineering.

But classes with Justice Studies professors George Watson and Daniel Partrich proved more interesting than pre-engineering work, and led Freudenberg, a 1992 CSC graduate, into a multi-faceted career in law that has now placed him in a seat on the Nebraska Supreme Court.

"They (Watson and Partrich) convinced me to pursue the law," Freudenberg said. "They were both influential in me deciding to switch over (from engineering)."

Freudenberg's varied legal career has included work in private practice and as a county attorney, a job as Criminal Bureau Chief with the state Attorney General's office and a district court judgeship.

"Judge Freudenberg brings extensive experience from the state and local level with him to the Supreme Court," said Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts in a June news release announcing the Supreme Court appointment. "His understanding of the law and history of working with partners across the judicial system in Nebraska will be an asset to the court and its diverse body of work."

A native of Gordon and graduate of Stapleton High School, Freudenberg has deep connections to Chadron State. His parents, Rich and Carol

Freudenberg, are both CSC graduates, as is his wife, Connie. He is also a longtime member of the Chadron State Foundation Board.

At CSC, Freudenberg played basketball for two years, was president of Blue Key and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, with minors in legal studies and mathematics. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law, completing his Juris Doctor studies in 1995. He entered private practice for a time before becoming a deputy county attorney in Scotts Bluff County for two years.

In 1998, Freudenberg moved back to Sheridan County where he joined the Smith and King law firm and served as an assistant county attorney. He was elected county attorney in 2002, and reelected in 2006, but resigned shortly afterwards to take a post with the Nebraska Attorney General's office. Ricketts appointed him to be a Lancaster County judge in April 2017.

Freudenberg began work as a Supreme Court Justice representing the Sixth Judicial District on July 6.

He said his experience at CSC, and especially the tutelage of Watson, taught him a lot about the profession.

"Working with him gave me a great preparation for law school and a head start in the legal profession and how to do things right, how to work hard and take the necessary steps to go forward," Freudenberg said.

The tradition of good legal preparation at CSC continues today, said Freudenberg.

"The current staff at Chadron State does an excellent job of preparing students to come down and be successful in law school," he said.

"Chadron State has a great staff for preparing students for the next step. They have got a great team up there."

Freudenberg also said his connections with friends who were part of the Rural Health Opportunities Program at CSC indicates the potential of the recently instituted Rural Law Opportunities Program for alleviating the critical shortage of lawyers in rural Nebraska.

"I hope RLOP will have the same impact on the legal profession out there, and lawyers will be brought into the profession who are from out there and will want to return home and practice," he said.

Freudenberg, 48, and his wife have five children and one grandchild. When not working they are often busy with youth sports activities and visiting family, including their older daughters in Minneapolis and relatives in northwest Nebraska.



John Freudenberg



Top 10 Reasons Alumni and Friends Give Back to CSC

There are countless ways Chadron State College benefits from charitable giving. From scholarships, program support, facilities improvements to research funding, investments in CSC create opportunities that produce positive outcomes that impact the community, region, state, country and world. What are some of the reasons why donors choose CSC? Here's the Top 10 from the home office.

1. Tuition and state funds are not enough.

Tuition only covers 32 percent of the cost of education at CSC and state funds don't make up the difference. Community support is critical to helping hard-working and eager students access higher education. Funding for cutting-edge technologies and quality faculty are vital for CSC to excel in higher education.

2. Open doors of opportunity.

Many of our students are the first in their families to pursue a college degree, and many others could not afford a college education without scholarship assistance. Your gift to CSC helps students of all backgrounds access higher education.

3. Invest in tomorrow's leaders.

CSC students are working hard to become engineers, scientists, entrepreneurs, teachers, nurses, accountants, and more. Gifts to scholarships and programs are an investment in their careers and in the future of the

communities in which they will live and work.

4. Help CSC attract major gifts and grants.

Foundations and corporations often consider private support to be an indication of merit. For example, a foundation may look at the percent of alumni giving, the percent of employee giving and the total dollars raised each year when evaluating a grant application. Your gift sends a signal to these outside funders that CSC is worthy of support.

5. Increase the value of a CSC degree.

When national rankings are calculated by authorities such as the Princeton Review, alumni giving is key factor. If you are a graduate of CSC your gift will help increase the college's rankings and reputation, thereby increasing the value of your degree.

6. No gift is too small.

Because rankings are influenced by the percent of alumni and employees who give (not the dollars given), your gift can have a powerful impact, no matter the amount. No gift is too small to make a difference. Every gift makes an impact in the life of Chadron State.

7. Help fuel the economy.

CSC accounts for \$120 million of economic impact to Chadron and western Nebraska. For every dollar of state support received, CSC returns \$6.89 to the state economy.

Your gifts help maintain and expand that impact and create positive outcomes in rural Nebraska.

8. It's a worthy tradition.

The history of educational philanthropy in the United States can be traced back to medieval universities in 12th century Europe. Supporting higher education in Chadron can be traced back to fundraising brochures in 1908 for scholarships to attend Chadron Congregational Academy. The Chadron State Foundation was formalized in 1963 to support the life of Chadron State College. Because education is critical to a successful society, it's important that today's alumni and friends carry on this important tradition.

9. Impact your passion.

No matter what areas of philanthropy and Chadron State you are passionate about – economic development, the environment, athletics, the arts – your gift to CSC can impact that passion. Simply designate your gift to the program, scholarship or department that is shaping future leaders in that area of interest.

10. Double the impact of your gift.

Many times, gifts to CSC can be matched. For example, some employers match the gifts that their employees and retirees make. You may want to check with your employer to see if it offers a matching gift program.



2017-18 Annual Report highlights

Two former faculty earn emeritus status

Two retired CSC professors, Dr. Kathy Bahr and Dr. Margaret Crouse, were approved as Emeritus Faculty by the Board of Trustees in November. To earn Emeritus Faculty, the criteria includes a minimum of 15 years full time employment, earning the rank of full professor, evidence of exemplary performance, and demonstrating leadership and collaboration through service and contribution beyond normal expectations.

Both Bahr, who worked at CSC for 21 years, and Crouse who worked at CSC for 36 years, were instrumental in Chadron State's reaffirmation through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Carpenter to retire as Chancellor

On May 8, 2018, Nebraska State College System (NSCS) Chancellor Stan Carpenter informed the Board of Trustees of his desire to retire. Carpenter said he would remain in the position until the Board names a successor.

"The Board is honored to have had Chancellor Carpenter as the visionary leader of the Nebraska State College System for the past eighteen years," said Gary Bieganski, Chair of the NSCS Board of Trustees. "He has been a tireless advocate of affordable, high-quality education for our open enrollment institutions. With his leadership, he keeps the dream of college alive and within reach for both traditional and non-traditional students."

CSC academic schools, department chairs reorganizing

The Chadron State College academic departments will look different in 2018-19. Beginning in the upcoming academic year, Academic Affairs has reorganized from 12 to six departments within three academic schools, and the names of two of the three academic schools have been fine-tuned.

The school currently known as Business, Entrepreneurship, Applied and Mathematical Sciences, and Sciences (BEAMSS) will become Business, Mathematics, and Sciences (BMS). The school currently known as Education, Human Performance, Psychology, Counseling, and Social Work (EHPCPSW) will become Professional Studies and Applied Sciences (PSAS). The School of Liberal Arts retains its name.

Business honor society earns first national award

The Chadron State College business honor society Delta Mu Delta Kappa Chapter has been honored with a Star Chapter Award. The award is given to chapters that meet or exceed Delta Mu Delta's standards, including hosting one induction ceremony, electing officers and annually submitting financial reports.

Star Chapters are also required to complete two of the following: induct at least 80 percent of eligible candidates, participate in the Delta Mu Delta scholarship program and complete a community service or campus business-related activity.

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Chadron State ... in their words

"To me, Chadron State College means excellence and opportunity. These two words apply to both the students and the faculty. CSC offers opportunities for the faculty to become the best teachers they can be. As a result, the faculty are able to offer the opportunities for the students to have the best education possible. The faculty are able to focus on what the students need to gain from a course in terms of both skills and knowledge, then the faculty can employ a variety of methods to accomplish those goals. The experience is typically an engaging one where the students take responsibility for their learning and achievements. The end results are lifelong learners in both faculty and students who can work together to achieve successes both in and out of the classroom. This results in improvements to our campus, our surrounding community, our state, and beyond."

*Dr. Wendy Jamison
Associate Professor,
Department Chair,
Physical and Life Sciences*



'Three Nebraska Lyrics' premieres at CSC

An original piece of choral music, commissioned for Chadron State College, got its world premiere April 15 at Memorial Hall, thanks to a gift from an anonymous donor to the CSC Music department.

"Three Nebraska Lyrics," composed by David von Kampen with original lyrics by Becky Boesen, was performed by the combined Chadron State College Concert Choir, Chadron Community Choir and Ogallala High School Choir during the concert.

CSC Professor Joel Schreuder said the piece is classical choral, set in 21st century harmonies, and made up of three segments representing different aspects of Nebraska.

Planetarium named after Veath

The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System approved the naming of Chadron State College's planetarium in the Math Science building as the Dr. Lois Veath Planetarium.

Veath, who contributed substantial gifts and services to the college, worked at CSC for 31 years. She was a member of the science faculty before becoming dean of the former School of Arts and Sciences. She was the college's Vice President of Academic Affairs for seven years prior to her retirement in 2012.

She was the undergraduate commencement speaker in May.

Inaugural RLOP class welcomed in 2017; program wins award

Chadron State College students who comprise the inaugural Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP) class were welcomed to the program by CSC faculty members and the Dean of the

University of Nebraska School of Law, Richard Moberly, in fall 2017.

In January, RLOP was named the 2018 American Bar Association Brown Select Award recipient. The award is a component of the Louis M. Brown Award for Legal Access, which is an annual award that recognizes programs and projects that enable affordable access to legal services for those of moderate income in ways that are exemplary and replicable.

RLOP was approved by the NSCS Board of Trustees in 2016.

Rasmussen retires as Chadron State Foundation CEO

After more than a quarter of century of service, Chadron State Foundation Chief Executive Officer Connie Rasmussen retired in Dec. 2017.

Rasmussen, a CSC alumna, began her Chadron State College career as the Title III Program Coordinator in 1990, before being hired as the Director of Alumni and Annual Giving in 1992. In 2003, Rasmussen was named the Foundation's CEO.

"There is never a good time to leave a job you love, but there is a right time," Rasmussen said. "And on this, my 25th anniversary, that right time is now. It has been an incredibly rewarding and satisfying adventure."

Rasmussen praised her staff and enjoyed the many moments she shared with Chadron State alumni and friends.

Commissioned composition performed by music faculty, dean

Dr. Michael Stephens and Dr. Jim Margetts performed a saxophone and piano piece, "Relics and Remnants" in early Nov. 2017. Stephens, an

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Chadron State ... in their words

"What distinguishes Chadron State College from other learning institutions is not simply its commitment to excellence in education, but its unparalleled emphasis on student success. Out of all of the colleges and universities I have studied and worked at, I have yet to encounter a place that so values its students. Indeed, at CSC each student matters. There are many colleges and universities to choose from, but I have yet to see a place more committed to providing a transformative learning experience for all those who attend."

*Dr. Steven Coughlin
Assistant Professor,
English and Humanities*



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associate professor of music, was commissioned to compose the piece by the Nebraska Music Teachers Association.

Stephens and Margetts, the dean of the School of Liberal Arts and former music faculty member, also performed the piece at the NMTA annual conference in Lincoln.

CSC hosts Nebraska Section of Society for Range Management annual meeting

Chadron State College hosted the 2017 Nebraska section of the Society for Range Management (SRM) annual meeting.

Dr. Anthony Perlinski, assistant professor of agriculture and rangeland management at CSC, serves as the president elect for the Nebraska section of SRM and worked with 20 students from the CSC Ag Club to prepare for the meeting.

Students present at regional conference

Seven Chadron State College English students presented original writings at a Regional Literature and Creative Writing Conference hosted by Fort Hays State University.

To present at the conference, the students – Alyssa Ermish, Stephanie Gardener, Marqui Keim, Carlie Enns, Zane Hesting, Kaitlin Macke, and Jessica Hanks – were chosen by Sigma Tau Delta High Plains Regent Dr. Lexey Bartlett, an associate professor at Fort Hays State.

Gardener presented a non-fiction piece, *Voice*, at the conference. That piece also helped her earn the E. Nelson James Junior Scholarship Runner-Up award of \$1,500 from national English honor society Sigma Tau Delta.

Chadron State had the most students presenting at the conference in the High Plains

Region, which is comprised of colleges and universities in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Brummels elected national secretary

Chadron State College students Kelsey Brummels of Ewing, Nebraska, and Katie Odvody of Crete, Nebraska, represented CSC's Cardinal Key chapter at the National Honor Society's biennial conference in Tucson, Ariz.

Odvody, who serves as CSC's Cardinal Key vice-president and president-elect, said attending the conference was a chance for the CSC chapter to be recognized on the national level.

In addition to attending the conference, Brummels, who serves as CSC's Cardinal Key president, was elected national secretary and will serve a two-year term on the national four-member board.

Art students display paintings at Crest View Care Center

Thanks to 12 Chadron State College art students and a collaborative effort with Crest View Care Center, residents there enjoyed large, bright wildflower paintings in the middle of winter.

About a year ago, Sherl Bosch, activities director at Crest View, said she thought of the college as a resource when she was searching for new art in the center's dining area and contacted Art Professor Mary Donahue.

Donahue, who teaches Painting I and Painting II, said she was glad to have the opportunity to share some student work and thought it would be a good project for her students.

Adventure Awaits

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Track and field student-athletes earn All-America honors

Track and field student-athletes once again earned national recognition with four new All-America honors and one Academic All-America selection.

Redshirt freshman Isaac Grimes, of Rancho Verde, California, finished sixth in the long jump at the 2018 NCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championships. He followed that up in the outdoor season with a fifth place finish at nationals.

Following the outdoor season, Grimes was selected by the league's coaches as both Field Athlete of the Year and Freshman of the Year.

Ashlyn Hanson of Seward, Nebraska, earned seventh in the hammer throw at outdoors, for her first All-American trophy, and Ashton Hallsted's 11th-place weight throw performance was good for Second Team All-America.

Hanson was declared a First Team Google Cloud Academic All-America following the season.

Lukawski named RMAC hall of famer

Chadron State College Athletics Hall of Famer Tricia Lukawski, a women's basketball player for the Eagles from 1989-93, was inducted into the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame in July.

During her career, she became the program's all-time leading scorer and broke 12 school records, six of which she still owns and two she shares. Lukawski scored 1,869 points in 100 games during her career and helped Chadron State to a playoff berth and an 18-9 record in 1992-93.

Football team wins Brechler Award

The Chadron State College football team earned the top team grade point average among the 11 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference football members in 2017-18, earning its second consecutive RMAC Brechler Award.

CSC football accrued a 2.935 team GPA this past academic year, becoming the only RMAC school to garner three such awards in football.

Eagles found success on the diamond

The Eagles softball team qualified for the RMAC softball tourney for the third consecutive year in May. After going 1-2 in the tournament, CSC concluded its season with an overall record of 16-34 and 13-24 in conference play.

Sophomore pitcher Jessica Jarecki, who set the school record for strikeouts with 205, was named Second Team All-RMAC. Senior outfielder Aspen Eubanks was named Honorable Mention All-Conference. Sophomore Alyssa Geist was awarded the Softball Summit Award for having the highest grade point average of all players in the conference tournament, carrying a 4.0.

50 years of excellence for wrestling

When CSC wrestler Brock Thumm qualified for the national tournament, the wrestling program marked its 50th consecutive season of sending at least one individual to national meets.

Thumm finished as the runner-up at the NCAA Regional Championships, before going 1-2 at the national tourney.

Following the season, Thumm, Caleb Haskell, Chance Karst, and Joshua Miller, each earned academic recognition as NWCA All-Academic individuals and Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference academic honor roll qualifiers.

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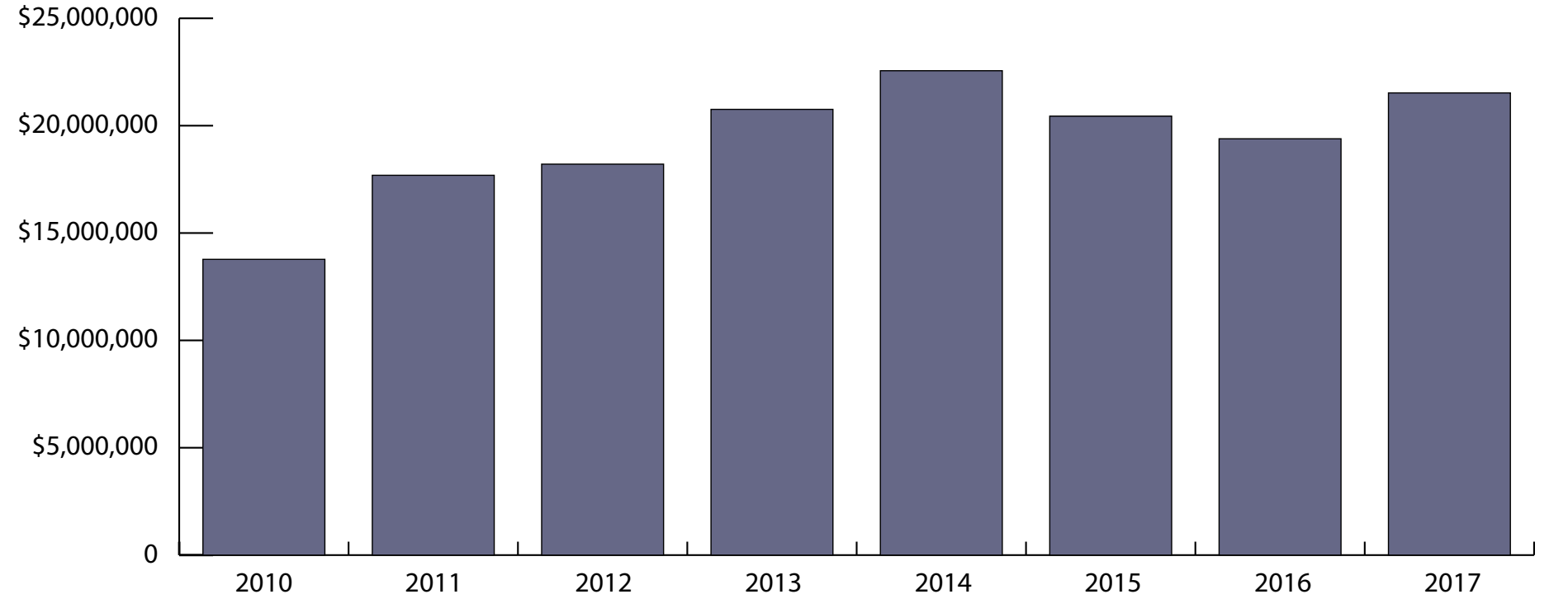
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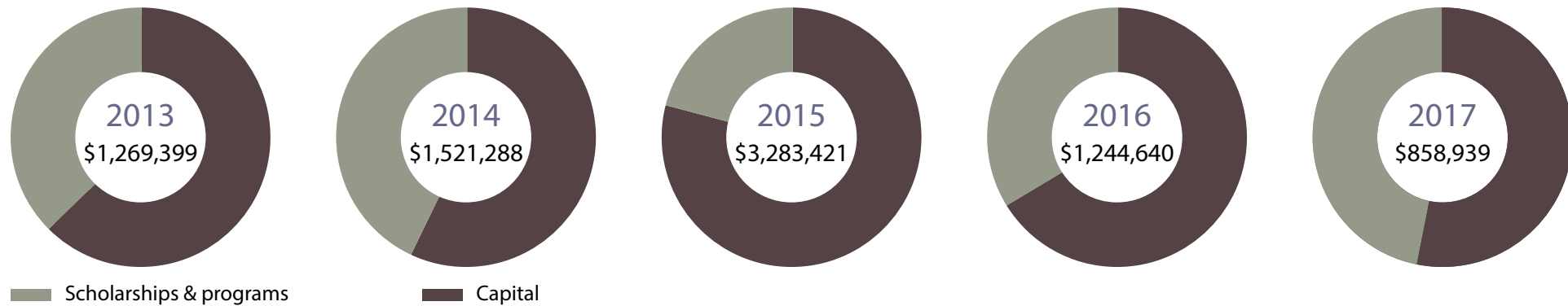
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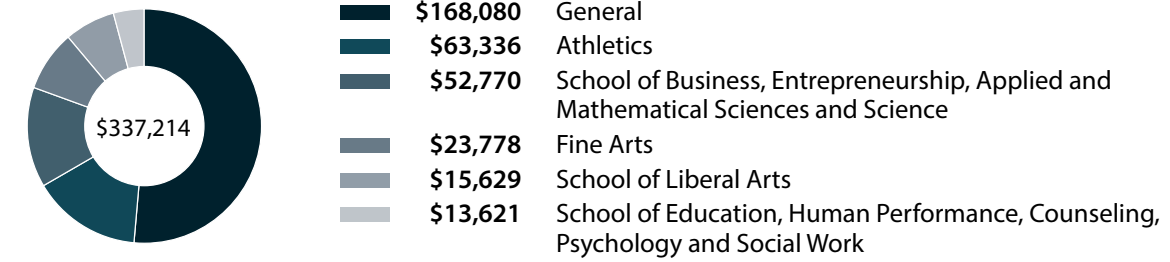


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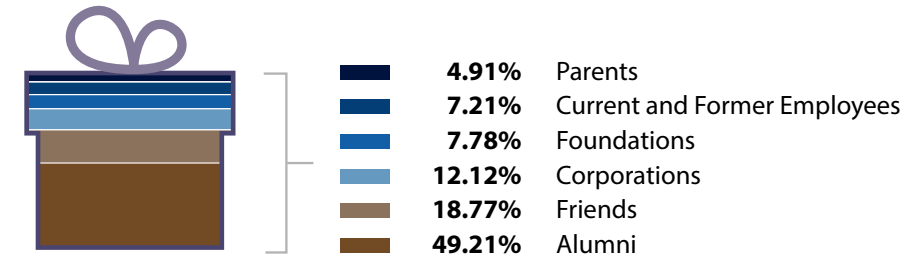


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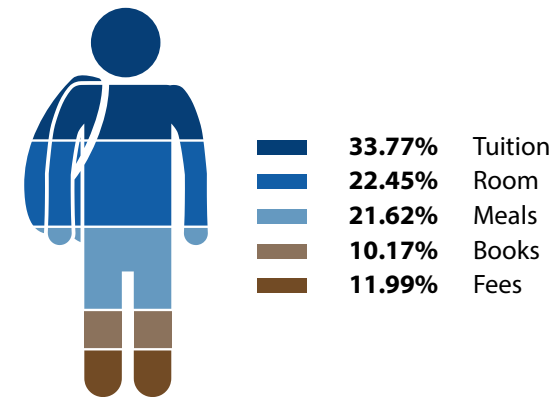
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CSC's Operating Cost



Creating opportunities leading to success is expensive. While Chadron State College has maintained its value proposition there's no denying that going to college can cost a lot of money. Chadron State strives to offer a quality education, life-changing opportunities and comfortable and modern facilities at an affordable cost.

Your support of CSC through scholarships, endowments, program and building support helps to ensure positive outcomes for generations.

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