

Dear Friends of Cal Poly Humboldt,

The Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation is pleased to present the 2024–25 Annual Report, a reflection of your generous support and its vital role in strengthening the Foundation for Cal Poly Humboldt's continued growth and success.

This year, students and employees are reminded of the profound impact philanthropy has on shaping the University's path forward. As public resources continue to evolve, your generosity has provided steady ground—helping sustain essential programs, enrich the arts and sciences, and ensure that every student has access to the tools, nourishment, and education they need to thrive.

Your commitment has done more than provide vital support—it has elevated Humboldt's excellence. Across campus, philanthropy is fueling innovative interdisciplinary research, expanding STEM opportunities, and empowering students through hands-on experiences that connect learning to meaningful careers, thus advancing California's workforce development.

Your belief in Cal Poly Humboldt fosters resilience and opportunity for students. Together, we're shaping a future of compassion, innovation, and shared purpose.

Thank you for your continued belief in our vision and your unwavering dedication to student success.

With gratitude,



Jack McGurk

Jack McGurk '66

Board Chair, Cal Poly
Humboldt Foundation



Steve Karp

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Acting Vice President,
University Advancement
Executive Director, Cal Poly
Humboldt Foundation

Cal Poly Humboldt.

How will your next gift make a difference?

Be part of creating a brighter future.

Contact the Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation today at (707) 826-5200
or giving@humboldt.edu to discuss how you can support
Humboldt students.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Your gifts help
Humboldt students
change the world



Cal Poly Humboldt

Cal Poly Humboldt is Northern California’s first polytechnic university and one of three polytechnic universities in the California State University system. Dedicated to hands-on learning, applied research, and social and environmental stewardship, the University’s unique environment serves as a living laboratory for innovation in sustainability, climate resiliency, renewable energy, natural resources, and more. The University offers undergraduate and graduate degrees across three colleges: Natural Resources & Sciences, Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, and Professional Studies.

Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation

The Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to support and advance the purpose of Cal Poly Humboldt by securing private support, developing and managing entrepreneurial activities, overseeing philanthropic activities, and managing endowed and other assets as requested by the University.

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\$13.4M
Raised in 2024–25

5,100
Individual Donors
(2% growth over prior year)

2,275
New Donors

1,900
Alumni Donors

923
Donor-Funded
Scholarships Awarded
(up from 307 in 2015)

\$1,177.40
Average Gift Size

\$47.1M
Size of Endowment
as of 6/30/25

\$1.9M
Endowment Distribution
(the largest ever)

11,381
Total Gifts

Empowering Students,
Enriching Futures

Generations of Giving Inspire
Hands-on Learning

The Harris Family Foundation empowers
students through real-world experience

The Harris family’s legacy of giving spans generations, inspired by alumni Virginia (‘38, Physical Education) and James Harris. Through the Robert & Shirley Harris Family Foundation, the family’s \$200,000 gift now supports students’ hands-on learning in healthcare tracks. Their generosity embodies Cal Poly Humboldt’s philanthropic spirit, ensuring students gain access to educational experiences and create meaningful careers.



Philanthropy Fuels Student Resilience

Donor generosity provides vital support to
basic needs services

In a time of uncertainty, donors came together to raise more than \$62,200 to support Cal Poly Humboldt students in the first few weeks of the government shutdown. Their generosity strengthened programs like Oh SNAP! Campus Food Programs and the Student Emergency Grant, ensuring access to food, essentials, and immediate aid. These gifts go beyond assistance—they empower students to stay focused, resilient, and on the path to success.



Pioneering Engineering,
Powered by Giving

Gift from Michael and Mary Lore Brown advances
experiential learning in sustainable engineering

With a \$100,000 gift to Cal Poly Humboldt’s new Energy Systems Engineering program, Michael and Mary Lore Brown are helping shape the next generation of innovators. Their generosity supports hands-on learning, empowering students to design renewable energy systems, explore sustainable solutions, and tackle real-world challenges. This investment strengthens Humboldt’s commitment to applied research and environmental leadership.



For more uplifting stories of generosity, explore
giving.humboldt.edu/giving-stories-month

