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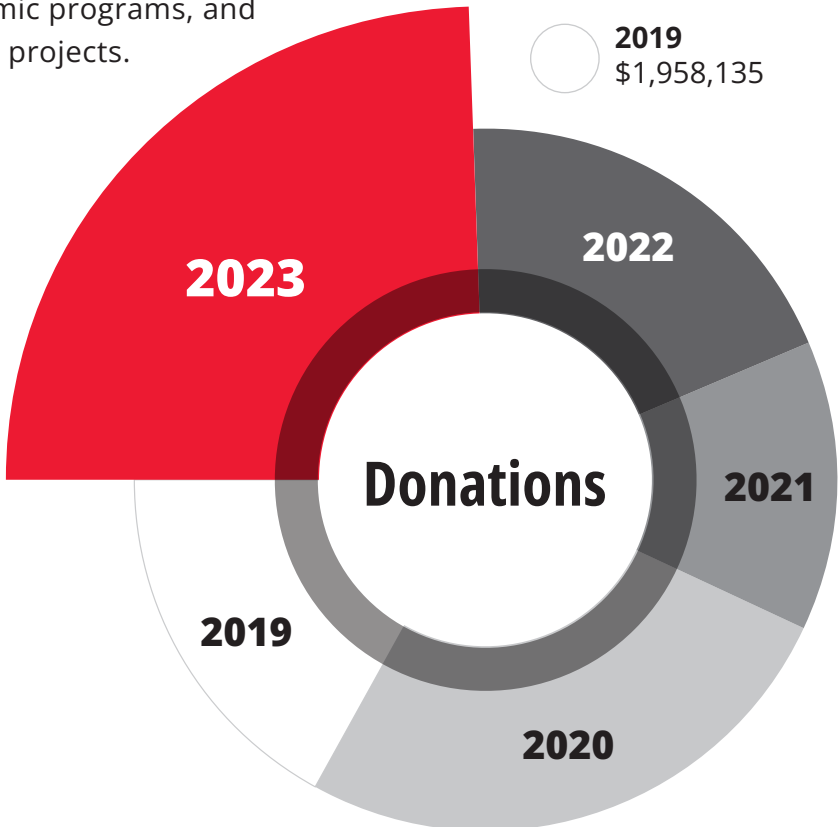
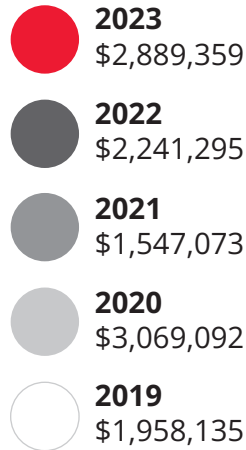
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2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

The following numbers reflect total contributions to the Western Oregon University Foundation for 2022-2023, as well as recent fiscal year results on Endowment, Scholarships, and Competitive Grants. The fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30 of each year.

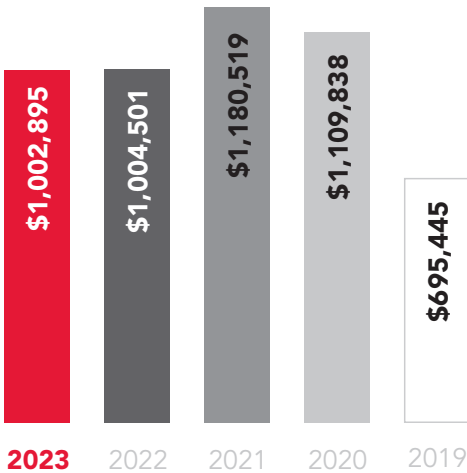
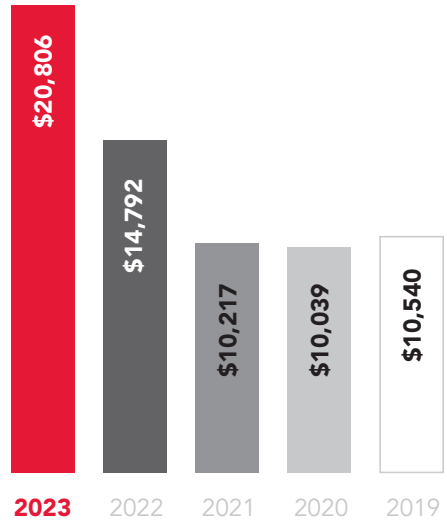
CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions consist of all new outright or committed private gifts and grants made to the Western Oregon University Foundation from individuals, foundations, and corporations. Gifts are both unrestricted and restricted for purposes such as scholarships, academic programs, and capital projects.



COMPETITIVE GRANTS

The Competitive Grants program is funded by unrestricted gifts to the WOU Foundation. Each Spring departments across campus apply for awards of \$1,000 or less to support a variety of campus activities. Projects that have a measurable impact on the greatest number of students and provide visibility to the campus or external community are given the most consideration.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT AID

The WOU Foundation manages hundreds of annual and endowed scholarships, as well as several emergency student aid funds. Awards are made based on the criteria set by the donor and agreed upon by the University and Foundation.



"THANK YOU to everyone who has generously supported and advanced WOU's mission. The growth in areas that directly impact students would not be possible without your help! Thank you for helping provide access to higher education and supporting WOU's impact on the community."

— Katie Wojke

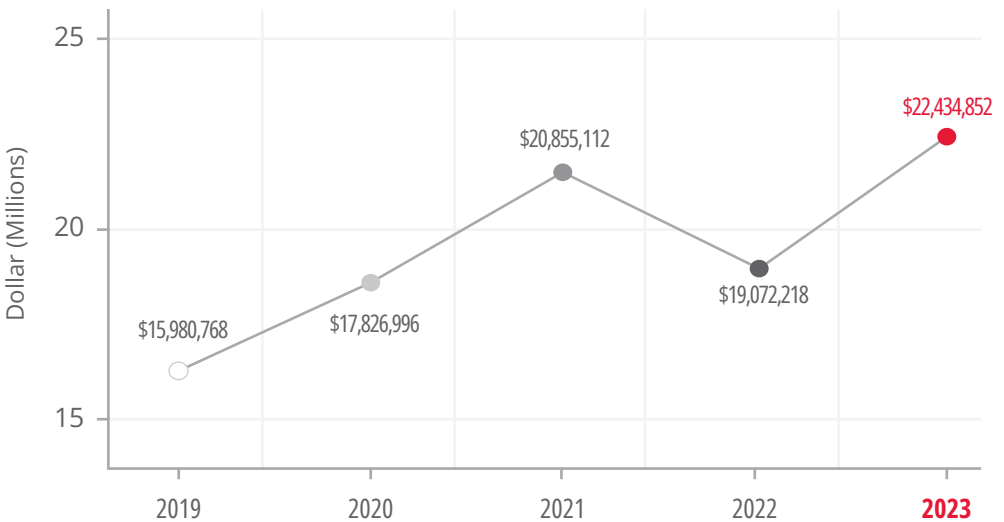
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ENDOWMENT

An endowment is a donation that is made to the Western Oregon University Foundation on the condition that it is used to advance the mission of the school for the long term. Most endowments are designed to provide a permanent source of income for the university by keeping the original amount invested and using the accrued investment income for its charitable purpose. The WOU Foundation endowment has grown due to the generosity of donors through outright gifts, bequests, and other planned gifts, as well as investment earnings.

Endowment Market Value



HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

Groundwater Monitoring Laboratory

The Earth and Environmental Science Department completed the installation of a new outdoor Groundwater Monitoring Laboratory on campus aimed at better preparing students for professional careers as hydrogeologists and environmental scientists.

The project includes the drilling and installation of three (3) shallow groundwater monitoring wells at WOU's Ash Creek Preserve, located at the northwest corner of campus. The three wells are spaced 200 feet apart and extend to a depth of approximately 40 feet, tapping into an artesian sand and gravel aquifer.

On May 4-5, 2023, a team of 20 WOU alumni, students, faculty, and staff participated in the drilling event, with services and materials donated by Western States Drilling, Weyerhaeuser, and Terracon Environmental Consultants. The Earth and Environmental Science Department is grateful for the collective community support of the STEM education mission at WOU, leading the way for the preparation of the next generation of professionals in the environmental workforce. ●

