

TRANSFORMING STUDENTS TRANSFORMING LIVES

The Campaign for Rider University

Rider's Most Pressing Needs

Increase Scholarship Support and
Maintain a Safe Learning Environment



Now more than ever, you have the power to ensure that financial hardship won't be a barrier to a Rider education, and that the University has the resources to create and maintain a safe environment for on-campus students.

The coronavirus outbreak has required a major shift for all of us, but it is particularly challenging for students who have suffered financial instability as a result of the pandemic.

“My single mother now struggles even more to pay the bills since her job loss because of the virus. My family fears for me to go out and work because my immune system is said to be very low and I tend to get sick easily. I did work for some time but each day the cases of coronavirus increased. We fear even more now being able to pay the bills and pay for my university expenses.”

Musical theatre major
Class of 2021

“My family and I lost our jobs due to COVID-19 and have not been able to make money for months. I have no college savings fund to rely on and we are struggling with healthcare expenses, food expenses and paying bills. If I do not receive relief then I may have to withdraw from all of my classes since I cannot afford to attend, and that is the absolute last thing I want to do.”

Computer science major
Class of 2023

Meeting student needs imparts a lasting lesson:

**There is no such thing
as a lone Bronco.**

Donors who give to scholarships and the Annual Fund

Assist
financially
struggling
students

Help students
to continue
their studies

Ensure a
safe learning
environment

Aid students
to return
to campus

“My dad is retired and my mom was the only one working before the pandemic. She is a manager at IHOP and the money she is receiving from unemployment is not enough right now for her to provide for a family of four. The majority of the money goes for food and the rest goes to essentials for the house.”

Biochemistry major
Class of 2022

“My father was temporarily unemployed due to circumstances related to Covid-19. Savings that were intended to offset a portion of my fall semester tuition costs were used during that period of unemployment to maintain daily household expenses.”

Accounting major
Class of 2023

“In all things prepared.”

- RIDER UNIVERSITY MOTTO -

This year has tested the ideal of Rider’s motto, but our campus community has shown great resilience, swiftly switching to remote classwork, providing aid to students through emergency funds and the campus food pantry, and loaning laptops to students who do not have technology access. Our estimates are that at least \$1 million is needed to cover FY2021 expenses directly attributable to COVID-19 requirements that could not be funded from existing budgets, including:

- **6,000** masks for faculty and staff in direct contact with students
- **3,500** signs around campus for social distancing and CDC guidelines (this includes classrooms, dining areas and common areas)
- **2,000** masks for students
- **1,000+** additional custodial hours for disinfection and sanitization of classrooms, labs and residence halls
- **500** bottles of hand sanitizer
- **350** new touchless paper towel dispensers
- **150** disinfectant wipe dispenser with stands in common areas and labs
- **150** protective table-top shields
- **100** additional hand sanitizer dispensers
- **100** additional antibacterial soap dispensers
- **6** tents for outdoor dining and hybrid classes

How you can help:

Support Scholarships

Make a gift of any size to the Rider Scholarship Fund or Westminster Scholarship Fund or to one of Rider’s many other named scholarship funds. Or, a minimum gift of \$5,000 will create a new, named, current-use scholarship that will have an immediate impact for a student in need who is enrolled today.

Support the Annual Fund

Make a gift to the Annual Fund. This year, as costs have skyrocketed both at Rider and at universities across the country, increased pressure has been placed on the Annual Fund to fill in gaps lost from room and board revenue and support additional costs related to student safety like those outlined above. Your gift will help Rider address these pressing needs right now.

Rider donors make a difference in the lives of our students every day. Your support demonstrates to our students that someone believes in their potential and is willing to invest in their future. You make their education possible.

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