Imagine Tomorrow
In the early years of the 20th century the Benedictine Sisters boldly imagined that one day, fine stone buildings would rise upon the grounds before them, creating a home where higher education would flourish.

Nearly a century later, the time has come to imagine once again. In the competitive world of 21st century higher education, St. Scholastica must again be bold. We have embarked upon the Imagine Tomorrow campaign with a goal of raising $31 million to invest in our students, facilities and faculty.

The most ambitious campaign in the College’s history comes at a critical time. More people than ever before seek a St. Scholastica education. Many face financial challenges and deserve aid. Campus buildings, laboratories and residence halls must be upgraded to fit the academic expectations and lifestyles of tomorrow’s best students.

Your gift will make a values-based education, one that instills a sense of purpose as well as professional training, available to more students. It will enhance our ability to provide exceptional intellectual, spiritual and physical preparation for a lifetime of learning. And it will keep the College financially sound.

Together, we can secure the future of this community of learning. We can enhance the excellence of the resource that we all have inherited, so that when we ourselves hand it on it is worth even more – to our region, to our country, to our world.

Your generosity to St. Scholastica will touch the world.

$31 million for tomorrow

Sister Kathleen Hofer ’63
Prioress, St. Scholastica Monastery
Chair, Board of Trustees of The College of St. Scholastica

Larry Goodwin
11th President
The College of St. Scholastica
Today’s incoming classes are the largest in College history. With a growing interest comes a growing need to maintain accessibility for all deserving students.

St. Scholastica — facing the challenge

Close your eyes. Picture the face of one person at St. Scholastica who inspired you. Whether it was a Benedictine Sister or a lay faculty member, consider the lasting effect on your life.

The Imagine Tomorrow campaign will ensure that students of today, and 100 years from today, have their own memories of that special mentor whose work embodies the Benedictine values upon which St. Scholastica was founded.

We will invest in students, in signature programs, in campus facilities and in student-centered teaching. Your involvement will make a difference:

• Creating scholarships for the capable students who need financial assistance.
• Helping build a Wellness Center that will benefit the entire St. Scholastica community.
• Ensuring financial stability that will preserve historic Tower Hall, and keep the Science Center and other College buildings technologically advanced.
• Continuing to offer new generations access to a values-based education.

St. Scholastica has been my life. I was a student here. I was a teacher here. And now I help with alumni relations. I have seen thousands of students walk in as wide-eyed freshmen and graduate as caring young adults. Ones who have a sense of contribution to whatever lies ahead. I’m close to many of them and look forward to knowing those yet to come.

Sister Timothy Kirby ’39
Alumni Relations
Invest in Students

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- Launching new courses
- Supporting student clubs and organizations
- Upgrading library and technology resources

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Support to annual restricted scholarships make a St. Scholastica education affordable to more students. In keeping with the Benedictine educational commitment, restricted scholarships open new doors to more people.

Perhaps a restricted scholarship or institutional financial aid helped you. Imagine yourself helping just one deserving person walk the halls of St. Scholastica as a student.

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Student Funds

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If St. Scholastica is to remain on the leading edge of higher education, we must be prepared to develop new programs and services in response to emerging opportunities. For example, in 1999 the College discerned a need for a baccalaureate program offered in the evenings for working adults. The response was the very successful Accelerated Degree Evening Program (ADEP).

The Vision Fund, part of our $11.8 million “Invest in Students” goal, will help support the initial costs of new initiatives that improve student learning, enhance campus life and fulfill the College’s commitment to serving diverse populations.

The issue of access to education is very dear to my heart. It is clear that career development and income level are correlated with education availability. That’s why the College’s mission is not limited to Duluth-Superior. We serve the region and, increasingly, beyond that.

Chandra Mehrotra, Dean of Special Projects
The most dependable source of scholarships is an endowment, generating annual earnings that can be directed to students.

St. Scholastica’s scholarship endowment is among the lowest of the Minnesota private colleges. Correcting this situation is an urgent priority.

The College’s goal of raising $5.8 million for Endowed Scholarships is part of the $11.8 “Invest in Students” goal. Scholarships can be designated for a specific department or named for the donor.

Endowed Scholarships

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Everyone would like to have a lasting impact on the world. I think everyone has something to contribute. The students of tomorrow depend on the contributions of the students who came before them. With your help, they will experience the values of St. Scholastica—and know, then, what they share with its alumni. I know, because that’s what happened to me.

Carrie DeBoer, ’00, Nursing
Volunteered for a year at Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos Orphanage in Cuernavaca, Mexico.
Fund for Health Sciences

For over 90 years, St. Scholastica’s health sciences graduates have improved the quality of life regionally, nationally and globally. The College created the medical records academic discipline, which is now called health information management. We have produced national leaders in nursing, physical therapy, exercise physiology, occupational therapy and other disciplines.

Your commitment to helping create a $3 million fund for Health Sciences will not only ensure that our students continue to become leaders, but will also help our faculty maintain their national leadership stature.

With this fund, St. Scholastica professors will be able to create scholarship, service and research programs for students in the areas of health care and the study of aging. These programs will strengthen the College’s recognized ability to mold students by emphasizing a balance of professional expertise and values.

Industry leaders—those who were my role models—sought to hire St. Scholastica graduates because of their understanding and conviction to their field. The values I learned then continue to direct my daily life. And I now want to make sure this experience is available to the next generation.

Linda Kloss ’68
CEO, American Health Information Management Association, Chicago, IL

The times have changed, opportunities have blossomed. One thing that has stayed the same: St. Scholastica remains dedicated to instilling a sense of larger purpose in our graduates.
St. Scholastica serves as the “spiritual academy” of our region. Through the Imagine Tomorrow campaign, the College will deepen its commitment to an open and rigorous examination of the religious dimension of human life. Three programs have been identified to fulfill this commitment:

Catholic Studies

Establishing a $2.2 million fund will allow us to build a program that invites interested students and the larger community to explore the Catholic intellectual tradition, with an emphasis on social justice and the dignity of human labor.

Interfaith Studies

Non-Catholic students also look to St. Scholastica for spiritual guidance. Currently the College offers courses that explore Western and Eastern religious traditions. Generating $500,000 for Interfaith Studies will provide additional resources to students of all faiths, or of no faith, to foster awareness and appreciation of personal, cultural and spiritual diversity.

Peace and Justice Studies

St. Scholastica has long believed that fostering greater understanding and spirituality can contribute to peace and justice—locally and globally. This belief is an essential aspect of the St. Scholastica experience. The College seeks to enhance this area of study. Generating $500,000 will allow for added scholarship, public programs and opportunities for continued community dialogue.

Your gifts to Catholic Studies, Interfaith Studies and Peace and Justice Studies will enable all of our students to engage the larger questions of purpose and meaning that will frame their professional and ethical lives.

Steve Ostovich
Professor of Philosophy

From the days of Mother Scholastica Kerst, the Benedictine Sisters have inspired the College’s mission of intellectual and moral preparation. I am fortunate to be among them.

Sister Agnes Fleck ’69
English instructor
Our professors are our essential resource. The nurturing of their expertise translates directly into the excellence of our students. For faculty members to remain on the forefront of their academic specialties, they must engage in a constant process of professional improvement.

Establishing a $1 million fund will ensure that St. Scholastica professors continue advanced study in their fields, participate in conferences in their academic specialties, perform research and have training in the latest technology.

Incorporating emerging knowledge and technology into the College’s classrooms is a significant expense and a necessity.

I’ve had students come back to me after five or 15 or 20 years and say, ‘The technical stuff I’ve learned is always changing, but the studies that had to do with being a human being, the fundamental values, are what have stayed with me – and have helped me.’

Al Nephew
Chair of the Philosophy Department

Over the decades, students and faculty – from health sciences to humanities – have shared ideas, hopes and discoveries at St. Scholastica. It is an environment of group interaction. But, as in all groups, someone must be the leader – the one all others look to for advice. In order to be that leader, from time to time he or she must be the student.

Martha Witrak
Chair, Department of Nursing

Student-Centered Teaching and Learning
The College recognizes the value of developing each student not only intellectually, spiritually and emotionally, but also physically. That’s why we are creating a Wellness Center. This is a vital need. St. Scholastica must transform the existing Reif Recreation Center into a Wellness Center that can serve the lifestyle needs of students in the 21st century. This means building a field house with a running track, multi-purpose courts and areas for weightlifting and aerobic exercise machines.

A comprehensive Wellness Center will put us on competitive footing with peer institutions in Minnesota. Our current lack of facilities puts us at a serious disadvantage for recruiting, and retaining, the most talented students.

A centerpiece of the Imagine Tomorrow campaign, the $10 million Wellness Center will require $4 million in gifts from private donors. We will be vigilant in seeking continued giving until we reach our goal.

Imagine offering all students, as well as the entire College community, distinctive access to a healthy lifestyle. With these new facilities dedicated to total wellness, we can.

St. Scholastica’s Wellness Center will be built adjacent to the Reif Center. The new facility will triple the available space for students to develop their fitness.

Theresa Scholastic “This is a time of joyful anticipation at The College of St. Scholastica. The Wellness Center will be an investment in the human capital that is the heart and soul of our college community.”

Larry Goodwin, President

Students have enjoyed, and sometimes endured, physical contests in a variety of settings and in all types of weather. The Wellness Center will offer more room to stretch the mind, body and spirit no matter what’s going on outside.
Tower Hall and Campus Enhancement

The very symbol of St. Scholastica, majestic Tower Hall has provided an intellectual and spiritual home for generations of students. Help us to ensure that this touchstone of the College remains for generations to come. You can have a hand in preserving and enhancing Tower Hall and other core buildings such as the Science Center and Mitchell Auditorium.

Your gift will help us build a $2 million fund for preserving Tower Hall and enhancing the campus by, among other things, ensuring that our classrooms and laboratories are technologically current to support needs of the future.

Everyone who has walked these halls has helped shape the College’s success. Preserving our heritage and claiming our future is a shared responsibility – of alumni, students, staff, faculty, Benedictine Sisters, friends and community leaders.

We must preserve the history and integrity of the campus. The future of St. Scholastica is unimaginable without it.
Enlarging St. Scholastica’s endowment strengthens the College as a whole, furthering self-sufficiency and fiscal soundness.

Your unrestricted gift to the College Endowment will help create a $6 million revolving loan fund and savings account. This will allow St. Scholastica to harness strategic growth opportunities through a “self-loan” fund, of which up to $2 million can be loaned to the College’s budget and then repaid with interest. Two-thirds of the fund, $4 million, will remain permanently in the endowment.

Your investment here and now will secure our future for generations.

Part of helping students become intellectually and morally prepared entails being prepared as a College. Increasing our endowment will fortify the institution as a whole.

With our help, St. Scholastica will continue to provide the pillars of support needed for a strong College and a healthy community.

Sister Donna Schroeder ’61
Associate Professor of Biology
Financial Goals
St. Scholastica Imagine Tomorrow Campaign

There are many ways to support Imagine Tomorrow. Campaign leaders and professional staff will work with you to help you carry out your wishes in a manner that is most meaningful to you.

Current Gifts
Can be directed to specific or general campaign funds.

- Cash
- Securities
- Real Estate
- Tangible Personal Property
- Corporate Matching Gifts

Deferred Gifts
Will be credited toward endowment fund goals at full face value.

- Bequests
- Charitable Trusts
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Real Estate
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Plan Assets

I. Invest in Students $11,800,000
   Tower Fund 3,000,000
   Restricted Annual Scholarships 2,000,000
   Vision Fund 1,000,000
   Endowed Scholarships 5,800,000

II. Invest in Signature Programs 7,200,000
    Health Sciences 3,000,000
    Catholic Studies 2,200,000
    Interfaith Studies 500,000
    Peace and Justice Studies 500,000
    Student-Centered Teaching 1,000,000

III. Invest in Facilities 6,000,000
    Wellness Center 4,000,000
    Tower Hall and Campus Enhancement 2,000,000

IV. Fortifying Our Future 6,000,000

St. Scholastica Imagine Tomorrow Campaign Total $31,000,000
For everyone who wishes to give, there is a way. You can create a scholarship that will be used immediately. Or you can make an impact through an endowment.

Your gift could be unrestricted, allowing the College to determine the most urgent priorities. Or it could be a restricted donation, in which you specify the need.

You can choose to focus your gift on one of our campaign’s priorities—whether it’s elevating an academic program, creating a scholarship or funding a new initiative.

You can be as specific as funding a locker room or laboratory, or as far-reaching as helping the College strengthen its financial foundation.

You may give now—as an individual or together with a corporate match. And you may contribute a gift that will be realized later—as part of a trust, bequest or retirement earnings.

You can make a difference, wherever you choose to support St. Scholastica.

You will strengthen this community that creates learning to touch the world.

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Learning to touch the world

An equal opportunity educator and employer.

Ways to Give