

HONORING THE FUTURE

# *The University of Virginia* CAVALIER FUND

## *THE GOAL: THE BEST, AND MOST INCLUSIVE, UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE*

*"I think this will be one of the more significant things that  
UVA does, and a way to differentiate the University."*

**PRESIDENT JAMES E. RYAN**

Our rich undergraduate residential experience is a primary distinction of the University of Virginia. The opportunities and activities available across and beyond the Grounds draw outstanding students to UVA and bind our academic community together. More important, these experiences help develop our students into citizen leaders who are both great and good.

Participation in student governance, club sports, the arts, Greek life, academic conferences, service organizations, and numerous other extracurricular activities build character, friendships, leadership skills, and service mindsets. For all that they learned from UVA's faculty, many alumni look back on their time outside the classroom as their most fond and formative memories.



## THE CHALLENGE: UNEQUAL ACCESS


Too many UVA students cannot access all the leadership, service, and student community activities that the University has to offer due to financial limitations. They either cannot afford direct costs of participation, cannot take time away from work-study requirements, or both. Affordability barriers are especially pronounced for the 35% of undergraduates receiving financial aid, students from diverse or underserved backgrounds, and first-generation students. It is not enough for UVA to recruit, enroll, and financially support these students for the basic UVA education. We must provide them equal opportunities with their peers for them to fully develop as citizen leaders and vested members of the UVA community. Our Academical Village will be more vibrant and enriching for all when all are included in its every facet.

## THE SOLUTION: THE CAVALIER FUND

Generous alumni, parents, and friends can help open the doors to all that UVA has to offer for every student. The Cavalier Fund is a new endowment dedicated to ensuring that all students can have a full and fulfilling undergraduate experience, regardless of their means. Under a pilot program, undergraduate students who currently meet the financial guidelines for federal Pell Grants may apply for Cavalier Fund grants of up to \$500 per academic year. Grants can be used for items such as travel to a lecture, expenses related to Madison House service opportunities, or membership in registered student organizations. To support the Cavalier Fund's growth, **the University has made \$10 million in gift matching funds available**. Under current terms, **the University will match any endowed gift commitment of \$100,000 or more, paid within five years, with \$.50 on the \$1 until the \$10 million is depleted**. We hope to grow the Cavalier Fund to at least \$30 million, providing a permanent, endowed source of funding for grants.

Donors can make a big difference in students' UVA experiences by creating named endowments, within the larger fund, to support multiple students per year. For example, an endowment gift of **\$500,000** would provide grants for up to 45 students per year. Gifts of any size to the Cavalier Fund will be meaningful—even just enough to support one student for one year.

We encourage all who are passionate about the University of Virginia undergraduate residential experience, and an inclusive UVA community, to please consider giving to the Cavalier Fund.



*"In order to continue to attract the very best students, and to prepare and inspire them to live their best lives, we must offer them an unparalleled experience while on Grounds."*

**PRESIDENT JAMES E. RYAN**

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