

DOUGHERTY FAMILY COLLEGE
STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2019



A NEW OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

Dougherty Family College (DFC) is a two-year program of the University of St. Thomas created for promising high school graduates who face significant financial, social and academic obstacles to earning a higher education. DFC presents a new and hope-filled pathway to a four-year college degree for these students.

Many generous supporters, led by Mike and Kathy Dougherty, have enabled St. Thomas to embrace a dual vision of helping to close the educational opportunity gap in Minnesota and enriching the state's future workforce.

Dougherty Family College, its students and their families are grateful to individual donors as well as dedicated corporate partners for placing this chance within reach.



UNITED IN PURPOSE TO SUCCEED

Daily life at Dougherty Family College is similar to, yet very different from, that at traditional colleges. Many institutions highlight small class sizes and the tight friendships that can result, but DFC's combination of strategic elements offers advantages found at few, if any, other schools.

Through the generosity of donors, every student gets a leg up with the help of many valuable resources, such as: weekly formal mentorship sessions with faculty members; a dedicated staff member who ensures that students are integrated socially into the St. Thomas community through clubs, events and intramural sports; a social worker on staff to help deal with struggles of various kinds; laptops, textbooks, meals and Metro

Transit passes included as part of tuition. The list of these key assistance components is long and makes success for DFC students very likely.

Through the partnership and financial commitment of corporations, every DFC student, in the second semester of year one, begins the three-semester Corporate Internship Program. This program helps to prepare students for the workforce with skills training and real-world experience working in companies. It is fully integrated with the academic curriculum of Dougherty Family College and affords students the opportunity not only to develop professional skills and experience, but also to gain exposure to different industries and careers.

We thank the individuals and companies that make the above highlights of the Dougherty experience possible.

95%
students of color

79%

first in their families
to attend college

50%

of Twin Cities-area
high schools are
represented in the
DFC student body

**THANK YOU,
DONORS!**

EMPOWERED TO BE UNSTOPPABLE

The first class of Dougherty Family College freshmen started in the fall of 2017. In less than two years, their determination and hard work, along with the many forms of support provided in the DFC program, produced positive results.

In May 2019, 61 students earned the first two-year degrees awarded by St. Thomas. Nearly all of these new graduates committed to St. Thomas or another four-year program for this fall. Their next stop: bachelor's degrees!

“From day one, our presence here mattered. Our efforts and impacts mattered. Our decisions and questions were all empowered. We learned from a culturally inclusive curriculum, with passionate support services, and have gone on to becoming shining leaders in our communities. ... Everyone in this beautiful journey not only wanted us to be here, but to succeed with the wildest expectations. ... I'm here to tell you all today, we've won.

- Mesum Haider '19 AA,
inaugural DFC class president, at donor reception

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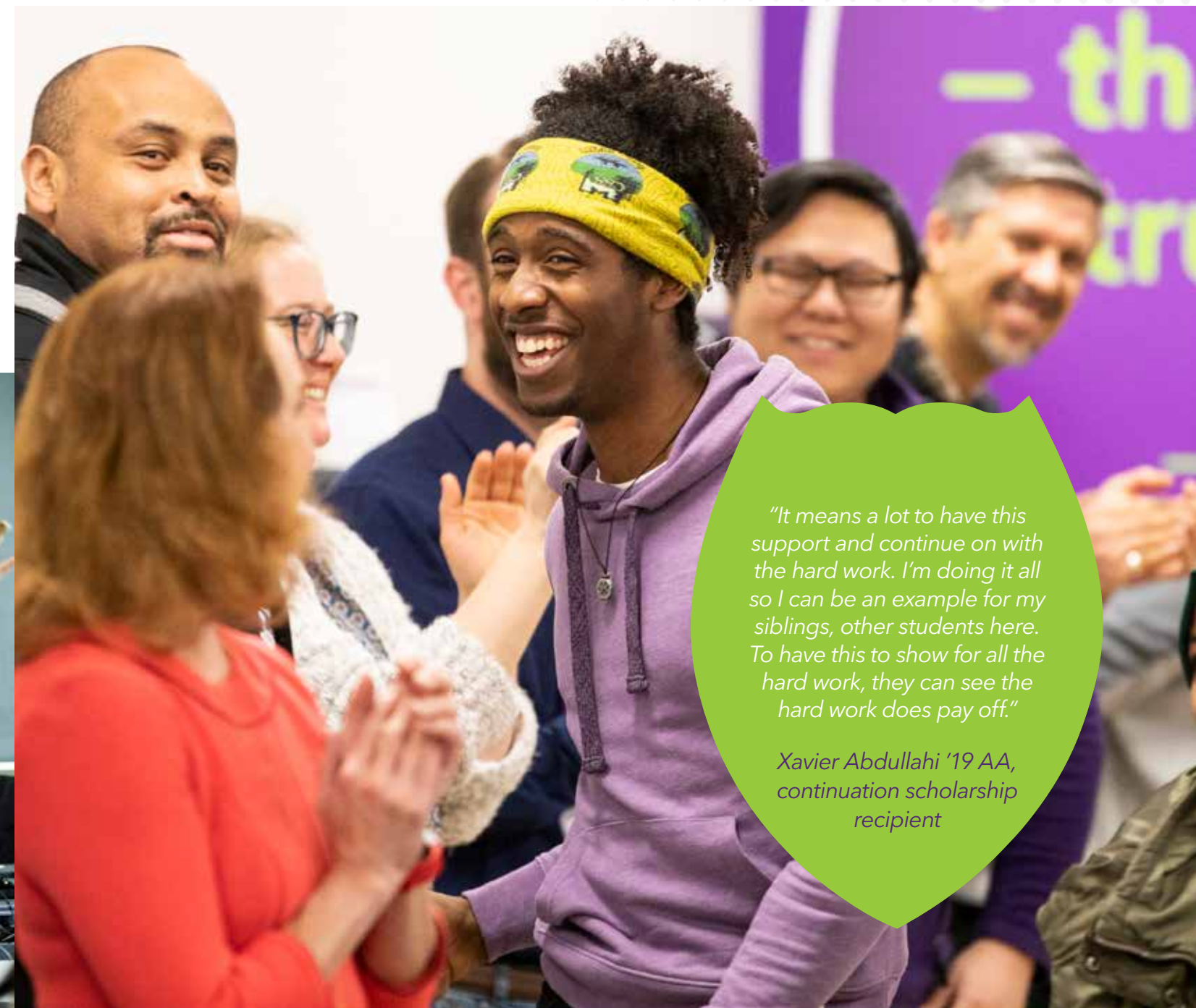
Dougherty Family College students
share three traits in common:

PASSION DISCIPLINE DRIVE

CELEBRATE. CONTINUE. COMPLETE.

Academic standards at Dougherty Family College have the same rigor as the standards in St. Thomas' four-year program, so students are guaranteed a smooth transition toward graduation with their bachelor's degrees, whether they choose to continue at St. Thomas or advance to another four-year school.

Ten outstanding graduates have earned full-tuition scholarships to continue at St. Thomas, thanks to generous endowments established by Eugene and Mary Frey, and the estate of Martin Ryan and Richard Sterbenz.



“It means a lot to have this support and continue on with the hard work. I'm doing it all so I can be an example for my siblings, other students here. To have this to show for all the hard work, they can see the hard work does pay off.”

Xavier Abdullahi '19 AA,
continuation scholarship
recipient

PROVIDING EARLY WORK EXPERIENCE

For years, the University of St. Thomas and a group of corporate leaders rallied around the idea of opening a new type of college, one that would clear a path to higher learning where previously financial, academic and social obstacles had blocked the way. Today, we thank our many generous corporate and nonprofit partners for helping to make the dream a reality.

With investment of both financial and human resources from lead and supporting corporate partners, Dougherty Family College has established a culture in which students recognize the practical purpose of their educations. This partnership fills a gap in learning and opportunity that has been too wide for too long.

Educating students “to become morally responsible leaders” is as much a part of the mission of DFC as it is of St. Thomas’ four-year program. The exposure to the business world that Dougherty students gain through their curriculum, seminars, speakers and, most importantly, the corporate internship program, opens their eyes to the real-world value of continuing their formal educations beyond high school.

Whether they are called to be engineers or entrepreneurs, actuaries or athletic trainers, thanks to our valued corporate partners, all DFC graduates know that a world of opportunity – to help themselves and to help others – awaits them.

On behalf of our students and their families, St. Thomas and Dougherty Family College are grateful for this support.

“I don’t know of any college that offers you a paid internship your first year in college. DFC wants each student to be successful in their academic journey, but as well in life.”

*Bea Valencia Martinez ‘19 AA,
Dougherty Family College,
3M intern*

“When I was first introduced to the Dougherty Family College program and met the young adults who were part of the it, I actually saw myself in their faces. I saw the same hope that I had at their age; hope that someone would believe in me and my potential. U.S. Bank became a lead sponsor of DFC because we believe in ‘possibilities,’ and fueling the potential in all of us. Supporting DFC has given us an opportunity to cultivate future leaders and build an incredible pipeline to important new talent. We remain fully committed to the outstanding students who have shared their many gifts and have made our organization better.”

*– Greg Cunningham,
senior vice president and
chief diversity officer, U.S. Bank*

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All DFC corporate partners are also internship partners.

EAGER FOR THE ROAD AHEAD: ON TO YEAR TWO



ROSE XIONG '20 AA

Rose Xiong is from St. Paul and graduated from Johnson Senior High School. She enjoys the creativity of literature and writing and would like to major in English. She also likes “jamming” to music, and spending time with family and friends.

“I’ll be honest, I was expecting to ‘die’ in college,” Rose said of her first year. “I was ready for all the late nights and all the workload of homework that would make me cry, and all the social anxiety I would experience. ... To my surprise, I absolutely LOVED my first year in college. I met great people, attended great social events, and my life changed dramatically for the better.”

“I cannot wait to go back for my second year, and it’s all thanks to Dougherty. ... In the past I’ve focused on making others proud of me but now, I want to make myself proud.”

*- Rose Xiong '20 AA,
3M intern*

NANCY SANCHEZ CERVANTES '20 AA

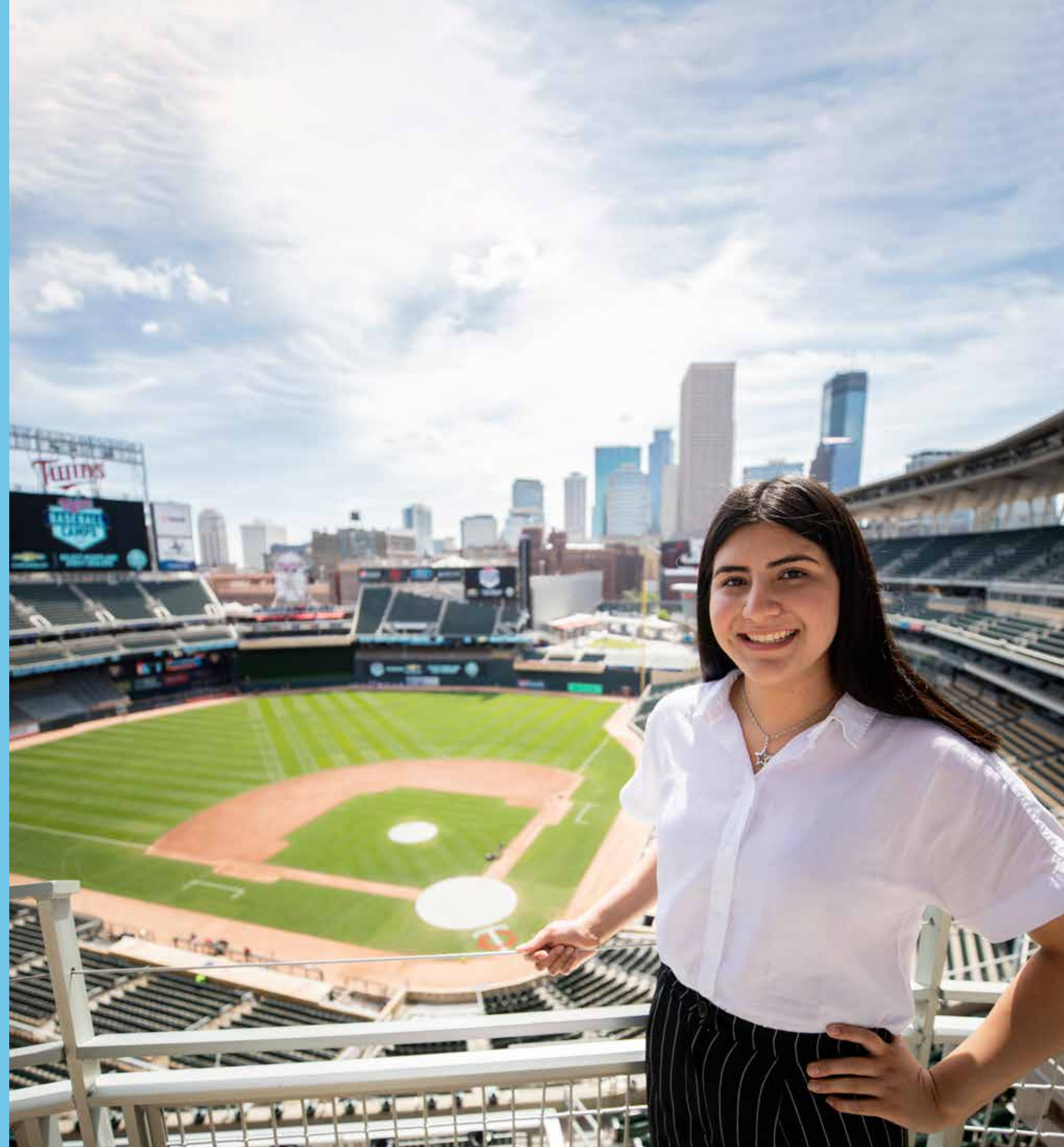
Nancy Sanchez Cervantes was born in Chicago and moved to Mexico at age 6, when her mother was deported. At 15, she moved back to the United States and attended high school in Edina, Minnesota. She is interested in a political science major, and she enjoys working out at the gym.

"DFC has helped me to make my college experience affordable in a place where I feel comfortable sharing my ideas, growing and becoming a leader," she said.

"I am not only striving to have the best grades possible, but to learn from our motto 'All for the common good.' I am a strong believer that we all have a mission in society, and there will be always a way to give back to our people."

"My internship with the Minnesota Twins has improved my knowledge in real-world business situations. ... The Twins are always trying to improve their relationship with our community, and at the same time they help interns like me be prepared for real jobs."

*Nancy Sanchez
Cervantes '20 AA,
Minnesota Twins intern*





JASMIN SANCHEZ '20 AA

Jasmin Sanchez was born in California but grew up in Minneapolis. She graduated from Washburn High School and enjoys movies and spending time with her dog and cat.

"I wanted to attend DFC because paying for college was always a concern to me. I've always thought about the idea of going to college, and DFC made that happen for me," she said. "I developed discipline, time management and perseverance."

Jasmin has enjoyed the first semester of her internship at U.S. Bank. "My favorite projects have been organizing and preparing for events such as the African American and Hispanic leadership summits and witnessing them come to life," she said.

"My advice to those considering DFC would be to prioritize the time needed for homework, to value the cohorts because they are supportive and to ask questions when you need reassurance."

*- Jasmin Sanchez '20 AA,
U.S. Bank intern*

BEA VALENCIA MARTINEZ '20 AA

Bea Valencia Martinez grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from Southwest High School, where she developed a love for writing poetry and short stories. She enjoys performing volunteer service when she can.

Bea is interested in a career in business, so her internship at Target is a great fit. "Interning at Target gave me exposure to different career opportunities. Entrepreneurship is one of those opportunities. I work in the Accelerators program, which is a program that houses entrepreneurs and start-up companies. My supervisors offer constructive feedback and are always encouraging."

"What made the difference [at DFC] was the attention, support, and guidance I would receive. I would be receiving mentorship and guidance through my first year that I could take into my second year and furthermore to a four-year college. This was something I knew I could not get anywhere else."

*- Bea Valencia
Martinez '20 AA,
Target intern*





APPRECIATED BEYOND BELIEF

On behalf of everyone at Dougherty Family College and the University of St. Thomas, it is with sincere and heartfelt thanks that we recognize Mike and Kathy Dougherty (pictured above with DFC students and President Julie Sullivan), and the many major donors who have followed their lead, for making the DFC dream a reality.

Mike Dougherty had a rough start in life as well as in college - his parents died before he was 14, and he was expelled from Creighton University and the College of St. Thomas for academic and disciplinary reasons. While in the Army, he learned both discipline and that he has dyslexia. Mike left the service a changed man and returned to St. Thomas for a second chance. He received it, and he has repaid that kindness with extraordinary generosity of his own.

"I saw how people who didn't apply their God-given talents ended up," he has said, and in Dougherty Family College, he and Kathy are making sure that many students who might otherwise not have the chance, can apply - and develop - their talents for the benefit of themselves and their communities. "Not only was this an easy decision, but it was the best decision we've ever made," Kathy has said.

We are grateful!



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We thank Mike and Kathy Dougherty for their transformational gift naming Dougherty Family College and their unwavering support to our mission of expanding access, reducing student debt and contributing to the elimination of the college education gap in Minnesota. They love each and every one of our students.

- President Julie Sullivan

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\$30.7M RAISED TOWARD \$43M DFC GOAL

Dougherty Family College is committed to ensuring that all students graduate from its program with little to no debt. To meet this goal, the college runs on an innovative funding model reliant upon student-paid tuition, state and federal dollars, and philanthropic contributions.

To support efforts long term, the college set a goal to raise \$43 million through philanthropy by 2027. Extraordinarily, the college is ahead of schedule on reaching the goal, having raised a total of \$30.4 million since its founding. While there is much work left to do to meet the full goal, the team is inspired by the hard work of DFC students and the outpouring of support from the community in its fundraising efforts.



89%

Pell Grant-eligible

(not including DACA and undocumented students)





WHO'S THE KICK-STARTER FOR WHAT'S POSSIBLE?

In May, it was my great pleasure to congratulate the inaugural graduating class of Dougherty Family College at its commencement ceremony. In the presence of their family members, friends, faculty and staff members, and other honored guests, the 61 young men and women of the DFC Class of 2019 walked across the stage with well-deserved pride.

The diplomas that Dean Alvin Abraham presented represent a high accomplishment not only for the graduates, but also for the many generous individual and corporate supporters who played a vital role in helping to achieve this goal. Thank you for your generosity.

The magnificent support of benefactors Mike and Kathy Dougherty allowed the University of St. Thomas to dream of a new type of opportunity for students whose avenues to a college education are limited. The Doughertys have great love for our trailblazing graduates, and your gifts, which helped the dream come true, are evidence of your desire to bring the advantage of higher education within reach for a greater portion of our community.

I am grateful for both your openheartedness and your foresight in contributing to the history-making achievement of our Dougherty Family College graduates.

Sincerely,

Julie H. Sullivan, Ph.D.
President

YOU ARE.

Thank you, donors to Dougherty Family College, for your financial contributions. Your caring support of DFC has made a great difference in the lives of hundreds of young people.

Your gifts are already being used to ensure that students, regardless of background or income, have access to have an affordable, high-quality pathway to a bachelor's degree. In fact, because of your generosity, 61 students from our inaugural class graduated last May with their two-year degrees and are already pursuing four-year programs this fall!

There is no doubt that the need continues. Currently in the U.S., students growing up in low-income communities graduate at a fraction of the rate of their high-income peers. Yet we know that, on average, college graduates earn more, vote more, volunteer more, enjoy more job security, and are healthier than people without college degrees. At Dougherty Family College, we believe it is our responsibility to prepare and support students on a pathway to obtain their bachelor's degrees.

Thank you again for your compassionate support. Truthfully, we could not do this without you. The world we live in equally distributes talent but does not equally distribute opportunities. We, and those we serve, sincerely appreciate your generosity and hope you will continue to partner with us in our commitment to make college accessible for all students who seek to better themselves through education.

Sincerely,

Alvin Abraham
Dean, Dougherty Family College
Eugene and Mary Frey Endowed Chair



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