Fiscal Year **2026**



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ATHLETICS

SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT REPORT



Welcome to the Fiscal Year 2026 Scholarship Impact Report, an annual report that serves as a one-stop shop for everything scholarship-related. This publication illustrates that, at its core, the Wolverine community continues to prioritize access and opportunity for all Michigan student-athletes. We hope the stories and information showcased on these pages are evidence of what the power of philanthropy can do.

Michigan Athletics Mission:
Foster a culture of excellence by committing to championship standards in everything we do and everyone we serve.

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A MESSAGE FROM BRIAN KEGLER

Reflecting on another amazing year at the University of Michigan, I am reminded of the privilege that I have to connect donors with a purpose that aligns with their personal values and meets the needs of our student-athletes.

During the last fiscal year, your generosity helped Michigan Athletics raise a remarkable $16 million for scholarship support. This number reflects the Michigan Athletics community's dedication to supporting the true essence of being both a student and an athlete.

Your commitment and support continue to advance the Michigan Athletics student-athlete experience. With 80 percent of our student-athletes being out-of-state, that support is critical to our ability to recruit the best talent around the globe. In the following stories, you will see how philanthropy helps sustain our athletic programs.

Expendable Scholarships: Funds are readily available to meet our student-athletes' immediate needs while providing short-term flexibility.

Endowed Scholarships: Continuously invested to generate income, ensuring long-term sustainability for our athletic programs and supporting future Michigan student-athletes.

Postgraduate & Study Abroad Scholarships: These scholarships help maximize our student-athletes time at the university by pursuing advanced degrees and experiential learning, empowering them to grow beyond the playing field.

As you read this impact report, I hope you feel the pride and passion that we share. Your unwavering support for our mission has an extraordinary impact on every student-athlete who walks through our doors. The time they spend at the University of Michigan offers an exceptional education, abundant opportunities, and a strong community, enabling them to make a positive impact well beyond their sport.

BRIAN KEGLER
Michigan Athletics
Executive Associate Athletic Director, Development



+ LINDA and KENNETH MORTENSON with BRIAN KEGLER at the New York City Coaches Tour event.

PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION



Jaeddan Gamilla

Men's Swimming & Diving
Class of 2027

"When donors support student-athletes like me, I feel immense gratitude. Being a student-athlete is rewarding, but demanding. Knowing support extends beyond coaches, teammates, and family inspires me to embrace opportunities and push further."



Aaiyanna Dunbar

Women's Basketball
Class of 2028

"I would love to say thank you to the donors who support student-athletes like me. To give of themselves so that others may achieve something that they so desperately want is admirable. This generosity has made my time at the University of Michigan so incredibly special."



Sara Houben

Rowing
Class of 2026

"I would like to thank the donors for this opportunity. The American student-athlete formula allowed me to develop and grow as an athlete, academically and personally. I came to the U.S. unaware of how far I could go within my sport. Michigan gave me the opportunity to grow into the athlete I once dreamed to be, and to dream even bigger."



Sergio Lemley

Wrestling
Class of 2027

"I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to receive financial support for my athletic and academic endeavors. Without it, my memories, relationships, and personal growth during my time at the University of Michigan would not have been possible."

Lead • Advocate • Mentor • Connect • Inspire • Change

2026 ENDOWMENT PERFORMANCE

Michigan Athletics achieved an 18 percent increase in its endowment in Fiscal Year 2026, increasing the total endowment market value to $328,069,274. Of this amount, approximately $9.8 million was distributed to support the FY26 athletic financial aid bill.

Currently, there are 538 individual endowed funds that contribute to athletic scholarships. Your generous contributions, combined with our disciplined investment strategy, enhance the department's long-term financial stability. This reliable and expanding source of funding enables us to attract exceptional talent and remain competitive at the highest level. Our longstanding tradition and ability to adapt are made possible by the enduring support of the Michigan Athletics community.

+ Frequently Asked Questions

What is the University of Michigan Endowment, and how much does Athletics receive from that?
Athletics does not receive any funds from the University endowment, which surpassed $21 billion in FY25.

What does an endowed scholarship cover?
Endowments are like a savings account and we only spend the interest that it generates. Endowed scholarships provide permanent funding that is used to cover the overall financial aid bill for Michigan Athletics. By offsetting tuition costs, these funds help sustain the success of all Michigan Athletics programs and create opportunities for future generations of Wolverines.

How do I support scholarships?
Michigan Athletic Development puts donors first, letting you decide how to support scholarships. Expendable scholarships help meet the immediate needs of our student-athletes and are distributed in the given fiscal year. Alternatively, endowed scholarships are invested and the interest earned from them goes toward our scholarship bill, creating ongoing support for student-athletes beyond your lifetime. You choose the approach that fits your philanthropic goals.



+ 2026 Women's Swimming and Diving Big Ten Champions.

2026 NCAA ELITE EIGHT

- With their eighth straight NCAA Tournament bid, Michigan earned a No. 2 seed, its highest seed ever, and finished the year with its highest final AP ranking at No. 7.

- Sophomores Olivia Olson and Syla Swords were consensus All-Big Ten First Team selections, earned NCAA Tournament All-Region honors, and surpassed 1,000 career points. Olivia earned All-America honors across multiple outlets and was a finalist for the Cheryl Miller Small Forward of the Year.

- Sophomore Mila Holloway was honorable mention All-Big Ten (coaches).

- Senior Brooke Quarles-Daniels was a consensus Big Ten All-Defensive Team pick.

PROGRAM RECORDS:

28
Wins in a Season (tied)

24
Regular Season Wins

15
Big Ten Wins

82.3
Scoring Average

Richard Bochner and Burma Bissell Bochner

SCHOLARSHIP FOR ROWING

For Richard and Burma Bochner, Michigan has always felt like home. Rick was drawn to the excellence of the College of Engineering, while Burma, guided by her father, a Wolverine himself, knew Ann Arbor was the right place from the moment she visited. It didn't hurt that Coach Cliff Keen and his wife, Mildred, personally conducted the tour. Giving back came naturally to them. Burma's sister had already established a scholarship in honor of their father. In addition, Major Gift Officer Charlie Coon has been a great help throughout their philanthropic journey.

The idea of supporting scholarships didn't take much convincing. When asked why, the Bochners respond: "Who wouldn't want to help a fine young person become a Wolverine?"

At the time they established their endowed scholarship, Rick and Burma chose to support the area of greatest need, which was a scholarship for women's rowing. They loved the idea of helping young women in a sport with little professional future. Their goal was simple: **the best athletes need to know that their best future is, simply, to Go Blue!** Michigan is unique in its combination of scholastic and athletic qualities. The Bochners wanted to be part of the faithful alumni who help make that possible, and that has remained true.



*+ Coxswain and graduate student **LOGAN ROEDER** was named a 2026 second-team Collegiate Sports Communicators Academic All-American and was the 2025-26 recipient of the Richard Bochner and Burma Bissell Bochner Scholarship for Rowing.*

WOLVERINE LEGACY SOCIETY

- Christopher W. and Jeanne M. Leonard Football Scholarship -

"It's who we are ... Michigan alumni."



Chris and Jeanne Leonard first met in Michigan Stadium during their freshman year, beginning a long tradition of attending Michigan sporting events together. Chris hasn't missed a home football game since 1977! They hold four season tickets for both football and hockey, and truly enjoy bringing friends and family to each game. Many of their favorite memories are from the Big House, Yost Ice Arena, tailgating, or traveling to away games.

They closely follow recruiting and team preparation, and have a deep admiration for both the talent and work ethic of Michigan student-athletes. They hope that scholarship recipients will use their education and success to make a positive impact on society and the Maize and Blue. Additionally, they hope that supporting a scholarship will inspire other alumni to consider doing the same.

Their decision to fund a football scholarship through a planned gift is yet another way for them to demonstrate the pride they carry for the University in their daily lives.

For more information on planned giving, visit support.MGoBlue.com and the Wolverine Legacy Society section under the INVEST drop-down menu.



2026 NCAA FROZEN FOUR

- After being predicted to finish fourth in the Big Ten, Michigan advance to an NCAA-record 29th Frozen Four appearance as the overall No. 1 seed. It marked the third time in four years head coach Brandon Naurato has taken U-M to the Frozen Four. They finished the year with a 31-8-1 record (17-6-1 Big Ten), reaching the 30-win mark for the first time in four years.

- T.J. Hughes was named one of three Hobey Baker Hat Trick finalists, given to the best player in college hockey. The captain was also named an All-American and Big Ten Player of the Year.

- Rookie goaltender Jack Ivankovic earned Most Outstanding Player of the Albany Regional.

- Josh Eernisse was named the NCAA Elite Scholar-Athlete as the student-athlete with the highest GPA at the Frozen Four. He was Michigan's male recipient of the Big Ten Medal of Honor, as the student-athlete who has best demonstrated excellence on and off the field throughout their college career.

- Following the season, Naurato was named an assistant coach on the U.S. National Team staff for the IIHF World Championship.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ALUMNI IN ACTION

From the moment Ella McVey arrived at Michigan, she felt a sense of belonging that shaped her college experience. The close-knit community, especially among teammates and coaches, offered her unwavering support both on the field and in the classroom. Ella credits the Graham Family Michigan Athletic Career Center and Academic Success Program staff, such as Julie Fielding and Ashley Korn, for guiding her toward valuable opportunities, including an internship in the athletic department's development office. There, under Barb Cossman's mentorship, Ella discovered a passion for athletics fundraising, a field that would inspire her career path.

Support from her scholarship made it possible for Ella, an out-of-state student, to pursue her degree and athletic dreams without financial strain. Legendary softball head coach Carol Hutchins also left a deep impact, teaching Ella to appreciate the progress and opportunities for women in sports and the importance of giving back. Now an alumna, Ella looks back on Michigan as a place that gave her lifelong relationships, purpose, and a commitment to help future student-athletes find the same opportunities.



> The most meaningful part of my time at Michigan was the genuine connections and sense of family I built over four years. From the moment I stepped on campus, Michigan felt like home. My coaching staff, teammates, the Michigan fans, donors, and community embraced me with open arms. Every day I felt supported both academically and athletically which allowed me to grow in every aspect of my life. I formed relationships that will last a lifetime and gained a network that has helped me start my professional career in a dream position.

> Earning a Michigan degree and representing the Block M on the softball field alongside my best friends remains one of the greatest honors of my life. I'm deeply grateful for the generosity of my endowed scholarship donor as their support made my entire Michigan experience possible. I hope to honor that generosity through my work by helping connect future student-athletes with the same life-changing opportunities that meant so much to me.



Ella McVey
University of Iowa
Athletic Department
Assistant Director, Development

Softball, 2022-25
B.A., Communications and Media
Big Ten Distinguished Scholar
Two-Time Big Ten Tournament Champion
Previous Recipient of
Jack Roth Softball Scholarship

> It was the first time I saw the world of athletics fundraising up close. I saw firsthand how hard the development team works to help grow support for student-athletes like me and how much donor generosity helps make our dreams of playing at the highest level come true. It gave me a deep appreciation for the people who choose to invest in Michigan Athletics and ultimately inspired my own career path.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ALUMNI IN ACTION



Justin Toman's journey at the University of Michigan was defined by both academic and athletic achievement. While excelling as a gymnast, earning two NCAA individual national titles, five All-America honors, and helping secure the 1999 NCAA team championship, he also completed a Bachelor's degree in movement science and a Master's in sport management. Toman captained the team for four years, becoming a cornerstone of Michigan's gymnastics history.

Beyond the accolades, Toman credits Michigan's education and support services as foundational, shaping his discipline and career aspirations. He points to lessons learned from team experiences: accountability, resilience, and leadership as instrumental in his growth. Observing athletic administrators at Michigan inspired him to pursue a career in sports business.

Scholarship support played a crucial role in making his Michigan experience possible, especially as an out-of-state athlete. Toman describes a deep sense of responsibility to excel, honoring the investment Michigan made in him. His years at the university set the stage for a life built on dedication, achievement, and gratitude.

> Without question the education I received at Michigan was incredibly foundational. I learned so much across my undergraduate and graduate studies. Importantly, I figured out that I wanted to pursue a career in sports business and was given the resources to put me on the right path. But even more meaningful were the experiences that came from being part of a team; the lessons learned in practices and on the competition floor. I learned accountability to myself and my teammates and what it meant to be a good teammate. I learned that adversity is a blessing in disguise as it forces you to think and operate differently to achieve your goals. All these things and so many more carry over to my professional and personal life every day.

> Receiving scholarship support was critical to my financial ability to attend Michigan, especially as an out-of-state student-athlete. I also realized how lucky I was to get a scholarship to Michigan so I felt a sense of responsibility to my teammates, coaches and the athletic department. I felt I had an obligation to do my very best in the classroom, in competition, and to be the best representative of the Block M that I could be. My coaches and Michigan made a significant investment in me and I felt a responsibility to become the best possible 'return' on that investment.



Justin Toman
Verizon
Vice President of Partnerships

Men's Gymnastics, 1998-2000, 2002
B.A., Movement Science
M.A., Sport Management
M.B.A, Business Administration
Michigan Athletics Hall of Honor
Two-Time Parallel Bars NCAA Champion
Member of 1999 NCAA Champion Team

> I knew that 'competitive gymnast' wasn't going to be my long term career plan. I thought 'working in sports' would be interesting although I didn't know what that really meant. But seeing people like Bill Martin, our AD at the time, and Michigan legends like Bruce Madej and Dave Ablauf running the athletic department's business was the spark that led me to pursue a career in sports. And I'll be forever thankful to Bruce for giving me my first job in sports after I graduated!

for what's next

Look to Michigan



Thanks to the generosity and commitment of individuals like you, we reached $214 million toward our $400 million Look to Michigan campaign goal — an important milestone that reflects the continued momentum behind our vision for the future of our student-athletes and programs.

This support is already making a meaningful impact by strengthening the student-athlete experience, expanding opportunities for growth and development, enhancing our facilities, and providing critical resources for teams across Michigan Athletics.

Looking back, we are encouraged by the progress we made in FY26, including:

- $32 million in new major gift commitments
- $34.2 million in cash receipts
- 4,307 households making a philanthropic gift
- $941,000 in gifts to sport-specific Elevate Funds

These results are a testament to the dedication of our donors and the strength of the Michigan Athletics community. Every gift — at every level — helps move us closer to our campaign goal and ensures we continue to provide a world-class experience and the requisite resources for Michigan student-athletes.

By the Numbers

As of June 30, 2026, campaign commitments were designated across several key priorities:

- $94.5 million: Scholarships
- $42.6 million: Student-athlete enrichment
- $36.3 million: Facilities
- $35.1 million: Sport-specific opportunities
- $5.6 million: Other campaign priorities



THE MICHIGAN EXPERIENCE HAS NO LIMITS

WILFRIED TANEFEU, CLASS OF 2026

B.S., Applied Exercise Science, Real Estate Development Minor
Bismarck, North Dakota
Hubert W. and Ann VanDongen Athletics Scholarship Recipient

WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST MEANINGFUL ASPECT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AT MICHIGAN?

"One of the most meaningful aspects of my experience at the University of Michigan has been the people and the opportunities that have helped shape who I'm becoming. Coming to Michigan as a first-generation college student and student-athlete, I knew I would be stepping outside of my comfort zone. At the same time, I understood that this was the kind of environment that would challenge me, support me, and give me the tools and skills needed to build the future I want for myself and my family."

AS A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT AND STUDENT-ATHLETE, WHICH RESOURCES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR SUCCESS?

"Several resources have played a major role in my success. The support systems available to student-athletes, from academic advisors to tutoring, mentorship, and career development resources, have helped me stay disciplined and organized while balancing academic and athletic priorities. Having people who genuinely care about our development beyond the sport makes a huge difference, especially for students like me who are navigating college for the first time."

WHY IS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT SO IMPORTANT?

"Receiving scholarship support has been incredibly important to my journey. As a first-generation student, pursuing higher education can come with financial pressures that easily become overwhelming. Scholarships help ease that burden and allow me to focus on developing as a student, athlete, and future professional. More than anything, they represent trust and belief from people who want to see students succeed."

SHARE WHAT IT MEANT TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER BY YOUR SIDE DURING YOUR COLLEGE JOURNEY.

"One of the most special parts of my college experience has been having my brother by my side throughout this journey. Going through college together has given us a shared understanding of the challenges and sacrifices that come with being student-athletes. We push each other to stay disciplined, support each other when things get difficult, and celebrate the progress we've made along the way. Having someone who understands the journey at that level has made the experience even more meaningful."

"There is a lot of debate about whether a college education is worth it. I can only speak from my own experience. Still, as I look back at the past few years, the experiences, the challenges, the highs and lows, and the opportunities that college provides, I can honestly say those things have made me better. They've helped me grow, develop, and prepare for the next chapter of my life. Because of that, there's no doubt in my mind that the journey has been worth it."



DEFINING THE FUTURE

KIARRA MILLIGAN, CLASS OF 2026

B.A., Psychology
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Lashendock Family Swimming & Diving Scholarship Recipient

WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST MEANINGFUL ASPECT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AT MICHIGAN?

"The most meaningful experience has been connecting with all my Michigan friends, graduates, and alumni, who have all shared the same love and passion for the University that I've come to appreciate and admire too. I've grown to realise the importance of connection, specifically learning the value of asking questions and getting to know other people's stories, which has developed my skills and ability to meaningfully experience college, but also grow as a scholar, person, and friend."

AS A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT AND STUDENT-ATHLETE, WHICH RESOURCES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR SUCCESS?

"As a first-generation college student, the resources that have helped me and contributed to my success have been the Michigan Athletics Career Center, working specifically with Julie and Maurice, and my academic advisor, Courtney. Courtney provided beneficial assistance in ensuring my academic timeline and course scheduling were accurately aligned. Maurice and Julie were able to provide resources to help with my career, including connecting with donors and alumni, and the Michigan Athletics Career Venture, which was an invaluable week-long trip to D.C. where eight student-athletes had the amazing opportunity to network and connect with donors at many different companies, including notably Capital One, The Secret Service, and The Pentagon."

WHY IS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT SO IMPORTANT?

"This scholarship has meant everything to me; it's meant my degree, my whole college experience, and some of the best experiences of my life so far, as it allowed me to come to America and the University of Michigan, and without that it would not have been possible. This scholarship means having the ability to not only gain an education, but utilise and engage with all the resources that Michigan provides, including living close to campus, connecting with college organisations, classes, and alumni, and experiencing life in America. I am so grateful that I was able to receive this scholarship, it has meant that I am the first in my family to attend and soon graduate from University, and has opened many doors for me, for my future and my family."

2025-26
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS



MILES BROWN
Men's Track & Field
Zatkoff Family Scholarship Fund for Men's Outdoor Track
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA FIRST-TEAM



PIPER CHARNEY
Women's Tennis
Lisa Faith Knight Scholarship Fund
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA THIRD-TEAM



ALLISON JACOBS
Volleyball
Zatkoff Legacy Scholarship Fund for Volleyball
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA SECOND-TEAM



BRADY KENDALL
Women's Swimming & Diving
U of M Club-Greater Detroit Women's Swimming Scholarship Fund
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA FIRST-TEAM



MERT ORAL
Men's Tennis
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA THIRD-TEAM



AKSHAY PURI
Men's Gymnastics
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA SECOND-TEAM



LOGAN ROEDER
Rowing
Richard Bochner and Burma Bissell Bochner Scholarship Fund for Women's Rowing Fund
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA SECOND-TEAM



LETITIA SIM
Women's Swimming & Diving
Robert L. Wiese Scholarship Fund
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA FIRST-TEAM



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