Thanks in part to Washington, D.C.’s building-height limit, the view from CUA’s campus is a bucolic tree-bordered vista that belies the university’s proximity to centers of the three branches of the nation’s government as well as to the cultural institutions that make the District such an exciting place to be. As one CUA administrator puts it, “The university is a very attractive campus in the middle of a metropolitan city. Students can feel like they’re in the middle of nowhere but quickly find themselves in the midst of the nation’s capital.”
My father was an avid golfer, and a very good one at that. His son did not follow in his footsteps. But sometimes, as I stroll the grounds of CUA — I am an avid stroller — the campus reminds me of a golf course. The same wide-open spaces, only even more so than a typical suburban golf course; the same rolling hills; the same beautifully maintained fairway-like lawns. And — the bane of every duffer’s existence — the same impressive array of trees.

The analogy ends there. In the place of sand traps and water hazards are student residence halls, academic buildings and the like — 55 in all. That may sound like a lot of bricks and mortar, but relative to the size of our square acreage — 193 acres — it’s not. Our setting is undeniably picturesque — a pastoral expanse well within the city limits of Washington, D.C.

Universities are always looking for points of distinction to set themselves apart. Besides our name and the unique mission that is attached to it, our setting is what makes us stand out. We’re the only university in Washington, D.C., blessed to have such an expansive, tree-filled, traditional-looking campus. And what seals the deal for us as we recruit students is that they can leave this verdant, sprawling collegiate home and be on Capitol Hill in 10 minutes, courtesy of a Metro-rail train that travels alongside campus.

Of course, the campus grounds and infrastructure don’t take care of themselves. As every landowner and homeowner knows, the more you own, the more there is to maintain, to fix and to improve. The campus hasn’t always been beautifully maintained. In fact, when alums visit campus, especially those who haven’t been back in a decade or more, the reaction they commonly have is one of pleasure, even astonishment. “The campus has never looked so beautiful,” they tell me. It’s one of the most common refrains I hear from alumni.

So this year’s annual report is dedicated to the great progress that has been made in improving the infrastructure and the grounds of our campus. Over the past decade five new buildings have gone up, with major renovations in more than 20 others. It’s an opportunity for us to tip our hat to all the grounds and facilities staff, to the supervisors and project managers and planners, who have toiled over the bricks and mortar inside and the landscape and plazas outside.

And finally, this is an homage to the beauty of the campus itself. Humans crave beauty. As we go about our daily business of acquiring and imparting knowledge, it is gratifying to be able to do so in such propitious surroundings.
It’s incredible having space right on campus for all our athletic facilities. Many other urban university teams have to ride buses to get to their home fields,” says Michael Allen, director of athletics. Thanks to more than $2 million donated by CUA alumni for improvements, those fields are in prime condition. “When prospective student athletes visit campuses, one of the most important factors they consider is the quality of the athletic facilities,” says Allen. CUA’s upgraded facilities have been a great asset to coaches in recruiting and were instrumental in bringing more than 230 freshmen student athletes to CUA in the 2008–2009 academic year.

The CUA football field’s artificial turf, installed in 2006, is the same as that in many NFL stadiums. Last fall the Arizona Cardinals, led by quarterback Kurt Warner (at left above), felt right at home practicing on CUA’s football field for a week between games.
CUA’s open vistas and hilly lawns are a “beautiful foundation,” says Assistant Director of Grounds Maintenance Chris Vetick, that present the landscape expert and his crew with a living palette. They have brought the number of trees on campus to 1,650 and, in beds that sprout tulips and daffodils in spring and annuals all summer, have incorporated a mix of native and exotic plantings for year-round interest and sustainability. Observes Anthony Albence, president of CUA’s Alumni Association, “The outward appearance of the campus is a very strong indicator of its underlying strengths, the resiliency of what the university stands for. When I come on campus now there is a palpable sense of pride.”
“When students graduate from CUA, they have well-formed minds,” says Marie Kennedy, director of the Eugene I. Kane Student Fitness Center. “We make sure they also have a well-formed idea of how to take care of themselves and their families for the rest of their lives.” The 7,000-square-foot Kane Center, named for the late CUA trustee who made it possible, offers exercise equipment and classes and serves about 400 students a week. The center, which opened in 2004 in a transformed former dining hall, supports a well-rounded approach to fitness, lending bicycles, golf clubs and other sports equipment as well as offering weekly off-campus treks for rock climbing, skiing, kayaking, hiking and other outdoor activities.

Surrounded by residence halls, the Kane Center is a popular and easy-to-reach destination for students.
Meeting Students Where They Live

“We’re especially proud,” says Dean Jonathan Sawyer, “that Opus was constructed as a high-performance ‘green’ building, eligible for LEED certification.”

With 19 residence halls to choose from, CUA students can always find a comfortable place to call home. The two halls pictured here represent the old and the new. Gibbons Hall opened in 1912 as a residence for male lay students and after extensive renovations in the first half of 2009 was slated to welcome student residents again in the fall. Students began moving into Opus Hall in January 2009. This newest residence hall was designed with a number of common areas in response to student requests for places to congregate that address CUA’s unique “spirit of camaraderie,” says Jonathan Sawyer, associate vice president for student life and dean of students.

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Thanks to a gift from Edward J. Pryzbyla, B.A. 1925, the new student center named for the CUA alumnus opened in 2003 and brought together the bookstore, convenience store, dining areas and conference space. Though it has welcomed high-profile figures, particularly Pope Benedict XVI in April 2008, at its heart “The Pryz” is the “living room of the university,” says Vice President for University Relations and Chief of Staff Frank Persico, B.A. 1974, M.A. 1976. Faculty, administrators, staff and students find a quick meal in the Food Court and a wide variety of entrées in the upstairs restaurant. Impromptu meetings happen at Starbucks. And throughout the building students congregate and communicate, face to face or in cyberspace.
When alumni stop by the John K. Mullen of Denver Memorial Library, “their jaws drop,” says Steve Connaghan, director of library administration. Between 2002 and 2004 construction teams removed walls and doors, cleaned the colorful stonework, and installed new lighting. Easy chairs replaced wooden ones and the reference librarians moved from the second to the first floor. Recognizing the importance of electronic research, library administrators relocated the Mullen Electronic Resources and Instruction Center to a space off the main lobby. Through this $6 million renovation the library was transformed from dark and cave-like to light and welcoming. “It’s definitely not the library alumni remember,” says Connaghan, with a laugh.

“In Mullen, built in 1928, Catholic University has a beautiful library, an architectural treasure now renovated for the modern age,” says University Archivist Timothy Meagher.
For years Keane Hall, which faces the main university mall, lay empty and badly in need of renovation. Thanks to an $8 million gift from the Knights of Columbus, the 50-year-old building was completely gutted and redone inside. It was rededicated on Sept. 8, 2008, as McGivney Hall, honoring Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights. The hall houses the faculty and staff of the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family on the second and third floor, while the first floor features the new Keane Auditorium, a comfortable lobby and classrooms. “The building has come alive again,” says Richard Weil, senior project manager for facilities, planning and construction.
To the west and south, CUA has seized opportunities for the future. First, the university purchased 49 acres across from CUA’s main campus in 2004. Although no specific plans have been created for its future use, since this property is the largest undeveloped parcel in the District of Columbia, it ensures the university “a trust fund,” says Father David M. O’Connell, CUA president. Second, in partnership with Abdo Development, the university has formulated a plan to eventually move freshman student housing into the center of campus from the 9-acre area known as South Campus and then develop the latter site into a mixed-use neighborhood of shops, housing and artist studios that will become a unique “D.C. destination.”
Campus Beautiful
The following pages contain selected highlights of notable events at the university and of accomplishments by its administrators, faculty, staff and students during the period following commencement 2008 through commencement 2009 (May 2008–May 2009). It is by no means an exhaustive list.

For the third year in a row, a record number of freshmen enroll at Catholic University, more than 900 students from 38 states and 14 countries. Fig. 1

Catholic University commemorates the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s birth with a multidisciplinary ‘Lincoln Semester’ of five elective courses that offer students insight into the mind, accomplishments and legacy of the 16th president, through the spectrum of art, history, literature, political science and film. The courses are offered during the spring 2009 semester. Fig. 2

Very Rev. David M. O’Connell, C.M., president, blesses and dedicates CUA’s newly constructed Opus Hall. It is the first university residence hall in Washington, D.C., to be built according to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. Fig. 3

On May 28, a crowd of more than 200 gathers at Catholic University for a symposium celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican. Co-sponsored by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic University, “Faith and Freedom: Church and State in the American Experience” draws an audience of scholars and theologians — including six university presidents, three ambassadors, two Catholic cardinals and a number of other high-ranking Church officials. The event is covered by numerous media outlets. Fig. 4

Senior university officials led by Father David O’Connell travel to Rome for an Oct. 8 dedication and blessing of offices and classrooms the university is leasing from St. John’s University for the Rome portion of CUA’s global education program. After meeting with officials in the Vatican congregations with which CUA has a direct relationship, Father O’Connell and Provost James Brennan travel to the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, which opened in 2002. There they meet with members of the administration and faculty to offer assistance to this first Catholic university to open on the territory of the former Soviet Union.

Catholic University offers its 30th Institute on Federal Library Resources May 12 to 17, 2008, providing hands-on opportunities for students to examine the workings of the vast collections of the federal library programs. A luncheon with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is held at the Supreme Court building to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the institute.

The School of Architecture and Planning launches two new graduate degree programs in August: the Master of City and Regional Planning and the Master of Science in Sustainable Design.

Catholic University receives an Award of Excellence from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its efforts in a recycling competition that involves more than 400 colleges and universities across North America.

Marking the 30th anniversary of CUA’s Parliamentary Internship Program, more than 80 alumni living abroad, as well as 10 current students enrolled in the program, attend a reception at the British House of Commons on July 10.
The School of Philosophy hosts its 41st annual fall lecture series, which is dedicated to Monsignor John F. Wippel, the Theodore Basselin Professor of Philosophy. The series explores themes in metaphysics, one of Monsignor Wippel’s areas of expertise.

The 2009 edition of the Fisk Guide to Colleges names Catholic University one of 49 colleges and universities that qualify as “Best Buys” based on the quality of academics available to students relative to the cost of tuition.

CUA is among the top “teched-out” campuses in the nation, according to PC Magazine and The Princeton Review. The top-20 list — with Catholic University holding the 11th spot — is included in PC Magazine’s October 2008 issue. Fig. 5

The School of Architecture and Planning presents “On Making: Investigating the Act of Making as Design Knowledge” as its summer 2008 architecture lecture series. Speakers in the lecture series investigate the physical act of making as a valuable design tool and its reciprocal contributions to the knowledge of architectural work.

A long-empty building in the heart of campus is returned to academic use following an $8 million renovation and is rededicated Sept. 8 as McGivney Hall. Named after Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, the building is dedicated with leaders of CUA and the Knights, who underwrote the renovation, in attendance.

For eight weeks in the fall semester, the School of Theology and Religious Studies hosts visiting scholar Ghassan Manasra, director of the Muslim Cultural Center in Nazareth, Israel, through the Fulbright Interfaith Community Action Program. CUA is the venue for the plenary conference that caps the Fulbright program, bringing all 10 Fulbright Interfaith Community Action Program scholars, representatives of their host institutions, personnel from the State Department and CUA faculty together for the weekend of Dec. 4–6.

Cardinal Franc Rode, C.M., prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, receives the degree Doctor of Laws honoris causa from The Catholic University of America during a campus ceremony on Sept. 24.

Twenty years after Pope John Paul II issued Mulieris Dignitatem, his groundbreaking apostolic letter on the dignity of women, CUA’s Columbus School of Law and Ave Maria School of Law sponsor a conference to reflect on the progress and the future of women and men. The conference, titled “A Celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of Mulieris Dignitatem,” draws leading scholars from the United States, Europe and Canada.

In July four scholarly journals edited by faculty at The Catholic University of America are “graded” as being among the world’s top peer-reviewed academic journals by the European Science Foundation. Two of the CUA-edited journals — The Catholic Biblical Quarterly and The Catholic Historical Review — receive an “A” ranking, putting them in the top 10 to 25 percent of journals covering the discipline of religious studies and theology.

The School of Theology and Religious Studies hosts a “Year of St. Paul Symposium” March 20 in honor of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of the apostle. The daylong symposium draws an audience of more than 200 to the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center. Fig. 6

The School of Architecture and Planning presents “The Dutch Element at HH400: Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson’s Voyage to the Americas” as the spring 2009 architecture lecture series.

Father David M. O’Connell, C.M., university president, travels to Cracow, Poland, in June 2008 to attend an awards ceremony at Jagiellonian University honoring CUA and CUA Law Professor Leah Wortham. Father O’Connell receives the Merentibus Medal from the university on behalf of CUA and its law school. Wortham is honored for her long involvement in cooperative educational ventures with Jagiellonian University. Fig. 7

The Life Cycle Institute at The Catholic University of America appoints 13 new fellows as part of a major expansion of the institute to incorporate new fields of public policy study.

James Rettig, president of the American Library Association, delivers the keynote address at “Bridging the Spectrum: A Symposium on Scholarship and Practice in Library and Information Science.” The event brings to CUA library science practitioners, students and researchers for a series of briefings and poster presentations.
The Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents the seventh annual Catholic University President’s Festival of the Arts titled “If It’s Not One Thing, It’s Another.” The two-week celebration features five musical performances and guest lectures on Sondheim and Mendelssohn. Fig. 9

On Jan. 31, the basketball court at CUA’s Raymond A. DuFour Center is named after Franny Murray, who has served as CUA’s athletic equipment manager for more than 50 years. The ceremony, held during halftime of a CUA men’s basketball game, is part of a day of events honoring Murray. Fig. 10

On March 19, CUA hosts an on-campus premiere of a new musical, Malachey Elyon, for recorded voices, soloist, chorus and orchestra. The work, composed by Assistant Dean of Music Joseph Santo, is based on texts from a November 1938 CUA radio broadcast by then CUA rector, Monsignor Joseph M. Corrigan, and Catholic Church leaders denouncing the Nazi anti-Jewish violence that came to be called Kristallnacht.

Catholic University’s School of Philosophy presents the 2009 Graduate Student Spring Lecture Series. Friedrich Nietzsche, Martin Heidegger and several medieval thinkers are considered by the speakers in the series. Among the topics explored are modern nihilism, the nature of art and the scholastic conception of human individuation.

The university commemorates the first anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI’s visit to campus during Odyssey Day, April 17, with a Mass attended by hundreds of current students as well as prospective students and their parents.

Raymond W. Kelly, police commissioner of New York City, addresses graduates at the 120th Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 16. The university confers approximately 1,375 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees during the ceremony. Kelly receives a Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree. Fig. 11

Also on May 16, Rector Karol Musiol of Poland’s Jagiellonian University receives an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, and internationally renowned tenor Ronan Tynan is awarded the Gibbons Medal, the highest honor bestowed by CUA’s Alumni Association.

Political columnist and television commentator Mark Shields addresses graduates at the Columbus School of Law commencement on May 22. Approximately 245 degrees are distributed at the ceremony. Shields receives an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

The university sends more than 7,000 books and 20 computers that are collected, catalogued and packed by students to the Brothers of Charity in Kigoma, Tanzania. Under the guidance of the Office of Campus Ministry, students spend weeks gathering textbooks and supplies from faculty, staff, students, and local agencies and schools to help establish a university-level academic library in Kigoma. Fig. 12

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enables small colleges and universities to track and comply with the ever-growing number of federal regulations that govern higher education. Maintained by CUA’s Office of General Counsel, Compliance Partners is built around three linked Web sites, one of which is the Campus Legal Information Clearinghouse operated by the general counsel’s office with the American Council on Education.

On April 6, CUA’s biomedical engineering department organizes and hosts the first Metropolitan Biophotonics Symposium. The one-day event, chaired by Jessica Ramella-Roman, assistant professor of biomedical engineering, and Josh Pfefer of the Food and Drug Administration, brings together more than 20 experts from CUA, other Washington, D.C., area colleges and universities, and several federal agencies to present research in the applications of quantum units of light to diagnose, detect and quantify diseases. Fig. 15

On April 29, CUA’s School of Nursing hosts “Instilling Hope: Recovery-Focused Mental Health Care,” a nursing conference for psychiatric nurses, consumers of mental health services and nursing students. More than 200 people attend as conference speakers focus on the Recovery Model of care, a relatively new approach in the United States being promoted by consumer advocacy groups. This model encourages hope and optimism for clients with mental illness with a goal of increasing the quality of life for those with persistent, chronic illness.

Three professors receive Catholic University’s awards for excellence in research at the Celebration of Research and Scholarship reception held on campus on April 30. Venigalla Rao, professor and chair of biology, receives the Award for Achievement in Research. Gary Sloan, associate professor of drama, receives the Award for Achievement in the Creative Arts. Kurt Martens, assistant professor of canon law, receives the Young Faculty Research Award.

The inaugural Professor Antonio S. Cua Memorial Lecture is held on April 17. The speaker is May Sim, associate professor of philosophy at the College of the Holy Cross, who delivers the lecture “Pride or Humility? Aristotle or Confucius?” CUA Professor of Philosophy Antonio S. Cua, who died in March 2007, was a distinguished scholar of Western moral philosophy, contemporary analytic philosophy and Chinese philosophy. The purpose of the annual endowed lecture is to consider the relationship between Asian philosophy and the European and American philosophical traditions.

The School of Arts and Sciences and CUA’s Center for Medieval and Byzantine Studies co-host the 2008 annual meeting of the Committee on Centers and Regional Associations of the Medieval Academy on Oct. 3 and 4. Delegates from across the country — directors of medieval studies programs and centers — gather to discuss the theme “Teaching the Medieval Church.”

The clinical legal education program at the Columbus School of Law is ranked 11th in the nation by U.S. News & World Report’s annual Best Law Schools listing released on April 23.

The Life Cycle Institute sponsors a symposium titled “Catholic Social Teachings and the 111th Congress” on April 27 on Capitol Hill. Several academics, including CUA faculty members and two former U.S. ambassadors to the Vatican, participate in the symposium.

In Memoriam

Richard M. Frank
Professor Emeritus
Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures

Dean Hoge
Professor Emeritus
Department of Sociology

Monsignor William A. Kerr
Former Vice President for University Relations

C. Joseph Nuesse
Provost Emeritus and Professor Emeritus
Department of Sociology

Fig. 16
Grants

Lourdes Alvarez, associate professor of modern languages and literatures, receives a grant from the American Institute for Maghrib Studies to carry out two months of research in Morocco over the summer on the enduring legacy of mystical poetry and song composed by Spanish Muslims. Her study is titled “Sufi Songs Across an Andalusian Sky.”

Fig. 17

Matthew Bobrowsky, research associate professor of physics in CUA’s Institute for Astrophysics and Computational Sciences, receives a $51,930 one-year grant from the Space Telescope Science Institute to carry out a research program titled “Departures from Axisymmetry in Planetary Nebulae.”

Boncho Bonev, research assistant professor of physics based at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, is co-recipient of a $203,640 grant from the National Science Foundation to investigate the composition and origin of comets. His collaborator on this and another NSF grant is Erika Gibb, a University of Missouri assistant professor.

Frederick Bruhweiler, professor of physics, receives a $167,116 NASA grant for research on multi-wave-length modeling of solar flares. He also receives a $21,897 grant from NASA for a scientific and engineering student internship program.

Pamela Clark, research professor of physics, receives a $64,000 grant from NASA for the development of science tools to support planetary surface exploration.

Duilia de Mello, research professor of physics, receives multiple grants totaling more than $220,000. Among them is a two-year $84,821 grant from NASA to research interacting galaxies and their environments.

Sarah Ferrario, assistant professor of Greek and Latin, is awarded a Center for Hellenic Studies Fellowship in Ancient Greek Studies. It will enable her to devote full-time attention from September 2009 to May 2010 to finishing her book, Athens “the Great”? The Ascendancy of the Individual in Classical Greek Historical Thought. The fellowship includes a $26,000 stipend and free housing at the Washington, D.C., center.

Jennifer Horne, assistant professor of media studies, receives a $6,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer stipend for her book project Civic Cinema: Spectatorship, Citizenship, and American Silent Film. Her project receives the additional honor of being a selection for the NEH’s “We the People” initiative.

Rosina Iping, research scientist of physics, receives a $68,000 grant from NASA to research a project titled “Completion of the Fuse IUE Survey of Galactic Early Type Stars.”

Gunther Kletetschka, research professor at the Institute for Astrophysics and Computational Sciences, receives grants totaling nearly $1 million. The largest is a three-year $750,545 grant from NASA to investigate “Development and Testing of the Integrated Microelectronics Systems for Tuning of Optical and Electrical Parameters of Bolo-metric Arrays.”

Vadim Knyazev, associate professor of chemistry, is awarded a $75,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study “Engineering Virtual Organizations: Combustion Kinetics.”

Steven Kraemer, associate professor of physics, receives a $21,186 grant from NASA for an “Unbiased Census of Weak Herbig-Haro Flows in the R CrA Star Forming Region.”

Bill Kules, assistant professor of library and information science, receives a $15,000 grant from the Online Computer Library Center/Association for Library and Information Science Education to investigate searcher gaze behavior in faceted search interfaces.

The Life Cycle Institute receives a $450,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment to investigate spirituality and religion in young adults. The principal investigator is Rev. Anthony J. Pogorelc, S.S., adjunct assistant professor of sociology, Life Cycle Institute fellow, and faculty member and director of pastoral formation and liturgy at Theological College.

Gunnar Lucko, assistant professor of civil engineering and director of CUA’s Construction Engineering and Management Program, and Panagiotis Tsopeas, associate professor of civil engineering, create a Disaster Mitigating Design undergraduate course with a
A $42,450 grant from the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance. The grant enables students to design a low-cost earthquake-damping system. Students and faculty travel to the village of Santa Clara, El Salvador, in 2008 and 2009 in collaboration with Engineers Without Borders to build a small new health clinic with this system.

The Center for Nanotechnology, under the direction of Biprodas Dutta, clinical associate professor of physics, and Mark Mirotznik, associate professor of electrical engineering, receives three research grants totaling $1,024,534 from the Army Research Laboratory, the Office of Naval Research and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

Tobias Nef, assistant professor of biomedical engineering, is awarded the Hans-Eggenberger Prize for young investigators for achievements in the field of neuro-rehabilitation. The $100,000 prize is given to Nef for the development of an arm-therapy robot, ARMin.

Reginald Nelson, research professor of physics, receives a $60,563 grant from NASA for the study of the low solar corona during eclipses.

Krister Nielsen, research assistant professor of physics in CUA’s Institute for Astrophysics and Computational Sciences, receives a $50,000 five-year grant from NASA to carry out a research program titled “Future Studies of [the Binary Star] Eta Carinae and Other Luminous Blue Variables.”

Timothy Noone, professor of philosophy, is awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to research and present findings at the Thomas Institut of the University of Cologne during the 2008–2009 academic year. Noone, who specializes in medieval philosophy and the Franciscan philosophical tradition, studies developments in 13th- and 14th-century epistemology. During his exchange, he delivers a dozen lectures and papers in various academic forums in Europe.

The School of Nursing is awarded a $150,000 grant by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for financial aid for honors minority undergraduates. The grant award is the equivalent of 15 scholarships.

Leon Ofman, associate professor of physics, receives grants totaling more than $700,000. The largest is a grant from NASA for more than $400,000 to study waves in solar coronal active regions.

Vladimir Osherovich, research associate of physics, receives a one-year $52,580 grant from NASA for his project titled “Classification of Plasma Resonances in a Magnetic Field as a Diagnostic Tool for Active Space Plasma Experiments.”

Ian Pegg, professor of physics and director of the Vitreous State Laboratory, receives a $179,998 grant from the corporation Energy Solutions for nuclear-waste glass formation in support of the Japanese nuclear-waste treatment program.

John Philip, assistant professor of physics and research scientist at the Vitreous State Laboratory, is awarded a $400,000 Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant will help fund his research on a new field called spin electronics, which has the potential to transform present-day computer technology. Fig. 23

CUA’s physics department is awarded a $120,000 grant from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to develop a curriculum in nuclear environmental protection leading to a master’s degree.

Biology Professor Venigalla Rao receives a five-year $2.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop a single vaccine against both anthrax and pneumonic plague — two deadly pathogens that could be used in bioterrorism attacks on the U.S.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Brendan Rich is awarded a grant from the National Institutes of Health totaling nearly $170,000 to study how children with bipolar disorder and anxiety process facial expressions.

Daniel Sober, professor, and Franz Klein, associate professor, both in physics, are awarded $214,984 for the second year of a three-year National Science Foundation grant titled “Study of Spin Structure of Hadrons Using Polarized Photons.”

Richard Starr, research professor of physics, receives a $59,470 grant from NASA for research on surface elemental analysis of Mercury. He also receives a $20,871 grant from the University of Arizona for a project titled “Cost Reimbursable Subcontract Gamma Ray Spectrometer Mission Operations and Experiment Operations.”
Geronimo Villanueva, research professor of physics, receives a $157,000 grant from NASA to research biomarker gases on Mars using high-resolution infrared spectroscopy. He also receives a $25,000 grant from NASA to do a comprehensive analysis of 11 years of Mars infrared data.

The Vitreous State Laboratory receives a $1,145,000 contract to help the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of River Protection treat and safely store nuclear waste created as a byproduct of 40 years of nuclear bomb production. It also receives a $138,931 grant to aid the United Kingdom in its effort to treat and safely store its nuclear waste.

David Walsh, professor of politics, receives a $25,000 fellowship from the Bradley Foundation to provide support for his doctoral students.

Rev. James Wiseman, O.S.B., professor of theology and religious studies, is awarded a Coolidge Fellowship by CrossCurrents magazine that enables him and 10 other scholars to reside at Union Theological Seminary in New York City for a month while working on current projects and participating in colloquia to discuss their works in progress.

Seiji Yashiro, research assistant professor of physics, receives a three-year $188,600 NASA grant to study the sun’s magnetic field, which is the source of phenomena such as solar flares and coronal mass ejections.

Faculty and Staff

Andrew Abela, associate professor of marketing, wins the Acton Institute’s 2009 Novak Award, which comes with a $10,000 prize. He will receive the award at the annual Calihan Lecture, which he will deliver at CUA in November 2009.


In October the Council on Social Work Education honors Professor Frederick L. Ahearn of the National Catholic School of Social Service for his innovative contributions to international social work education. He is selected for the Partners in Advancing Education for International Social Work Award for his success in establishing social work education programs in countries undergoing sociopolitical change.

Margaret Martin Barry, associate professor of law, is awarded the 2009 William Pincus Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment to Clinical Legal Education from the Association of American Law Schools.

Rev. John P. Beal, professor of canon law, receives the highest honor bestowed by the Canon Law Society of America. Given for being an “outstanding example in the furtherance of Church law as a pastoral means of serving people,” the Role of Law Award honors Father Beal for his contributions in the areas of teaching, publishing and offering consulting services to Catholic churches, bishops and priests.

Susanne Bennett, assistant professor of social work, is the editor of the July 2008 special issue of Clinical Social Work Journal, which focuses on “Attachment and Clinical Social Work Practice.”

Jeffrey Brosius, research associate professor at the Institute for Astrophysics and Computational Sciences, and his Extreme Ultraviolet Normal Incidence Spectrograph sounding rocket team receive the Robert H. Goddard Award for Exceptional Achievement for Science from NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

Thomas Donahue, professor of drama, does the stage design for Shylock, the Jew of Venice, performed in September and October at the Classical Theatre Company in Houston.

Thérèse-Anne Druart, professor of philosophy, takes the reins as president of the American Catholic Philosophical Association.

Cathleen Gray, associate professor of social work, receives the Lifetime Achievement Award March 6 from the D.C. Metro chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Fig. 29

Marietta Hedges, assistant professor of drama, performs in the play The Warrior at the New York International Fringe Festival and at Washington, D.C.’s Capital Fringe Festival during the summer of 2008.

Nora Heimann, associate professor of art, gives a lecture titled “La Pucelle, La Patrie, La Princesse: Jeanne d’Arc et la Monarchie de Julliet” (“The Maid, the Fatherland, the Princess: Joan of Arc and the July Monarchy”) in May 2008 at the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Tobias Hoffmann, associate professor of philosophy, is awarded a Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers from the Republic of Germany for the 2008–2009 academic year. He conducts research at the University of Munich for a book project.

Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin, dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies, is appointed to the Catholic delegation of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops-United Methodist Church Dialogue.

Katherine Jansen, associate professor of history, delivers a lecture titled “Mary Magdalen, Superstar: the Making of a Medieval Saint” at John Cabot University in Rome on April 22.

David Jobes, professor of psychology, is named by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to a group of nine civilian experts tasked with making recommendations to the secretary of veterans affairs on ways the department can improve its programs in suicide prevention, clinical intervention, research and education.

Rev. Robert J. Kaslyn, S.J., is appointed dean of the School of Canon Law, effective May 1, 2009. He was previously an associate professor in the school. Fig. 30

Bunnicula, a play by Jon Klein, assistant professor of drama and director of the M.F.A. playwriting program, is performed at multiple theaters across the country.

Gunther Kletetschka, research professor, Institute for Astrophysics and Computational Sciences, spends 12 days in Russia in July with a team of scientists investigating the cause of a massive explosion that occurred in Siberia in 1908. The trip and Kletetschka’s thoughts on the journey and causes of the explosion are filmed for a one-hour special that airs on the Discovery Channel.

Mary Graw Leary, associate professor of law, heads the official delegation of the Holy See to the III World Congress Against the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in November. Fig. 31

Jia Lu, assistant professor of architecture and planning, gives a presentation on “Land-use Structure Analysis in Central Ohio” at the 2009 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, held March 22–27 in Las Vegas. Lu’s paper is published in the proceedings of the meeting.

Rev. Frank Matera, Andrews Kelly Ryan Professor of Biblical Studies, is awarded the degree Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, on May 14 at the graduation ceremony of Saint Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore, at which he is also the commencement speaker.

Marilyn Merritt, lecturer of anthropology, is awarded the first prize in the American Anthropological Association ethnographic poetry competition for poems about her experiences in West Africa.

Veryl V. Miles, dean of the Columbus School of Law, is appointed to the Accreditation Committee of the American Bar Association. Fig. 32

Rev. Mark Morozowich, assistant professor of philosophy and associate dean for ministerial and seminary students, presides over the Society of Oriental Liturgy’s Second International Congress Sept. 17–22 in Rome. Father Morozowich delivers his presidential address titled “Liturgical Tradition and Natural Disaster: The Role of Liturgical Scholarship.”

Faith Mullen, clinical assistant professor of law, is one of five legal educators to be honored as a 2009 Bellow Scholar by the clinical legal education section of the Association of American Law Schools. The Bellow Scholar program calls attention to innovative anti-poverty or access-to-justice projects that encourage collaboration and empirical analysis.
Virgil Nemoianu, William J. Byron Distinguished Professor of Literature and professor of philosophy, is appointed chair of the nominating committee of the International Comparative Literature Association for 2008–2010.

The District of Columbia Council of Engineering and Architectural Societies names Charles C. Nguyen, dean of CUA’s School of Engineering, the recipient of its 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Pope Benedict XVI confers papal honors upon Craig W. Parker, associate vice president and general counsel, and Frank G. Persico, vice president for university relations and chief of staff, by bestowing upon each the Benemerenti Medal. Fig. 33

On April 29 Catholic University honors Assistant Professor of Education Mona B. Shevlin for a half century of teaching at CUA. Fig. 34

David Shove-Brown, architecture instructor and director of the School of Architecture and Planning’s Foreign Programs and Experiences in Architecture, is selected as the 2008 recipient of the Washington Architectural Foundation’s John “Wieb” Wiebenson Award for Architecture in the Public Interest.

David Shumaker, clinical associate professor of library and information science, learns in March that he will receive the Rose L. Vormelker Award from the Special Libraries Association. The award is given to an individual who has displayed exceptional service in mentoring students and/or working professionals.

Andrew Simpson, associate professor of music, is one of two pianists invited to participate in the Pordenone Masterclasses, advanced workshops in silent film accompaniment at Le Giornate del Cinema Muto in Pordenone, Italy, the world’s foremost silent-film festival. As a masterclass participant, he also makes his Pordenone debut performing a new score for the 1924 feature film Janice Meredith.

Gary Sloan, associate professor of drama, performs in a production of The Price by playwright Arthur Miller at the English Theatre in Vienna, Austria, in January and February. Fig. 35

Monsignor Robert Sokolowski, Elizabeth Breckenridge Caldwell Professor of Philosophy, gives a keynote address titled “Husserl and First Philosophy” at an April 2009 conference celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of the philosopher Edmund Husserl. Sponsored by the Husserl-Archives Leuven International Centre for Phenomenological Research, the conference in held in Leuven, Belgium.


Andrew Weaver, assistant professor of music, integrates scholarship, teaching and performance by offering a course on Claudio Monteverdi’s opera L’incoronazione di Poppea while simultaneously producing the work with the CUA Opera Theatre. Reviewing the production on April 20, The Washington Post says, “The result of all this scholarship was coherent and powerful . . . because a whole menagerie of personalities and their relationships came across with such dramatic credibility.” Fig. 36

Monsignor John Wippel, Theodore Basselin Professor of Philosophy, is invited to deliver a plenary session lecture titled “Preambles of Faith in Thomas Aquinas” at the conference of the Pontifical Academy of Saint Thomas in Rome in June 2008.

Stephen K. Wright, professor of English, is honored with the 2009 Martin Stevens Award for best article in the field of early drama studies for a piece titled “Wrangling Livestock, Dragons, and Children: Practical Stagecraft and Its Thematic Consequences in the Augsburg St. George Play (ca. 1486),” which was published in Research Opportunities in Medieval and Renaissance Drama 47 (2008).

James Youniss, professor of psychology, delivers “When Morality and Politics Meet in Development” as the Kohlberg Memorial Lecture at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Association for Moral Education in November at the University of Notre Dame.

James Zabora, dean of social work, receives the Ida M. Cannon Award April 22 from the Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care. This award honors a national figure for outstanding contributions to the leadership of social work in a health-care setting and to the society.
Michaela L. Zajicek-Farber, assistant professor of social work, and three master’s in social work students from CUA’s National Catholic School of Social Service conduct a workshop on family-centered care for families and children with disabilities at the October Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities program at the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Books

Andrew Abela, assistant professor of marketing, writes *Advanced Presentations by Design: Creating Communication that Drives Action* (Pfeiffer/John Wiley & Sons).

Claudia Bornholdt, assistant professor of modern languages and literatures, writes *Saintly Spouses: Chaste Marriage in Sacred and Secular Narrative From Medieval Germany (12th and 13th Century)* (forthcoming, University of Arizona Press).

David Bosworth, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, publishes *The Story within a Story in Biblical Hebrew Narrative* (Catholic Biblical Association).


Gregory Doolan, assistant professor of philosophy, writes *Aquinas on the Divine Ideas as Exemplar Causes* (CUA Press).


Elizabeth Foxwell, staff editor of CUA’s *The Catholic Historical Review*, edits *John Buchan: A Companion to the Mystery Fiction* (McFarland & Co.), written by Kate Macdonald.

Sandra Hanson, professor of sociology, writes *Swimming Against the Tide: African American Girls and Science Education* (Temple University Press). Fig. 38

Katherine Jansen, associate professor of history, co-edits *Medieval Italy: Texts in Translation* (University of Pennsylvania Press).


Michael Kimmage, assistant professor of history, writes *The Conservative Turn: Lionel Trilling, Whittaker Chambers and the Lessons of Anti-Communism* (Harvard University Press). Fig. 39

Stefania Lucamante, associate professor of modern languages and literatures, writes *A Multitude of Women: The Challenges of the Contemporary Italian Novel* (University of Toronto Press). Her book *Italy and the Bourgeoisie: The Re-thinking of a Class* is also published (Farleigh Dickinson University Press).

William C. Mattison III, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, writes *Introducing Moral Theology: True Happiness and the Virtues* (Brazos Press). This overview of moral theology is being used in university and college courses nationwide. Fig. 40

Patricia McMullen, associate provost and associate professor of nursing, co-writes *Telephone Triage Protocols for Obstetrics and Gynecology (Second Edition)* (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins).

Virgil Nemoianu, William J. Byron Distinguished Professor of Literature and professor of philosophy, translates the second edition of Thornton Wilder’s novel *The Eighth Day* from English into Romanian (*Curtea Veche*). He also completes a book titled *Romania noastra: Convorbiri berlineze* (Romania Seen by Us: Conversations in Berlin) (Romanian National Literary Museum).
Mario Ortiz, assistant professor of Spanish and director of Latin American and Latino Studies, completes a collection of essays, *Representaciones modernas de Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz* (Modern Representations of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz) (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana).

Enrique Pumar, professor of sociology, co-edits the book *Perspectives in Social Research Methods and Analysis* (Sage Publishers).


David Walsh, professor of politics, writes *The Modern Philosophical Revolution: The Luminosity of Existence* (Cambridge University Press). The book is the third in his trilogy on the nature of the modern world. Fig. 41

Susan Wessel, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, writes *Leo the Great and the Spiritual Rebuilding of a Universal Rome*, published as part of Brill Press’s Supplements to *Vigiliae Christianae* series.

John Kenneth White, professor of politics, writes *Barack Obama’s America: How New Conceptions of Race, Family and Religion Ended the Reagan Era* (University of Michigan Press). Fig. 42

James Youniss, professor of psychology, edits *Engaging Young People in Civil Life* (forthcoming, Vanderbilt University Press).

Holger Zaborowski, assistant professor of philosophy, publishes the book *Spielräume der Freiheit: Zur Hermeneutik des Menschseins* (Leeeway of Freedom: Towards a Hermeneutics of Being Human) (Verlag Karl Alber).

Students

Two freshman architecture and planning students are named the winners of a competition to conceptualize a design for the mosaic of the Trinity Dome in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Corey August and Philip Gookasian receive first prize on March 23, besting three other finalist teams, all composed of graduate students. Fig. 43

A Catholic University student team is one of 12 groups that participate in the annual March Madness for the Mind exhibition at the Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., on March 20. John C. Barnes, a senior mechanical engineering major, and Dung A. Nguyen, a junior electrical engineering major, develop a three-dimensional imaging system with the help of a $14,500 grant from the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance, which sponsors the event. Fig. 44

Two School of Nursing graduate students, Guia Caliwagan and Chioma Nwachukwu, are awarded full-tuition stipends as part of CareFirst’s Project RN, a scholarship program intended to help develop nursing faculty for the greater Washington, D.C., region. Caliwagan and Nwachukwu each receive a stipend in the amount of $40,000 for the 2008–2009 academic year.

Jordan Dansby, a second-year student at the Columbus School of Law, is awarded a Fulbright grant to research and work in Colombia during the 2008–2009 academic year. Dansby spends the year researching international trade issues.

Michael Dougherty, a senior biology major, is one of the authors of a paper that appears in the Dec. 12 issue of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. Dougherty’s contribution to “Mutations Define Cross-talk between the N-terminal Nucleotide-binding Domain and Transmembrane Helix-2 of the Yeast Multidrug Transporter Pdr5” results from spending his junior year working in the lab of CUA Professor of Biology John Golin as part of a research experiments elective course.

Representing the Columbus School of Law, Patrick Halley and Zack Rothstein place first in the 2009 National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition, which is sponsored by the Federal Communications Bar Association and held at Catholic University on Feb. 6 and 7. Fig. 45

Sarah Halpert, a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology, receives more than $30,000 from the National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health, to continue her research on caregiving stress and implicit learning in older adults.

Dorle Hellmuth, a doctoral candidate in politics, is selected as a 2009 Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst/American Institute for Contemporary German Studies.
Fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at Johns Hopkins University. During her two-month stay at the institute, she focuses on her project “German and U.S. Domestic Counterterrorism Responses: Only Half A World Apart,” which culminates in a Web essay and a seminar.

Biomedical engineering major Megan Jamiojkowski is named a Barry M. Goldwater Scholar, one of 278 undergraduates nationwide to receive the award, which is designed to encourage students to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.


Atria Larson, a doctoral candidate in CUA’s Center for Medieval and Byzantine Studies, is awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for 2009–2010 for doctoral research in affiliation with the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München in Munich, Germany. Fig. 46

In a rare sweep, all three of the finalists for the Capital Chapter of the American Musicological Society’s Lowens Award for student research are graduate students in the musicology program of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music. Selected are Caitlin Miller, dual master’s program in musicology and library and information science, and doctoral candidates Lars Helgert and Karen Uslin.

On Feb. 15, CUA’s Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents *Magnum Opus*, a new chamber opera in one act. The libretto and music for CUA’s production are written by Michael Oberhauser, a Master of Music Composition degree candidate. The opera is a modern retelling of the saga of Robert and Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms.

Leila Piran, a doctoral candidate in politics, receives an American Research Institute in Turkey fellowship to study Turkish at Izmir Economics University in Izmir, Turkey, from June through August to help prepare for field research in that country for her dissertation on the impact of European Union reforms on the Turkish military and police.

Joan Romano, a graduate student in English, wins the Eleanor Clark Prize for best presentation by a junior scholar at the Robert Penn Warren Circle Annual Conference April 18 in Guthrie, Ky. Her paper’s title: “Facing the Reality of America’s Past: Robert Penn Warren’s Later Poetry.”

Melissa Smith, a doctoral candidate in psychology, is awarded a Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship of $20,000 for up to three years.

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During fiscal year 2009, Catholic University operated within a difficult financial environment. Confronted with issues in the credit, housing and financial markets, the university nevertheless managed to balance its operating budget and generate a strong operating net. This was a result of sound planning and renewed attention to developing efficiencies and cost reduction strategies that would not divert the focus from the university’s mission.

Results

Catholic University generated a positive operating net of $9.0 million and a nonoperating loss of $58.1 million. The university maintained its budgetary discipline by managing the operating cost structure efficiently and implementing timely cost-reduction initiatives to ensure a strong operating net. The financial strength of operations was offset by the growing global disruption of the credit markets and its impact on the financial markets. Total net assets decreased by $49.0 million to a total of $293.3 million, principally due to net investment losses of $58.6 million, which included $74.0 million of investment losses offset by recording certain parcels of the South Campus as investment property for $15.4 million, the decrease in the value of split-interest agreement of $1.9 million, restricted contributions of $2.4 million, and the positive operating net of $9.0 million. Exhibit I illustrates the changes in net assets over the past eight years.

Total revenues increased from fiscal year 2008 by $9.1 million, or 4.7 percent. Exhibit II shows the university’s sources of revenue. Net tuition and fee revenue represents the largest source of operating revenue, providing CUA with $124.4 million, or 61.2 percent of total revenue. Net tuition and fee revenue increased by $8.8 million, or 7.6 percent, primarily due to increased enrollment, along with an average 5.8 percent increase in tuition rates. During fiscal year 2009, the university had the largest freshman class in its history, with 901 new freshmen. Higher enrollment also contributed to the increase in auxiliary revenue from fiscal year 2008 by $1.5 million, or 4.7 percent. Endowment spending in support of operations and working capital earnings represented $8.8 million, or 4.3 percent of total operating revenue.

Expenses increased from fiscal year 2008 by $2.9 million, or 1.5 percent. Exhibit III depicts the breakdown of the expenses by function. It is worth noting that 58.3 percent of these expenses either directly benefited students or were attributable to academic areas. Instruction and departmental research expenses for fiscal year 2009 were at 47.6 percent and student services were at 10.7 percent of total expenses. Exhibit IV shows expenses by type, with the largest university expenditure being salary, wages...
and fringe benefits at 61.4 percent. During fiscal year 2009, Catholic University continued its commitment to recruiting and retaining the best faculty and staff. As a result, salaries and benefits increased from fiscal year 2008 by $7.8 million, or 7.0 percent.

Although a negative return is unfavorable, the endowment outperformed its benchmark of -34.8 percent by 4.3 percent. The return for the endowment since inception was 6.4 percent, as compared to the benchmark of 5.9 percent.

**Endowment**

With risk-controlled endowment and cash policies, the university was reasonably positioned for the economic downturn and expects these policies to continue to provide the direction through the recession. The fundamental principles of the university’s endowment management are to have a prudent and diversified asset allocation and to hire quality investment managers. The endowment maintains an allocation to fixed income to protect assets in times when equity markets are falling. Other assets are diversified among publicly traded equity securities, alternative assets, real estate and emerging markets, with a global diversification within these asset classes. The majority of the assets in the endowment are readily available for sale so the university has adequate liquidity. The asset allocation strategy for fiscal year 2009 is provided in Exhibit V.

The market value of the endowment was $148.7 million at the end of March 2009. Since inception (June 1994), the market value of the endowment has increased by $80.9 million, as shown in Exhibit VI. The endowment’s annual return for the year ending March 31, 2009, was -30.3 percent.

**Investment in Facilities and Land Development**

During fiscal year 2009, in response to the economic environment, Catholic University initiated a freeze on capital spending. Even with the freeze, the university was able to continue to take important steps in the improvement of facilities. Opus Hall, the new 402-bed residence hall, was completed in December 2008 and occupied for the spring semester. The university continues to make progress with the development of the South Campus, the nine acres south of Michigan Avenue next to the Brookland/CUA Metro station. The university is partnering with Abdo Development to develop the site into a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood with residential, retail and arts uses.

Colleges and universities face considerable challenges in controlling expenses and moderating tuition increases while meeting the expectations of students, faculty, staff and alumni. Catholic University will continue to find creative solutions to fund critical initiatives that further the mission of the university. Strong financial planning linked to strategic goals and objectives will continue to provide a solid foundation for sustaining financial performance.
## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

*(in thousands) — For the years ended April 30, 2008 and 2009.*

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*The unrestricted and temporarily restricted net assets for the years ended April 30, 2008 and 2009 include the effect of implementing accounting guidance FSP 117-1.*
# Consolidated Statements of Activities

(*in thousands*) — For the years ended April 30, 2008 and 2009.

## Operating Revenues and Support

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## Operating Expenses

**Educational and general:**

- Instruction and departmental research: 92,412, 89,471
- Sponsored research: 15,878, 14,782
- Public service: 2,258, 2,458
- Libraries: 13,438, 13,623
- Student services: 20,773, 20,769
- Institutional support: 20,878, 20,739

**Total educational and general expenses**: 165,637, 161,842

**Auxiliary enterprises**: 28,679, 29,589

**Total operating expenses**: 194,316, 191,431

**Change in net assets from operations**: 9,045, 2,784

## Nonoperating Activities

- Contributions: 2,417, 7,568
- Investment return in excess of amounts designated for current operations: (58,617), (6,555)
- Unrealized loss on the interest rate swap: (53), (1,011)
- Changes in the value of split-interest agreements: (1,904), (656)
- Other nonoperating losses: 82, 79

**Change in net assets from nonoperating activities**: (58,075), (733)

**Increase (decrease) in net assets**: (49,030), 2,051

**Net assets at beginning of year**: 342,346, 340,295

**Net assets at end of year**: $293,316, $342,346
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