

OU FOREVER MORE

For over 150 years, Ottawa University has stood apart from all the other institutions of higher education in America, distinguished by its unique heritage, its bold character, and its distinctive spirit.

Founded on the frontier and born of struggle, endurance, and faith, Ottawa University's growth has been propelled by a commitment to the transformative power of education, a calling to service, and a deep investment in enduring partnerships. Our history has been filled with examples of innovation and leadership, of courage and creativity in pursuing our mission and offering opportunity to all. And, over the generations, our work has been inspired by the Ottawa Spirit, that singular bundle of shared values and defining qualities that has united us as a community and driven us to ever greater achievement and success.

Today, OU is riding a wave of momentum rare among American colleges and universities: the historic Ottawa campus is setting enrollment records; OUAZ continues to grow hand-in-hand with the City of Surprise; our adult, professional, and online programs have led our expansion in health sciences programs and in serving international students. Across the institution, Ottawa University has much to be proud of and much cause for optimism looking forward.

In 2021-2022, our community and other stakeholders came together to reflect on how far our institution has come, where we stand now, and what the future holds. The strategic plan that emerged from this inclusive, grassroots process grew from our collective hopes and from a clear-eyed sense of the focus required to flourish in the competitive landscape of higher education today. To sustain Ottawa University's upward trajectory, we concluded, it is imperative that we enhance scholarship funds to keep our life-changing education accessible to all, build our endowment to ensure OU's continued financial strength, create new academic offerings to meet the evolving needs of students and society, and prioritize critical student support programs, from athletics to wellbeing to career preparation.

In order to realize our bold vision for the future and advance Ottawa University's time-honored mission of service and impact, investment is now essential in

- Expanding opportunity.
- Realizing our high academic ambitions.
- Elevating the student experience.

Thus, we are excited to launch **OU FOREVER MORE**, the most aspirational campaign in the University's history, and to ask for your support at a moment of true promise and potential.

Ottawa University owes its establishment, resilience, and growth to the generosity of countless supporters who have recognized the timeless importance of our mission, had faith in the power of a Christ-inspired community of educators and learners, and invested in amplifying our impact on students and the world. We are deeply appreciative of your trust and your past support. And now we invite you to join us as we write the next chapter in the University's rich history, fired by the Ottawa Spirit, excited by the possibilities ahead, and committed to the future of **OU FOREVER MORE**.



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