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At the University of Oregon College of Education, **we believe every student should have the support they need to persist, grow, and thrive.** This year, your generosity turned that belief into reality. Over the past academic year, **over one million dollars in donor-funded support reached students at the College of Education.** This critical funding helped students stay enrolled, prepare for their futures, and provide timely support. Your impact is visible not only in the numbers, but in the stories of students overcoming financial hurdles, groundbreaking research shaping how we serve families, and the collective strength of our community.

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Your generosity helped College of Education students stay strong, stay the course, and launch their futures.*

RECRUIT

RETAIN

READY





\$1.1 Million

in scholarships awarded
to new and returning
students



\$31,000

emergency bridge funds
assisted eleven students

\$23,700

helped forty-one students cover
graduation costs

\$23,500

supported twenty-seven students
to attend professional
conferences

**Totals expended in academic year 2024-25*

Student Spotlight: Nyengoyake Kamanga

Nyengoyake Kamanga is a graduate student in the Education Policy and Leadership program and a recipient of the Tasia Smith Excellence Fund which provides scholarships and emergency bridge funding for students. Nyengo received financial support at a critical time, thanks to her advisors nominating her for a scholarship. This support was essential as she faced the risk of being unable to register for her courses due to insufficient funding for tuition.

*"The Emergency Bridge Award was
a game-changer for me!
It allowed me to register for the
term when I otherwise might not
have been able to. Without it, my
academic progress could have
been delayed."*

-Nyengo Kamanga, Class of 2026



The Latest at the College of Education

Research Spotlight: Smartphones Deliver Parenting Support in Oregon

Building on nearly 30 years of development, the [Family Check-Up \(FCU\) model](#), created and studied by UO College of Education faculty, has developed digital



interventions for parents. In a recent study, Prevention Science student Audrey Sileci, fellow researcher Katie Halis, and faculty members Beth Stormshak and Cecilia McWhirter show that smartphone-based parenting support effectively reduces stress and improves outcomes for rural families.

[Audrey Sileci](#), a Prevention Science student and COE scholarship recipient, contributed to this important study showcasing how donor support helps students engage in research that makes an impact for families.

[Read the Story](#)



Interview with Professor Leslie Leve

The latest episode of our *Coffee N Conversation* video series features Professor [Leslie Leve](#), Lorry Lokey Chair in Education and Head of the Department of Counseling Psychology and Human Services. In this episode, she discusses the findings from her decades-long study on girls in the juvenile justice system, shares what's next for her research, and offers prevention insights for families.

[Watch the Video](#)



What Ducks Give 2025 Makes Possible

In one remarkable day of giving, the College of Education community came together for Ducks Give raising **\$128,233 from 183 gifts** to support students. These collective contributions will be put to work in the year ahead, helping students navigate urgent needs, access career-shaping opportunities, and overcome financial barriers to graduation.

Thank you to every donor in our community who made this possible. Your generosity turned individual gifts into a powerful, community-driven impact for COE students!

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