

# 2021

ANNUAL  
REPORT



**Alliant**  
EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION



*Valin Brown*

Valin Brown  
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for your support of the Alliant Educational Foundation. Our most recent fiscal year was anything but normal—as witnessed by a second year of COVID-related shutdowns, political upheavals, and much needed reckonings related to racial and social justice.

And yet a variety of impactful programs and accomplishments still took place: the completion of a bold new strategic plan, transferring the baton of board leadership after four years of highly effective governance from Dr. Gonzalo Garreton to long-time Executive Committee member and Professor Emeritus Dr. Natalie Porter, as well as continuing support for hundreds of students through scholarships, innovation/seed grant funding, and support for the delivery of counseling services through telehealth in the midst of COVID.

As you may know, the Foundation was created in 2015 when Alliant International University converted to a public-benefit corporation and the non-profit assets, including student scholarships, faculty research grants, and land ownership, were transferred to the new Foundation.

Since then, we've continued to partner with Alliant in a wide variety of ways. Over the past year, we've donated more than \$850,000 for student scholarships across the six Alliant campuses in California. We also served

as the fiscal agent for faculty grants and contracts, and just launched our third round of innovation/seed grants over the past few weeks.

We've also made progress on one of our key community impact initiatives: Enhancing mental health services to under-served children and youth through the Mental Health Consortium (more on page 6).

In April, the Foundation approved its second three-year strategic plan, ushering in new vision and mission statements along with a set of core values for the very first time. Please read more about our path forward on page 7.

We also work closely with our donors – all of whom have entrusted us to invest their dollars wisely to support the students and programs that make Alliant such a special institution. Generous donors have helped us grow newer funds like the Callan-Smith-Meltzoff Scholarship Fund, Stephanie Byers-Bell Scholarship Fund, and Dr. Kazumi Nishio Endowment Fund.

We invite you to learn more about the Alliant Educational Foundation in the following annual report. We're proud to share a snapshot of our work and appreciate your interest in helping to make our communities the best they can possibly be. We could not do this work without your support – Thank you!



*Natalie Porter*

Natalie Porter, PhD  
Chair of the Board



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*“Alliant International University is fortunate to have a strong relationship with the Alliant Educational Foundation. The Foundation enhances and further improves student success at the University through initiatives like scholarships, faculty support, and other activities. The Foundation remains as one of our most important partners.”*

**—ANDY VAUGHN**  
PRESIDENT AND CEO  
ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY





# IMPACTING STUDENT LIVES

The Alliant Educational Foundation is helping drive student success by providing targeted scholarships to well-deserving students.

Over the past year, we have partnered with Alliant International University to fund \$850,000 in scholarships, benefiting nearly 400 students across the six California campuses and the schools that comprise the Alliant educational system. In total, our donations now stand

at nearly \$8 million over the past six years, helping hundreds of students pursue their dreams of professional practice.

Additionally, the Foundation now manages approximately \$8 million in private endowment funds targeted to a variety of scholarships and programs. In the last year alone, the Foundation invested nearly \$200,000 in student scholarships from these endowments.



# SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

*“As a first generation Mexican-American and only member of my family to pursue college and graduate level degrees...my goal is to become a successful organizational psychologist by leaving a legacy of psychologists of color that create transformational changes for their respective organizations and in their industries.”*

—ROMAN F.

*“This investment in education will pay dividends for children and adults who are seeking to overcome the challenges life has unfairly subjected them to... I thank you for your generosity in assisting me to fulfill my sense of purpose.”*

—KELLY C.

*“Your donation has allowed me more opportunities to focus on my career and dedicate myself to those who are in need. Through your generosity, an unknown amount of people are being helped and will continue to be helped in ways beyond what either of us can fathom.”*

—MICHAEL C.

*“I lost my job last spring due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which adversely impacted my ability to pay for tuition. Receiving this scholarship award gave me a chance to breathe for a moment and worry less about having to choose between paying rent or paying tuition.”*

— KELLY H.

*“As a result of a car accident, I was faced with the existential realization of my own mortality. I asked myself what unfulfilled dreams I was not willing to relinquish, and becoming a therapist was the most important one. Receiving your scholarship will bring me close to realizing that dream now, 33 years after I first discovered psychology and therapy.”*

—ELENA H.

*“As a minority student from a single parent household, this scholarship truly means a lot to me. With it, I intend to continue pursuing my dream of becoming an attorney, make my family proud as I work towards completing my education, and through my future practice in estate planning and immigration, assist others in undertaking life-changing legal processes.”*

—SIVENDRA M.

*“I have had to overcome many adversities to achieve my goals... I came from a blue collar home where education wasn't encouraged, because it wasn't considered a viable or realistic option... It took years of struggling and determination to get to where I am today... Thank you for investing in me.”*

—BRIAN R.

*“This scholarship enables me to do work which I believe has the power to change lives. I am committed to making the most of my education and this award makes a big difference in fostering my ability to do so. Your belief in me begets my belief in myself and inspires me to try more and work harder.”*

—MASON P.

# SUPPORTING FACULTY + STAFF THROUGH INNOVATION/ SEED GRANTS

As part of a project to foster innovative programs, research, publications, and enhancements within the Alliant system, the Foundation launched this program offering one-time funding for new initiatives proposed and led by current faculty and staff. This investment was for one-time “seed” funding to help launch new ventures and is available across the Alliant system to all campus locations and any school or department within the system.

In total, the Foundation awarded \$60,000 in grants to foster innovation and help launch seven new faculty-led research and student advancement ventures at five of Alliant International University’s California campus locations.

From the 18 ideas submitted, the seven projects selected by the innovation/seed grant review committee demonstrated a high level of commitment to improve learning environments for students and make positive impacts on communities at large, particularly in mental health, diversity and inclusion. A brief summary follows...



# INNOVATION / SEED GRANTS

**GEORGE GHARIBIAN**, associate professor of psychology at the Los Angeles campus, received a \$6,500 grant to improve diversity training and facilitate the retention and professional development of students of color and other historically marginalized groups.

**JULIE GREEN**, associate professor of psychology at the San Diego campus, received a \$15,000 grant to test how to begin to influence the recruitment and retention rates for Native American students by piloting a project called Reservation to Graduation (R2G).

**DAVID HOSKINS**, assistant professor of psychology at the San Francisco Bay Area campus, received a \$7,460 grant to study positive psychology, resilience factors, and an evidence-based trauma model to treat traumatized Latinx youth and their caregivers.

**ALAN LINCOLN**, distinguished professor of psychology at the San Diego campus, received a \$11,830 grant to determine whether biological parents of a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) demonstrate a similar and specific information processing deficit found in persons with ASD.

**JENNIFER STAPLES**, associate professor of psychology at the San Diego campus, received a \$5,400 grant to investigate oppression-based traumatic stress among diverse transgender adults using a longitudinal, mixed-method design.

**TIMOTHY WEIMER**, dean of the San Francisco Law School, and **GERALD MICHAELS**, associate professor of psychology at the San Francisco Bay Area campus, received a \$9,200 grant to jointly develop an “Asylum Law and Psychology Services Project for Asylum Seekers” that will provide training to both law students and psychology graduate students in immigration/asylum law and psychological assessments of asylum seekers.

**KATHRYN YOSHIDA**, assistant professor of psychology at the Fresno campus, received a \$3,320 grant to engage Fresno PsyD students in hands-on research within the Fresno region to address the significant community problem of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)/toxic stress using biofeedback and psycho-education on mindfulness meditation.

# RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEED

As part of our strategic plan, the Foundation believes it has a unique opportunity to help leverage specific strengths of students and faculty to support a broader impact in the communities where we live and work.

## MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

Working closely with Alliant's California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP) in San Diego, the Alliant Educational Foundation is building new bridges in support of children's mental health. At present, we've begun partnering with a variety of San Diego-based non-profit organizations who work with under-served infants, children, and young adults and their families.

By placing CSPP clinical psychology graduate students at these agencies, we're bolstering their capacity to provide high-quality mental health support to some of the populations who most desperately need it, while also providing invaluable training opportunities for CSPP-SD students.

## DR. JEFFREY TIRENGEL MEMORIAL STIPEND FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

As a founding board member of the Alliant Educational Foundation, past member of the Board of Trustees with Alliant International University, and beloved faculty member for CSPP-Los Angeles, we're recognizing Dr. Jeffrey Tirengel's tremendous leadership and support to both the Foundation and CSPP. The new **Dr. Jeffrey Tirengel Memorial Stipend for Community Mental Health** was launched in 2020 to enable students participating in the Mental Health Consortium to benefit from a modest monthly stipend to support their work with under-served children and youth.

In our second year (2021), 10 students were placed at four of the youth- and family-serving agencies listed below providing services to between 50 - 100 clients and their families benefiting from their professional services across the region. Beginning in the fall of 2021, the Foundation began sponsoring quarterly grand rounds which afford participating students and their agencies greater training opportunities and collaboration between students and sites. Current participating agencies include:

- Father Joe's Villages Programs
- Interfaith Community Services
- Mental Health Systems, STEPS program
- Neighborhood House Association
- San Diego Center for Children
- San Diego Unified School District (Canyon Hills High School)
- SBSCS/South Bay Community Services
- YMCA Behavioral Health



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*“I believe this is a valuable partnership for all stakeholders: to provide additional training opportunities for Alliant practicum students, to provide mental health services to under-served youth, and to support non-profit organizations serving youth and families.”*

— TARA SHUMAN, PSY.D.

DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL TRAINING,  
CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL  
PSYCHOLOGY / ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY



## OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

In April, the foundation board and staff completed their work to build a proactive vision for the next three years. The new three-year strategic plan outlines a renewed vision, mission, and core values for the foundation along with articulating new and expanded programs for the future...all for the benefit of Alliant students, faculty and staff, and the broader communities we serve.

### ▶ OUR VISION:

A world of healthy communities that value learning, equality, and dignity

### ▶ OUR MISSION:

The Alliant Educational Foundation builds bridges between Alliant International University, other institutions, and under-resourced communities to create a more equitable and just society

### ▶ CORE VALUES:

#### **Collaboration**

We will achieve more than we could ever do alone by working with others

#### **Accountability**

We value integrity, transparency, and the use of data to drive good decision-making

#### **Social Justice**

We are committed to helping to build a more equitable and just society

#### **Inclusion**

We can make meaningful change only by including the voices of diverse, community-based stakeholders

#### **Resourcefulness**

We will help solve some of the greatest challenges by being flexible and creative

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Individuals who choose to give to the Alliant Educational Foundation are a critical part of empowering our work. Our sincere thank you to all of those who made a contribution during our most recent fiscal year (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021).

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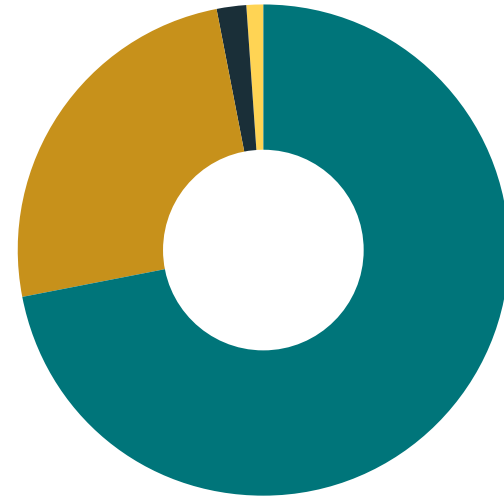
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# 2020-2021 FINANCIALS

## REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

● 25%	Lease and rental revenue	\$1,620,000
● 1%	Contributions	\$92,753
● 2%	Grants and contracts	\$102,672
● 72%	Investment income (net)	\$4,782,316
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,597,741</b>



## EXPENSES

● 52%	Program services	\$1,347,934
● 45%	Management and general*	\$1,161,781
● 3%	Fundraising	\$83,783

**Total** **\$ 2,593,498**

Change in net assets	\$4,004,243
Net assets beginning of year	\$50,250,373
Net assets end of year	\$54,254,616



\*Includes depreciation and amortization on 72-acre property

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