PLC IS MAKING A BIG IMPACT ON CAMPUS.

In 2020, the Parents Leadership Council (PLC) will award $700,000 to 70+ campus organizations and programs that help students thrive and dramatically enhance the undergraduate experience by creating a healthier, safer and more enriching campus. This impact is possible because of donations from committed PLC members and individual donations to the Parents Fund.

Here are the major beneficiaries of 2019 grant funding:

GEORGIA COMMITMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The PLC directed $100,000 to endow two Georgia Commitment Scholarships (GCS) that provide $7,000 in need-based aid to two students annually. The UGA Foundation matched the gift, and the scholarships were first awarded in fall 2019. The grants program has created five scholarships and individual PLC families have created an additional 54 scholarships since 2017 through the GCS program.

DESIGNATED DAWGS

The PLC awarded $15,000 to Designated Dawgs, a student-run program that offers free, safe rides home for students. Designated Dawgs partners with the University Health Center to increase alcohol safety education and train drivers in alcohol poisoning response. The funds were used to improve marketing efforts, helping Designated Dawgs increase ridership by five students per night.

THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER’S COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) received $25,000 from the PLC to pay copays for students who cannot afford services. These funds also cover the cost of medical tests required for psychiatric evaluation and eating or substance abuse disorder assessment. CAPS gives students access to clinically trained professionals who provide therapy, psychiatric services, psychological testing and nutritional counseling.
DEAN OF STUDENTS STUDENT DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Student Development Fund received $9,000 from the PLC to equip the Dean of Students to provide opportunities for enrichment, as well as resources for student mentorship and growth. The dean planned events bringing students together over meals, coffee and athletic events, facilitating personal and focused mentoring relationships. To date, the Student Development Fund has positively affected over 1,450 students.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER STUDENT TICKET INITIATIVE

The PLC awarded the Student Ticket Initiative $20,000 in 2019 funding, providing students with access to high-quality cultural learning experiences on campus. The Performing Arts Center features an impressive lineup of orchestral, dance, acrobatic and theatrical performances each semester. Tickets are typically expensive, but the PLC’s support makes discounted tickets available to students.

DAWG CAMP

Dawg Camp, an extended orientation program designed to assist students with their transition to college, received $5,000 from the PLC to cover registration costs for 28 students who otherwise could not have participated due to financial constraints. Thanks to the PLC’s support, these students connected with new peers and benefited from transition support resources throughout their first year.