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## **UIC's IGNITE campaign making strong progress**

Chicago, Ill.— Positive momentum is a predominant trend at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Accompanied by record enrollment growth, a rising national ranking and improvements to capital infrastructure, UIC's fundraising results at the end of fiscal year 2018 showed encouraging signs as well.

About \$12 million was raised specifically in support of student scholarships, fellowships and awards during the latest fiscal year of fundraising through UIC's IGNITE campaign. This represents increases of 82 percent and 102 percent in this category over the previous two fiscal years respectively.

UIC's IGNITE Campaign, which was publicly unveiled in October 2017, has secured gifts, grants and commitments from over 36,600 donors to date. Of this base, 91 percent are alumni and friends and their contributions represent over \$174 million of the nearly \$355 million raised. The latter figure marks 47 percent of the IGNITE goal with half of the eight-year campaign complete.

"We are grateful for the alumni, friends and organizations that have demonstrated their belief in UIC's mission of accessibility and status as one of the nation's premier urban research universities," said Michael Amiridis, UIC Chancellor. "Their thoughtful, strategic support will strengthen our priorities focused on student experience and success, empowering a new generation of faculty leaders, driving life-changing discoveries, and strengthening connections to our communities."

We're excited about key gifts from the past fiscal year, including a \$3 million gift from the Isadore and Sadie Dorin Foundation to establish an endowed scholarship fund for high-achieving Cook County high school students and to rename the UIC Forum the Isadore and Sadie Dorin Forum. In addition, an anonymous local foundation donated \$2.5 million to establish an endowment that will support students matriculating from community colleges.

More than 25 percent of the current campaign's 14,383 first-time donors, both individuals and organizations, made contributions during the latest fiscal year. Individual giving represented 66 percent of funds raised in fiscal year 2018.

UIC's IGNITE campaign will support student scholarships, faculty retention and recruitment, technological enhancements for teaching and research, and campus building developments to support current and future student population growth.

Notable gifts made prior to the campaign's public launch last fall include \$7.2 million from College of Nursing alumna M. Christine Schwartz to renovate student-centered spaces and create an advanced simulation learning center; \$5 million from Herbert and Carol Retzky to create the first deanship at the UIC College of Pharmacy; and \$5 million from UIC alumnus and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Curtis Granderson to build the Curtis Granderson Stadium.

For more information about the IGNITE campaign, visit [advance.uic.edu](http://advance.uic.edu).