



# TRUSTING OUR **TRANSCENDENT** JESUS IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Denver Seminary prepares men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture.





## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I won't soon forget the first time I tried scuba diving. The experience of being submerged in the ocean and trying to breathe through the diving equipment completely freaked me out. I thought I was going to drown! Fortunately, a diving instructor recognized my distress and took me to the surface. That first scuba diving experience turned into my last.

Several times in the past months it's felt like we were drowning in an unrelenting pandemic and an angry, polarized society that can't seem to come together on anything. When it feels like we're drowning, we need someone to lift us up above what is pressing down upon us.

That's why we need a transcendent Jesus. An above-and-beyond Jesus. A Jesus who isn't trapped in space or time. A Jesus who sovereignly rules from on high. A Jesus who has conquered the three overarching enemies of all humanity—sin, death, and evil. We need a transcendent Jesus to give us hope that what we are experiencing isn't all that there is.

The world needs a transcendent Jesus. They just won't admit it. Or they just don't know where to find Him.

The world needs a transcendent Jesus and we have the privilege of being His presence in the world. We make known the good news that there is hope when it seems we're drowning in a world gone awry because Jesus is Lord over all. He is more powerful than any virus, more loving than any hatred, and more generous than any of us can imagine. And that's why Denver Seminary prepares men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture. That's our mission. That's our privilege.

Mark Young  
President



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## UNWAVERING DEDICATION

Throughout 2020-21, it has been our privilege to be a part of the unwavering dedication to Christ, to seminary education, and to one another that our students, faculty, and staff have shown as they continue on their journeys to engage the needs of the world. The year has not been easy, but our community remains committed to sharing Christ with more and more people.

Attending on-campus, online, or in a hybrid format more than 900 students studied with their peers and our esteemed faculty. Faculty publications covered myriad topics and showed both breadth and depth of expertise including *Ecclesiastes: An Introduction and Commentary* (Dr. Knut Heim), *Online Teaching with Zoom* (Aaron Johnson), *A Companion to the Book of Revelation* (Dr. David Mathewson), *Already Sanctified* (Dr. Don Payne), *Paul and the Giants of Philosophy* (co-editor Dr. Joseph Dodson), and *One True Story, One True God: What the Bible Is All About* (Dr. Mark Young). These publications, chapters, papers, and speaking engagements provide only a glimpse into the voices of Denver Seminary's revered educators.

In addition, podcasts and online panel discussions filled the void left by a lack of in-person opportunities to connect for conversations around the most pressing issues facing Christians and evangelicalism today.

We welcomed new faculty and new staff. On our Littleton campus, students returned to the classroom in-person. Programs blossomed online as new students found the accessibility of the Seminary's virtual options attractive as they worked to fit seminary into their already busy lives. In DC, students gathered online for classes and virtual chapel services.

To date, Denver Seminary's alumni number more than 6,000. It is our pleasure to continue to educate more men and women who leave the Seminary prepared to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture.



# CONVERSATIONS:

## THE VOICES OF DENVER SEMINARY

*Conversations with students, alumni, faculty, and other guests showcased the many ways the Seminary is working to engage the needs of the world. In Perspective panel discussions and Engage360 podcasts, which last fall focused heavily on Covid-related topics, shifted. Covid was no longer the topic, but the pandemic's presence could still be felt.*

### Students Engage via Engage360



#### **Episode 68: When God Calls, Equips, and Goes Before Us**

Washington DC student Seconda Hollinger's story exemplifies her willingness to trust and follow the calls God has placed before her as a Navy chaplain and emergency preparedness expert.



#### **Episode 69: Sharing a Meal and the Gospel**

Isaac Olivarez, founder of Urban Outreach Denver, a hybrid dinner church and nonprofit that serves some of Denver's most marginalized residents, shared his powerful testimony and the courageous ways God has called him to serve the homeless.



#### **Episode 70: Preparing the World for a Simple and Lasting Awakening**

Andy Byrd discussed his own spiritual journey, the need for and significance of another "Great Awakening," and how a return to the simplicity of Scripture can create global change.

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DENVER SEMINARY  
**ENGAGE**  
360  PODCAST



# DENVER SEMINARY InPerspective:

## Faculty Bring Their Perspectives to Panel Discussions

Seeking a solid biblical and theological conversation? Look no further than our *In Perspective* panel discussions.

### *In Perspective: Understanding Revelation*

How do we evaluate common interpretations of the book of Revelation? Is there practical application for today's Christian? Is this a book of hope or a doomsday warning?

*Panelists:* Dr. David Mathewson, David Ward, Dr. Cynthia Westfall

*Moderator:* Dr. Don Payne

### *In Perspective: Why the Bible Matters*

A troubling trend is the Bible's perceived irrelevance in a pluralistic, heavily secularized society. Our panel addressed the decline in the Bible's perceived relevance in modern society and why the Bible matters now more ever.

*Panelists:* Dr. Joseph Dodson, Patricia Raybon, and Dr. Mark Young

*Moderator:* Prof. Patty Pell

### *Engaging Tough Questions about our Faith*

Our panel of Denver Seminary professors address topics ranging from philosophy and worldviews to biblical reliability and moral issues in Scripture as we seek to commend the gospel in thoughtful and compelling ways.

*Panelists:* Dr. Craig Blomberg, Dr. Doug Groothuis, and Dr. Rick Hess

*Moderator:* Dr. Mark Young



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*I'm leaving Denver Seminary a better husband, a better follower of Jesus, a better pastor, and overall a better human being.”*

Logan Holloman  
Master of Arts (Leadership)

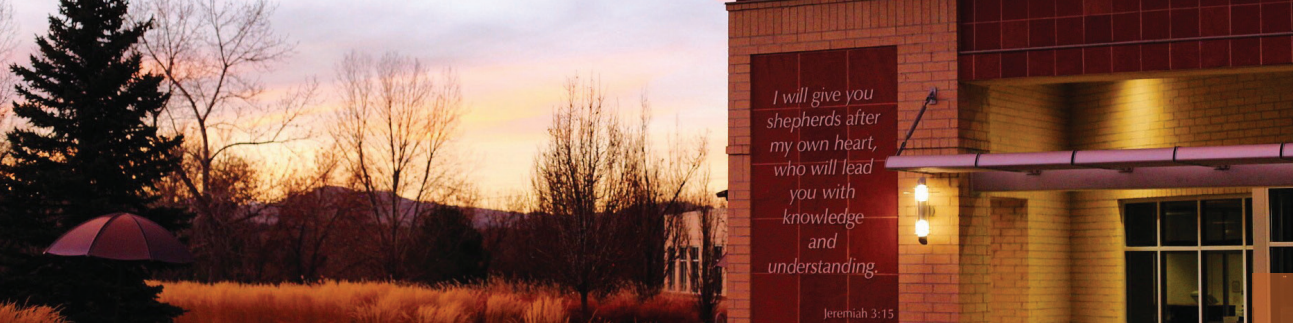
## THE GOSPEL INITIATIVE DENVER SEMINARY

### Creating a Compelling, Credible, and Compassionate Gospel Presence

Few would dispute that creating a credible, compelling, and compassionate gospel presence in our secularized, polarized, and pluralistic society is complex and challenging, even daunting. Yet, that's exactly what the people of God are called to be and do. Through our conferences and forums, The Gospel Initiative helps ministry leaders better understand and engage controversial issues in ways that are true to Scripture and to our mission to point people to faith in Jesus.

During 2020-21, The Gospel Initiative focused on race and racism. During 2021-22, the focus will be on the gospel and human sexuality.

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## GRIEVING THE LOSS OF FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES

*During the early months of 2021, Denver Seminary lost two dear friends.*

### **Dr. Felix Gilbert**



Denver Seminary's friend and colleague, Rev. Dr. Felix Gilbert, passed into the presence of the Lord in April 2021. Felix completed his Master of Divinity in 2008 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2017. He joined the faculty in 2013 and served as assistant professor of Pastoral Leadership and Ministry and director of the Urban Initiative and was the founder of the Black Student Fellowship. He and his wife, Kotane, served as co-pastors of Restoration Christian Fellowship. Felix is survived by Kotane and their three adult children, Veronica, Gerald, and Eddie.

Dr. Felix Gilbert Black Student Endowed Scholarship  
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*Preacher, worship leader, pastor, professor, encourager, mentor, and friend, Dr. Gilbert enriched our lives and changed Denver Seminary in profound and beautiful ways. He earned respect and engendered trust through patient love, a generous spirit, and persistent hope. His love for Jesus was contagious. We are a better seminary because God graced us with Felix Gilbert. More importantly, we are better people because God used him to change us. Oh, how I loved him.”*

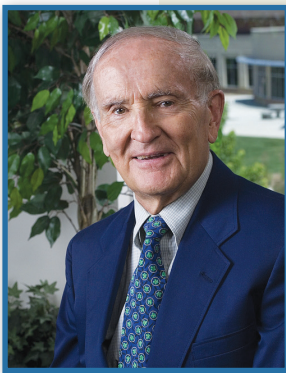
Dr. Mark Young  
Denver Seminary President

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*If there were ever a person who deserved the compliment ‘gentleman and a scholar,’ it was Bruce Demarest. Gracious, brilliant, and passionate, Dr. Demarest yearned to see all of us walk more closely with Jesus and experience the abundant life found only in Him. His influence on Denver Seminary is indelible and, for that, we are deeply grateful.”*

Dr. Mark Young  
Denver Seminary President

### Dr. Bruce Demerest



In January 2021, Denver Seminary learned that Senior Professor of Christian Theology and Spiritual Formation and friend of Denver Seminary, Dr. Bruce Demarest, passed away. Bruce was a part of the Denver Seminary community for more than 45 years. In 1975, Dr. Demarest was invited by Dr. Vernon Grounds to join the Seminary faculty in Systematic Theology. During the 1980s, he began to offer courses in formation and soul care, and soon a Certificate in Formation was developed, an MA in Christian Formation was created, and classes were added to the Seminary's Doctor of Ministry track—Leadership in Community Spiritual Formation. Bruce was preceded in death by his wife Elsie in 2019, and is survived by their three children, Starr, Scott, and Sharon and six grandchildren.

The Bruce Demarest Family Christian Formation and Soul Care  
Term Endowed Scholarship  
[DenverSeminary.edu/Demarest](http://DenverSeminary.edu/Demarest)





# CONTINUAL CHANGE, CONTINUAL PROGRESS



## **Dr. Don Payne, VP of Academic Affairs and Academic Dean**

Dr. Don Payne was named the VP of Academic Affairs and academic dean in March 2021, after serving in the interim role since January. Dr. Payne has served as assistant professor of Theology and Ministry and associate professor of Theology and Christian Formation. "A respected and beloved professor of Theology, Dr. Payne brings theological depth, leadership acumen, a passion for the formation of students and deep commitment the Seminary's mission," said Denver Seminary President Dr. Mark Young.

[DenverSeminary.edu/DonPayne](https://denverseminary.edu/DonPayne)



## **Rev. John Moreland, Director, Urban Initiative**

Denver Seminary welcomed Rev. John Moreland as director of the Urban Initiative. Rev. Moreland serves as the senior pastor of Denver Christian Bible Church and is a member of the Colorado Air National Guard. He holds a BS in Criminal Justice from Wayland Baptist University and a MDiv from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently a candidate for a Doctor of Ministry degree in Preaching and Pastoral Leadership at Denver Seminary. The Urban Initiative provides biblical and theological training for leaders in urban contexts.

"John Moreland brings a breadth and depth of relationships that sweep across metro Denver and beyond. He is well respected as a leader and pastor, and his vast experience in the Church, education, and the military will be an inspiration to all of us as the Urban Initiative flourishes under his leadership," said Dr. Don Payne, VP of Academic Affairs.

[DenverSeminary.edu/JohnMoreland](https://denverseminary.edu/JohnMoreland)

## **Faculty and Staff Retirements**

Denver Seminary said goodbye to three friends as they retired. Dr. Bill Klein, professor of New Testament; Dr. Monte Hasz, associate professor of Counseling; and Nadine Ginkel, director of Library Services, all retired during the first few months of 2021. They are faithful servants of Christ who served His kingdom through their commitment to Denver Seminary's students and our mission. We were honored to work with them over the years.

Listen to Monte Hasz's *Farewell Reflections* on Episode 66.

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Read *Fulfilling God's Call*, an interview with Dr. Bill Klein and Dr. Don Payne.

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Dr. Bill Klein

Dr. Monte Hasz



Mrs. Nadine Ginkel



### PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision

Throughout 2020-21, the Counseling Division prepared to launch the PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision, and Dr. Reggie Moore was named the PhD program chair. Dr. Moore has been with the Seminary since 2007 and holds a PhD in CES from the University of Northern Colorado. In the fall of 2021, the Seminary welcomed its first cohort into the PhD program.

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### School Counseling Mental Health Initiative

The School Counseling Mental Health Initiative has launched partnerships in three Denver-area school systems and gathered data on the mental health needs of students, families, and educators in K-12 schools in Colorado. Despite Covid, the team leveraged online resources to conduct two phenomenological research studies in the public and private school systems. Results have highlighted the growing mental health pressures that students, parents, and educators face and the crucial need for adequate mental health support in schools.

[DenverSeminary.edu/SCMHI](https://denverseminary.edu/SCMHI)

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*The data SCMHI uncovered is fascinating, but SCMHI is doing more than research—it's developing kingdom partnerships and networks throughout Colorado, where SCMHI research impacts K-12 staff, and student lives.”*

Liz Meier Thornton  
Research Associate

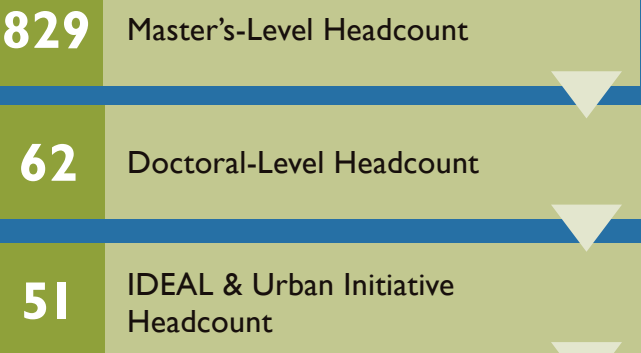


**Denver Seminary announced in August 2021 that the School Counseling program has received accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).**

# ENROLLMENT

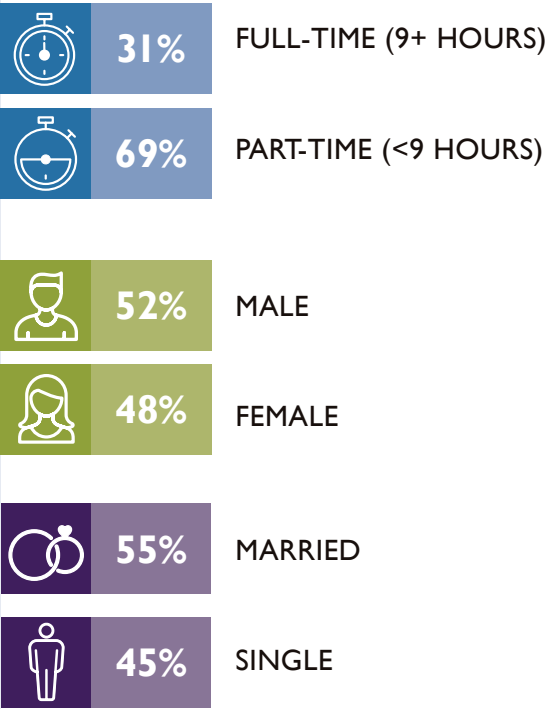


## Student Body Stats Fall 2020

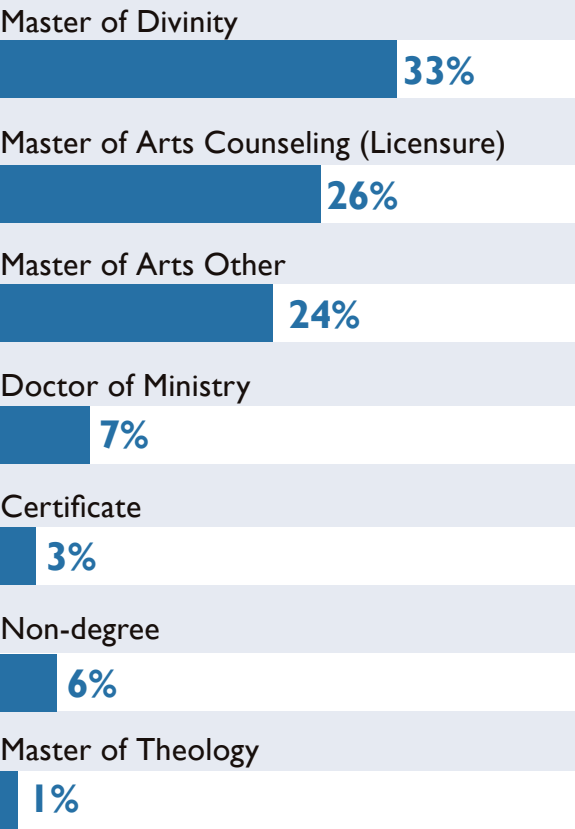


THAT'S A TOTAL OF  
**942**  
people pursuing theological education  
at Denver Seminary

## Master's Level Enrollment



## Enrollment By Degree

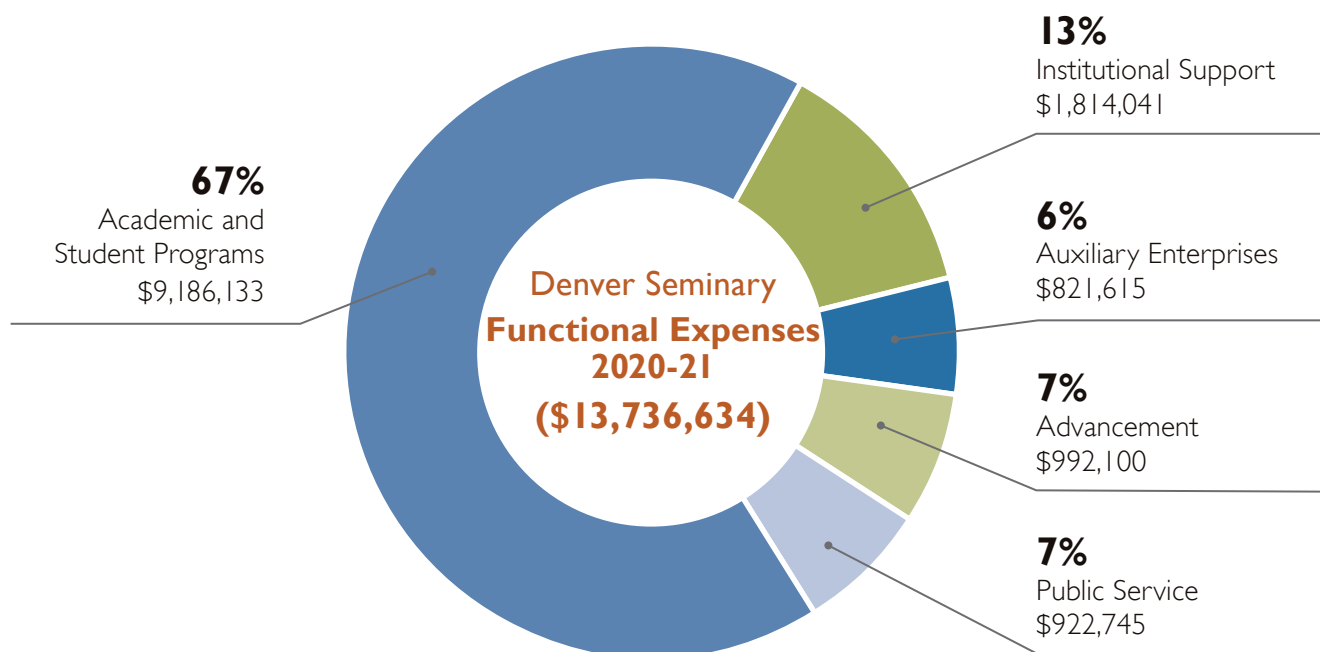
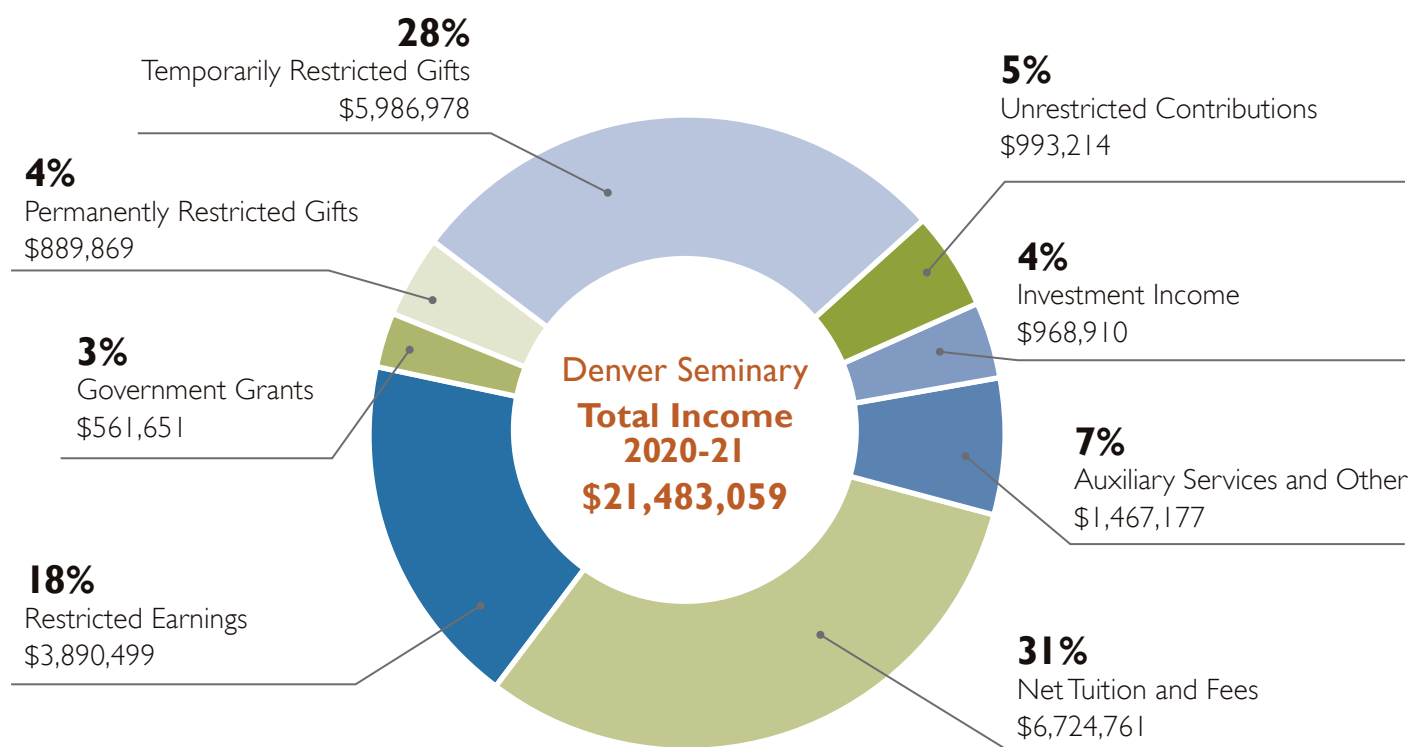




# REVENUE & EXPENSES

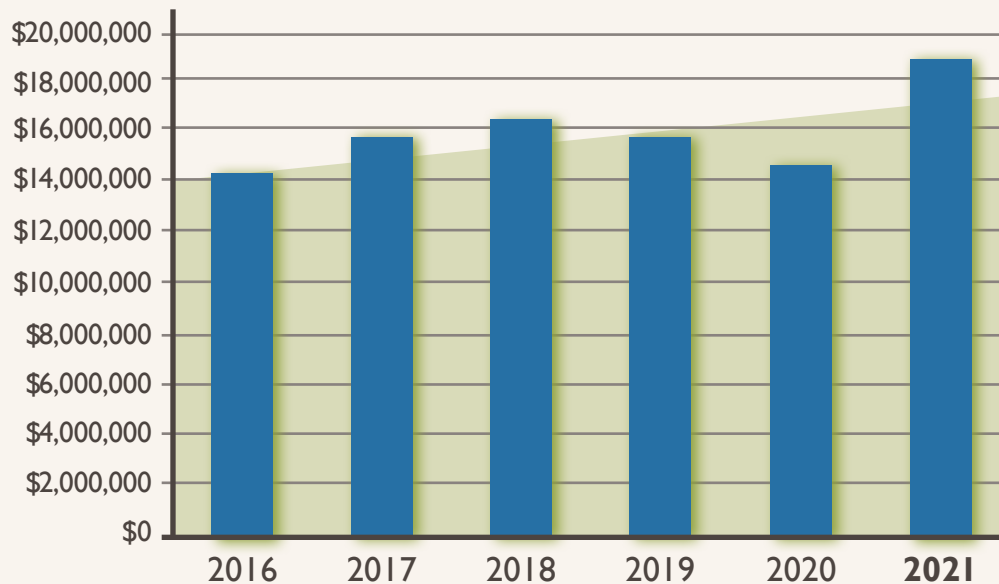
As a percentage of total income, tuition and fees represented 31%. Keeping this percentage down has allowed our students the opportunity of a more affordable education. Temporarily restricted contributions represent the next largest segment of total income

at 28%. Restricted earnings were up this year at 18%. The Seminary spends only 13% of its budget on general and administrative expenses and 7% on fundraising, exhibiting a high level of efficiency and commitment to academic and student programs (67%).

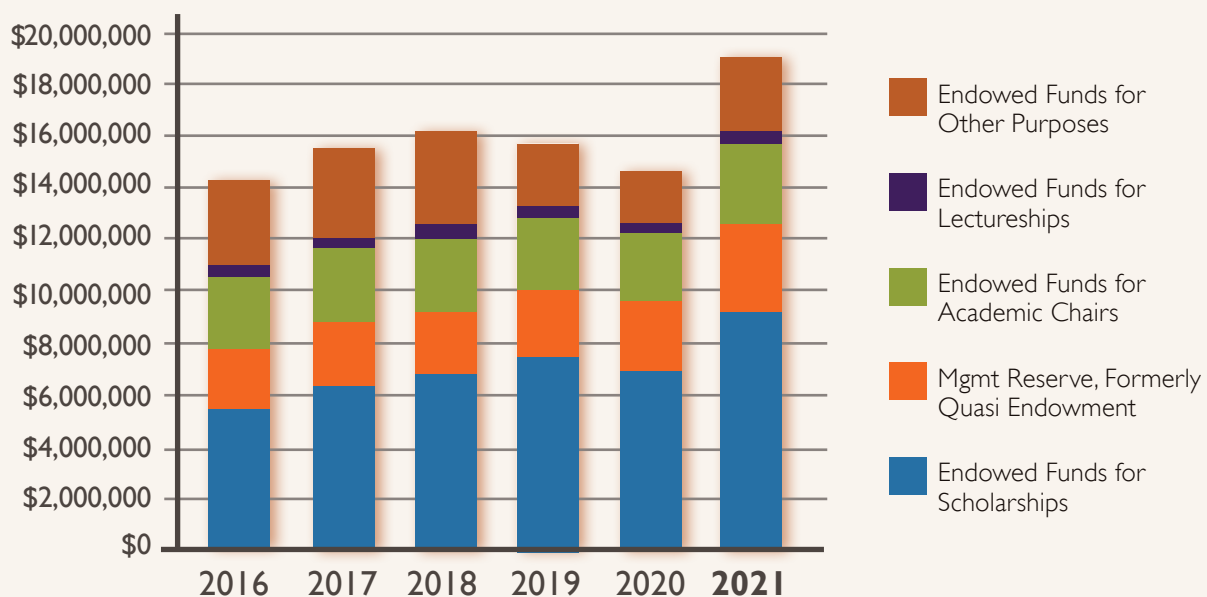


# ENDOWMENT GROWTH

## Denver Seminary Endowment Growth



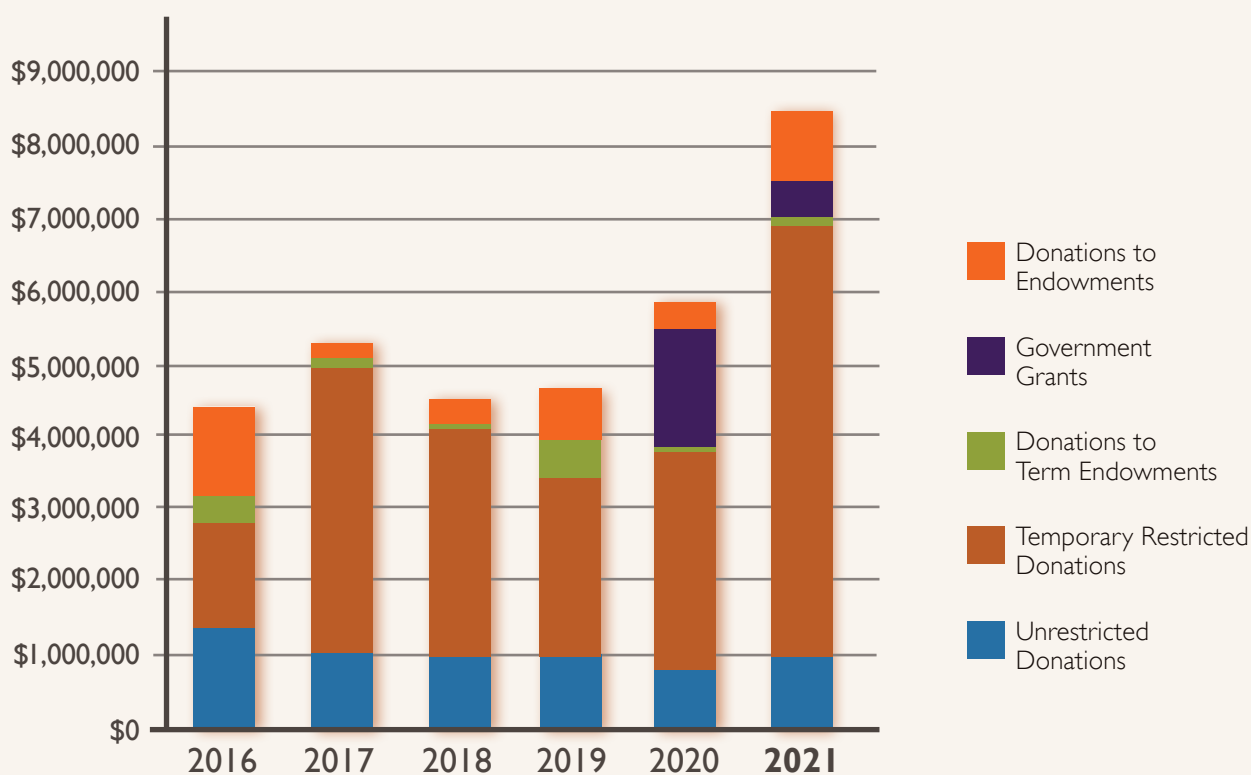
## Composition of Denver Seminary Endowment



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**Denver Seminary Types of Donations**



To view more information from the 2020-21 audited financial statements, please visit [denverseminary.edu/presidentsreport](https://denverseminary.edu/presidentsreport).



# OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE

Reaching  
Further  
Together



## 2021 Day to Give

On May 4, Denver Seminary held its second annual Day to Give, with the theme *Reaching Further Together*. On this day, the entire Seminary community was encouraged to come together in support of current and future students to grow our Student Scholarship Fund. In total, we raised more than \$40,000, 100 percent of which helped to provide scholarships for Denver Seminary students.

## Celebrating 2020 and 2021 Graduates

On May 15, Denver Seminary celebrated its 2019-20 and 2020-21 graduates at an in-person Commencement Ceremony at Mission Hills Church in Littleton. Though seating was limited and tickets and masks were required, nearly 130 students turned out to celebrate their hard work and successes. Denver Seminary President Dr. Mark Young gave the commencement address, titled "Blessed are the Peacemakers."



## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

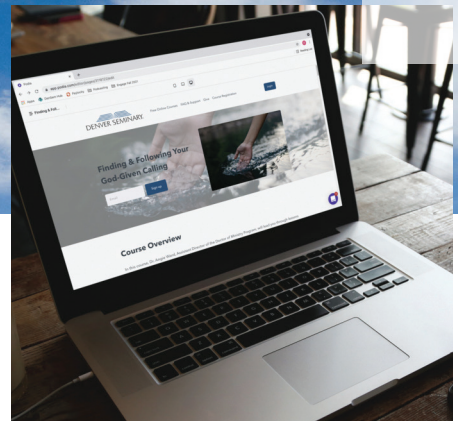
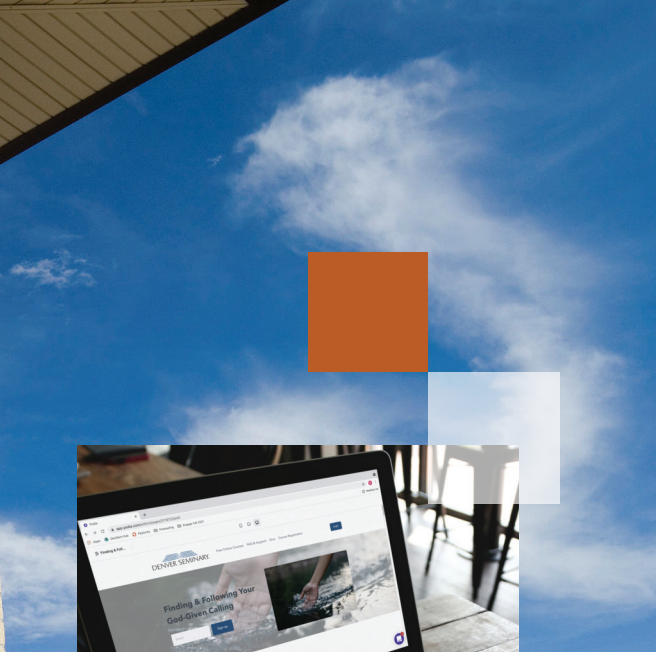
On August 30, 2020, Denver Seminary held its 18<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament. More than 130 golfers turned out, raising \$75,000 for the Student Scholarship Fund.

## Washington DC Graduates First MDiv Students

Our Washington DC campus celebrated its first MDiv graduates in 2020-21. To date, the DC campus has graduated seven MDiv students, two MA students, and one student who earned a certificate.

[DenverSeminary.edu/DC](https://denverseminary.edu/DC)





### Lay Ministry Program Opens Up to DC Area

The Washington DC campus planned in 2020-21 to open the Lay Ministry program to participants in the DC area. Rev. Iantha Brown, DC alumna, was hired to lead program recruitment. This fall, 17 DC students entered the year-long program. Part of the Seminary's Urban Initiative, the Lay Ministry program creates innovative pathways to advance in ministry.

[DenverSeminary.edu/LayMinistry](https://denverseminary.edu/LayMinistry)

### Korean Studies Program

Since the start of the Korean Studies Program with two courses and 14 students in spring 2020, the program has been growing exponentially. In spring 2021, about 75 students were enrolled. Students come from 13 states, as well as South Korea, Japan, Canada, and New Zealand, and bring a variety of professional and ministerial backgrounds. Among them are medical doctors, lawyers, university professors, CPAs, CEOs, missionaries, and ministers who are committed to Christ and have a passion for His kingdom.

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### New Free Online Courses

During 2020-21, Denver Seminary added two new courses to its Free Online Courses selection: *Be Prepared to Give an Answer: Christian Apologetics*, taught by Dr. Doug Groothuis, and *Finding and Following Your God-Given Calling*, taught by Dr. Angie Ward.

In addition, the Seminary website also hosts *Unlocking the Parables of Jesus*, taught by Dr. Craig Blomberg, and *What's That Book About?* taught by Denver Seminary President Dr. Mark Young.

Please enjoy these classes and share them with your friends, church leaders, and others.

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# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



## **Dr. Craig L. Blomberg Endowed Chair of New Testament**

Denver Seminary has announced the creation of the Dr. Craig L. Blomberg Endowed Chair of New Testament. As Dr. Blomberg looks toward retirement at the end of the 2021-22 academic year, the Seminary intends to honor his legacy and continue to build on the academic excellence that Dr. Blomberg and all of the Biblical and Theological Studies faculty have put in place to lay the foundation for a thriving future.

"We are thrilled to establish the Craig L. Blomberg Endowed Chair of New Testament Studies. Not only does this chair honor the contribution of one of the most influential evangelical New Testament scholars in this generation, it also honors Denver Seminary's commitment to remain at the forefront of biblical studies in the years ahead," said Denver Seminary President Dr. Mark Young.

Endowed Chair positions are valuable for higher education institutions not only to recognize the distinction of outstanding faculty, but to provide additional support for the chair for use in research and teaching.

If you would like to learn more about the Dr. Craig L. Blomberg Endowed Chair of New Testament or make a donation to ensure the chair will be fully funded and endowed by 2024, please contact Chris Johnson, VP of Advancement, at [chris.johnson@denverseminary.edu](mailto:chris.johnson@denverseminary.edu) or 303.762.6924.



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*Denver Seminary is a sacred space and season of your life. Don't rush the process, cherish the experience and allow God to sharpen what the world has made dull."*

Jennifer Roos  
Alumna

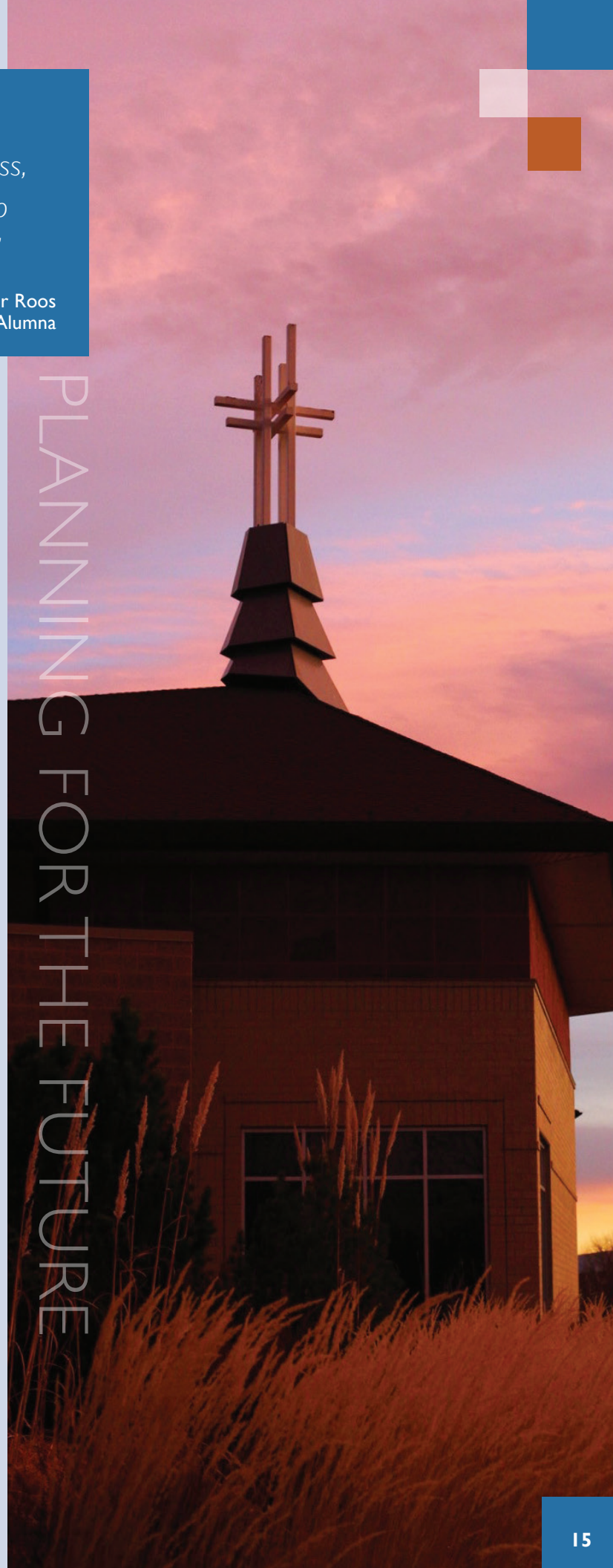


### **Clinical Pastoral Education Endowed Fund**

Denver Seminary has established the Clinical Pastoral Education Endowed Fund to honor the impact Rev. Dr. Jan McCormack has had on Denver Seminary by investing in the CPE Program and subsequent longevity of the program at Denver Seminary. This fund will provide a repository of resources to facilitate the advancement of the CPE program. Upon the retirement of Rev. Dr. Jan McCormack, associate professor and chair of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Programs, this fund shall be renamed the Rev. Dr. Jan McCormack CPE Endowed Fund. Contact Chris Johnson, VP of Advancement, for more information.

[DenverSeminary.edu/giveCPE](https://denverseminary.edu/giveCPE)

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE





# YOUR GIFT TO **DENVER SEMINARY**



*We are grateful for and blessed by every gift that we receive. Despite all of the unexpected twists and turns of this year, we continue to move forward, rather than step back, with our fundraising efforts.*

If you would like to make a gift to Denver Seminary, we have several options.

## **Make a recurring gift.**

Setting up a recurring donation demonstrates your commitment to the Seminary, our work, and our mission.

## **Donate to the Seminary Fund.**

The Seminary Fund covers the operational budget for what tuition income does not cover. In addition, this fund helps us to subsidize student tuition.

## **Donate to a scholarship or create your own.**

We have scholarships based on a variety of demographics, as well as scholarships based on academic programs, Seminary goals, and more. If you are interested in creating your own scholarship, please let us know.

## **Donate your IRA required minimum distribution.**

If you are 70½ or are the recipient of an IRA from an estate, you are required to take an annual minimal distribution. Giving all or part of a distribution is a popular and easy way to support the Seminary.

## **Leave your legacy through your will.**

If you are a regular donor to Denver Seminary and plan to continue to donate regularly, consider leaving an endowment gift that is passed through your will.

If you'd like to make a donation or learn more about these or other giving options, please go to [denverseminary.edu/donors](https://denverseminary.edu/donors) or contact:

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## OUR MISSION

Denver Seminary prepares men and women to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture.

Through our educational programs and mentoring process, the Seminary challenges students to grow spiritually, intellectually, and professionally, in order to lead God's people in the accomplishment of His mission in the world.

## OUR VISION

We commit ourselves to being a school that is more widely recognized as a leading institution in evangelicalism.

We commit ourselves to being a school that is impacting a broader spectrum of God's people with theological training.

We commit ourselves to being a school that is committed to valuing and nurturing diversity in our community.

We commit ourselves to being a school that is growing each year in all key institutional indicators.

We commit ourselves to being a school that is intentionally and regularly pursuing improvement and innovation in every area of operations.

We commit ourselves to being a school that is attracting and retaining exceptional students and employees.

**Learn more about our accreditation at [denverseminary.edu/accreditation](https://denverseminary.edu/accreditation).**



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