ANNUAL REPORT





# 2019

Alliant FOUNDATION





Thank you for your support of the Alliant Educational Foundation. The Foundation was created in 2015 when Alliant International University converted to a public-benefit corporation and the non-profit assets, including student scholarships and faculty research grants, were transferred to the new Foundation.

Since then, we've continued to partner with Alliant in a myriad of ways. Over the past year, we've donated more than \$1.6 million for student scholarships across Alliant campuses in California and the individual schools within those campuses. We serve as the fiscal agent for faculty grants and contracts and we just launched our first-ever round of innovation/seed grants.

We're also excited to make headway on two large community impact initiatives: One will enhance mental health services to underserved children and youth and one will help address the teacher shortage in underserved communities.

The Foundation is making healthy progress on its first-ever three-year strategic plan – charting a forward-thinking course, so students, faculty/staff and the broader community can benefit from our efforts.

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 new funds like the Callan-Smith-Meltzoff Scholarship Fund to more than \$160,000, as well as the new Stephanie Byers-Bell Scholarship Fund, and the late 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 do not do this work without your support – Thank you!

Sincerely,

Valin Brown

Chief Executive Officer

Gonzalo Garreton, MD Chairman of the Board





"The partnership between Alliant University and the Alliant Educational Foundation is one of the most important relationships we have. The Foundation is one of our greatest supporters of student success through scholarships, faculty support and other means. The success of the university in the last few years simply would not have been possible without this partnership."

#### **—ANDY VAUGHN**

PRESIDENT AND CEO
ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



### IMPACTING STUDENTS' 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 \$1.5 million in scholarships, benefiting 550 students across six California campuses and the schools that comprise the Alliant educational system. In total, our donations now exceed \$6 million over the past four years, helping hundreds of students pursue their dreams of professional practice.

Additionally, the Foundation now manages approximately \$7 million in private endowment funds targeted to a variety of scholarships and programs. In the last year alone, the Foundation invested over \$105,000 in student scholarships from these endowments.



## **ALLIANT STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

"I am a rising second year student at San Francisco Law School [who has] applied to become a Legal Access Corps volunteer with Legal Aid Association of California. Your scholarship will assist me in paying for my tuition and books necessary in achieving my goal of becoming an advocate."

-SELENA L.

"During my education at CSPP, I presented multiple posters on my research on suicide risk assessment, homicide risk assessment, and the impact of culture on suicide risk assessment. This scholarship is a token of recognition for my research and work on culture and suicide [and] helps me financially as I apply my education and research to my work with clients."

-BRANDON Y.

"This scholarship is helping me reach my clinical, research, and advocacy goals. Once my dissertation is complete, I hope to be able to publish my findings and use them to recommend policy changes for sexual minorities and people of color who come in contact with the justice system."

-VERONICA A.

"My goals are to help, counsel, and support women who are experiencing and/or surviving traumatic violence. This scholarship allows me to continue to pursue these lifetime dreams [...] and continue my pursuit for justice, for change, for something better."

-ALEXA M.

"My decision to attend CSPP at Alliant International University is undoubtedly the largest financial commitment I have made. I hope to continue my work with minorities and Asian Americans within the field of addiction in diverse settings and communities."

-MELODY H.

# SUPPORTING AND GROWING FACULTY AND STAFF RESEARCH

The Alliant Educational Foundation led a series of roundtable discussions with faculty and staff across our campuses to learn more about their future vision for the Foundation. These dialogues contributed directly to the development of our new strategic plan.

The Foundation revised its structure to better support its work as the fiscal agent for more than a dozen faculty grants and contracts – leveraging outside investment in the Alliant system for tools such as research and training.

# INNOVATION/ SEED GRANTS

As part of a new pilot project to foster innovative programs, research, publications, and/or enhancements within the Alliant system, the Foundation launched a 2019 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 was available across the Alliant system to all campus locations and any school or department within the system.

In total, the Foundation awarded \$55,000 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 19 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:

DIANA CONCANNON, associate provost for strategic initiatives and partnerships for Alliant International University and dean of the California School of Forensic Studies, received a \$12,128 grant for a pilot program aimed at improving law enforcement and medical emergency responses to individuals with mental illness in rural communities surrounding the Fresno campus.

KRISTIN CONOVER, associate professor of psychology at the Los Angeles campus, received a \$6,310 grant for a qualitative study that explores the experiences and treatments that people with physical disabilities receive when undergoing psychotherapy.

**CONSTANCE DALENBERG**, distinguished professor of psychology at the San Diego campus, received a \$2,883 grant to create an addendum for online research that identifies participants who are purposely malingering or carelessly completing target questionnaires.

**RAJI NATRAJAN-TYAGI**, assistant professor of psychology at the Irvine campus, received a \$2,500 grant to study the perspective of second generation South Asian adolescents about their experiences within the parent-child relationship. The results will help create a parenting guide.

**EMILY PATTON**, assistant professor of psychology at the San Francisco campus, received a \$21,000 grant for a Heart-to-Heart Research Lab that offers advanced equipment that can be used by graduate students to measure psychophysiological responses for one or two (dyad) participants during relevant tasks, such as discussing difficult experiences and simulated rejection.

**RONALD STOLBERG**, associate professor of psychology at the San Diego campus, received a \$4,000 grant to produce five, five-minute self-help videos on specific sports psychology topics geared to traveling athletes, which will be available for free on a dedicated YouTube channel.

**QUYEN TIET**, professor of psychology at the San Francisco campus, received a \$6,100 grant to examine the stress, coping strategies and resilience of doctoral psychology students. The study intends to help students and the general population combat serious mental health issues and provide opportunities to support education and training for all Alliant students.

Based on initial feedback and anticipated results, the Foundation has agreed to fund a new round of innovation/seed grants through the Alliant community for 2020 – 2021.

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"The mental health consortium will meet a critical community need by providing training and experience for our students with traditionally underserved and vulnerable populations. Their impact is both immediate and future-oriented, offering services for decades to come, as they become established professionals in psychology."

-MARGIE SOMERS

LEAD DONOR AND ATTORNEY AT LAW

# 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

We've begun building a new Mental Health Consortium aimed at placing more Alliant students in underserved communities to provide high-quality mental health services for children and youth.

Initially, this program will help place practicum students from Alliant's California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP) into non-profit sites that have identified a need for mental health support but may lack the resources for a psychologist on staff.

The Foundation aims to build more bridges between Alliant/CSPP and these new non-profit entities and help fund the clinical supervision needed for these graduate students. As a result, students will become more engaged in community-level work – making a difference for some of our most vulnerable populations – and the public benefits from an influx of high-quality mental health support.

This mental health consortium will be piloted in the San Diego region, and in the future we anticipate expanding it to many of the sites where Alliant and CSPP students are enrolled.

#### ARIZONA TEACHER CREDENTIALING PROGRAM

The Foundation is helping Alliant fund a new project aimed at addressing the teacher shortage in underserved communities (both urban and rural) outside of California.

Beginning in Arizona, the Foundation has funded start-up costs for the teacher credentialing program within Alliant's School of Education. This will enable incoming students who already have bachelor's degrees to work for underserved school districts while simultaneously earning a teaching credential.

At the end of the one-year program, they have the potential to become the teacher of record – and will be fully credentialed with the support needed to tackle some of the most challenging needs in our public school systems.

The Foundation is also working with Alliant and a third-party evaluator to ensure timely and relevant feedback about the program which will help us better understand its outcomes and impact.



### RECOGNIZING OUR DONORS

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, 2018 – June 30, 2019).

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"AEF helps to bridge the chasm between struggling agencies that support the underserved in their communities and universities with students that seek to apply their learning to the solution of human problems. I know my contributions help to create positive social change."

#### -CONNELL PERSICO

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#### **REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT**

51%	Lease and rental revenue	\$974,625
7%	Contributions	\$142,501
22%	Grants and contracts	\$424,117
20%	Investment income (net)	\$378,875

Total	\$1,920,118

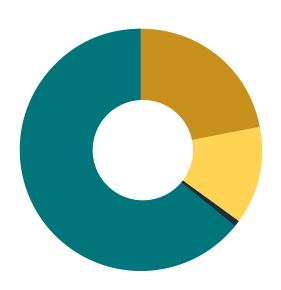
#### **EXPENSES**

23%	Program services	\$2,617,099
13%	Management and general*	\$1,480,944
1%	Fundraising	\$92,029
63%	Decrease in Investment to Alliant**	\$7,331,975

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Change in net assets*	\$(9,601,929)
Net assets beginning of year	\$56,611,027
Net assets end of year	\$47,009,098

<sup>\*</sup>Includes depreciation and amortization on 72-acre property



<sup>\*\*</sup>This one-time loss resulted from a revised appraisal of fair market value and dilution in the Foundation's ownership shares of Alliant.

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