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EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION

Thank you for your support of the Alliant Educational Foundation (AEF). Our most recent fiscal year has been highly successful, and we're delighted to share a few of this year's highlights in this brief report.

Among many accomplishments, we're most proud of staying true to a bold new strategic plan supporting hundreds of students through scholarships across the State of California, launching our second cohort of AEF Fellows, expanding our regional children's Mental Health Consortium to the San Francisco/Bay Area to better support under-resourced children and youth, and funding our Innovation/Seed Grants program to align with the mission and values of the Foundation.

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 \$750,000 for student scholarships across the six Alliant campuses in California. We also served as the fiscal agent for faculty grants and contracts, launched our fourth round of innovation/seed grants, expanded our Mental Health Consortium to the San Francisco/Bay Area, and helped fund the launch of a new in-house telehealth clinic at the Alliant-Sacramento campus.

Along the way, we continue to 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 for long-term endowments as well as special memorial funds, whenever needed.

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!



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*“Alliant International University and the Alliant Educational Foundation have formed a wonderful and collaborative partnership over the last many years that has a direct and positive impact on student and alumni success through generous scholarships and by supporting faculty research and other projects. The Alliant Ed Foundation and its support is a foundational key to our institutional success.”*

**—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 \$750,000 in scholarships and tuition support, benefiting over 500 students across the six California campuses and the schools that comprise the Alliant educational system. In total, our donations now stand at nearly \$10 million over the past nine years, helping thousands 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 over \$250,000 in student scholarships from these endowments along with general operating funds.

## GROWTH OF “AEF FELLOWS” PROGRAM

The Fall of 2024 marked the launch of the second cohort of the AEF Fellows, a new program supporting 19 incoming students across the State of California in their pursuit of PhD and PsyD degrees in clinical psychology. Many of these students share a commitment to social justice and community impact, high GPA's, some level of financial need, and in some cases, are the first to attend college or graduate school in their families.

At scale, this program will support 80-100 such students with multi-year scholarships, peer connections, mentorship, and more. AEF's Vice Chair of the Board, Connell Persico, remains a staunch supporter of this program and currently serves as our “Board Champion,” providing critical leadership and direction to the initiative.



# SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

*"This scholarship is not just financial aid but a beacon of hope in my ongoing struggle to access doctoral-level education. It validates my goals, leadership potential, and motivates me to pursue my career aspirations. As a marginalized community member, I am acutely aware of the privileges this scholarship bestows upon me. I pledge to honor this privilege by becoming a mental health leader who commands multicultural respect and provides equitable access to those with limited resources."*

—CHRISTIAN C.

*"As a future Bilingual School Psychologist, my goal is to continue to uplift my community by being a positive resource to students and their families. Your generosity has provided me with a financial relief that I am immensely grateful for. As I navigate through the rest of this journey, I will continue to hold onto hope and remember my 'Why.'"*

—CYNTHIA C.

*"Your support and investment in my future endeavors with this scholarship will greatly assist me in pursuing my passions within psychology as well as my commitment to contributing to a more inclusive and culturally competent understanding of treatment, research, assessment, and practice."*

—NATALIE G.

*"It is an honor to receive your help in my mission as both a clinician to the LGBTQ community of Texas as well as future researcher to contribute to the overall well-being of the queer community."*

—IAN H.

*"Throughout my academic journey, I have remained deeply committed to my studies and to my goal of advancing mental health care practices, particularly in trauma-informed therapy and experiential techniques. This scholarship serves as a tremendous source of encouragement, motivating me to continue striving for excellence despite the challenges I have encountered along the way."*

—MOHAMMAD S.

*"I appreciate your generosity. These types of scholarships have a great impact on the ability of graduate students like me, a 46-year-old licensed therapist and mother of a 12 and a 16-year-old child, to pursue our career plans with a doctoral degree."*

—MAYUMI D.

*"I am eager to continue enhancing my professional skills necessary to become an ethical strong leader in the psychology field. The scholarship not only helps my financial burden but motivates me as someone who has faced numerous hearing disability obstacles in the education system."*

—DANIEL F.

*"Your support has not only alleviated stress but also reinforced my belief in the importance of giving back to the community."*

—HARSHITAKUMARI V.

*"I am so grateful for your generosity with this scholarship as I have truly seen my work's positive impact on the community I've been serving thus far. Being a third year PsyD student, this scholarship's emphasis has been vital to my success of focusing on my case conceptualization course, internship applications and devoting my energy to my clients."*

—ASHLI P.

*"Receiving this scholarship allows me to continue engaging in rigorous research, clinical training, and professional development opportunities that are essential to my goal of becoming a researcher-clinician. I aspire to develop evidence-based interventions and contribute to the advancement of culturally informed mental health practices, particularly for underserved and marginalized communities."*

—JIADONG Y.

*"I want to challenge prevailing social norms and overcome any barrier to follow my dream of being an independent and a successful businesswoman. I am committed to working hard in my academic pursuits and hope to contribute to society in meaningful ways."*

—FARIHA H.

# SUPPORTING FACULTY + STAFF: INNOVATION/SEED GRANTS

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

In total, the Foundation has approved more than \$200,000 in grants to foster innovation and help launch a variety of new faculty-led research and student advancement ventures across Alliant International University’s California campus locations.

A fourth round of funding was approved in the Spring of 2024 which included 10 new projects across the system.

|                     |                                                                                                                                 |                         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Carolyn Allard      | <b>AIM UP: Assessing post-Invasion Mental health and needs of Ukrainians Project</b>                                            | San Diego               |
| Rebecca Bokoch      | <b>Applications of the Three Drawing Protocol: Working with Previously Incarcerated Women to Promote Resiliency</b>             | Los Angeles             |
| Julie Cosenza       | <b>Financial Wellness Program for Psychology Students</b>                                                                       | Emeryville & Sacramento |
| Shawndeeia Drinkard | <b>Social Justice and Community Psychology Doctoral Training in Action</b>                                                      | Los Angeles             |
| Julii Green         | <b>Demystifying Pathways Through Psychology for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) High School Student Scholars</b> | San Diego               |
| Francesca Kassing   | <b>Perceptions and Implementation of Culturally Adapted Dialectical Behavior Therapy in Real-World Settings</b>                 | Fresno                  |
| Amber Landers       | <b>Understanding and Addressing Disparate Birthing Outcomes for Black Mothers through Childbirth Narratives</b>                 | Emeryville              |
| Rhoda Olkin         | <b>Diversity Training in Two Countries: U.S. and Ireland</b>                                                                    | Emeryville              |
| Afarin Rajaei       | <b>Digital Echoes in a Pandemic Era: Assessing the Impact of Instagram and TikTok on Mental Health Well-being post COVID-19</b> | Online                  |
| Anna Washington     | <b>Exploring Racial, Gender, and LGBTQ+ Bias in Adult Perceptions of Credibility of Child Sexual Abuse Disclosures</b>          | Sacramento              |



## OUR NEWEST STRATEGIC PLAN: SETTING A COURSE THROUGH 2026

Starting with our Board retreat in late-June of 2023, a dedicated group of Board members worked with us to chart a course for the Foundation's programs, revenue, marketing, and infrastructure through 2026. Such plans provide a robust vision of where we intend to go over the next several years while building on the many good initiatives already in place.

Broadly, the plan includes new and continuing programs to support students, faculty and staff, and the broader community, including the expansion of our regional Mental Health Consortia.

It also calls for growth in our fundraising and alumni relations roles, balanced with continuing support from our donor-funded endowments and land ownership role.

# VISION, MISSION, + CORE VALUES:



## Our Vision:

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



## Our Mission:

The Alliant Educational Foundation builds bridges between under-resourced communities, universities, and other organizations to create a more equitable, healthy, 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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*“I love knowing that my donation to the Mental Health Consortium helps local clinics expand their services to provide mental health services to children and teenagers who would otherwise not get the care they need. The funds also support psychology students and provide them with supervision from well-qualified psychologists.”*

**—Janet Hurwich, PhD**

# RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

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.

## **AEF'S REGIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM**

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

The needs are great. We know from the 2024 Annie E. Casey Foundation's Kids Count State-to-State Comparison that the economic well-being for families in California is ranked 43rd in the U.S. Research also tells us that children living in poverty are two to three times more likely to suffer from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Such traumas can interfere with proper brain development and learning if left untreated—and cause mental health conditions. The Casey Foundation's 2021-22 study also showed a direct correlation between children with ACEs and chronic school absences.

By placing CSPP clinical psychology graduate students at these youth-serving 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 students. In addition, we are helping to fill the gap in the mental health workforce which is expected to reach a staggering deficit of 18,000 professionals by 2027 in San Diego County alone.

And we've expanded! In 2023, AEF completed a listening tour to better understand the unmet mental health needs and under-served populations in the San Francisco/Bay Area. Input from 17 funders, direct-service providers, and CSPP faculty members helped shape the direction and focus of the Bay Area consortium—which also focuses on supporting the mental health of under-resourced children and youth, with an emphasis on BIPOC and non-English speaking families starting this past Fall.

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

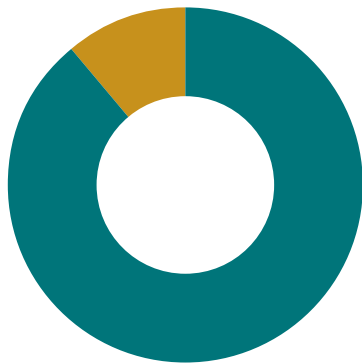
As a founding board member of the Alliant Educational Foundation, past member of the Board of Trustees with Alliant International University, and beloved faculty member for CSPP-Los Angeles, we recognize Dr. Jeffrey Tirengel's tremendous leadership and support to both the Foundation and CSPP. The stipend 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-resourced children and youth.

# 2023-2024 DATA AND DEMOGRAPHICS

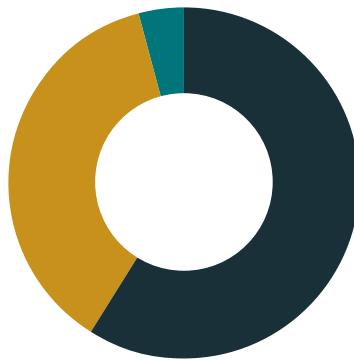
In our fifth year (2024), 13 students were placed at six of the youth- and family-serving agencies listed below, providing services to 153 clients and their families.

Here are a few key statistics over the past year...

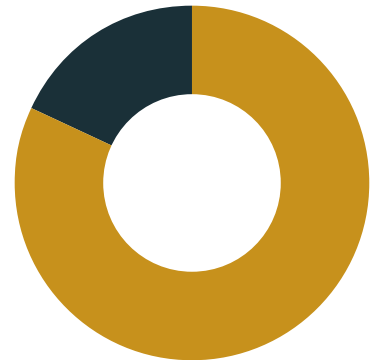
**153** clients received treatment. **1,905** total treatment sessions were provided, averaging **12** sessions per client.



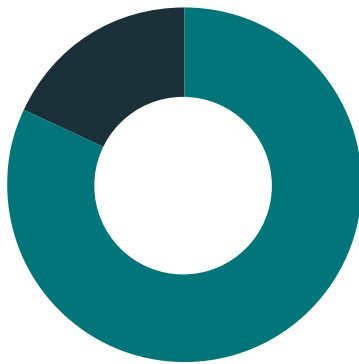
● 90% were under 25  
● 10% were 25+



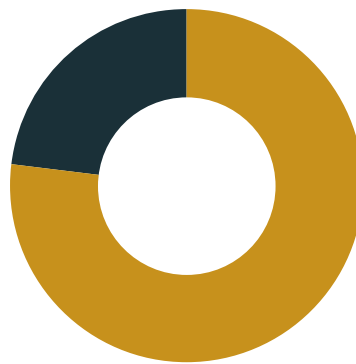
● 59% Female  
● 38% Male  
● 3% Non-binary



● 82% BIPOC  
● 18% Caucasian



● 80% Individual  
● 20% Group Sessions



● 77% had suffered from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)



**13** **doctoral student clinicians**  
provided mental health care support



**5** **licensed clinical psychologists** provided individual and group supervision to PsyD and PhD students in conjunction with our bilingual licensed psychologist program liaison

**6** **agency partners included:**

• San Diego Unified School District - Canyon Hills and Morse High Schools • San Diego Center For Children • TURN Behavior Health Services • Father Joe's Villages • YMCA Behavioral Health

Our cost per client treated during our last program year was **\$865**

The program reduces the average cost of therapy sessions by **65%**

*(A cost covered by AEF)*

**Average cost  
for therapy**

**\$200**

Average Private Pay

**\$70**

AEF's Mental Health Consortium



# MAKE A LASTING IMPACT THAT REFLECTS YOUR **VALUES AND ASPIRATIONS**

Do you envision creating a transformational gift—one that shapes a better future and leaves a meaningful legacy? Planned giving allows you to ensure your commitment to positive change endures for generations to come.



## **SIMPLE**

Making a planned gift is easier than you think. A straightforward addition to your existing documents is all it takes. We can provide sample language for your attorney.

## **ADAPTABLE**

Your gift isn't set in stone. You can modify or revoke it at any time to reflect your changing circumstances.

## **FLEXIBLE**

Give in a way that works best for you—whether it's a specific asset, a percentage of your estate, or support for a particular program. Your gift can be used where it's needed most.

## **MEANINGFUL**

Honor a loved one's legacy with a tribute gift through your will or trust, creating a lasting remembrance.

## **IMPACTFUL**

When you leave us a gift in your will or trust, you build our long-term financial strength and enable us to continue to help our community long into the future.



## **MORE WAYS TO CREATE A LASTING LEGACY:**

- **Repurpose life insurance** – Donate a policy you no longer need to make a meaningful impact.
- **Give through your retirement plan** – Designate AEF as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), or pension.
- **Donate appreciated stock** – Maximize your giving while potentially reducing capital gains taxes by transferring stock to AEF.
- **Consider a gift of real estate** – Turn property into a powerful philanthropic contribution.

**Give in a way that works for you—while making a difference and enjoying potential tax benefits!**

### **Interested?**

Contact us today for more info about how you can make a gift that endures for future generations of well-deserving students.

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# 2023 - 2024 FINANCIALS

## REVENUE, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

|     |                          |             |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------|
| 51% | Lease and rental revenue | \$2,667,277 |
| 2%  | Contributions            | \$89,405    |
| 2%  | Grants and contracts     | \$91,700    |
| 45% | Investment income (net)  | \$2,361,436 |

**Total** **\$5,209,818**

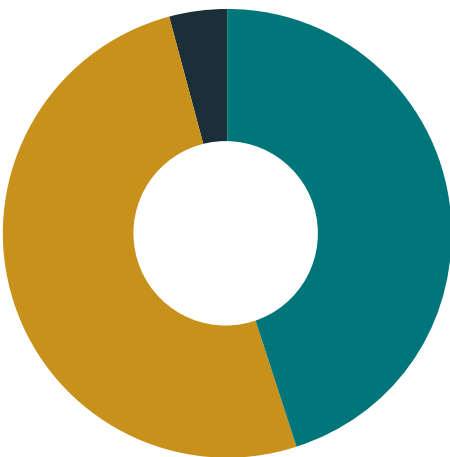


## EXPENSES

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|-----|-------------------------|-------------|
| 45% | Program services        | \$1,445,136 |
| 51% | Management and general* | \$1,646,109 |
| 4%  | Fundraising             | \$118,559   |

**Total** **\$3,209,804**

Change in net assets **\$2,000,014**  
 Net assets beginning of year **\$51,971,055**  
 Net assets end of year **\$53,971,069**



*\*Includes depreciation and amortization on 72 acre property, along with property taxes and shared operating expenses with Alliant International University*

# ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT **SHARE YOUR LEGACY!**

Alliant International University alumni, along with graduates from its heritage institutions, form a dynamic and influential network of professionals making a meaningful impact worldwide. As leaders in their fields and change-makers in their communities, our alumni are an integral part of the university's legacy. We encourage them to stay connected, engaged, and involved in ways that resonate with their passions and experiences.

## **Ways to get involved:**

- Speak on a panel
- Participate in an alumni spotlight
- Attend our alumni events
- Guide students in a specific program
- Join us in a university webinar

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