MAKE WAY for the class of TOMORROW.
REMEMBER WHEN THE SKY WAS THE LIMIT? WHEN THE PATH AHEAD WAS WIDE OPEN? WHEN SOMEONE MIGHT ASK, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE? AND THE ANSWER COULD BE ... ANYTHING?

THERE IS NOTHING QUITE LIKE THE FREEDOM of knowing your dreams are valid, your future is bright, and — with the choices and life-changing education that Washington University can provide — ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

That’s a freedom we want all students admitted to WashU to have within their reach. But for many students, there are obstacles in the path — barriers that might keep them from the exceptional experience WashU offers.

Through Make Way: Our Student Initiative, we are pushing those barriers aside and creating pathways to:

• UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS
• GRADUATE EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS
• A BEST-IN-CLASS STUDENT EXPERIENCE

As you’ll read in the following stories, our students’ dreams and potential are limitless. Our dream is to make a WashU education accessible to all: to welcome extraordinary students from every background and walk of life and offer them an empowering educational experience when they get here.

WE INVITE YOU TO DREAM BIG WITH US. For their future — and the future of WashU. Make Way.
“As a first-generation college student, I thought my dreams could only be of a certain size,” says Sarah del Carmen Camacho. A global studies and education major, Sarah explores the relationships between nations and regions in order to “bring the global community together on critical issues like immigration and climate change.” Sarah says she is incredibly proud to attend WashU, that she “learned here that I can make a career out of my intellectual curiosity.”

For Sarah, the Rodriguez Scholars community was central to her success and finding her way. The financial support of scholarships and other resources are life-changing, she says, and so is the message they convey: “You can try new things. Raise your hand. Make mistakes and know that you are always welcome to try again.”

Sarah’s parents fled Nicaragua as teenagers to build new lives in the United States. Now Sarah’s aim is “to dedicate my life to understanding our story and the conditions that compel refugees to leave home.” As her future unfolds, Sarah says her mother remains her main source of courage and inspiration. “My story is a continuation of hers. And there is still so much of that story to write.”

Changing OUR TOMORROW begins with changing HER LIFE today.

YOU CAN EMPOWER STUDENTS LIKE SARAH THROUGH A GIFT TO...

• UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS to support students throughout WashU

• THE STUDENT EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION FUND to increase access and inclusion for all students, foster honest conversation, encourage the fair exchange of ideas, and build understanding of diverse lived experiences

“At WashU I was welcomed for being exactly WHO I AM, and that allowed me to move beyond anything I thought was POSSIBLE.”
Nicholas Armstrong’s career in urban planning and development was off to a strong start even before he came to WashU Law. Now as a JD student, he is adding the skills and perspectives of the legal field to make a lasting and positive impact through his work.

“Lawyers have a critical role to play in urban planning that truly strengthens and serves communities,” Nicholas says. At WashU, he’s building a deep knowledge of case law, precedent, and legal analysis, along with skills like negotiation, which lie at the heart of the field.

As a law student, Nicholas has been an editor of WashU’s *Journal of Law and Policy* and a summer associate at Thompson Coburn LLP.

“WashU and St. Louis have been very good to me,” he says, and it’s an investment he hopes to return in service. By leveraging his WashU education to serve others, he’ll fulfill his great-grandmother’s vision. “She always told me, ‘You need to go further [through education] … and use what you learn to make a difference.”

**Defining the Future by investing in Him.**

**You can empower students like Nicholas through a gift to...**

- Graduate Scholarships at WashU Law and other schools across the university
- A Robust Student Experience, enriched by assets like the Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement

**“This is an amazing school, in an amazing city—and my scholarship made this opportunity possible.”**
Sometimes the biggest change can come from the simplest act.
“At WashU, I’m not just a statistic. I BELONG HERE.”

EMMA McMILLIAN
Class of 2023
Stefanie Hill and John Pickett Scholar
McKelvey School of Engineering
Majors: Computer Science and Math

“In the sixth grade, I took my first computer science class, and I thought, this is what I want to do with my life.” From that classroom to Washington University and an internship at NASA, Emma McMillian has followed her boldest ambitions.

As she pursues her passions, including computer science, math, planetary sciences, and artificial intelligence, she is surrounded by peers, faculty, and mentors who are just as invested in her future as she is. “WashU is a family,” she says. “And it’s not just your friends; it’s everyone.”

Emma has set her sights on a career combining computer science research and planetary sciences, and she is inspiring others as a STEM tutor in St. Louis schools. “I really want to make a difference in the world,” Emma says. Her WashU education and community are preparing her to do just that.

WHEN WE create the PATH, she can BLAZE A TRAIL.

YOU CAN EMPOWER STUDENTS LIKE EMMA THROUGH A GIFT TO...

• UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS to support students throughout WashU

• THE WASHU STUDENT EXPERIENCE FUND to ensure all students feel a sense of belonging and have easy access to the resources they need to learn, grow, and flourish
Fresh from a Peace Corps assignment in Botswana, Leah Nason arrived at WashU with a passion for public health, social work, and policy. “The Brown School brings all these elements under one roof,” says Leah, “and it embodies the interdisciplinary spirit, because we’re striving in many different ways toward a more equitable world.”

At the Brown School, Leah has been a research fellow at the International Center for Child Health and Development and a research assistant supporting the Park Activity, Recreation, and Community Study at the Prevention Research Center. In these roles and in her classes, she is discovering how “we can use human-centered data to create better policies, educate our politicians and leaders, and change whole systems locally and nationally.”

For Leah, WashU’s greatest asset is the people: peers in her scholarship cohort who share her dedication to service, faculty and researchers who lead the field, and the citizens of St. Louis. “Our practica immerse us in the community,” says Leah, “and there is so much to learn in this city.”

**Obstacles are in the way ONLY if we LEAVE THEM there.**

**YOU CAN EMPOWER STUDENTS LIKE LEAH THROUGH A GIFT TO...**

- **GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE BROWN SCHOOL** and other schools across the university
- **THE CAREER SERVICES FUND** to help students chart a course for career discovery and create pathways to purposeful and competitive employment opportunities throughout their lives
We’re building THE PATH so WashU students can CHANGE THE WORLD.
Just steps from the iconic clock tower on the South 40 is an innovative retail space called Gallery 314, co-owned by WashU Olin senior Drake Shafer. Gallery 314 carries art and apparel made by WashU students and is one of many outlets Drake has discovered — or created — to feed his entrepreneurial spirit and creativity.

Drake grew up in a rural community in Illinois and attended a small high school with 50 graduating seniors. The path to college was one he built largely on his own through sheer determination. At WashU, he has delved deeply into the student experience, taking classes in business and management, participating in the student-owned consulting firm Bear Studios, and completing a global management internship at Anheuser-Busch.

He hopes his collegiate success will lead to a fulfilling career and enable him to give back to those who supported his journey — especially the WashU community and his family.

With so much to look forward to, Drake is taking full advantage of every opportunity the university has to offer: “I’m loving every minute of it.”

“*I hope to one day help other students from small towns understand that a WashU education is achievable.*”

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**MAKE WAY**

Our Student Initiative

**MAKE WAY** for Drake

**You can empower students like Drake through a gift to...**

- **Undergraduate Scholarships** to support students throughout WashU
- **The First-Generation or Limited-Income Services Fund** to provide academic and professional mentorship, preprofessional opportunities, and campus- and community-based leadership experiences
- **A Robust Student Experience**, enriched by assets like the Skandalaris Center for Interdisciplinary Innovation and Entrepreneurship
May Wang dreams of a career sharing powerful stories through design, illustration, and animation. At the Sam Fox School, she’s gained the skills and knowledge to pursue that dream and the confidence to push past her comfort zone and expand her vision of a career in the arts.

May has thrived in the communication design program and in off-campus experiences like her internship at the Pulitzer Arts Foundation in St. Louis. The steepest challenges of her WashU education, says May, are also the greatest joys: “I’m trying so many new things — animation, illustration, design, painting. It’s hard, but also exciting, and I’m interested in all of it.”

At every step, WashU has offered May a student experience to help her thrive. She has forged strong friendships through residential life, learned new skills in interactive classrooms and design studios, and benefited from comprehensive services that nurture her social, emotional, and physical well-being. “There’s still so much to learn,” says May, “and I know I’ll keep growing into it.”

The COURAGE to question, the support to FLOURISH.

YOU CAN EMPOWER STUDENTS LIKE MAY THROUGH A GIFT TO...

- UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS to support students throughout WashU
- THE STUDENT HEALTH & WELL-BEING FUND to equip students with healthy habits so they can lead balanced and fulfilling lives
As a naval officer, Lt. James Berry has had a chance to see the world. In Japan, he earned his surface warfare qualification, and in San Diego, he served on ships and shore as an engineering inspector. To begin the next chapter of his military career, James came home to the Midwest to study medicine at WashU and be near his family before heading back to the fleet.

James is a natural leader who majored in biomedical engineering at Vanderbilt University and enjoys collaborative problem-solving. Medicine is the perfect career path to combine his engineering instincts, relentless curiosity, and communication skills to provide outstanding care to patients.

“Questioning is good, no matter what field you’re in. Curiosity lets you take a deeper dive into the world around you,” James says. He’s proud to be part of WashU’s cutting-edge research. “Medicine is all about discovering new knowledge. We’re always evolving and improving the tools we use to heal people, and WashU is a big part of that.”

Support that TRANSCENdS.

“The opportunity to attend WashU’s WORLD-CLASS medical school means I can truly be of SERVICE in military medicine.”

MAKE WAY for James

YOU CAN EMPOWER STUDENTS LIKE JAMES THROUGH A GIFT TO...

• GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE and other schools throughout the university

• THE WASHU STUDENT EXPERIENCE FUND to provide students with opportunities to lead and influence others for good while developing their unique leadership identities
YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE WAY FOR THE FUTURE.

Make Way fulfills the promise inscribed on Brookings Hall: *Discere Si Cupias Intra: Salvere Iubemus.* “If you wish to learn, enter: We welcome you.” Our goals are bold and achievable, **BUT ONLY WITH YOUR SUPPORT.**

Together, we can:

ATTRACTION THE FINEST UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS to WashU and foster a diverse, inclusive, and supportive community

EXPAND ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY for students at every level of financial need

PROVIDE A BEST-IN-CLASS STUDENT EXPERIENCE that sets WashU apart and puts every graduate on a path to lifelong success

LEARN HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT Make Way with a gift directed to undergraduate scholarships, graduate scholarships and fellowships, or the student experience. Explore named endowed funds, immediate-use gifts, school-specific priorities, and other opportunities. We can help you craft a gift that reflects your hopes and dreams for WashU and will make way for an incredible future.

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AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, we believe in the transformative power of education. With Make Way: Our Student Initiative, we can ensure the world’s brightest students know that WashU is within their reach, regardless of their income level or previous opportunities. And not only will we help them *get here*, we’ll also help them *thrive here*, so they will leave prepared to make their unique mark on the world.

Through our collective investments in our students’ potential, we can provide the best possible learning experiences in and out of the classroom. We can lower their debt burden so they are free to question, explore, research, volunteer, lead, and build healthy habits to help them flourish. Together, we can equip them to become principled, innovative changemakers who will lead us into a brighter, more just future.

I invite you to dream big with us, help us break down barriers to educational equity, and unlock the potential of each and every student who chooses Washington University. I know for certain that if we can do that for them, they will become a collective force of positive change for us all.