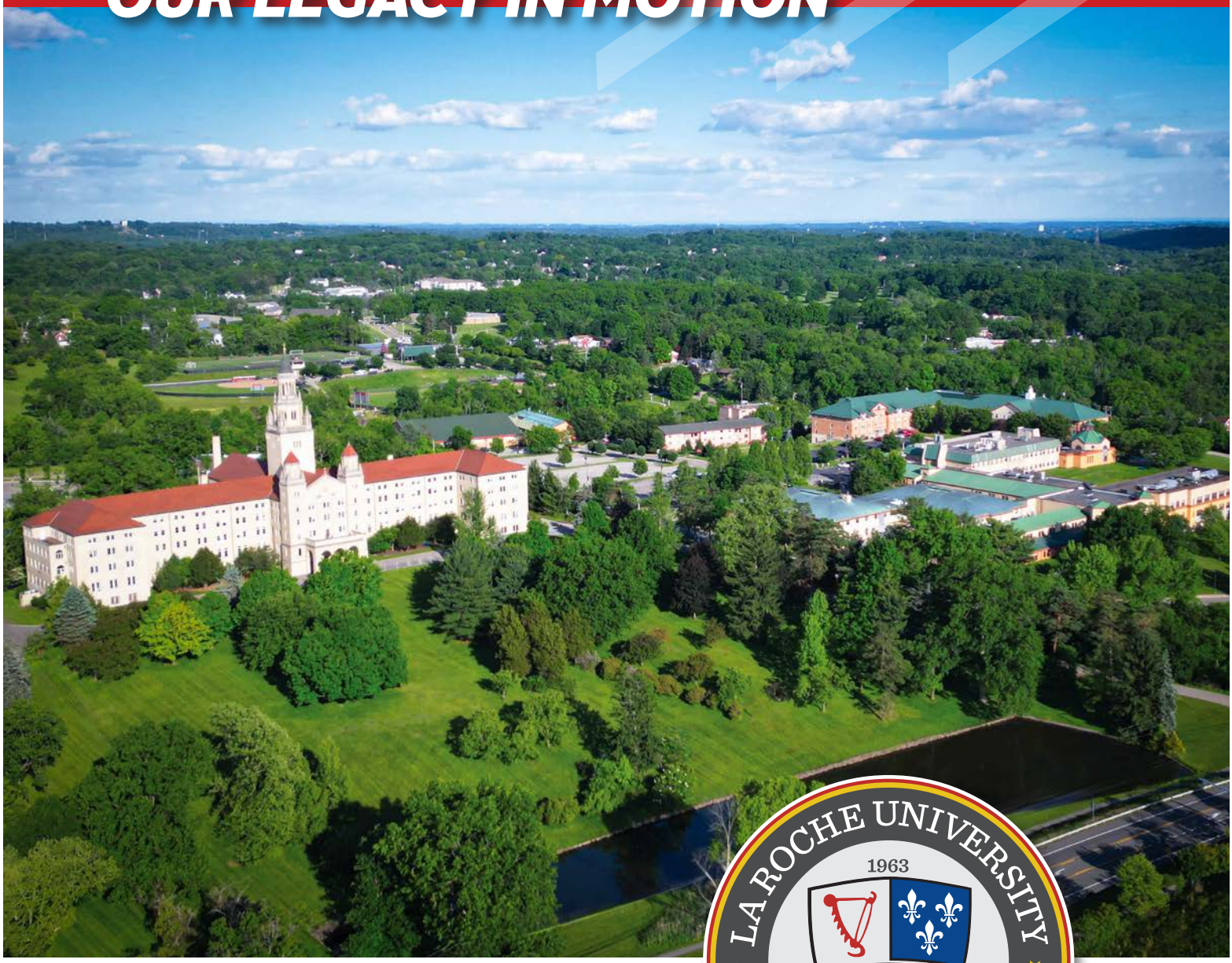
OUR LEGACY IN MOTION



President's Report 2025-2026

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Dear Friends of La Roche,

At my inauguration last September, I asked our community to imagine extraordinary possibilities for our university, measured not by prestige but by the people we serve and the mission we share. Together, we envisioned a more sustainable La Roche, stronger support for our students, and new partnerships that extend our reach. I'm proud to share that we are turning that vision into reality in ways the numbers in this report can only begin to show.

At a time when higher education faces significant enrollment and financial pressures, La Roche is taking decisive action. Our *Pathway to Sustainability* is a two-year strategic sprint plan designed to strengthen the University for the long term. We have set ambitious goals and established clear measures of progress. The work is well underway, always guided by our core values. Your partnership is central to our success.

I want to share with you the story of one gift that demonstrates the impact of your support. An unrestricted gift of $50,000 from a couple with a longstanding commitment to La Roche gave us the flexibility to invest in expert grant support as we pursued federal funding opportunities. That gift helped La Roche secure a nearly $3 million federal grant, almost 60 times the amount of the original gift. The funding will expand academic support, career-connected learning opportunities, and faculty development, while enabling improvements to campus learning spaces, including renovations to Wright Library.

The same momentum is powering our enrollment strategy. This fall, we welcomed our largest new domestic undergraduate class since 2020, while also seeing growth in transfer enrollment and our Radiologic Technology program.

Our culture of care matters just as much. Over the summer, faculty and staff reached out personally to students eligible to return, demonstrating our commitment to ensuring that every student is known, valued, and supported. Results from the 2026 National Survey of Student Engagement highlight the strength of our student-faculty relationships and the supportive learning environment that distinguishes La Roche.

Our progress is rooted in our heritage. As the Sisters of Divine Providence marked 150 years in America, we signed a covenant affirming our shared mission. We remain profoundly grateful for their gift of the Providence Heights Motherhouse. Our motto, *Ad Lucem per Amorem*, "To Light through Love," continues to guide us.

A year ago, we imagined the possibilities. Today, we are realizing them. Thank you for following our progress.

With gratitude,



Christina A. Clark, Ph.D.
President

One year ago, President Christina Clark invited the La Roche community to imagine extraordinary possibilities. Today, that vision is becoming reality through expanded academic opportunities, new global partnerships, and a deepening commitment to the University's culture of care.

Preparing Students to Thrive and Lead

97%

Career outcomes across all degree programs, among the highest in the Pittsburgh region

100%

Employment upon graduation for Radiologic Technology graduates

100%

Pass rate for the Class of 2026 on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) National Registry Exam



91% Seniors who participated in service-learning, compared with **74%** at peer institutions

(2026 National Survey of Student Engagement)

Center for Teaching and Learning established to advance teaching excellence through evidence-based practices

75+ Internships

300 Students served through our ***SOLVE Center*** partnerships since launch

Connecting Our Campus to the World

40+

Countries represented among international students

56 **PARTNERSHIPS** across **16** **COUNTRIES**

- **1 of only 11 institutions worldwide** designated by the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Education as an approved overseas practical training institution
- **Chinese Ministry of Education approval** established enrollment pathway for La Roche in China

Enrollment Growth Fuels Our Future

- Largest new domestic undergraduate class since 2020



100%
Radiologic Technology enrollment

20%
New undergraduate enrollment

21%
Net tuition revenue

A Historic Year of Giving

+24%
Over FY26 fundraising goal

241%
Endowment giving



The Sisters of Divine Providence, La Roche University's largest benefactor, made the transformational gift of the Providence Heights Motherhouse and surrounding grounds.

Securing Competitive Funding

Nearly $3 million

Redhawk RISE initiative will expand academic support, career-connected learning, faculty development, and campus infrastructure.

Nurturing a Culture of Care

98% Of students say they feel safe on campus

Above the National Top 10% in Two Key Areas

- Student-faculty interaction
- Supportive campus environment

2026 National Survey of Student Engagement, senior student results

89% Of first-year students would choose La Roche again







Meeting Basic Needs

15,000+

Pounds of food received

415

Food Pantry visits within the first three months at its new location

Strengthening Our Mission Through Dialogue and Partnership

- ***The Ketteler Center for Peace, Justice, and Inclusion*** developed Courageous Conversations, a course focused on constructive dialogue across differences

31

Community partners fostering learning, community engagement, and interfaith dialogue

27

Mission-centered programs advancing peace, justice, and inclusion

- Hosted the annual Global Problems, Global Solutions Conference



Excellence in Athletics and Academics

99 **Student-athletes** named to the AMCC All-Academic Team (3.2+ GPA)



65 **Student-athletes** earned AMCC Peak Performer recognition (3.5+ GPA)



6 **AMCC playoff berths** across men's and women's sports



27 **All-Conference selections**



Serving as an Engine of Social and Economic Mobility

Recognized as a 2027 Top Performer on Social Mobility, Best Regional University in the North, and Top Private School in the North by U.S. News & World Report

Named a Best Mid-Atlantic College by The Princeton Review

Military Friendly® School and Military Spouse Friendly® School

National Recognition Across Eight Colleges of Distinction Categories

Expanding Lifelong Learning

850 Members in the Adventures in Lifelong Learning program

326 Courses and learning opportunities







30% Membership

Approved Provider
Continuing education for educators

Pathway to Sustainability: *A Two-Year Strategic Sprint*



The progress highlighted in this report lays the groundwork for La Roche's next chapter. Our 2026-2028 strategic plan is focused on growing enrollment, helping more students persist to graduation, expanding philanthropic support, and developing new sources of revenue.

These priorities serve a shared purpose. We are strengthening La Roche for the long term so more students can thrive, lead, and build a better world.

Our legacy is in motion.
We are carrying it forward together.

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MISSION STATEMENT

La Roche University, a Catholic institution of higher learning,
founded and sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence,
fosters global citizenship and creates a community of scholars
from the region, the nation and around the world.
The University integrates liberal arts and professional education
in creative ways, empowering all members of our community
to become lifelong learners, achieve success in their chosen careers
and promote justice and peace in a constantly changing global society.

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