Tuition, room and board, textbooks—as the cost of attending college continues to rise, more students and their families are wondering if and how they will be able to afford it. Though financial aid helps, it often does not cover all student expenses, forcing some to take out loans with high interest rates.

That’s where scholarships become important. They free students from worrying about their financial burdens and allow them to focus on their academic work.

Growing up in a family of eight children, Samantha Nguyen, accounting major and PricewaterhouseCoopers/UGIA scholarship recipient, said her parents could not afford to send her to college, but they taught her and her siblings the importance of hard work and appreciation. “Receiving...
this scholarship lessens my financial burdens and enables me to dedicate my time toward my self-development, education and involvement at UT Dallas as I pursue my career in internal audit,” Nguyen said. “I am very grateful to PricewaterhouseCoopers for the financial support that will help me achieve my goals.”

Marketing major and Liberty Mutual Insurance Scholarship recipient Jason Raofpur shared Nguyen’s gratitude. “I cannot express enough my appreciation for Liberty Mutual Insurance’s generosity and for supporting my education,” he said. “This scholarship will help me focus on my goals in school and my career by allowing me to dedicate more time to my education. Having someone who supports the path that I have chosen adds to my motivation and desire to get the most out of my time at UT Dallas.”

For marketing and business administration major and Texas Capital Bank Scholarship recipient Michael Blodgett, his scholarship has not only helped financially but also has enabled him to participate in important extracurricular activities. “The Texas Capital Bank Scholarship has helped relieve numerous financial worries that I had and has allowed me to have a little more freedom in my schedule in order to fulfill my responsibilities as president of the Interfraternity Council and founding father and director of risk management for the UT Dallas chapter of Delta Tau Delta,” said Blodgett.

Providing scholarships for deserving students continues to be a priority for the Jindal School, which awarded $89,000 from the Jindal Student Support Fund in 2014 to 73 undergraduate students with financial need. In the past two years, the school has awarded 1,700 graduate students merit-based scholarships totaling nearly $2 million.

The Jindal School’s annual Scholarship Breakfast was established in 2009 with two missions: to offer a forum for discussing relevant business issues and to provide scholarship support for students who will become the
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next generation of business leaders. Proceeds from the event have raised more than $500,000 and funded almost 260 new scholarship awards for Jindal School students.

“The Jindal School is so fortunate to have many corporate friends who view the Scholarship Breakfast as a unique opportunity to impact students in a significant way by sponsoring a named scholar for one year,” Associate Dean for External Affairs and Corporate Development Diane McNulty said. “The event is structured to provide students and corporate representatives the occasion to hear from a notable presenter. It also allows those who attend to exchange ideas through conversations they do not usually get to have in other settings.”

The Jindal School relies on the support of corporate and individual donors in helping its students afford a college education, and thanks to their generosity, 31 endowed scholarships and fellowships have been established. This partnership creates a lasting donor legacy and impacts the lives of well-deserving students. Many of them gladly give back to the University when they are able.

“AT&T’s generosity with this scholarship makes it possible for hardworking, ambitious and goal-oriented students such as myself to receive a quality education,” said Abbey Haggin, marketing major, AT&T Scholarship recipient and full-time employee at ACTIVE Network. “I am proud to say that I am the first one in my family to achieve a college degree. I hope in my future to be able to donate to UT Dallas, helping invest in future generations to come.”

For information on donating to or creating a scholarship or fellowship, visit jindal.utdallas.edu/give.

Michael Blodgett BS’16
texas capital bank scholarship recipient
For Mindy Jones and Steve Lewis, both 2005 graduates of the Executive MBA Program, giving back and helping others are at the core of what they do. That is why their company Pyxis Care Management made a gift to create the John F. McCracken Professorship in Healthcare Management.

Jones and Lewis started Pyxis Care Management in Texas to fill a need in the community for holistic advocacy and guardianship services. The company acts as an advocate for individuals and families facing life challenges by providing expertise and management to improve health, well-being and quality of life. Upon deciding to make a gift to the Jindal School, Jones and Lewis chose to honor their former professor, Dr. John F. McCracken, executive director of the Healthcare Management for Physicians Program, who was an inspiration for them when they started their company.

“Since graduation, John and I have had quarterly-ish visits—really business therapy sessions,” Jones said. “First, he served as a sounding board towards establishing my own business in healthcare and then as a strategist as the landscape has evolved. His gifts of time, wisdom and coaching have truly been the foundation upon which I have built my entrepreneurial career. His example is what inspired Steve and me to establish the professorship, and hopefully together we can create many opportunities in the future.”

Such high praise was not lost on McCracken. “I’m deeply honored and most appreciative for the creation of a new professorship in my name,” he said. “The Jindal School and the students I’ve had the honor of teaching have been an inspiration in my life, and their recognition means the world to me.”

This is the first endowment to support healthcare management at the Jindal School. Both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs have experienced tremendous growth.

The newly announced John F. McCracken Professorship in Healthcare Management provides the resources that will allow us to add faculty to a growing and dynamic healthcare management program,” said Dr. Britt Berrett, director of the BS in Healthcare Management Program. “John is an inspiring example of the level of real-life instruction that attracts tomorrow’s healthcare leaders.”

Creating an endowment is one of the most significant investments a donor can make to the Jindal School. Professorships create opportunities for the Jindal School to attract and retain outstanding faculty members who will enhance students’ academic experiences and the institution’s reputation. This value proposition dovetails with the vision for Pyxis Care by delivering a collaborative model of life care in an increasingly complex healthcare environment.

“We are very excited to explore this brave new world of healthcare with UT Dallas and the Jindal School,” Lewis said.

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The rev. Lynne maniLLa ms’83 FirsT heard oF “nobLesse obLiGe”—a concept in which those who have been blessed have a duty to be generous to others—as a young girl. Once old enough to understand it, she has sought to live out the phrase.

After earning a degree in French studies in the early 1970s, manilla worked in New York City, wading through membership information, data and statistics for Girl scouts USA before the office even had computers. In 1979, she transferred to Dallas and soon after decided to pursue a master’s degree at UT Dallas. The affordable tuition was attractive, but manilla recalls that her books cost more than the two classes in which she was enrolled.

Eventually manilla felt a call to ministry, leaving north Texas and earning a master of divinity degree in 1993. She then served as pastor of Presbyterian churches in north Carolina, New Jersey, Illinois and Virginia.

Manilla’s giving spirit extends beyond the church, and she has long supported organizations that are important to her—UT Dallas among them. She first contributed to the University via Comet Call, happy to answer “yes” when students phoned.

After making difficult financial decisions in her role as a pastor, she understands the value an organization’s leadership places on having the flexibility to determine the best use for funds. Therefore, Manilla is including the University in her estate plans, using an individual retirement account (IRA) and other assets to set up an unrestricted opportunity fund to benefit the Naveen Jindal School of Management.

“We have a duty to pay it forward,” she said. “When I was in college, I didn’t realize that those before me helped make it possible for me to pursue my studies.”

Manilla studied administration sciences with a concentration in organizational behavior at the University, garnering knowledge that well served her throughout her ministerial career.

Although now retired, Manilla regularly serves as a substitute pastor and on church committees. Additionally, she travels worldwide, acting upon a desire that first cropped up while living in Lebanon as a teenager.

But regardless where her travels take her, Manilla continues to have a fondness for the University.

“It is exciting to see the quality of the education at UT Dallas and be part of it continuing for others,” she said.
A new $50,000 endowment has been established at the Jindal School in honor of former accounting faculty member Mark Salamasick, founding director of the school’s internal audit program and director of its Center for Internal Auditing Excellence. Salamasick recently left UT Dallas after a 30-year affiliation to take a position at The University of Texas System as executive director of audit for academic institutions.

The Dallas Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) set up the new endowment with a $25,000 gift, which was matched by a commitment from Jindal school Dean Hasan Pirkul. The endowment will be used to provide scholarships for graduate students in the internal audit program. The Jindal School’s graduate-level internal audit program is one of only three in the U.S. endorsed by the IIA as a Center for Internal Auditing Excellence.

“When I started the internal audit program in 2003, the idea was to build a program that provided top-notch internal auditors for positions around the country,” Salamasick said. “We achieved that and now have the largest internal audit program worldwide, with the highest quality, reputation and standards.

“Without the support of the Dallas Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors, the program wouldn’t be where it is today,” Salamasick continued. “This endowment was created by funds from the Dallas chapter, and I thank them for their continued support for many years. I am grateful that this endowment will allow a student or students to be recognized for their talents in internal audit and become future leaders in the profession.”

The endowment is named the Mark Salamasick IT Auditor Fellowship in recognition of the many years Salamasick spent as an information technology internal audit specialist. Scholarship awards from the endowment will begin in the spring 2016 semester.

Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation Gives Full-Time MBA Students a Helping Hand

Graduate school expenses can add up fast, but some full-time Jindal School MBA students have had help easing their financial burdens thanks to the Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation Fellowship. Recipients receive a $1,000 per semester tuition credit during the scholarship award period (up to six semesters). Since 2004, the Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation has given more than $241,000 in total to the Jindal School.

As The Handbook of Texas documents:

The Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation was established in 1990 at the conclusion of the lifetime trust created by Dallas businessman Summerfield G. Roberts for his wife, Annie Lee Warren Roberts. The foundation began with a corpus of about $6 million and provides equal financial assistance in three areas: support of the study, teaching, research and dissemination of Texas history; scholarships and grants to students and physicians conducting medical research; and scholarships for Texas residents for graduate work in business, commerce, finance and oil and gas.

Donations Enable Students to Dress for Success

WHAT IF EVERY STUDENT AT UT DALLAS COULD WALK INTO A JOB INTERVIEW ON AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD? That question was the inspiration for the Comet Closet initiative. As part of Impact UTD, the University’s crowdfunding platform that showcases student, faculty and staff fundraising projects, the Jindal School launched the initiative to raise money for a student-led resource to collect, sort and provide new and gently used professional business attire to UT Dallas students in need. In just 21 days, $7,500 was donated to the Comet Closet by students, faculty and friends of the University, far surpassing the initial $3,500 goal.

Professor John Barden, director of the BS in Accounting Program, offered to match every donation made by accounting students up to $2,500. Accounting senior Aeron Brown rose to the challenge by donating $1,000.

The money raised will fund the basic infrastructure, supplies and framework needed to get the project off the ground and operate a storefront. Comet Closet leaders also will be working with alumni, local retailers and industry partners to support the project long-term with clothing donations. Student organizations on campus will staff the Comet Closet as part of their service project initiatives.

For information on how to donate to the Comet Closet, visit jindal.utdallas.edu/give.

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You’re Invited

**PowerGrid**

**Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015**

Stay connected, get energized and experience the benefits of keeping in touch with fellow alumni at a Jindal School PowerGrid event. Events are held at prime locations throughout the Metroplex. Visit jindal.utdallas.edu/powergrid for more information.

Location: TBD
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**U40 Taco Talk**

**Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015**

The U40 Young Alumni Group focuses on the postgraduate experience of Jindal School alumni who are 40 years old and younger. Taco Talk is a networking breakfast hosted at various locations throughout the Metroplex. Visit jindal.utdallas.edu/alumni for more information.

Torchy’s Tacos
14760 Preston Road (at Belt Line)
Dallas, TX 75254
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**U40 Comet Confidential**

**Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015**

This quarterly event features a discussion led by a Jindal School alumnus who has demonstrated success in his or her chosen field. Visit jindal.utdallas.edu/alumni for more information.

Location: TBD
11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Scholarship Breakfast**

**Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015**

The annual Scholarship Breakfast raises scholarship support for Jindal School students while presenting a forum for discussing relevant business issues. Visit jindal.utdallas.edu/scholarship-breakfast for more information.

Keynote Speaker: Peter Buffett

The Westin Galleria Hotel
13340 Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75240
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Donors Recognized for Making Jindal School Soar

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF MAJOR GIFT DONORS during the Realize the Vision Campaign, the Naveen Jindal School of Management is soaring to new heights. As a thank you, the donors were invited to a luncheon at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum in Addison, Texas, on March 24. Among the array of vintage cars and airplanes, guests were treated to “in-flight entertainment” provided by Sam Gilliland EMBA’94, chairman emeritus and adviser of Sabre and advisory board member of RISE, a new members-only air service. Guests also heard from Matt Hinson MBA’13 and Jasmine Chipps BS’15, two students directly impacted by donor gifts, as well as Steve Penson, vice president of Austin Commercial and chairman of the Jindal School Advisory Council.

“IT IS YOUR SUPPORT THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DREAM,” said Jindal School Dean Hasan Pirkul while thanking the donors. “YOU ARE TURNING POSSIBILITIES INTO REALITIES. ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF, I SINCERELY THANK YOU.”