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YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2019–20



A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Young Leaders Council members,

It is my pleasure to share with you the Young Leaders Council Annual Report for the 2019–20 fiscal year. This report highlights the incredible contributions of this group, including your engagement and generous support of the College and its students.

This year has been one of extraordinary challenges, yet I am inspired by the generosity displayed by the Columbia community, especially young alumni leaders like you. **During the 2019–20 fiscal year the members of the YLC gave more than \$640,000 for the Columbia College Fund, which is nearly 40 percent of the total support of the recent alumni community.** This support is instrumental to the College, providing vitally important resources to every aspect of the undergraduate experience. Your generosity has strengthened the Core Curriculum, funded financial aid and stipends for internships and research opportunities, and allowed us to offer innovative programs and services to our students.

Thank you for your support of Columbia College. I am grateful for your partnership and dedication to making the Columbia College experience possible for our students.

Roar, Lion(s), Roar,

James J. Valentini
Dean of Columbia College and
Vice President for Undergraduate Education

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIRS

Dear Young Leaders Council members,

Fiscal year 2019–20 was unprecedented, affecting each and every one of us in different ways. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we collaborate and connect with one another, shifting our Young Leaders Council community to this new virtual setting.

Despite these changes, the YLC continues to foster connections between alumni and build support for the College Fund. **We are grateful for your dedication and commitment to Columbia College, and are excited to share our achievements over the past year with you.**

There was tremendous growth for the YLC during the 2019–20 fiscal year. We are now 154 members strong, welcoming eight new members to the board and 46 new members to the council. This robust membership, along with numerous well-attended events, propelled our community to new heights.

As we enter fiscal year 2021, we are excited to have **Lauren Accordino CC'09** join us as co-chair of the YLC, helping expand our footprint in Los Angeles.

Thank you again for your generous support of Columbia College and for actively participating as members of the YLC.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Kevin G. Galligan CC'05
Tom Meister CC'09
Co-Chairs, Young Leaders Council



YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL EVENTS

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION WITH UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES IN NEW YORK CITY

Hosted by **Kevin G. Galligan CC'05** at the Union Club of New York City, members were joined by **Trustees Lisa L. Carnoy CC'89, Wanda Holland Greene CC'89, TC'91, Jonathan S. Lavine CC'88, P: CC'16, CC'18** and **Victor H. Mendelson CC'89, P: CC'18, CC'20, CC'23**.

DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

Carlos A. Cuevas CC'05, PH'12, SIPA'12 spoke at the Dean's Scholarship Reception, sharing his family's story and connection to Columbia.

ZOOM HAPPY HOUR

The virtual event was an opportunity for **members** from different geographic locations to get to know each other and strengthen the YLC community.

September

NETWORKING BREAKFAST IN NEW YORK CITY

Venkat K. Kausik CC'13 hosted this event at the Macquarie Group offices.

December

BAY AREA HOLIDAY PARTY IN SAN FRANCISCO

This event at **The Blue Light** brought together networking opportunities and festivities to start the holiday season.

January

WINE TASTING IN SONOMA

Brent H. Bessire CC'91 hosted this event at his winery, Fogline Vineyards.

February

COVID-19 VIRTUAL EVENT

Tao Tan CC'07, BUS'11, one of the leaders for McKinsey & Company's COVID-19 response, hosted the YLC's first virtual event and discussed how businesses were responding to the crisis.

April

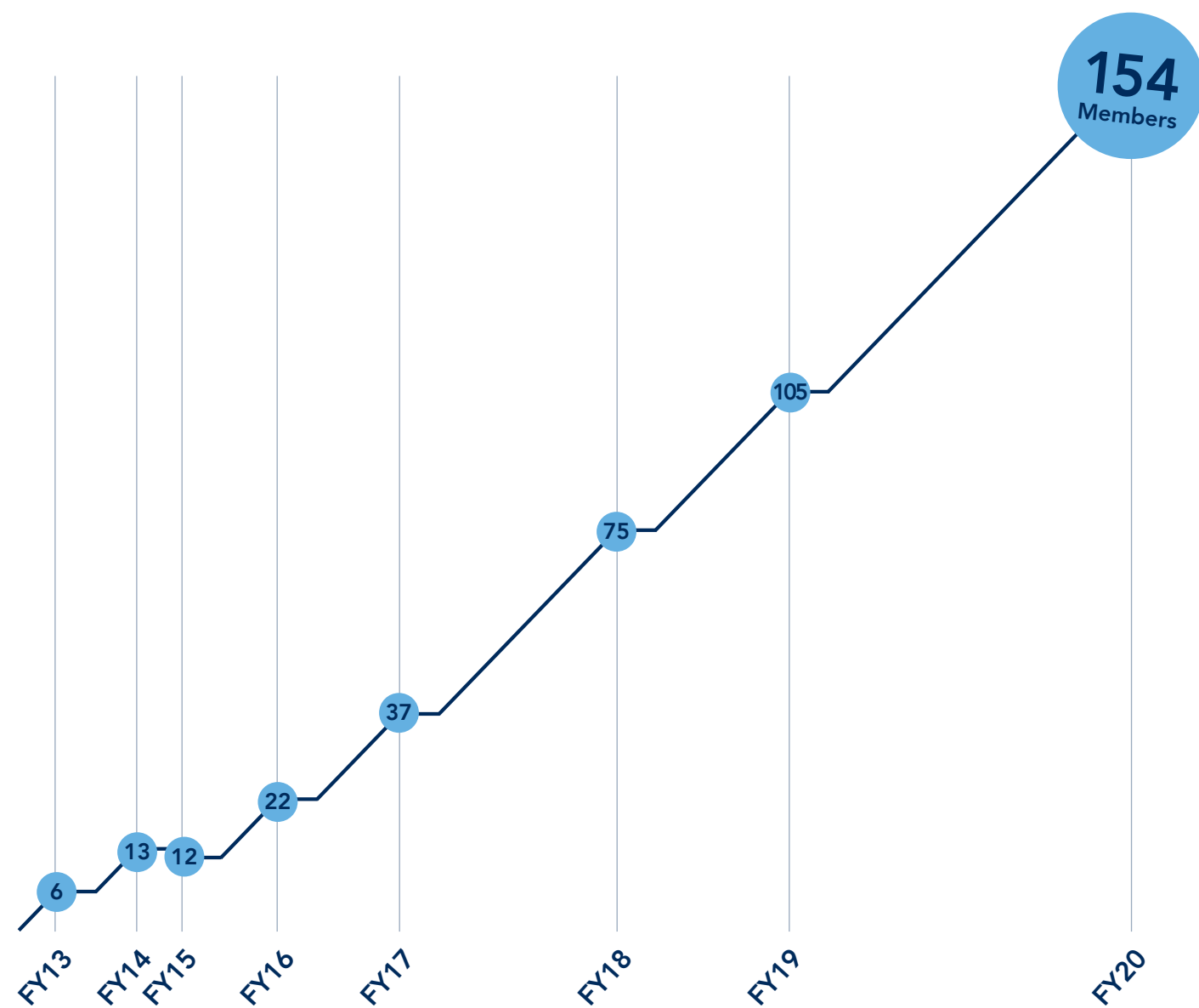
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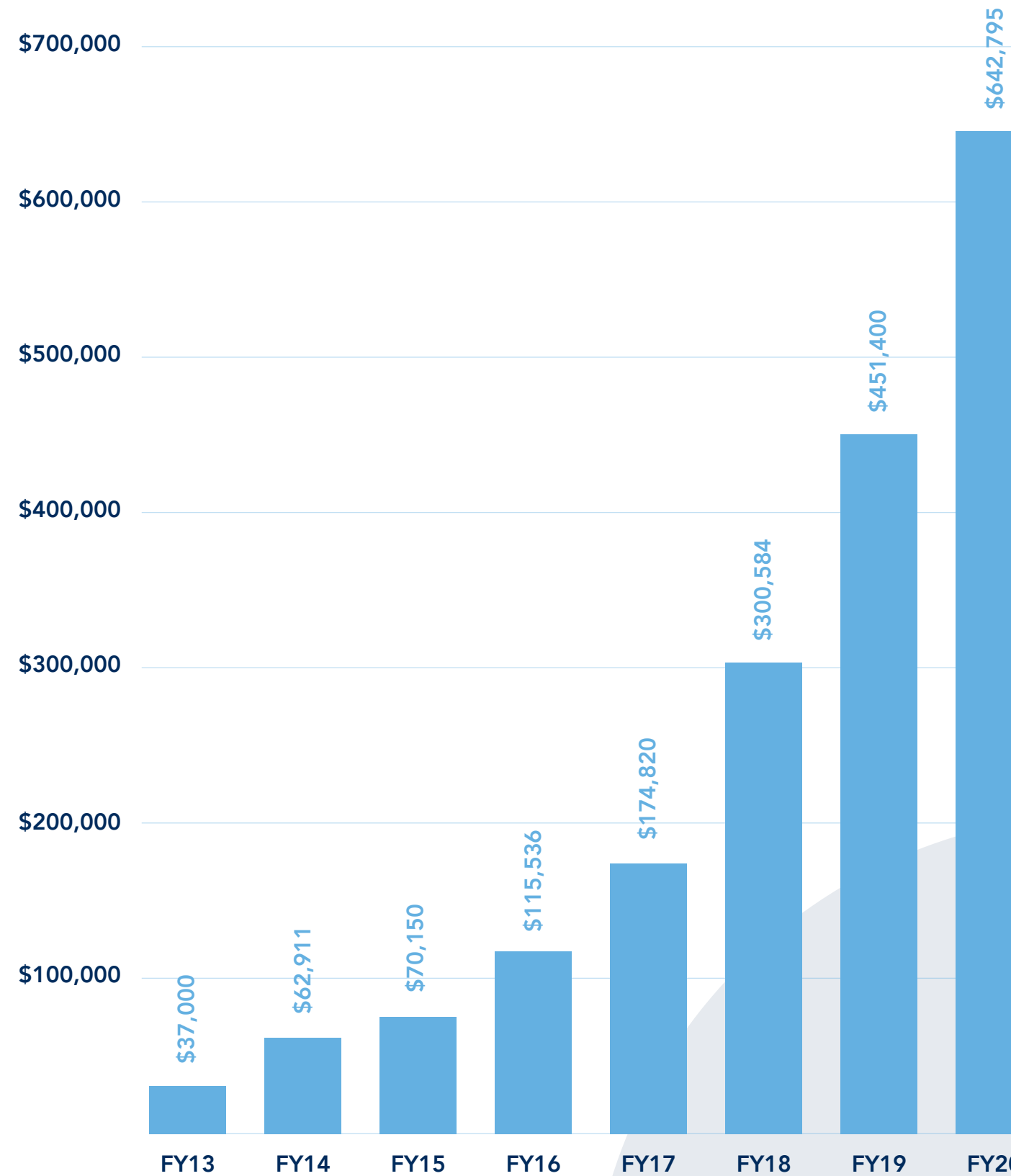
YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL GROWTH

As Young Leaders Council membership **expands both in size and geographic outreach**, our impact on the Columbia College Fund grows. The YLC leads the young alumni community, setting the standard for dedicated support and service to Columbia College.

MEMBER GROWTH



FUNDS RAISED



COLUMBIA COLLEGE FUND

The Columbia College Fund provides current-use resources to address the immediate priorities of Columbia College and its students. **The Young Leaders Council gave more than \$640,000** in support of the Columbia College Fund during the 2019–20 fiscal year.

Financial Aid

- Uphold the College’s commitment to need-blind admissions and full-need financial aid policies
- Cover the cost for books for students with need

Internships

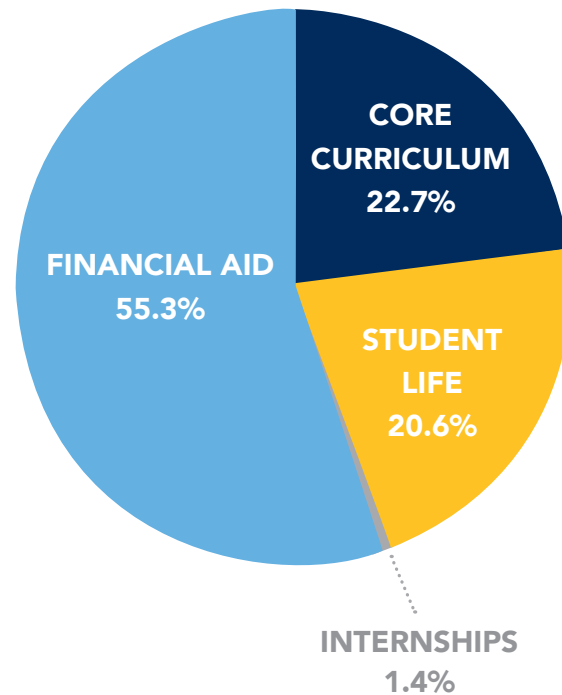
- Career planning resources
- Stipends for internships and research opportunities

Core Curriculum

- Recruit and retain the very best instructors
- Offer 552 sections of the Core each year

Student Life

- Stress-relieving activities and study breaks
- Career fairs, advising sessions, brochures and resources



TOP AREAS OF SUPPORT:



\$203k

Unrestricted
Columbia College Fund



\$98k

Financial Aid

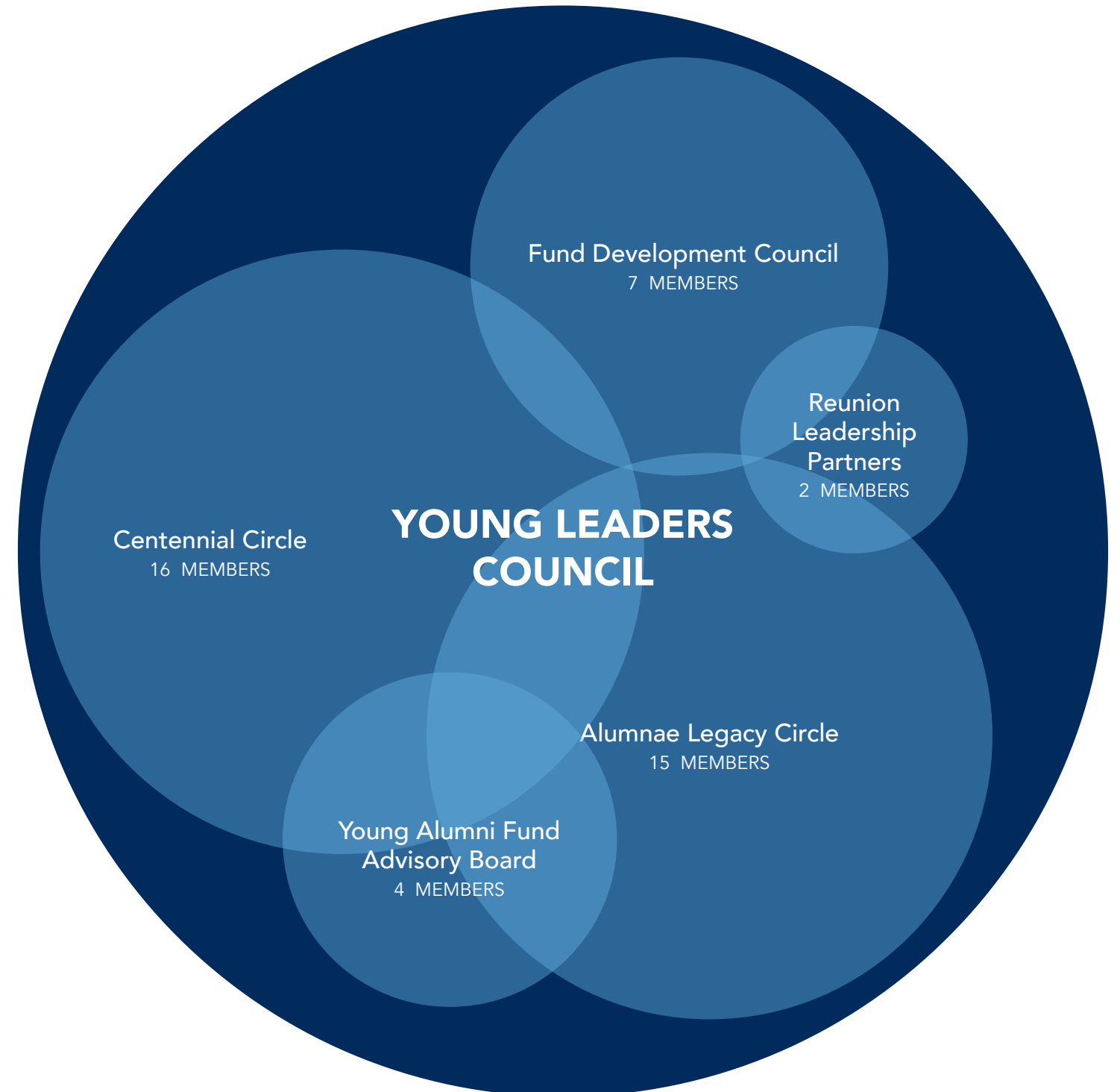


\$327k

Core Curriculum

YLC LEADERS AT COLUMBIA

Members of the Young Leaders Council support Columbia College in **countless ways**. Their tireless efforts and support are reflected in their leadership roles at the College.



CENTENNIAL CIRCLE

Launched in celebration of the centennial of the Core Curriculum, the Centennial Circle is a leadership giving society of Columbia College's most dedicated supporters of the Core. Sixteen Young Leaders Council members joined by making leadership level commitments to ensure the Core Curriculum continues to challenge and transform students for the next 100 years.

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Michael Brown CC'06
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Kevin G. Galligan CC'05
Sarah Schragar Gitlin CC'13
Andrew Heinrich CC'13
Meredith G. Milstein CC'09, BUS'17
Vijay Mohan CC'01
Tao Tan CC'07, BUS'11
Paul H. Tietz Jr. CC'08
Michael I. Topol CC'10, LAW'21
Cecilia C. Wang CC'09, LAW'12
Alastair Wood CC'01
Alisa Wood CC'01, BUS'08
Sharon Yang CC'08

"The Core Curriculum provided an unparalleled education in how to be a rational, reasonable and thoughtful human being. The Core taught me how to tackle any problem and how to approach the world with honest inquiry, and its timeless wisdom is as relevant today as ever."

Michael I. Topol CC'10, LAW'21

2019–20 YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL

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