



Planning for the *Future*

SCHOLARSHIP MAKES ACADEMIC DREAMS A REALITY FOR NAVY VETERAN

Before attending Flagler, Yessenia DeJesus was an active member of the Navy, often serving tours of duty on a ship of 5,000 people for several weeks at a time. One thing that always struck her while at sea was the amount of trash thrown into the ocean.

“It really motivated me to want to become the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, enforcing the nation’s environmental laws and regulations,” Yessenia says. This realization and desire to make meaningful environmental change led her to pursue a degree in Coastal Environmental Science (CES).

As a former military member transitioning back into civilian life, Yessenia experienced uncertainty about her academic future. Scholarship aid has allowed her to develop confidence in her ambitions as well as a sense of recognition for how she has chosen to direct her efforts.

“I am so grateful for the support,” she says, “I felt some stress and confusion upon leaving the Navy, and this scholarship has made me feel that I am doing good, worthy research in this new area of my life.”

Yessenia has taken full advantage of the hands-on learning opportunities in her major. This past year, she and a classmate worked on a phytoplankton sampling project with Professor Ed McGinley, which led them to being accepted into the Joint Aquatic Sciences meeting, where they will showcase a poster and presentation



Scholarship aid has been crucial in helping Yessenia DeJesus (far left) pursue her dreams.

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Yessenia DeJesus, recipient of the Townsend Memorial Scholarship for Coastal Environmental Science

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on the biodiversity of plankton from the St. Augustine Marina and offshore sites.

“It’s important that donors know how much of an impact they have on students,” she says. “Knowing that I have scholarship support has boosted my morale and will allow me to continue developing my skills as a CES major.”

Yessenia is currently a junior with plans to pursue both a master’s in marine biology and an MBA upon graduation.

To learn how you can make a gift through your estate plan that impacts students like Yessenia, please contact Nicole Pece at the Office of Institutional Advancement at (904) 819-6406 or npece@flagler.edu, or visit www.flaglergiving.org.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IS SIMPLER THAN YOU THINK

We know you care deeply about helping Flagler College students succeed. You have shown that through your support, and we cannot thank you enough.

But did you know there are two easy ways that your generosity can endure for years or even decades to come, providing support for countless more students in the future. They cost you nothing today, involve writing just a handful of words and one can be done from the comfort of your home.

- 1** Make a lasting impact through your **will or trust**. By working with your attorney, you can add as little as one sentence to the document, and you can make an enduring statement about your dedication.
- 2** Invest in the future of Flagler College by naming us as a **beneficiary** of your retirement plan or other assets.

Either gift takes a short time to set up, but the impact would be everlasting. Are you ready to keep inspiring new generations to pursue their dreams?

We are so grateful for dedicated friends and alumni. Please contact Nicole Pece for assistance in developing a plan that provides support for Flagler College far into the future.

GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS FOREVER

THE BENEFITS OF ENDOWED GIVING

Did you know you can ensure your support makes a difference for Flagler College students like Yessenia DeJesus not just this year, or next, but for years to come? You can—with an endowed gift. With an endowment, you plant the seeds for a legacy that will live in perpetuity and impact countless lives.

There are many ways you can make an endowed gift to Flagler College. After all, this type of gift is more about what is done with the gift, rather than the type of gift itself. You can make a gift using:

- **Cash**
- **Appreciated assets**
- **Real estate**

We use only a portion of your gift each year to fund our immediate needs or to support a program or area you are passionate about. The rest is invested, providing us with support indefinitely and allowing you to create a legacy that will live forever.

The Benefits of Endowed Giving

Endowed gifts play an important role in the sustainability of Flagler College. They provide a solid base that can see us through tough economic times. These funds can also help fill in funding gaps when they arise.

Endowed funds enable Flagler College to plan for the future and grow our academic programs and support services in perpetuity. In addition to endowment gifts for scholarships, endowments may also be established to fund study abroad, professorships, historic preservation, undergraduate research or programs of study, for example.



Grow Your Legacy

An endowed gift allows you to plant the seeds for a legacy that will last for generations to come. Contact Nicole Pece at (904) 819-6406 or npece@flagler.edu to learn more about this type of giving.



What Can a Scholarship Do?

Impact a young person's life or pay it forward for support you received during your own college years. Return the enclosed card today to request your FREE guide **Scholarships: Open Doors to Life-Changing Opportunities** and explore your possibilities.

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HAVE YOU NOTIFIED YOUR BENEFICIARIES?

Naming a loved one or a favorite nonprofit as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan assets is a heartfelt way to make a lasting impact. Go one step further and notify those beneficiaries of the choices you've made.

Many people and charities aren't aware that they have been named to receive a gift. Informing them helps preserve your intentions and ensures that your beneficiaries are able to follow your wishes.

Protect the people and causes you love by following these simple steps:

- 1.** Review your beneficiary designations periodically, as circumstances may change.
- 2.** Alert your beneficiaries that you have a life insurance policy or have named them as a beneficiary of a retirement plan.
- 3.** Share the location and details of the policy or plan with them.

As you update your beneficiary designations, consider making a gift of a life insurance policy or retirement plan to Flagler College so that we can continue helping students discover their passions. Then notify us of your decision so that we can carry out your wishes as you intend and thank you for your gift.



We Want to Hear From You

If you have already named Flagler College as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan assets, please contact Nicole Pece or let us know using the enclosed card. If you are still creating your estate plan, we would be happy to answer any questions you may have about making this type of gift.



JOIN THE FLAGLER SOCIETY

Our grateful thanks to those who are already members of the Henry M. Flagler Society. If you have included Flagler College in your estate plan or made a planned gift, please notify us, as we would like to welcome you along with the other 150+ members to this prestigious group. It is important to us that we acknowledge your commitment appropriately and express our appreciation for your support.

For more information about the Flagler Society, please contact Nicole Pece.



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