

Subject: Monday Matters: Financial Support for ODU students and programs
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Dear Colleagues:

I hope you had a terrific Thanksgiving break. Now we start the race toward the end of the semester. You should have received an invitation to the College of Sciences holiday party on **Dec. 9 from 11 am – 2 pm** in the Big Blue Room at Chartway Arena. I hope everyone can stop in for some good food and a chance to catch up with colleagues.

I am writing today to ask you to consider supporting ODU financially by donating to one of the many annual or endowment funds available. The College of Sciences and each department have annual gift funds – these funds are unrestricted and thus very helpful to that unit. Often they are used to support extra opportunities for students or faculty, such as undergraduate research or travel to a conference. You can make an annual fund donation by following [this link](#) (be sure to select the Fund or choose “other” and write in your department name) or by using the button on your department home page. Alternatively, you can do payroll deduction by completing a form online (log in with your MIDAS credentials):
<https://itsapps.odu.edu/forms/payrolldeduction/>

Another way that you can support ODU students and programs is by adding to a specific scholarship/endowment or by establishing your own endowment (which enables you to specify the criteria for who is supported by that endowment). By building an endowment you will have an impact into perpetuity as the fund grows. There are many options if you go this route so the best thing to do is talk to your Chair or me about which funds exist already or talk to Krista Kimme Egekeze (kkimme@odu.edu; 217-778-1902), the College of Sciences gifts officer.

Finally, I want to remind you that the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) is underway. The annual charity drive, operated for and by state employees, includes 947 trusted charities in need of support. To make a pledge simply visit CVC webpage <https://www.cvcgives.org>. Also, ePledge offers the ease of secure online giving by credit card or payroll deduction. When employees give to CVC, 100% of designations go directly to the charity or non-profit they choose. The campaign ends Dec. 31. The payroll deduction deadline is Dec. 17.

Thank you VERY much for your support, both financial and otherwise!

Best Regards,
Gail

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