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ACADEMIC INNOVATION

The Stanford Fund provides support to all three schools at Stanford that grant undergraduate degrees: the School of Humanities and Sciences; School of Engineering; and School of Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences. Gifts to the fund also make academic innovations possible across campus. In recent years, The Stanford Fund has helped:

- Provide early support for hands-on learning initiatives, including Stanford in New York and Cardinal Service
- Establish two new offices: The Diversity and First-Gen Office, which is helping address the complex needs of first-generation and low-income students at Stanford; and the Office for Military-Affiliated Communities, which manages Veterans Affairs benefits, coordinates educational opportunities, and celebrates military service as a form of public service
- Launch the Leland Scholars Program, a pre-orientation workshop that helps first-generation college students bridge the gap between high school and college

STUDENT LIFE

Gifts to The Stanford Fund help sustain more than 100 student groups, club sports teams, and public service organizations. These groups are a vital part of the Stanford experience, helping students explore their passions, forge connections, and develop leadership and team-building skills that prove useful long after graduation.

Thanks to support from Stanford Fund donors, the Leland Scholars Program (top) is helping prepare students academically and socially for undergraduate life at Stanford. Through Cardinal Service, a new initiative at the Haas Center for Public Service launched with Stanford Fund support, students are volunteering thousands of hours each year—in local communities and around the world—for one week, one semester, or a full year.

Three of the many student groups supported by The Stanford Fund (from top): Ram’s Head Theatrical Society, Stanford Climbing Club, and Stanford Flying TreeHouse, which conducts writing workshops with elementary school students and turns their stories into performances.
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