



## FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

**MCG**  
**FOUNDATION**  
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Friends of the Medical College of Georgia,

As we reflect upon the past fiscal year (July 2022 – June 2023), we realize that this has been a time of tremendous growth, change and promise. Augusta University enrollment numbers continue to outpace those of many Georgia universities, growing 7.4% over last year. In fact, we celebrated a fall 2023 enrollment milestone of more than 10,000 students.

The Medical College of Georgia Class of 2027, with 264 medical students, is MCG's largest class yet. When our new four-year MCG Savannah campus opens in fall 2024, enrollment will grow by 40 students to 304, making Georgia's public medical school the third largest medical school class in the nation. We also continue to expand health care access in underserved Georgia through the accelerated MCG 3+ Primary Care Pathway program.

Reflecting the academic competitiveness of MCG students, 99% of the Class of 2023 matched to residencies in spring 2023, a match rate once again above the national average of 93.7.

We are privileged to contribute to improved health care for Georgians and the nation by also graduating outstanding professionals from our health sciences colleges: College of Allied Health Sciences, College of Nursing and Dental College of Georgia. We added a School of Public Health this past year, where students will be offered a comprehensive educational experience designed to prepare leaders who understand the important role of public health in today's society.

Perhaps the most impactful change of the year was the signing of the Wellstar MCG Health partnership. This alliance brings immense promise through a commitment to invest in cutting-edge medical facilities and infrastructure, strengthen collaborations with rural hospitals, and provide greater access to telehealth services and top-notch clinical care. The Wellstar MCG Health partnership will expand our medical training, research and clinical care throughout Georgia, and we can't wait to enhance the health and well-being of the people we serve across this great state.

On a more personal note, I will be closing this chapter of my life as your president on June 30, 2024. Coming home to serve at the helm of my combined alma mater, Augusta University, has been the capstone of my career and one of the greatest honors of my life.

Particularly meaningful to me have been my relationships with the many supporters and philanthropists who are fiercely devoted to our students and patients. You have provided numerous opportunities and improved countless lives through your generous gifts and endowments.

Thank you for your ongoing support and unwavering commitment to Augusta University and the Medical College of Georgia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooks A. Keel'.

Brooks A. Keel, PhD  
President, Augusta University

### Augusta University<sup>\*</sup> 2022-2023 Philanthropy Highlights

<b>TOTAL DONORS</b> .....	<b>TOTAL GIFTS</b>
12,008	17,315
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<b>TOTAL GIVING</b> <b>\$23,593,275</b>	
<b>TOTAL ENDOWMENT BALANCE</b> .....	<b>\$341,763,513</b> (At 06/30/2023)

For more detailed financials on the MCG Foundation, please visit [mcgfoundation.org](https://mcgfoundation.org)

<sup>\*</sup>Augusta University philanthropy highlights include financials for the AU and MCG foundations.

## Performance Over Time

The Medical College of Georgia Foundation's portfolio (the "Portfolio") finished the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, at \$315.5 million. Over the fiscal year, the Portfolio returned +8.0% while the policy benchmark returned +11.1%. While we have historically experienced results closer to benchmark, a gap was created this fiscal year partly due to the lag in reporting for private investments relative to a rapidly rising market in the second half of the fiscal year. We are pleased by the Portfolio's strong positive absolute performance during what was an uncertain market environment.

## FY 2023 Market Overview

Fiscal year 2023 began much like fiscal year 2022 ended, with headwinds associated with rising inflation, tightening monetary policy, and a slowdown in economic activity globally weighing on investor sentiment and causing asset prices to decline. As the second half of the fiscal year began, inflation began to moderate, investor sentiment shifted, and equity markets rallied once again. The rally in U.S. equities was unusual in the fact it was led by seven mega-cap technology stocks that drove the majority of 2023 year-to-date returns.

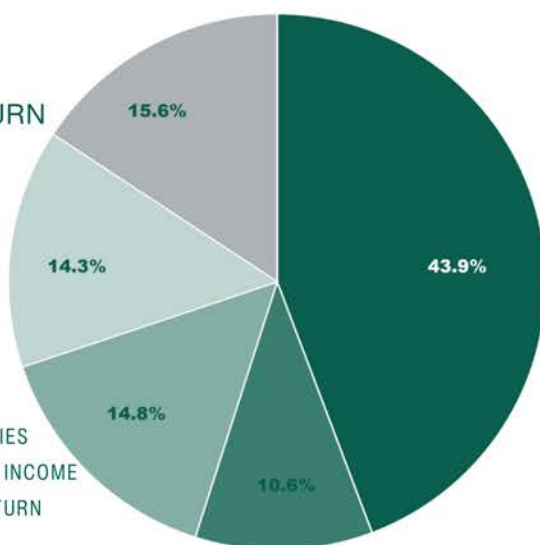
The changing landscape resulted in mixed market results. Global equity markets returned +16.5% for the fiscal year, as investors once again embraced risk assets. In contrast, global fixed income markets were negative for the period. Alternative strategies saw modest returns of +3.6% though there was high performance dispersion among strategies. Real assets faced headwinds as U.S. TIPS, REITs, and commodities all had negative returns after a strong 2022.

## MCG FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT PORTFOLIO *As of 6/30/2023*

**8.0%**  
TOTAL RETURN

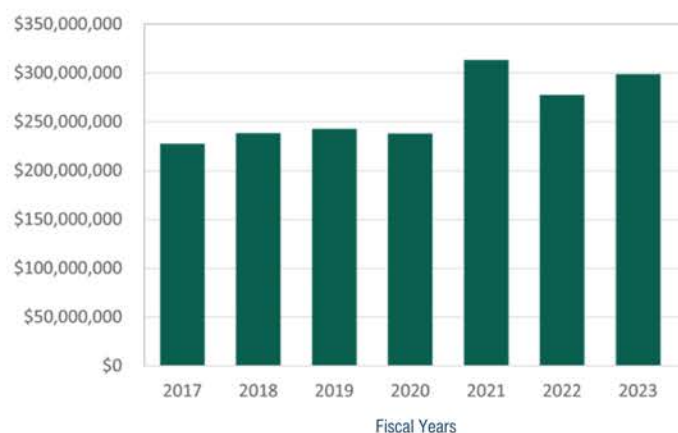
### Portfolio Composition

- GLOBAL EQUITIES
- GLOBAL FIXED INCOME
- ABSOLUTE RETURN
- REAL ASSETS
- PRIVATE CAPITAL



**Endowment Value: \$299,097,717**

Endowment Balances



## Looking Ahead

The second half of the fiscal year was a victory for risk assets over market pessimism, which points to a strengthening U.S. economy. Consumer spending increased, the jobs picture remains healthy, and inflation shows signs of moderating. However, caution is still warranted.

Geopolitical risks remain a concern as China's economy has struggled to recover. Russia has faced internal strife among its military, while the war against Ukraine continues, and OPEC sought to curtail oil production. Given our caution about the market environment, the Portfolio remains conservatively positioned relative to long-term asset allocation targets.

We are pleased with the Portfolio's long-term performance and believe it is well positioned for the current economic environment. The Portfolio contains a thoughtful mix of expected return drivers, volatility reducers and portfolio hedges, with an eye towards risk management and downside capital preservation.

As we look ahead to the next fiscal year, we look forward to working with Foundation leadership to continue supporting the mission of the Medical College of Georgia Foundation.

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