



LCC INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY

# ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023



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*Faculty and staff (August 2022)*

# “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL.”

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## **Mission Statement**

LCC International University provides Christian liberal arts education within a diverse learning community that transforms people for servant leadership.

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## **Vision Statement**

To be the leading Christian liberal arts university in Europe, renowned for its flourishing academic community, spiritual vitality, and global impact.

# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

We began the 2022-2023 academic year noting that August was the anniversary of:

- The 1989 Baltic Way
- The 1991 coup in Moscow
- The 2008 Russian invasion of Georgia
- The 2014 Yazidi genocide in Northern Iraq
- The 2020 Belarusian election
- The 2021 withdrawal from Afghanistan
- The 6th month of the Russian invasion of Ukraine

These are memories, both those that are hope-filled and those that are traumatizing, that are the August realities for students at LCC. We want to be available when care is needed, when support requires attentive listening, when the global realities all merge together on campus.

Our year was woven together around the theme from the famous hymn, **"It is Well with My Soul."** These are difficult words to claim in a world of disruptive change. These are difficult words to hold on to when wars and border disputes and displaced people are very real for the people we know. But . . . we can claim these words when we know the God who brings peace, unlike the world gives. **It is well with my soul.**

We walked together through the 2022-2023 academic year committed to each other and to our students, grateful for each person who is part of the global LCC community, and eager to move forward the LCC vision of *a flourishing academic community, with spiritual vitality, and a global impact.*

We welcomed the collaboration of international guests and partners. We connected with alumni. We celebrated the research success of our professors and our students. We taught and visited and hosted and traveled. And through it all, we were able to say, **“It is well with my soul.”**

Thank you to those of you who are generous donors to LCC. Our students have been impacted. Thank you to those of you who are faithful in prayer for the LCC community. Thank you to our partners in Klaipeda, in Lithuania, in Europe, in North America, and around the world.



Marlene Wall, PhD  
President



*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

*(Horatio G. Spafford, 1873)*



# INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

**ARMENIA** - The Armenian Bishop's visit to LCC brought invaluable spiritual support to our community, which includes nearly 50 exceptional Armenian students.

**KAZAKHSTAN** - The visit of the Head of School from Tien Shan International School in Almaty, Kazakhstan was marked by a vibrant conversation fueled by the multitude of global connections we discovered.

**THE NETHERLANDS** - Jelle Terpstra and Jantine Dekker from the Christian University of Applied Sciences in Ede gave lectures in the Psychology Department on the topics of mental health issues and domestic violence. They shared their experiences from their many years of working in social services.

**GEORGIA** - Irine Kurtanidze, a faculty member from Caucasus University, delivered lectures on political communication and campaigning. She shared her extensive experience working with political parties, government entities, NGOs, and media organizations.

**US EMBASSY** - Tamir Waser, Deputy Chief of Mission from the U.S. Embassy Vilnius, delivered a lecture to the International Relations and Development students. He has served in many European nations, as well as in Washington, with a primary focus on European security issues and NATO.

**GEORGIAN EMBASSY** - Salome Shapakidze, the Georgian Ambassador to Lithuania, delivered a lecture to the International Relations and Development students and spoke about diplomacy and foreign policy practices from the perspective of a small state.



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- US Embassy
- Georgian Embassy

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# FACULTY INTERNATIONAL VISITS

**GEORGIA** - Dr. Lisa Gibson, professor of International Relations and Development, was hosted by Caucasus University. She participated in the courses of "Eastern Enlargement of the EU" and "International Organizations." Dr. Gibson also delivered an open seminar: "From Terrorism to Triumph: How personal loss can be a platform for global peacemaking."

**BELGIUM** - Milvydas Knyzelis, an instructor in the Contemporary Communication program, visited Artevelde University of Applied Sciences in Ghent. He presented: "The Dark Side of UX: Manipulative Digital Design Practices," inviting students to discuss and consider what dangerous methods designers possess in their toolbox, how to employ these methods in a human-centered way, and why ethical design is the best way forward.

**CYPRUS** - Indrè Razbadauskaitė-Venskė, an instructor in International Business Administration, visited the European University Cyprus. During her visit, Indrė delivered lectures on Neuromarketing and Consumer Behavior and interacted with students from other EU countries.

**FRANCE** - Henrika Ruginė, an instructor in International Business Administration, visited Lille Catholic University. She shared her research and knowledge in the field of Circular Economy with students.

**HUNGARY** - Ingrid Voss, an instructor in English Language and Literature, was hosted by Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church. She presented on the topic of English Humor and shared ideas on teaching methods.





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Dr. Lisa Gibson in Georgia  
 Milvydas Knyzelis in Belgium  
 Indrė Razbadauskaitė-Venskė in Cyprus  
 Henrika Ruginė in France  
 Ingrid Voss in Hungary

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# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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## The LCC Documentary Film Festival

offered students the opportunity to screen their short documentary films in a commercial cinema setting. The films were created as part of their Introduction to Documentary Filmmaking course offered within the BA Contemporary Communications program.

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## The Ugly Duckling Cup

is an old tradition that was revived this year, where students race in homemade boats across the LCC pond.

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## The Annual LCC Global Village

celebrates the cultures and home nations of students and is clearly a student favorite event.

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Student Council sponsored the **Spring Festival Event**, featuring a color powder party.

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## The Leadership Development Program Awards Ceremony

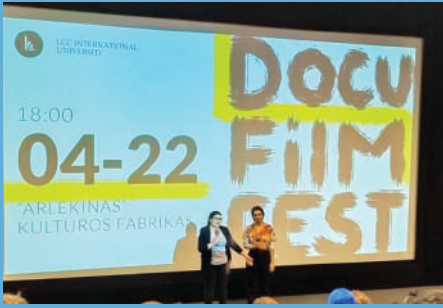
recognized our current student leaders. By participating in the program, students have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through service.

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## The Cognition Fair

brings BA Psychology students together with their peers who participate in experiments designed by the students. The Cognition Fair is a creative way to gather data.



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# STUDENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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Contemporary Communications students met with Head of Communication and Marketing at the Port of Klaipėda, which is now recognized as the second-largest container port in the Baltic Sea.

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International Business Administration and Contemporary Communication students toured the TransUnion office, an American consumer credit reporting agency in Kaunas, and heard about the open opportunities.

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International Business Administration students visited Ernst & Young, a global leader in consulting, strategy and transactions, and tax services. The students came back inspired and eager to maintain a connection with EY.

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International Business Administration students met Sergiu Rusu (Class of 2018), Head of Commerce at Lavango. During the visit, they learned about the food processing industry.



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# STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Study Abroad and Student Exchange programs are integral to LCC's identity and educational model. It was great to welcome students again after the pandemic.



In pursuit of new horizons Study Abroad students embarked on an unforgettable journey to the country of Georgia.

Study Abroad and Exchange students had a memorable weekend getaway to Riga and Tallinn. As they ventured through the enchanting medieval towns, they fully embraced the captivating history surrounding them.



Fall 2022      3 Study Abroad | 23 Exchange  
Spring 2023    7 Study Abroad | 16 Exchange  
Summer 2023   24 Study Abroad



# LCC MOOSE BASKETBALL

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This year, the LCC Moose women's basketball team won 3rd place in the top Lithuanian league. The team was also nominated as the "Best Organization" in the league, a great achievement in their 3rd year.

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The LCC Moose men's team made notable progress this year by participating in the Lithuanian Student Basketball League and securing 4th place.

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The LCC Moose head coach, Vilius Stanisaukas, was recognized for his achievements in women's basketball by Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda.

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LCC hosted over 1,000 visitors on High School Basketball Star Day. The famous Lav twins of Lithuanian basketball met the Dias twins from Brazil of LCC basketball.

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Klaipėda mayor Arvydas Vaitkus and his colleagues hosted the Moose Women's team, congratulating them on their athletic achievements and thanking them for proudly representing the city in national tournaments.



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# EXPLORING ALUMNI SUCCESS

## Sanna Karosas

(Class of 2004 - English Language and Literature) is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2023. After completing an MA degree, she taught at LCC for five years. Sanna is a shining example of passionate living in service to others. She exhibits servant leadership through her public efforts to support the vulnerable population with Down's Syndrome. Sanna demonstrates her Christian worldview through her church involvement and leadership of the Alpha course, all while being a mother of five.



## Dainius Šilingas

LCC president, Marlene Wall, together with the VP for Marketing, Eglė Petrošiūtė, had an inspiring breakfast at a skatepark in Klaipėda, which was founded and is run by Dainius Šilingas (Class of 2012 - International Business Administration). He works with local youth to help them stay off the streets, stay motivated, and receive mentorship and support. Dainius started an NGO called AUK Centras, built the AJE+ Skatepark, and is training the youth in martial arts.





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David (Class of 2016)  
Alma (Class of 1997)  
Ania (Class of 2015)  
Linda (Class of 2003)  
Rina (Class of 2002)  
Virginia (Class of 2000)

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**TOTAL ALUMNI - 2566**  
**BA COUNTRIES - 46**  
**MA COUNTRIES - 16**





**WE WELCOME OUR  
NEWEST ALUMNI,  
116 STRONG-MINDED  
INDIVIDUALS FROM 24  
COUNTRIES!**





Use this QR code to listen to the Scripture being read at Baccalaureate in the 19 languages of the graduating class. (Luke 4:18-19)



# THE CENTER FOR DIALOGUE AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

**LEBANON** - **Raffi Feghali**, a storytelling peacebuilding performer, presented a monodramatic storytelling performance titled "Anatomy of a Home." The LCC community was transported into his Lebanese world, embarking on a journey in search of identity and belonging.

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**GHANA** - **Prince Agyei**, a visiting professor, had an impactful visit to LCC. His research concentrates on intractable communal conflicts, with a specific focus on the South and the Nkonya- Alavanyo conflict in Ghana. Prince explored the potential of a transformative approach in building relationships, diminishing violence, and advancing justice. His presence brought a distinct African perspective to the field of conflict transformation.

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**NORTHERN IRELAND** - Peace facilitators, **Colin and Rachel Craig**, along with **Michael Gibbs** delivered a series of workshops in facilitator training, focusing on navigating conflict and change using the framework of the Dialogue for Peaceful Change methodology.

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**UKRAINE** - **Dr. Julia Buyskykh**, a scholar from Kyiv, shared her long-term research on pilgrimages at the Polish-Ukraine border. Her presentation titled "Borders, Bridges and Belonging: When Religion Heals Intergenerational Memories and Trauma" offered professors and students an opportunity to better understand how peace is built.





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LEBANON - Raffi Feghali  
GHANA - Prince Agyei  
NORTHERN IRELAND - Colin and Rachel Craig, Michael Gibbs  
UKRAINE - Dr. Julia Buyskykh

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# STANDING WITH UKRAINE

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LCC was among the first to see the documentary **FREEDOM ON FIRE** and have an exclusive discussion with Director Evgeny Afineevsky. This powerful documentary highlights the 9 years of war in Ukraine, beginning in 2014 through February 6, 2023.

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The "Unissued Diplomas" exhibition project was held at LCC, uncovering the stories of 36 students living in Ukraine who were killed in the war.

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This year's Christmas Market featured local musical talent, including the Ukrainian community. It was a great evening that also helped collect donations for the Ukrainian school in Klaipėda.

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LCC was honored to host the Director of all Ukrainian schools around Europe (39 schools in 15 countries). We look forward to our collaboration as a way to support Ukrainian students who have fled their country because of the Russian invasion.



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# BUILDING BRIDGES FOR WAR-AFFECTED STUDENTS

In November 2022, the LCC Middle East Scholars program was identified by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, as the “targeted admission program that most closely implements several core components of education pathways for refugees.”

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**JAPAN** - Aiste Motekaitienė was invited by the Global Taskforce on Third Country Education Pathways to speak at the Expanding Refugee Education Pathways conference in Japan. Fifty people from 20 different countries gathered to share their experiences in building and running educational pathway programs for refugees.

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**IRAQ** - Aiste Motekaitiene and 3rd year student Ieva Rūkė met with government agencies, NGOs, and LCC alumni. They discussed future cooperation, capacity building for the region and new projects in the field of peace and conflict resolution.

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**SWEDEN** - LCC hosted guests from Vinga Folkhögskola, a vocational school that works with refugees who are building a new life in Sweden. LCC looks forward to future cooperation.



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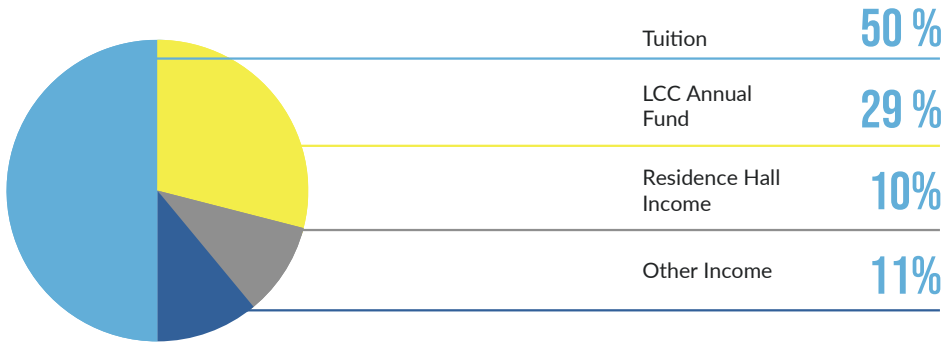
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## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

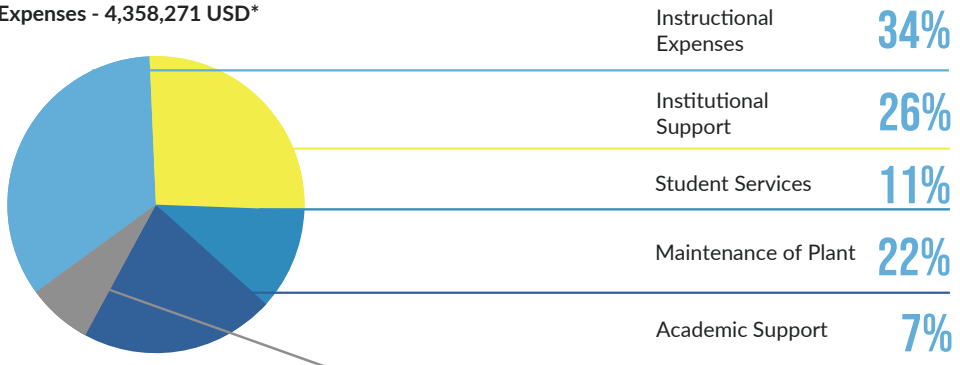
1,000,000 USD is the estimated value of the contributed services of faculty/staff, and other volunteer services (not included in annual budget)

LCC is a **debt free** institution.

Income - 4,107,037 USD



Expenses - 4,358,271 USD\*



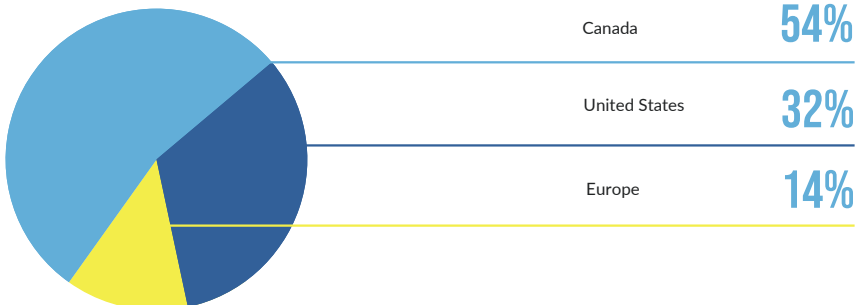
\* Deficit driven by continued double-digit annual inflation until June 2023, when it dropped to 9% from a height of 24% in September 2022.

# ANNUAL FUND

**1,177,455 USD**  
Annual Fund Donations

The main purpose of the Annual Fund is to sustain the operations of the university and to ensure the funds to offer scholarships and high-quality education to students who otherwise would not be able to afford it. Many students find it very hard to pay the full yearly tuition of 4,000 USD plus living expenses. Our goal each year is to invite donors to the Annual Fund, evaluate the individual need of each student, and provide financial support, enabling them to experience the North American style education at LCC. We are grateful for each individual gift, which impacts the transformation of these future leaders.

## Donations to Annual Fund by Region





# ADDITIONAL STUDENT FUNDING

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Ukraine Commitment Project

230,993 EUR

Funding available for war-affected students from Ukraine.

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Middle East Scholars Program

60,489 EUR

Funding available for war-affected students from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Basketball Klaipėda Municipality

124,009 EUR

City funding for women's basketball. Funds available for programs and scholarships.

**MOST OF OUR STUDENTS, FROM DEVELOPING ECONOMIES, AND WAR-AFFECTED COUNTRIES, REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO AFFORD A UNIVERSITY EDUCATION.**

# STUDENT NEED

**The average GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) of the top 10 countries where LCC students come from is 3 times lower than in the USA.**

Source: International Monetary Fund 2023, June

<b>USA</b>	<b>80,030</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>60,177</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>49,266</b>
<b>Russia</b>	<b>34,837</b>
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	<b>32,688</b>
<b>Belarus</b>	<b>23,447</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>21,922</b>
<b>Albania</b>	<b>19,030</b>
<b>Armenia</b>	<b>19,480</b>
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>13,901</b>
<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	<b>6,250</b>
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>2,456 (data 2020)</b>

\*All amounts are in USD

**629,549 EUR**

**amount distributed**  
to students as financial aid  
through Annual Fund and Ukraine  
Commitment Project donations

**3,360 EUR**

**annual tuition**  
for BA students

**60%**

**percentage of students**  
who received financial aid

# ENDOWMENT FUNDS

**Endowment funds** provide long-term financial stability, help to support students who are in financial need, attract and retain faculty and staff, and contribute resources to various initiatives and projects on campus.

## **Named Endowment Funds**

Currently, 17 named endowment funds are in place, with annual interest income helping students with their tuition and faculty with their research. Named endowment funds are activated at 25,000.

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Hinderliter Endowed Faculty Fellowship Fund  
Myrl Nofziger Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Ted & Marylene Thiesen Endowed Scholarship Fund  
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Jayco Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
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Timothy & Willemina Palmer Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Evelyn Thomsen Endowed Scholarship Fund  
CDN Venture Fund

**WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE THE  
GROWTH OF OUR ENDOWMENT  
FUNDS.**

# ENDOWMENT PERFORMANCE

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Endowment Market Value at Year End 2022-2023	1,347,070
US Charity (USD)	6,047,925
Canadian Charity (CAD)	

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Endowment Market Value at Year End 2021-2022	1,215,926
US Charity (USD)	5,973,664
Canadian Charity (CAD)	

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Endowment Market Value at Year End 2020- 2021	1,222,226
US Charity (USD)	5,109,000
Canadian Charity (CAD)	

## Heritage Society

The Heritage Society honors the legacy of generous donors who wish to strengthen the university through estate plans.

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Number of donors  
in LCC Heritage Society

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Current Board of Directors Members

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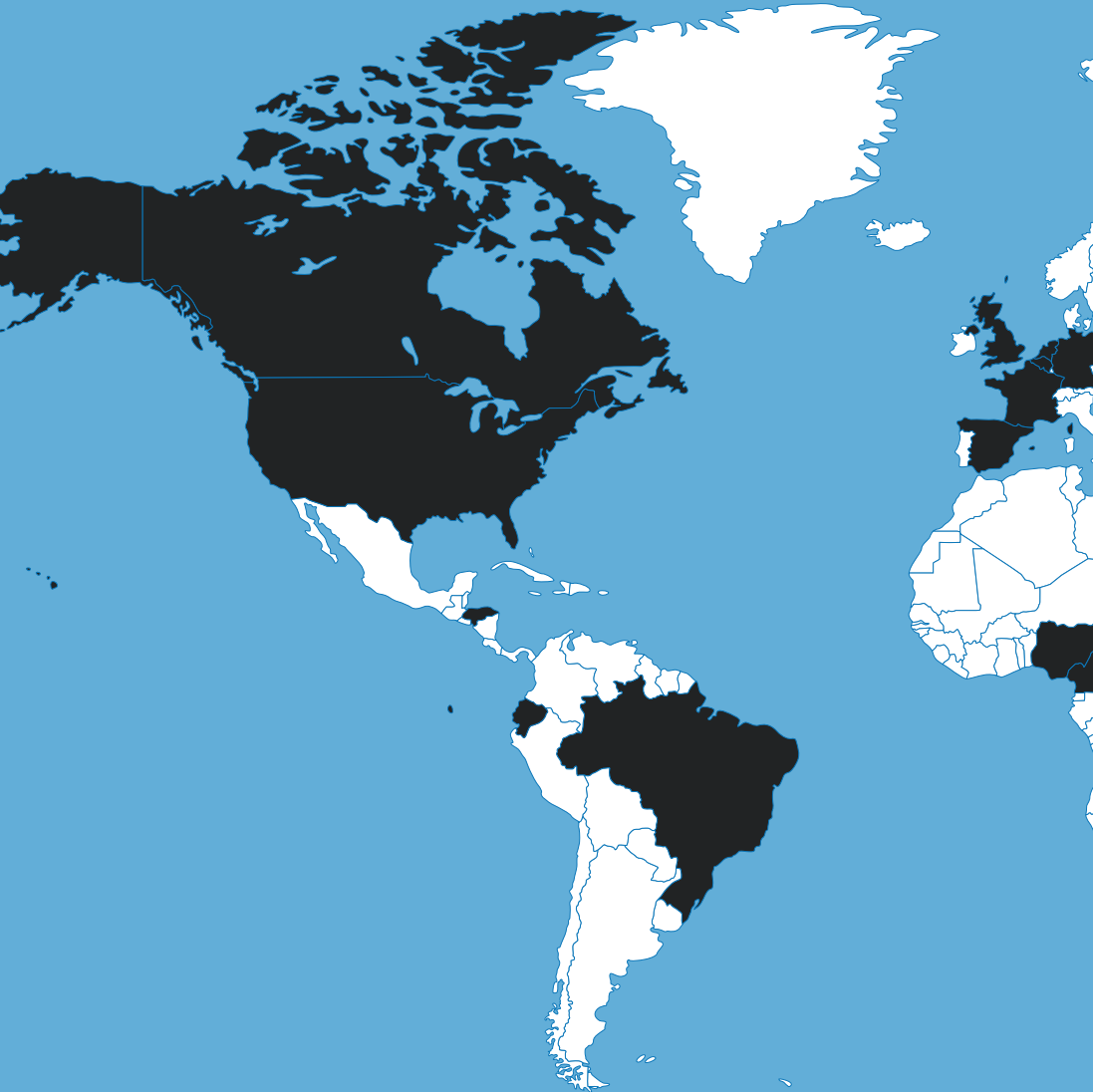
Eglė Petrošiūtė, Vice President, Marketing

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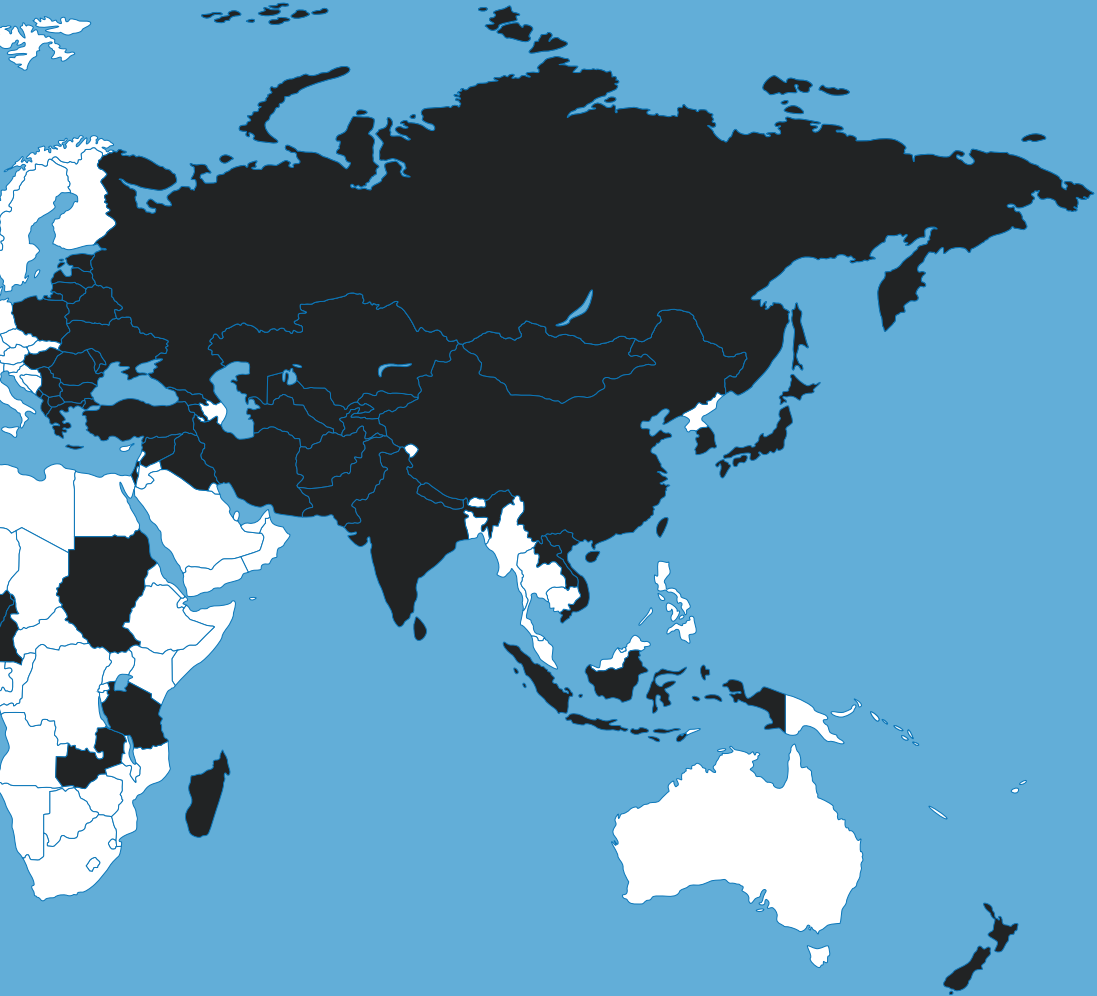


**THANK YOU  
FROM THE  
LCC AVANCEMENT  
TEAM**

**65 COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED AT  
LCC THIS YEAR.**



**TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS:**  
**BA - 727**  
**MA- 34**





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