“It is one of the noblest duties of a university to advance knowledge, and to diffuse it not merely among those who can attend the daily lectures—but far and wide.”

Daniel Coit Gilman
Creating new knowledge and preparing students to make a real difference in the world—this is the mission of the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. Whether in the humanities or the natural sciences, the arts or the social sciences, our faculty members are recognized leaders in their disciplines. We are proud of their achievements and ready to support them as they push the boundaries of their fields, taking their students with them as junior researchers in the lab or the archive, enabling the youngest members of our community to make their own mark.

The 21st century is a period of change and creativity, of stress and momentum. It demands the highest standards of innovation and excellence. From the astrophysicist and the German scholar to the filmmaker and the mathematician, Johns Hopkins stands at that pinnacle, and we look with relish on the challenges ahead of us as faculty and students.

For the past two years, the Krieger School faculty has engaged in a top-to-bottom strategic planning process designed to identify the priorities that will guide our campaign and hence enable us to realize our full potential. We have settled on four significant goals: opening doors for the next generation; affirming the central value of the humanities; pursuing research that speaks to global challenges in the natural and social sciences; and celebrating the arts.

With your support we are confident we will reach these goals, and accordingly, with enthusiasm and gratitude, we invite you to join us in this work.

Katherine S. Newman
James B. Knapp Dean
The Krieger School of Arts and Sciences

CONNECTING PAST TO PRESENT

As a freshman at the Krieger School, Courtney Harris, ’11, had no idea that her studies would lead to a global career in art history—and a treasure hunt. While initially intending to major in international studies, Harris soon found herself drawn to courses in history and museum curation, which in turn caused her to pursue a double major in art history. But it was a chance encounter with a guest lecturer who mentioned Nazi-era documentation on stolen art in the National Archives, which provided a light-bulb moment for Courtney. “It was the first time I became aware that it was possible to have a career in my field,” she recalls. Thanks to the opportunities provided by Krieger internships at the Homewood Museum, and another secured with the help of Johns Hopkins’ study-abroad office, at Villa I Tatti, the Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies in Florence, Harris gained the critical experience and preparation necessary to launch her career after graduation. Today, Harris is employed at London’s Commission for Looted Art in Europe. As an art historian and researcher, she is responsible for helping to track down and verify the provenance of literally millions of dollars’ worth of fine art looted from Jewish families by the Nazis during World War II. By doing so, she is helping descendants reclaim valuable paintings, artifacts, and something even more priceless—their heritage.
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It is imperative, especially in today’s daunting economy, that we recruit the most talented students, regardless of their financial ability. Whether they decide to pursue the sciences or the humanities, our scholars need to be educated in an interdisciplinary and global manner. Their future will be even more fast-paced and interconnected than ours. The Krieger School will build upon its strengths and expert faculty to give the next generation of students more opportunities to engage in cutting-edge research, communicate their work, expand their knowledge beyond the classroom, and set their sights high.

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Your support will enable us to become a truly global, diverse, and collaborative community of prepared scholars and leaders. To that end we will:

- Expand financial aid packages;
- Grow our internship and summer job opportunities;
- Increase financial aid resources that will support study abroad;
- Develop programs where students can earn a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in either four or five years while staying at Hopkins;
- Require all undergraduates to have a substantive independent research experience;
- Support continuous innovation in the classroom.

If you question whether the investment of a scholarship makes a real difference, listen for a moment to Krieger undergraduate Zayne Washington III, ’13. In a letter of thanks for his Marber Family Scholarship, he wrote, “Your scholarship has been a blessing. In my senior year of high school, my father lost his job and was unemployed for six months. You have spared both my parents and me from some of the financial burden of paying for my education. Without your generosity, my education here would not be possible, and for that I am truly grateful.”

Through this scholarship aid, Washington’s academic experience at Hopkins has, as he puts it, “blossomed.” While planning to pursue a career in medicine, he initially was uncertain whether to pursue a clinical focus as a psychiatrist or neurologist, or to become a biomedical researcher after earning a doctorate in neuroscience and a medical degree. However, a summer internship that placed him in a medical research lab and enabled him to shadow physicians, convinced Washington to follow a clinical track, especially after witnessing a heart surgery operation firsthand.

Outside of his studies, Washington has gained even greater experience as a research assistant in various clinical and lab settings. However, he’s still made time to volunteer as a “bio-mentor” for general biology students and as a biology tutor at the university’s Learning Den. As he prepares for graduation, followed by a gap year to get more hands-on experience working in a hospital environment before entering medical school, Washington is more than ready.

“I am very excited to see my dreams become closer to realities,” he says.
AFFIRM THE CENTRAL VALUE OF THE HUMANITIES

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Taking the Next Step Together

The scientific future looks large. With your support, our community of scientists will take on some of this century’s most vexing issues. Your generosity will enable us to:

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• Build interdisciplinary programs to explore high performance computing and data-intensive science;
• Create an undergraduate program in social policy;
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THE SKY’S NOT THE LIMIT

The sign on the door of Room 110 in Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg Center for Physics and Astronomy says it all, “Rocket Room.” Inside, for the past six years, Krieger School astrophysicist Stephan McCandliss and a small team of graduate students, electricians, and machinists have been building a $3.2 million NASA sounding rocket called FORTIS—the Far-ultraviolet Off Rowland-circle Telescope for Imaging and Spectroscopy. When it launches sometime in 2013, FORTIS will follow a 180-mile trajectory into space where for five minutes, its spectro-telescope will capture ultraviolet images and spectrographs of deep-space objects. After signs of escaping hydrogen, which could help explain the formation of early galaxies. The rocket will then return for a soft landing and the retrieval of its data.

For graduate students on the team, the chance to participate in every aspect of the rocket’s construction, testing, and eventual flight is a unique opportunity. “The greatest thing for me about the sounding rocket program is that I am allowed to do everything,” says 28-year-old graduate student Brian Fleming of Anchorage, Alaska. “It’s been the best learning experience for what I want to do that I could possibly have had.”

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CELEBRATE THE ARTS

The making of art complements humanistic inquiry in essential ways. While the arts are necessary in their own right, they are also crucial arteries to the world beyond the university. Our well-rounded students yearn for expanded arts programs. They expect a Johns Hopkins education to take them beyond the walls of the classrooms and laboratories—to engage with museums, dance studios, art workshops, film theaters, and music venues.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP TOGETHER

Creative human expression is a powerful complement to humanistic and scientific reason. By opening new avenues to the arts for our students, we ensure that they will become fully realized adults, able to appreciate great works of art, theories of harmony, the delicate process of poetic creation, and the explosive possibilities of communication through film, digital media, or museum displays. To achieve that goal, we must together:

• Establish a music faculty (with joint appointments) to create a music major;
• Build a faculty of artists—writers, filmmakers, fine artists, museum curators—to create a multi-media arts program;
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• Create a fund for public humanities that will support collaborations and partnerships with arts institutions and underwrite visiting artists.

MAKE A GIFT

The Krieger School has committed to raise $550 million for these priorities.

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CURATING A CAREER

All it took was a single class to propel Krieger undergraduate Alexandra Good into the dynamic world of arts curation and exhibitions. Taught by Rena M. Hoisington, associate curator and department head in the Department of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs at the Baltimore Museum of Art, Paper Museums: Exhibiting Prints at the BMA showcased the museum’s expansive print collection and introduced viewers to the history of printmaking. Along the way, Hoisington built a sturdy bridge between the BMA and JHU.

In the first few weeks, Good and her fellow students got a crash course in the history of Western prints and printmaking. Throughout the semester, students prepared presentations on a series of prints in the collection. In the last few weeks, they selected works, brainstormed themes, discussed the arrangement of prints, and developed marketing strategies for an eventual BMA exhibition.

As a result, Good, a History of Art major with a minor in Writing Seminars, learned the ropes of the curatorial profession and the craft of art history. She was inspired to complete an additional minor in museums and society, while conducting copyright research through a BMA internship in the museum’s Image Services and Rights Department. Following her graduation from Hopkins, she entered the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and is concurrently enrolled in the university’s joint degree program in arts management (JD/MAM) with Carnegie Mellon University’s Heinz College.

“In the class [for that class], I had no idea what I was getting into,” Good admits. Clearly, she was finding her future.

A WORK OF WONDER

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