

Highlights from Volunteer Summit 2021

- The College received a record number of applications for the 2021-2022 academic year, resulting in the largest class in College history, 422 first years.
- Academically, Bryn Mawr remains committed to our educational mission as shown in new interdisciplinary programs:
 - Data Science has become a minor that is built on a foundation of technical skills in statistics and computer science with an emphasis on society and ethics. A generous donation from an alumna helped the program get underway and provides opportunities for paid internships.
 - In concert with Haverford, a bi-college major in Neuroscience was recently launched. Both colleges were able to hire new faculty to contribute to the program along with the existing outstanding faculty in biology and psychology. As with other bi-co majors, a wider range of study can be offered that wouldn't be possible for either college on their own.
- This summer, the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in the Liberal Arts (STEMLA) Fellows Program was launched as a free, interdisciplinary college-transition program for first-generation, low-income students with interest in STEM fields. Twenty students participated this summer and they will engage in a two-year pilot mentoring program.
- An exhibit of the ongoing series *Who Built Bryn Mawr?* opened in February 2021 and can be viewed in Canaday Library and [online](#). The exhibit features four biographies of women whose experiences had an impact on Bryn Mawr but have not always been acknowledged. Stay tuned for a new exhibit in November focusing on 1960's student activism for racial justice.
- Thanks to the hard work of our alumnae/i, families, and friends, we smashed our minimum goal of \$250 million and raised \$301,884,913 for the *Defy Expectation* Campaign. Here's what is behind that amazing number:
 - Over 107,000 gifts, including almost 5,000 people who made their first gift during the Campaign.
 - Added \$60 million to the endowment for financial aid and scholarships.
 - Helped renovate Park Science and fund the construction of the the new Student Life and Wellness Center.
- Established in 2008 and revitalized in 2020, the Black Alumnae/i Fund supports students who share a cultural background or personally identify with the African Diaspora in their personal and professional growth. This summer, the Fund supported two summer internships. You can learn more about the fund and the students supported by visiting the BAF webpage at www.brynmawr.edu/alumnae/black-alumnaei-fund.