In March 2020, as the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic became immediate, we at Chapman made the difficult decision to move all instruction online and shift staff to remote work. This rapid transition protected the health and well-being of our campus communities, while our strong strategic vision allowed us to weather the social and economic crises that followed.

At the same time, Chapman scholars put existing research projects on hold to find answers raised by the pandemic. The Office of Research awarded $95,000 to faculty in fields ranging from bioscience to public health policy, with the goal of long- and short-term solutions.

As many students and their families struggled with the financial fallout of the crisis, the Chapman community responded with an outpouring of philanthropic support. Thanks to a $1 million challenge gift from the Potamkin Family to support the CU Safely Back Campaign, we not only experienced a record-breaking Giving Day, we raised more than five times last year’s total.

COVID-19 continues to challenge us in profound ways. Thanks to prudent planning and the ongoing commitment of our communities, Chapman is meeting that challenge.
Of Progress
2018–2022

Some milestones that took place in each area of the Strategic Plan. Is already bearing results. With our combined efforts, we believe an inclusive community and optimizing our campus footprint is in the next five years, but for decades to come. Our focus on building these endeavors will help Chapman University not just for the Chapman Experience to better serve our students, staff, faculty and friends.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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OPTIMIZING OUR CAMPUS FOOTPRINT

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Comprehensive fundraising campaign

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