

Make history with us!

Founded in 1932 during the Great Depression as The College of St. Albert the Great, DSPT has always had confidence that *Deus Providebit* (God will provide) in fulfilling the school's mission, whatever the circumstances.

With another academic and fiscal year behind us, we are pleased to report on the past year. We thank all of our benefactors and invite you to continue making history with us as we work to sustain and grow DSPT. Together we can not only make the philosophical and Catholic theological traditions available but can also advance them, at the service of men and women, for the redemption of our culture, and for the glory of God.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Benicia



1851

Spaniard Francis S. Vilarrasa, OP, founds the first House of Studies to prepare six Dominican novices from Spain for the priesthood in Monterey, California.

1854

Fr. Vilarrasa moves the House of Studies to Benicia, California (pictured left and above), which is the state capitol at the time.

OUR MISSION

The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT), a member of the Graduate Theological Union (GTU), is a community of scholars committed to the pursuit of truth as revealed in the Gospel and discovered by human reason. Inspired by the Dominican practice of disciplined inquiry and learned preaching, the School draws its students into the rich tradition of classical philosophy and Catholic theology, especially as exemplified by St. Thomas Aquinas, and from this tradition engages contemporary scholarship and culture in mutual enrichment.

As a Center of Studies of the Order of Preachers and an apostolate of the Western Dominican Province, the School is committed to preparing women and men for academic and apostolic vocations.

“DSPT does not hesitate to seriously engage competing non-Catholic worldviews in and outside the classroom. Here, a virtue rarely seen in our contemporary era is demonstrated: fostering sincere dialogue in an age of diversity, while retaining genuine Catholic integrity.” - Scott Fennema, Alumnus



YOUR IMPACT

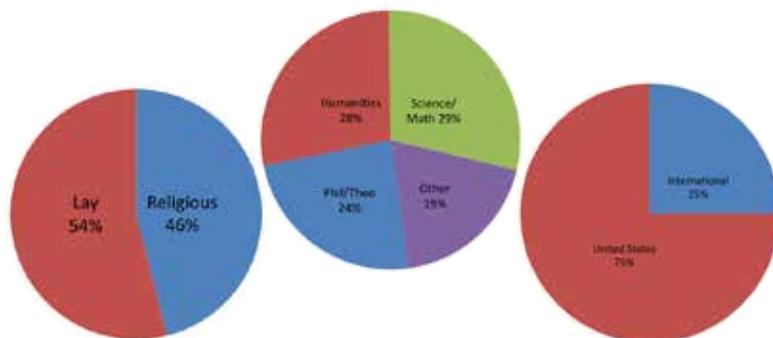
Our students come from diverse professional and academic backgrounds and go on to serve the People of God, working to redeem our culture through many different vocations: as pastors, professors, journalists, artists, teachers, administrators, lawyers, architects, among others!

In addition to lay men and women and the Dominicans of the Western Dominican Province, DSPT educates:

- Capuchin Franciscans of the Western America Province who are preparing for ordination;
- members of the Society of Don Bosco (Salesians)
- Dominicans and other religious from around the world.

Hundreds of thousands of lives are touched by the pastors, religious, and lay students who have received a DSPT education that you make possible. Thank you!

Incoming Students 2013-15:



Oakland



1931

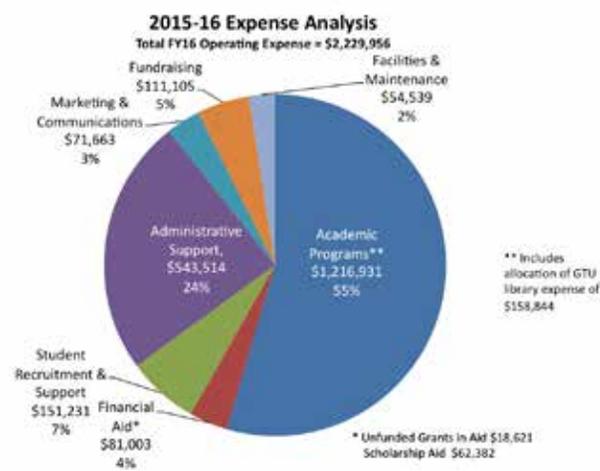
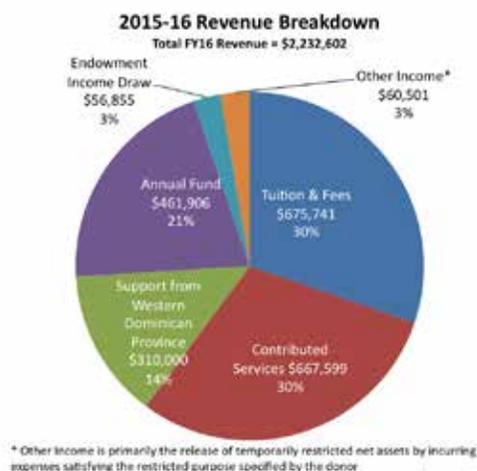
Master of the Order, Martin Gillet, OP, requests that the friars in California follow Dominican practice and locate near a major university.

1932

The Western Dominican Province (WDP) founds the College of St. Albert the Great in Oakland near UC Berkeley (UCB) envisioning that lay students would study side-by-side with Dominicans.

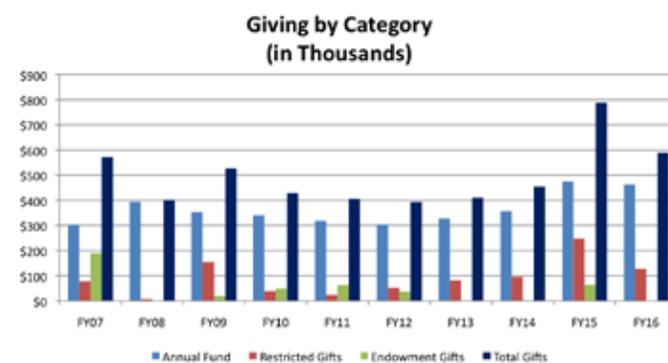
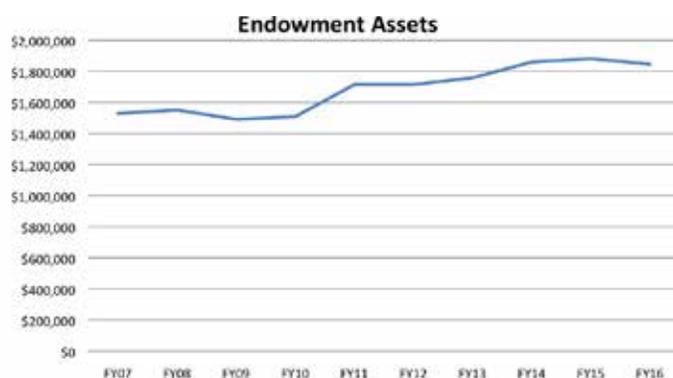
THE YEAR IN REVIEW

- 19 graduates earned 25 certificates and degrees – seven earned both the MA Theology and MA Philosophy degrees (our signature Concurrent MA Option), where two degrees are earned with one longer thesis.
 - 4 Certificate Theological Studies
 - 2 Master of Theological Studies
 - 11 MA Philosophy
 - 7 MA Theology
 - 1 GTU MA Theology
- Fr. Michael Morris, OP, long-time and much-beloved DSPT Professor of Religion and the Arts passed away on July 15, 2016 from cancer. We remain committed to sustaining our Religion and the Arts Program.
- DSPT finished the year \$2.6K in the black, overcoming a \$70K projected deficit that was principally due to unusually low enrollment. Strong fundraising, the prudent management of expenses, and additional Province (WDP) support were crucial.



Endowment income is minimal, indicating the need to grow the endowment. “Contributed Services” represents the difference between the stipends paid to the communities of our religious faculty and staff and market salaries.

The bulk of expenses go to sustaining our academic programs. Increasing spending on student recruitment and support, financial aid, marketing and communications, and fundraising would result in higher revenue. Staff size is an unsustainably low 5.6 full-time equivalent.



DSPT’s endowment has grown, but slowly, and remains small and insufficient in comparison to peer institutions.

The past two years have been the best years for fundraising at DSPT in the last 10 years. Increasing gifts to the endowment, particularly for scholarships, is a priority.

1964

The College of St. Albert the Great becomes the first Roman Catholic school to join the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) to contribute to ecumenical dialogue.

1966

The College rents a building on “Holy Hill”– the center of the GTU and next door to UCB – fostering more interaction among the member schools and UCB. In 1976, the College becomes the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT).



Berkeley



Celebrating 800 years of Dominican education!



THINGS TO COME

We are looking forward to the 2016-2017 academic year and are excited to welcome a large incoming class.

Our philosophy offering will increase as Fr. John Thomas Mellein, OP, joins the faculty this fall. Fr. Mellein is currently completing his doctorate at the Catholic University of America (CUA).

Please join us this year at our events. More information will become available at dspt.edu/events:

- **Blackfriars Gallery Opening Reception**
Sun., Sept. 25, 2016
- **Imagination and Cooperation in the Care of our Common Home**, *Tues., Oct. 4, 2016*
- **Convocation of the College of Fellows**
Fri. and Sat., Jan. 27-28, 2017
- **Annual Aquinas Lecture**
"Guides for the Perplexed: Aquinas and al-Ghazali on the Moral Life" by Sr. Marianne Farina, CSC
Tues., March 17, 2017
- **Alemany Awards Benefit Gala**
Sat., April 29, 2017
- **2017 Commencement Exercises**
Sat., May 20, 2017
- **2nd Triennial Dominican Colloquium**
"Person, Soul, and Consciousness - Philosophical and Theological Perspectives"
Wed.-Sat., July 12-15, 2017

HELP US MAKE HISTORY!

The Dominican Order was founded to preach the Good News in light of the demands of contemporary culture. A first-rate education has been and remains essential to the Dominican mission.

With your help, DSPT can continue to advance the visionary and historic legacy of Sts. Dominic, Albert, Thomas and Catherine (and many others)! We welcome and appreciate your gifts of talent, treasure, and prayer.

We need financial assistance in two major areas:

- **The Annual Fund** – Unrestricted gifts help us cover our general operating expenses – everything from faculty salaries to student grant-in-aid, to paying the electric bills. Give easily and securely online at dspt.edu/give or text @dspt to 52014.
- **Endowed Scholarships** – We lose students every year because we can't offer sufficient scholarships. Endowing a scholarship can have a transformative and lasting impact not only on the lives of students who receive aid, but also on the people they go on to encounter.

If you are interested in volunteering, would like more information about giving, or have any questions, call Manuel Nikel-Zueger at (510) 883-2086 or email him at mnz@dspt.edu.

Thank you for your generous support!

2006

Needing a permanent location, DSPT purchases a nearby property in 2005 and opens the doors of its beautiful new campus in the fall of 2006. The first members of the DSPT College of Fellows are inducted.

2015

Fr. Peter Rogers, OP, succeeds Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP, as President on July 1 to continue DSPT's growth and sustain its vision to prepare men and women for apostolic and academic vocations.

