Nearly 60 percent of the $500 million goal is focused on faculty and students. Move Mountains: The Campaign for The University of Vermont will make new investments in endowed faculty positions designed to attract and retain top scholars to teach and conduct research, as well as new scholarships and graduate fellowships aimed at making a UVM education financially accessible for all qualified students.

The Move Mountains campaign will also make strategic investments to advance UVM’s strongest programs — in human health, the environment, the humanities, and STEM, among others. Significant upgrades to selected facilities on campus are planned as well, such as the STEM Complex now under construction, the Alumni House on Summit Street and the UVM Medical Center’s new Inpatient Building.

“The time has come for UVM to move forward, to pursue excellence with even greater confidence and to assert our position among the nation’s finest public research universities,” said UVM President Tom Sullivan. “To move mountains is to change lives. This is our passion and our calling.”

As of the October announcement, the University had already, in the “silent phase” of the campaign since 2011, raised over $247 million of the $500 million goal. The October 2 announcement gala capped a two-day “crescendo of giving” that added more than $40 million in new gifts touching nearly every corner of campus.

At the College of Medicine, the major gift announcement was the $9 million gift from Robert Larner, M.D. ’42 and his wife, Helena Larner, of Woodland Hills, Calif. “The Larner’s generous gift, which will be directed to the existing Larner Endowed Medical Education Fund, will largely help medical students by supporting initiatives to expand the use of technology and innovative teaching methods at the College,” said Dean Rick Morin. The gift announcement was followed by a special Investiture ceremony during which UVM President Tom Sullivan presented new College of Medicine Teaching Academy Director Kathryn Huggett, Ph.D., as the inaugural Robert Larner, M.D. ’42 Endowed Professor in Medical Education.

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This October, UVM announced its largest and most ambitious fundraising campaign ever, a $500 million initiative that will transform and reshape the University.

For Students: $56 million

OUR GOAL ▶ Raise $35 million in medical student aid and $21 million in endowed fellowships to enroll the best students and minimize our graduates’ educational debt.

For Faculty: $53 million

OUR GOAL ▶ Create endowed professorships, chairs, and director positions to attract and retain the best faculty and fuel their innovative work without limitation.

For Research and Innovation: $9 million

OUR GOAL ▶ Advance our interdisciplinary education and research programs across the biomedical sciences, including neuroscience and health behaviors, and expand research and education on health care delivery.

The Move Mountains campaign presents the College of Medicine with a landmark opportunity to increase support for the students and faculty that are at the heart of its mission.

CAMPAIGN GOALS AT THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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College of Medicine faculty, staff, and students showcased the work of the College during the gala celebration of the Move Mountains campaign on October 2. At top, Professor of Psychiatry James Hudziak, M.D., spoke about his concussion research; at center, Clinical Simulator Laboratory technician Jim Court demonstrated a patient simulator used in education and training; below, Gary Hahn holds the medallion honoring the creation of the Larner Professor of Medical Education endowed by his father, Robert Larner, M.D. ’42.