Thank you to our members, donors, and sponsors for your support this year! We are delighted to share some of the highlights from the advocacy work you’ve made possible over the past year on campuses, in communities, and on Capitol Hill. We look forward to building on these successes in 2024!

Advocating for Humanities Funding

- On Humanities Advocacy Day, 160 advocates from 43 states took 216 meetings
- Mobilized more than 8,000 advocates in under 12 hours to contact their representatives and defeat an amendment to eliminate funding for the NEH
- Launched State and Local Policies That Fund the Humanities: A Clearinghouse, which offers model policies for advocates looking to bolster local support for the humanities

“Very energizing to be part of such a large group advocating for something that is so important to all of us.”
— HUMANITIES ADVOCACY DAY PARTICIPANT

Check out our new website for federal funding advocacy resources.
Supporting Faculty and Administrators in Recruiting Students to the Humanities

- Released Season 2 of our podcast, *What Are You Going to Do with That?*, featuring stories from everyday folks about why they chose to study the humanities as undergraduates and their pathways to fulfilling careers.

- Published *Documenting the Impact of the Public Humanities in Higher Ed: A Toolkit*, providing support for designing surveys and conducting focus groups and interviews that showcase the impact of the humanities to on-campus and external audiences.

- Launched *Approaches to Training in the Public Humanities* to support students and faculty in building programs on campus.

- Offered a summer workshop for 100 participants and kicked off a year-long professional development course for over 130 participants on documenting the impact of humanities work.

>I just want to say thank you [for creating *What Are You Going to Do with That?!*]! I will try to point students and colleagues to it. ... The topics are so real and important. I agree with your quoted speaker in the first episode: ‘this is the right way to pitch the Humanities.’”

—JERISE FOGEL, CLASSICS, MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Check out our new website for higher ed advocacy resources.
Ongoing Research Projects
Reports coming early next year

A Mellon Foundation-funded report, *Community Case Studies: How the Humanities Enrich Community Life*, on the comprehensive impact of humanities organizations in three case study sites

A Mellon Foundation-funded report, *Expanding Access to the Humanities*, which documents successful strategies that have broadened access for historically-underrepresented student groups

An Arthur Vining Davis Foundations-funded report on *Demonstrating the Value of Liberal Education through Integrative Learning*

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**Featured Partnerships**

- Completed a year-long partnership with the UMBC Dresher Center for the Humanities to document the impact of the Inclusion Imperative, a multi-year project focused on inclusive and community-engaged humanities work.

- Kicked off a longitudinal study on the impact of The Teagle Foundation’s Knowledge for Freedom program, which invites underserved high school students to study humanity’s deepest questions about leading lives of purpose and civic responsibility.

- Offered consultations on recruiting students to the humanities, revitalizing humanities departments, and building public humanities programs for the following NHA members:

  - Depaul University
  - Emory University
  - Rutgers University
  - Washington University in St. Louis
  - Youngstown State University
  - Guilford College
  - Montclair State
  - Texas State University

“Faculty at Guilford College designed a day-long retreat called ‘Nurturing the Liberal Arts.’ NHA’s Scott Muir helped to lay the foundation for the retreat and fielded questions about strategies and advocacy. His invaluable session provided context on the current state of the humanities and liberal arts and inspired the 25 attendees to communicate effectively (and proudly) about the value of the humanities and liberal arts.”

—JILL PETERFESO, ELI FRANKLIN CRAVEN AND MINNIE PHIPPS CRAVEN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES, GUILFORD COLLEGE
Creating a National Network of Humanities Advocates

- Increased NHA membership to a total of 271 members, representing 44 states and D.C.
- 214 attendees at the NHA Annual Meeting in March
- 711 in-person attendees at the National Humanities Conference in Indianapolis, with an additional 111 virtual-only attendees

“I always leave these meetings inspired and energized to return to my campus with fresh eyes and new ideas for strengthening our humanities programs and how we frame them.”

— ANNUAL MEETING PARTICIPANT

NEW NHA MEMBERS:

- AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY STUDIES
- AUBURN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
- CALVIN UNIVERSITY
- CARLETON COLLEGE
- CENTRE COLLEGE
- CLEMSON UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES
- COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT/SAIN'T JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
- COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
- EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
- ENDICOTT COLLEGE
- HAVENFORD COLLEGE
- HOPE COLLEGE
- INSTITUTE FOR SCHOLARSHIP IN THE LIBERAL ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
- LANE COLLEGE
- LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND
- OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
- PACE UNIVERSITY
- PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
- ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY
- ST. OLAF COLLEGE
- THIEL COLLEGE
- TOWSON UNIVERSITY
- TUFTS UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HUMANITIES CENTER
- UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MILWAUKEE
- VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, HUMANITIES RESEARCH CENTER
- WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

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