K-12 Education
The university supports local schools and students through a variety of programs and partnerships. The MySci program, a hands-on science-based curriculum developed by the university’s Institute for School Partnership, is used by over 150 schools serving more than 60,000 elementary and middle-school students. The College Prep Program annually supports 150 under-resourced St. Louis high school students on their journey to college, and the university’s chapter of the College Advising Corp provides support to hundreds of St. Louis- area high school students in the college admissions process. Washington University also sponsors two public charter schools, KIPP St. Louis and Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls.

Community Health
The university is committed to improving access to health care throughout the region by delivering world-class medical services and providing innovative solutions to today’s biggest public health challenges. In fiscal year 2016, the Washington University School of Medicine provided more than 186,000 outpatient specialty care encounters to Medicaid recipients and the uninsured, and it has brought more than $567.1 million in medical research funding to the region. The university’s Institute for Public Health brings together many disciplines and community partners to address the complex health issues facing the St. Louis region and the world.

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Washington University’s major regional investments include:

Engagement and Service
The university actively connects students, faculty and staff to the wider St. Louis community through the outreach efforts of its seven schools, the Gephart Institute for Civic and Community Engagement and numerous student groups. These collaborations have a significant positive community impact and account for nearly 2 million volunteer service hours each year.

Regional Spending
In fiscal year 2016, more than $2 billion in direct spending by the university, including more than $1.2 billion in salaries, supported nearly 15,000 jobs in the St. Louis region. The university purchased $261.4 million worth of goods and services from suppliers in the St. Louis area and paid local construction vendors $240.6 million in the same year. Our students spent approximately $142.5 million in the region.

Safety and Security
The university promotes safety on campus and in the St. Louis community by coordinating efforts with police departments in surrounding municipalities and through community infrastructure investments including pedestrian lighting and walkways, closed circuit security cameras, and emergency phones.

Public Transit
The university has a long history of support for Metro, our region’s public transit system. Students, faculty and staff are provided university-purchased transit passes for use on trains and buses, and our campuses are served by five light rail stations and multiple bus routes. In 2017, the joint St. Louis City/County police unit responsible for security on MetroLink established its base of operations in a university-owned building adjacent to the Delmar MetroLink station. Access to safe and secure public transportation supports livable, walkable communities, contributes to healthy lifestyles and is an important component of on-going economic growth in the St. Louis region.

Entrepreneurship
Washington University is a leader in St. Louis’ fast-growing start-up scene, through our research, investment and training programs. University faculty filed for 324 patents in 2017 and launched 18 new start-up companies in the past three years. We are a founding partner of the Cortex Innovation District, which provides a collaborative environment and state-of-the-art biomedical science and technology facilities to support new business development. Additionally, we established the William Greenleaf Elliot Seed Fund. Managed by the Skandalakis Center for Interdisciplinary Innovation and Entrepreneurship, this venture-capital fund is available to propel early-stage business ventures by students, faculty and recent alumni.

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Community Development
Washington University is committed to supporting the neighborhoods surrounding our campuses. Through investments in real estate, property renovations, homeownership programs and infrastructure projects, the university works with local partners to ensure the continued vitality of adjacent communities. University investments in the neighborhoods of Forest Park South East, Skinker DeBaliviere and Parkview Gardens, as well as the Delmar Loop and Grove commercial districts and the Cortex Innovation district, have contributed to the health and vibrancy of the region.

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