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Here are just a few examples of what your gift to Annual Fund helps provide:

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◆ Field trips and internships to give our students real-world experience tackling environmental issues around the world
◆ Course and curriculum development to ensure that our educational programs remain at the leading edge of knowledge and practice
◆ Career services and support for current students and alumni at all stages of their professional lives
◆ Daily operation and upkeep of our teaching and research facilities to maintain an environment conducive to learning, discovery and collaboration

If you share our passion for the environment and our commitment to building a more sustainable future, a gift to the Nicholas School Annual Fund is the perfect place to start.

To forge a more sustainable future, we must all work together.
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Alumnus Joel Dunn MEM’04 is creating a conservation legacy for future generations. The executive director of the Chesapeake Conservancy has helped create new national monuments and trails and has expanded national wildlife refuges. “At the Nicholas School, I enjoyed taking advantage of the amazing opportunities to learn about the environment, law and policy. These educational experiences, which were supported by Annual Fund donors, continue to inspire me and influence my life and work.”

Anna Flam MEM’14 spent a summer studying ecotourism sustainability in Thailand through an internship made possible by Annual Fund support. “It was an incredible opportunity to take skills learned in Durham out to the mangroves of Phang Nga, and to advance my career interest in international community-based environmental management. The Nicholas School Annual Fund supports valuable hands-on learning experiences like mine that foster the applied professional development of all students.”

The Nicholas School relies more than ever on annual philanthropic support from our alumni and friends to provide flexible working capital to help us ready the next generation of leaders to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

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