The University’s annual Giving Day this year raised a record $20.1 million for financial aid, research, athletics, and other programs, exceeding last year’s total by nearly $5 million. The twenty-four-hour fundraising drive, held on October 24, also shattered records for participation, with donors in all fifty states and sixty-three countries contributing a total of 17,103 gifts. The schools with the highest alumni-participation rates were the College of Dental Medicine, Columbia College, Barnard College, Columbia Business School, and Columbia Engineering.