



ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

As a Board, we had the distinct privilege of collaborating with the Woodlawn community during the 2020-21 school year to deliver a challenging, engaging, and supportive educational experience for our students. Even though COVID colored every aspect of last year, we were still able to execute effectively due in large part to your continued support of the Blazer's Fund. Despite our not being able to interact face-to-face and enjoy the camaraderie that our events engender, you still generously contributed over \$222,000 to address our needs and ambitions.

We are pleased to share that, with your assistance, we were able to achieve the following milestones last year:

- Received reaccreditation by SAIS—the only school to complete its reaccreditation during the pandemic. Observations from the committee's onsite visit include:
 1. Children who were comfortable, happy to be at school, independent learners, and fully engaged.
 2. Parents who really wanted to tell me how happy with and thankful they are to have their children at Woodlawn.
 3. Faculty and staff members who were clearly focused on making learning meaningful in the midst of very different circumstances.
 4. A head of school who is so proud of all that you are doing and wants the very best for Woodlawn.
- Among their conclusions - Woodlawn School will no doubt become one of the best-known schools in the Charlotte area.
- Offered our faculty intensive training over the summer in Project-Based Learning. Thanks to a grant from the Virginia Wellington Cabot Foundation, every Woodlawn teacher enjoyed three days of Gold Standard PBL coaching from the Buck Institute's PBL Works, the recognized national leader in PBL training. Every Woodlawn student benefits from this every day.
- Realized the ownership of the entire campus--buildings and land--due to the tremendous generosity of our founders, Karen and Dwayne Bowman. This incredible donation provides financial security for the school for years to come.
- Expanded our school administrative team to ensure consistency, excellence and predictability in the classrooms, on the playing fields, and in Stinson.
- Graduated our 160th student. Our alumni still pursue their education at some of the most selective colleges and universities in the world and are enjoying successful and diverse careers across the country as the lifelong learners that they are.

As we look ahead to our 20th Anniversary next year, we are encouraged and inspired by the strength and resolve the Woodlawn community demonstrated this past school year. We owe the deepest of gratitude to our faculty that rose to the occasion and then some, our staff that responded to changing conditions with empathy and diligence, our parents who showed trust and patience, and, of course, of our students who adapted with stoicism and grace. Thank you again to the entire Woodlawn community for rallying together, undaunted in our mission to nurture lifelong learners.

We turn now to the 2021-2022 school year, during which we will begin to celebrate the school's founding in 2002. As we look back over the past 20 years of incredible accomplishments and exceptional alumni, we also look ahead to the next 20 years of growth and expansion to further realize the promise of Woodlawn School.



Robert Berini
Chair, Board of Trustees



Lynette Rinker
Immediate Past Chair, Board of Trustees

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Entering the 2020-2021 school year, we set this paramount goal: Our children would be safe and successful.

With safety top-of-mind, together, our faculty, families, and students focused on zero transmission of COVID on campus, and we achieved it.

In defining success, we committed to Woodlawn students receiving excellent instruction characterized by high expectations and high levels of support.

To achieve this, our teachers invented new ways to teach. We reimagined the way we use our unique campus to maximize in-person learning and utilized new technology to bring Woodlawn classrooms into the homes of our students whenever needed.

We invested over \$400,000 to improve instruction and mitigate the risk of COVID. Those improvements included the hiring of new faculty and the purchase of new educational technology to improve the quality of instruction and improve the operations and functionality of our campus. And we did so without resorting to fees and surcharges. No other independent school in our service area can say this.

On this new learning journey, our teachers and parents communicated closely and partnered well to meet the social and emotional needs of children experiencing unprecedented changes in every aspect of their daily life.

We worked together in ways that have helped our children see that teamwork, creativity, resilience and persistence can help a community overcome hardships and find new ways to thrive.

At Woodlawn, tuition covers 89% of the daily cost of educating a child. "Daily cost" includes teacher compensation, curriculum and program expenses, and the operation of our campus. To narrow the gap between tuition income and our expenses, we rely on charitable contributions. Every gift helps us improve our school.

In November 2020, we celebrated an extraordinary milestone in the life of our school, through the generous gift by Karen and Dwayne Bowman of the sixty-one acres that comprise our campus and five buildings: Stinson Hall, the Carriage House and Garden Shed, Klein Hall and Jackson Hall. The appraised value of their gift is \$4,800,000. The true value of their gift, their vision, their service and stewardship can never be measured in dollars and cents. The Bowmans live and work in ways that bring to life the highest ideals of Woodlawn's mission, vision, and values. Thank you, Karen and Dwayne!

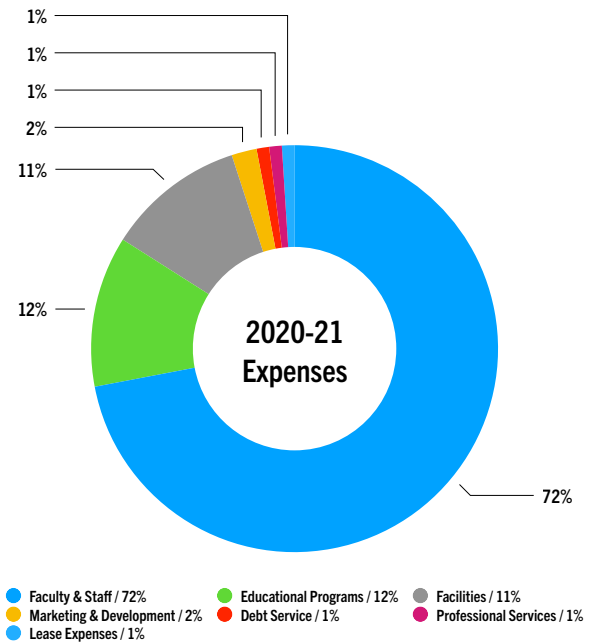
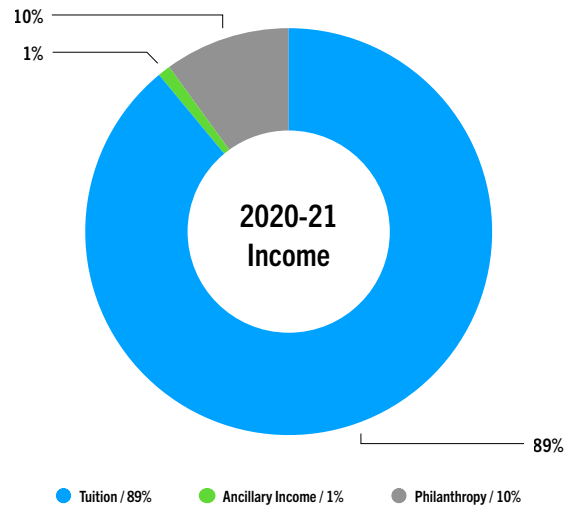
Our school family has much to be thankful for, and much to look forward to in the years ahead.






Paul Zanowski
Head of School



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



COMMUNITY IMPACT

-  25 Leadership Gifts (\$2,000 and above)
-  119 Donors
-  Average Gift: \$1,865

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS / LEADERSHIP GIVING

Thank you to all donors for making a difference for the students and faculty at Woodlawn School. Your support brings excellence to the classroom and extracurricular activities. The 'Blazers Fund was generously supported by 119 donors in 2020-2021.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone in the Parent Connection, Boosters Club, and STEAMfest parents. Your support helped contribute to a successful giving year at Woodlawn.

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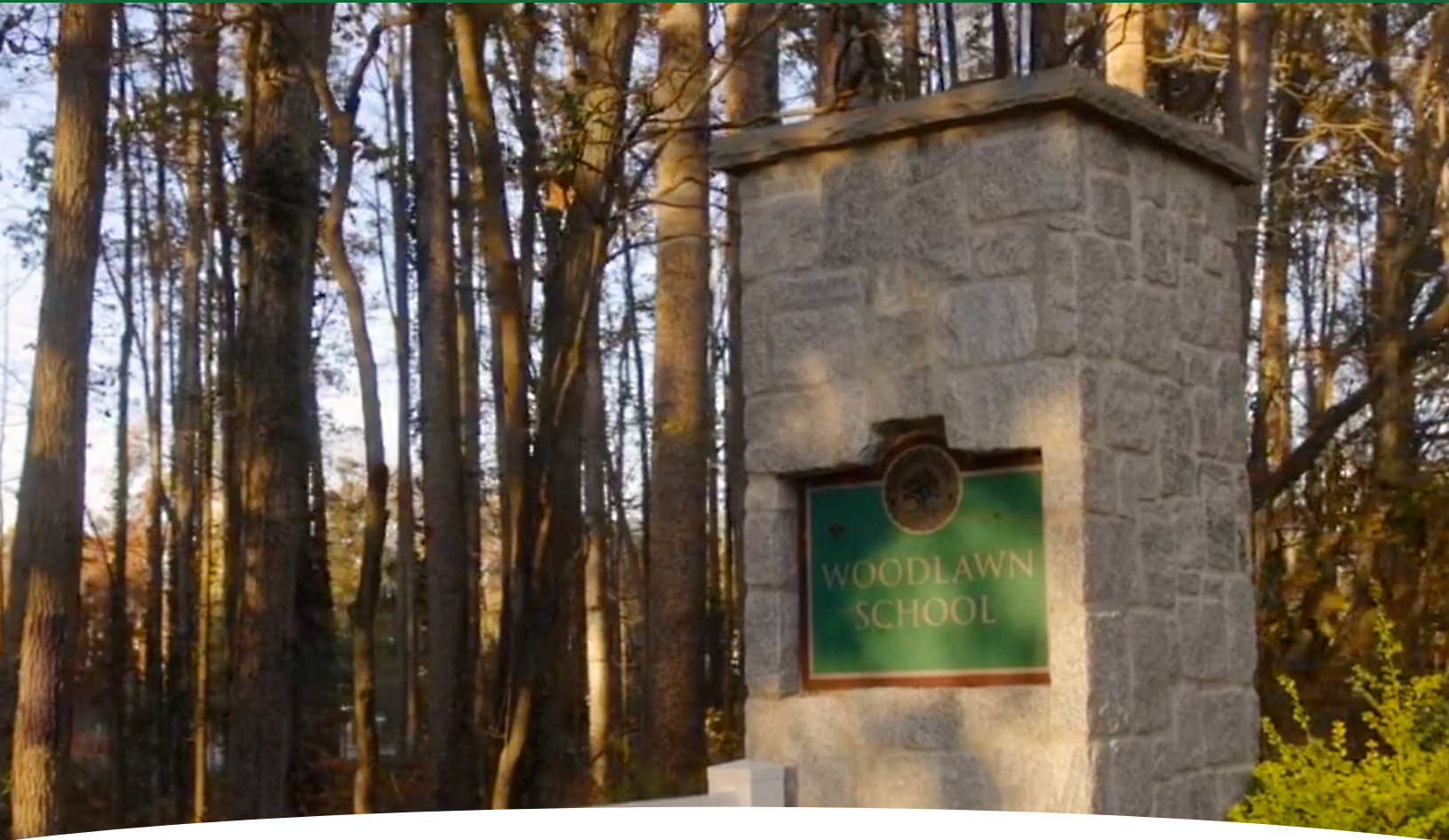
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QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

If you would like to learn more about the ways in which charitable support benefits every Woodlawn student, or if you would like to discuss this report, please get in touch with Paul Zanoski at (704) 895-8653 or pzanowski@woodlawnschool.org.



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