

THE THAYER SOCIETY of ST. MARK'S SCHOOL

2017-2018 IMPACT REPORT

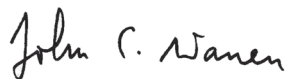
Dear Thayer Society Donors,

Thank you for being part of a new generation of philanthropic leaders that have stepped up to sustain the St. Mark's experience for today's students. Last year, leadership donors making gifts of \$10,000 or more contributed \$1,178,246—more than half of our total Annual Fund revenue. These vital unrestricted resources allow St. Mark's to offer a breadth of opportunities for our students and faculty in a small school environment.

I am deeply grateful for your commitment to our School, and for your belief in the value and importance of a St. Mark's education. Everyone in the community values the flexibility your unrestricted gifts afford the School to pursue innovative opportunities in the areas of academics, arts, athletics, student programs, and more.

Your leadership sets a wonderful example for others to follow, and makes it possible for us to carry out our mission to educate our students to lead lives of consequence.

With sincere gratitude,



John C. Warren '74, Ed.D.
Head of School



THE THAYER SOCIETY FUNDS FOR EXCELLENCE

represent targeted areas of the St. Mark's educational program that profoundly influence our daily work of preparing students to lead lives of consequence. Gifts from Thayer Society donors have made an important impact on each of the vital areas highlighted here or have been directed to the School's areas of greatest need through the Head's Discretionary Fund.

64 THAYER SOCIETY DONORS CONTRIBUTED
\$1,178,246
TO THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL FUND

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AND ENRICHMENT FUND

74 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP INITIATIVE PROGRAMS

Thayer society donors provided important support for students participating in a broad array of trips and exchange opportunities offered through our Global Citizenship Initiative. Traveling more than 528,000 miles, 74 students (accompanied by 16 faculty members) participated in 12 programs across Europe, Australia, South America, and beyond. Through these experiential learning opportunities, students acquired intercultural knowledge, appreciated cultural differences and fostered a commitment to serving others.



STUDENTS AND
FACULTY IN HAITI



51% OF THE ANNUAL FUND TOTAL WAS CONTRIBUTED BY THAYER SOCIETY DONORS

FINANCIAL AID IMPACT FUND

30% OF STUDENTS RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID IN 2017–2018

Financial aid makes life changing opportunities possible for students who would otherwise be unable to attend St. Mark's. Recent graduate Joseph* exemplified the qualities of character and intellect that our School strives to instill in all of our students. He was an engaged and diligent student who was recognized for his leadership and kindness. While at School, he served the community as a dorm and admissions prefect, Pathways leader, and multiple sessions as a volunteer counselor at Brantwood Camp. He embraced St. Mark's experiential learning opportunities, receiving a student grant to conduct an international independent research project, and working with Ken Wells on an independent study course in physics. In May, he earned a Classics diploma and is now attending WPI to pursue a career in engineering. The support of Thayer Society donors not only benefits students like Joseph, but also helps to create a diverse community that offers all of our students the opportunity to engage in the global culture they will encounter in the future. **Name changed*

55% OF THAYER SOCIETY DONORS ARE ALUMNI

TEACHING INNOVATION FUND FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

40 FACULTY ATTENDED CONFERENCES OR PARTICIPATED IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Two faculty members were able to attend an instructional workshop at the Chicago Coaching Institute because of the resources provided by Thayer Society donors. Their attendance at this conference will support the 2018–2019 goal of building department heads' capacity as "instructional coaches." They plan to use the information and resources from this workshop in weekly Academic Council meetings to develop common language, strategies, goals, and philosophy around academic leadership. This will include all department heads as well as directors of strategic initiatives, and is in collaboration with the work of the dean of faculty and the dean of academics.



HEAD'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thayer Society donors' unrestricted support for the Head's Discretionary Fund provided critical resources for unanticipated needs and opportunities for campus enhancements, including the renovation of the small dining hall. The purpose of this upgrade was to improve the room's aesthetics and functionality, ensuring the same quality of experience as the main dining hall. Improvements included new wood paneling and flooring, and improved energy-efficient lighting. It also addressed the size and location of the sandwich bar, the spacing of tables, and flow between the main dining hall and the small dining hall. These enhancements have made a positive impact on the morale of the many faculty and students who use the space each day and enhanced appeal for prospective students and their families.

20% INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PARENT THAYER SOCIETY DONORS

ATHLETIC FUND FOR EXCELLENCE

21 GRADUATING VI FORMERS INTEND TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS

Leadership annual fund gifts significantly helped support St. Mark's athletes and coaches and underwrite a number of enhancements to the Athletics program in 2017–2018. Facility improvements included renovations of the varsity softball field as well as the squash courts. Each court was also equipped with monitors and filming cameras. New uniforms were provided for the football, squash, basketball, girls' lacrosse, and softball teams, along with a new crew shell for the boys' program.

