



SAGE RIDGE

SCHOOL



IMPACT REPORT | 2018 - 2019

“Sage Ridge has encouraged me to thrive as an individual in a welcoming community full of bright, talented students and faculty.”
— Max Sierzenski ('20)



Students from our three schools form life-long bonds on our beautiful South Reno campus.



NOTE FROM THE HEAD

Greetings Sage Ridge Families and Friends:

In celebrating our 20th anniversary this past year, our community acknowledged all the efforts our founders, faculty and families made in order to create a successful school. The traditions established in our first two decades were built solidly on the foundations of our pillars and provide the values required for our students to thrive in college and in their communities. The spirit of our mission reaches out locally and globally as our students and alumni engage in making a difference in the world. Our community spirit connects us as we work together to support a great learning environment so our students can thrive. That same spirit connects us to our wider community through partnerships that seek to elevate the Reno-Tahoe region.

Our achievements and engagement could not happen without the support of our community – and for this generosity we are grateful. From the commitment of our Board to the pursuits of our graduates, we can be proud of our collective effort to provide an education that creates engaged citizens. To paraphrase Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful tool with which you can change the world.” As a school, we are committed to providing the best tools possible with continual learning on how best to apply them. The tools we provide collectively help students from diverse backgrounds achieve success in academics, arts, athletics, innovation, and more.

Building on these strong foundations is critical as we move into our next decade. Innovations in neuroscience and advances in psychology are deepening our understanding of what works in education. Even as the skills and dispositions needed for taking on the challenges of the future shift, we are recognizing that the core is still developing intellectual character in liberal arts and sciences. This is so critical thinking and engaged citizenship are honed as they become life-long learners. Our volunteers and donors enable us to create the opportunities that not only keep us current with change but also help us offer the challenges that make our learning journey truly special. A Sage Ridge education sets all our students on a path to make a difference well past graduation – applying courageous scholarship with integrity and respect to contribute to their communities.

With gratitude,

THE SPIRIT OF OPPORTUNITY, PAST & FUTURE

The 2018-2019 school year was packed with pride and celebration as we looked back on 20 years of success at Sage Ridge—those of our students, our faculty and staff, and our larger community as it changes and expands. Now, inspired and emboldened by those achievements, our focus is trained on the bright future of this pioneering school.

FIRST, LET US TAKE A LOOK BACK AT SOME EXCITING MOMENTS FROM LAST YEAR:

- We welcomed our new Head of School, Tobin Bechtel.
- During Celebrate Sage Ridge weekend October 11-14, 2018, we expressed gratitude to our founders and proudly highlighted many facets of our school.
- We revealed our new Innovation Lab, made possible in part through a 2018 grant from the Edwin L. Wiegand Trust. The Lab features 3D printers, drones, virtual reality headsets, podcasting equipment, a large format poster printer, software, and high-end laptops.
- We honored our grandparents, veterans, alumni, and founders at events held throughout the year.
- We set a new record for turnout and program support at our 20th Anniversary Gala.



Students film a project for grade 8 math class with downtown Reno in the background.

LOOKING AHEAD, WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS AROUND CAMPUS FOR 2019-2020:

- Our inaugural grade 3 class filled up quickly with eager new Sage Ridge students, and officially completes the Lower School as a grades 3-5 entity.
- The Sage Ridge library has been divided into two school-specific collections.
- The Advancement Team, consisting of Development, Communications, and Admissions, has a new consolidated team space, which will allow the team to collaborate with ease.
- The Crossbow building has a new model classroom that makes the space more flexible for a variety of projects and learning environments.
- Our exemplary Outdoor Education program has been enhanced with two brand new trips. Grade 10 will now whitewater raft on the American River and grade 12 will explore Lassen Volcanic National Park.
- The Sage Ridge campus now features a new, state-of-the-art security system, including lighting, fencing and security cameras for the safety of all who learn, work in, and visit our school.

With support from donors like you, and from our growing community, we continue to forge a bright and boundless future for the entire Sage Ridge family and all whom they impact—now and tomorrow.



Samuel Browder ('26) and McKenna Kiely ('27) explore an external combustion engine in the physics lab.



Arabella Cullen ('22) and her grandparents at our breakfast last October.



Owen Grimm ('19) and S. Kalama Flagg ('19) celebrate the completion of an incredible journey.

BUILDING ACADEMIC CONFIDENCE

The core of the Sage Ridge experience is college-preparatory curriculum. Thanks to our exceptional and dedicated faculty, our students demonstrate every day the knowledge, skills, and academic stamina required of life-long learners and future leaders.

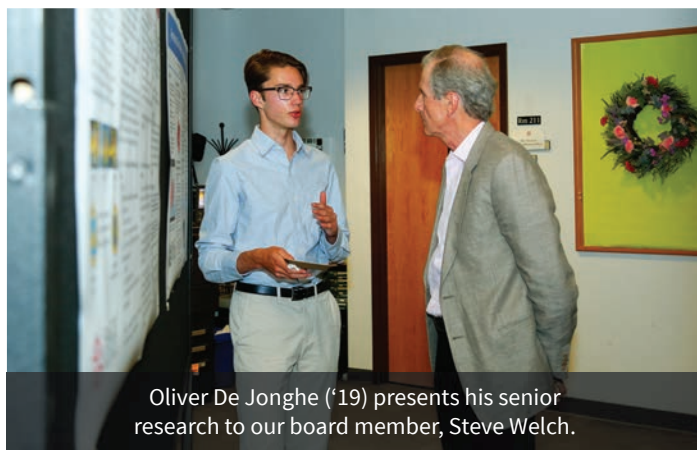
COMMUNICATION SKILLS THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY

At every grade level, Sage Ridge students are expected to demonstrate a commitment to learning strong presentation skills that communicate the depth of their knowledge and reflect their passion for the subject matter. This year, the spirit of hard work and enthusiasm was evident in all of our student presentations and we could not be more proud.

- Grade 5 students presented the Colonial Fair—an annual favorite in which each student took on a colonial persona and taught attendees about the daily life, careers, and technology in this era of our history.
- Grade 7 students developed a scientific question, then conducted controlled experiments, analyzed their data, and created research posters to present their conclusions. Students also linked their project to an emerging technology in an ancient civilization to demonstrate how innovation has been present, and important, since the earliest societies. These opportunities prepare our youngest students for the challenge of research in our Upper School and later in the collegiate setting.



Grade 5 students enthusiastically teach their audience about colonial times.



Oliver De Jonghe ('19) presents his senior research to our board member, Steve Welch.



THE INAUGURAL SAGE RIDGE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Our first Research Symposium was the culmination and public presentation of the grade 12 Senior Thesis project. The Senior Thesis is both a graduation requirement at Sage Ridge School and a core part of our Senior Experience. In their final year, students participate in a college-level seminar-style class, complete a 60-hour internship, and spend the year researching a topic of their choice with the guidance of their thesis committee. The Class of 2019 successfully defended their theses and summarized their findings in posters or oral presentations for the Symposium. We were proud to see these Sage Ridge students speak confidently and passionately about their chosen topics to the community, and it was easy to envision the leaders they will be one day.

“Lab sciences at Sage Ridge School have given me a broader perspective and love for the sciences that I have never had before. The sciences have pushed me out of my comfort zone, and have encouraged my friends and me to apply what we learn inside the classroom to the world around us.”

— Lily Ferrell ('23)



Michelle Cho ('26) and her classmates learn about angles in math class.

CULTIVATING SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Sage Ridge Scorpions are not afraid of the mental and physical work required to drive their success—in sports, in school, and beyond. Our commitment to building strong character inspires our teams to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship as the fans grow louder and more spirited.

STATE ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS

Comprised of 15 scholar-athletes, the 2019 Sage Ridge School Girls and Boys Swim team finished 3rd in the regional meet, including three regional championship individual wins. Ten swimmers with qualifying times went on to compete in the state championships! In the state meet, the Sage Ridge swim team finished 3rd once again, led deftly by Maddy Lewis ('20), who won a remarkable 3rd consecutive individual state title in the 100 yard breaststroke. The hallmark of the season was the team's recognition as the NIAA Spring Season State Academic Team Champions for both girls and boys swimming & diving, having the highest grade point average among the competitors. Go team!



Maddy Lewis ('20) masterfully claimed her 3rd state title last year and is favored to do so again this year.



Spike, our mascot, with players and fans after a basketball game.



BASKETBALL PROGRAM INFUSED WITH SPIRIT

2018-2019 marked an exciting turning point for the basketball program at Sage Ridge. Head Coach Brian Hanshew and Coach John Macdonald and the Varsity Boys team made history by making the playoffs for the first time in Sage Ridge history, and Hanshew received "Coach of the Year" honors from the league. Working together, Head Coach Cameron Crain and Coach Lori Stanko revived our Varsity Girls team. Head Coach Cory Clemetson brought a high degree of professionalism and a focus on fundamentals to our Middle School Girls and Boys teams. Both grades 7 and 8 girls teams advanced to the league tournament for the first time, and the grade 7 boys team advanced to the tournament after winning their league with an undefeated season. One of the biggest highlights of the year for all of our teams was the enthusiastic fan support. Both home and away games drew some of the largest basketball crowds in our school history.

Logan Reeves ('22) finished 3rd place overall and Elena Albregts ('20) finished 5th overall in the 2019 NV State 4A Ski Racing Championships.



Leila Moassessi ('21) became Sage Ridge School's first NIAA Nevada State 1A/2A Girls Golf Champion last year.



Evan Spielman ('24) keeps ahead of the pack in Track & Field last spring.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF EXPRESSION

Through a wide and multidisciplinary range of courses and after school programs, the Arts enrich and expand the minds of Sage Ridge students, and inspire them to practice courage in expression.

SHOWCASING TALENT AND BRAVERY

Accomplished thespians and burgeoning talents are equally celebrated in our robust theatre program, and their courage and hard work paid off in 2018-2019. An impressive 18 talented Sage Ridge thespians qualified for the Nevada Thespian State Conference in Las Vegas, 13 qualified for Internationals, and our entire cast and crew for Lend Me a Tenor was showcased as one of the top plays in the state for the 2018-2019 year. The 2019 spring musical, Mamma Mia, was an amazing success with six sold-out performances, making it the highest-grossing show in the history of Sage Ridge Theater. Led by Michele Crain and Brenda Johns, this cast and crew of over 25 students, including many first time performers, displayed their talent, wit, and courage on and off the stage, delighting both loyal and new audiences from across northern Nevada.



Lily Ferrell ('23), Amelie Harvey ('21), and Claire Grady ('19) inspire audiences with powerful vocal performances during Mamma Mia.



COMBUSTION IN CERAMICS

Last year Sage Ridge Ceramics students used a variety of traditional hand-building methods to create functional and sculptural clay art. These included pinch pot, slab building, coil building and press molds. They also played with fire. • At the end of the year, as the weather warmed, the class learned raku pottery firing—an adaptation of a technique used in Japan to fire teacups for traditional Zen tea ceremonies. Student excitement was palpable as their teacher Gary Brown prompted them to get their combustables ready. Glazed pots were fired in a kiln to the melting point of the glazes and while still red hot, they were pulled from the kiln and put into a container full of combustible newspaper and pine needles, which then burst into flames. A lid was placed on the container to cut off oxygen, which dramatically affected the color of the glazes. With the unique energy that can only come from producing fire, students quickly learned the entire, complex process of firing ceramics from start to finish.



Students and teacher Gary Brown use the raku method of firing ceramics to alter glazing with smoke and oxygen deprivation.

“When I took part in Mamma Mia, I truly loved it! I never felt excluded and even if someone was in high school, they still made you feel like their best friend. I’m so excited to take part in another production...”
— *Sitara Reganti* (‘25)

Colin Klein (‘20), Aidan Adams (‘23) and the rest of the Lend Me a Tenor cast had the audience in stitches with their mad-cap, comedy of mistaken identity.



Grade 4 students with giant chalk fish created in art class to complement their hatching and releasing of Lahontan trout with the Wahountan National Fish Hatchery.

ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY THROUGH ADVENTURE

We hear it all the time: Sage Ridge students' best memories and relationships often have roots in Outdoor Education week. To set each school year up for success, students and faculty embark together on unique journeys full of meaningful challenges and connections.

GRADE 7 DONNER SUMMIT ADVENTURES

At Sage Ridge, Outdoor Education trips take students far and wide across the West, but one special trip takes advantage of the stunning scenery and history right here in our own backyard. Grade 7 drove a short distance to Clair Tappaan Lodge near Donner Lake. A favorite highlight of the trip was the hike up Donner Summit. Students enjoyed a well-earned sense of accomplishment as they sat on the rock together eating lunch overlooking an incredible view. Throughout the trip, they journaled about the science and nature around them, but also about their own reflections. They practiced empathy and teamwork, which culminated in writing a class constitution to establish guiding principles for the rest of their year. All in all, these fortunate Sage Ridge students had a blast while building interpersonal skills that will influence and serve them for the rest of their lives.



Grade 7 students soak up the sun and views on Donner Summit.



Jessenia Lopez ('20) and Sophia Moreno ('20) paddle in Tomales Bay.



GRADE 11 KAYAK TRIP IN TOMALES BAY

The junior class had multiple years of Outdoor Education under their belt before taking on a sea kayaking adventure in California. Years of friendship built a strong foundation that helped make sometimes tedious and difficult things like cooking and setting up tents go smoothly. In their kayaks, students battled against intense winds, which tested their willpower, but they were rewarded later, tossing snacks between kayaks and playing Spikeball on the beach. Their week in Tomales Bay helped strengthen friendships with their classmates and bonds with their teachers. Grade 11's Outdoor Education trip gave the Class of 2020 memories that will last forever, and started their challenging junior year off on a strong note.

“During Outdoor Ed I got to make new friends and learn more about some of my fellow students and teachers who pushed me out of my comfort zone. I am happy that they did because now I feel I can do more than I could before.”

— Nanki Sandhu ('25)



Grade 6 students walk the cliffs of Marin Headlands.



Grade 8 students enjoy the stunning beauty of Yosemite National Park.



Grade 4 students complete a series of day trips to local outdoor adventures, including Lake Tahoe.

ENGAGING WITH THE LARGER COMMUNITY

Through community service, Sage Ridge students apply their knowledge, learn about and help others, and grow as citizens of the world. Service is woven throughout all grade levels, and is an integral requirement for graduation.

PROVIDING BASIC NEEDS IN SOUTH SUDAN

The Water for South Sudan project delivers direct, transformative, and sustainable quality-of-life service to the people of South Sudan by providing access to clean, safe water and improving hygiene and sanitation practices in areas of great need. Since 2017, the students at Sage Ridge School have raised money to support this important cause, inspired after reading *A Long Walk to Water*. Last spring, our students organized the 3rd annual Walk for Water Fundraiser. Students solicited sponsorships as they pledged to carry two 1-gallon jugs of water around our campus on foot for one hour. In three years students raised over \$18,000 in support of the Water for South Sudan project. Our students fully embodied their commitment to using their knowledge and resources to make a difference in the world.



Students in grade 4 held their 3rd annual Walk for Water fundraiser in which they carried two 1-gallon jugs around campus for an hour.



Vidhi Pandit ('21) at the South Valleys Library where she serves each week, for which she was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award.



VIDHI PANDIT ('21) AWARDED 2018 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Community service is a requirement in the Upper School, but some students go above and beyond to fully embrace service as part of their weekly routines. Sage Ridge student Vidhi Pandit began volunteering at the South Reno Library in March of her freshman year. Libraries were a significant part of her childhood, and she wanted to experience how a library worked behind the scenes. Vidhi feels that librarians are under-appreciated, especially in this digital age, and is proud to help out regularly to keep the library tidy and organized. Talking to Vidhi, it is easy to see that her service extends beyond the mundanity of tasks and is fueled by her passion to remind the public that libraries are a vital resource for all communities. Vidhi believes that the biggest takeaway from her time at the library is the realization that libraries are quiet, relaxing places where people can find the calm they might not even realize they need. The President's Volunteer Service Award is awarded annually by the President of the United States in honor of those who consistently strengthen communities through a significant number of service hours.

“The buddy trips were very educational. We learned a lot about how to talk to and handle little kids. Not only did we learn new skills but we gained a friend. Altogether it was a great experience.”

— Derin Tosun ('23)

For over 20 years, our grade 8 students have served as mentors to first grade students at Bernice Mathews Elementary School as part of our Buddy Program.



Misha Verma ('23) and Maggie Soran ('23) sort food at the Northern Nevada Food Bank.



Natalie Burke ('25) and Quinn Dyson ('25) serve food to the homeless at a RISE and Dine event through The Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality.

In addition to Sage Ridge curriculum-based service projects, Upper School students are required to complete at least 75 hours of community service. Students regularly serve the Reno community through organizations like the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Renown Hospital, The Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality, and the Barracuda Championship.

ACCESSING THE EXPERIENTIAL

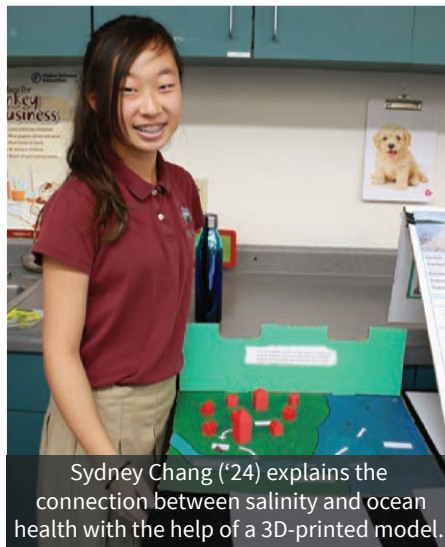
When equipped with new tools and research methods, enthusiastic learners excel. Community partnerships, paired with our new Innovation Lab, expand opportunities for student growth and exploration.

PARTNERSHIPS ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING

Sage Ridge School is proud to partner with the Desert Research Institute (DRI) through their Stories in the Snow program. For nearly 60 years, DRI has been an international leader in scientific research and the application of technologies to improve lives throughout Nevada and around the world. Stories in the Snow harnesses the enthusiasm and potential of community members to fuel scientists' understanding of the atmospheric conditions in the Reno-Tahoe region of the Sierra Nevadas. Sage Ridge students in grades 4-7 serve as citizen scientists in the program by submitting data and snowflake photographs through the Citizen Science Lake Tahoe mobile application. Scientists use the data to better understand weather patterns, trends in moisture levels in the atmosphere, forecasting, and atmospheric changes.



Students collect photographs of snowflakes with a macro lens and mobile device as part of a citizen science project with the Desert Research Institute (DRI).



Sydney Chang ('24) explains the connection between salinity and ocean health with the help of a 3D-printed model.



TOOLS TO CREATE A BETTER FUTURE

Sage Ridge grade 7 students Ben Browder and Sydney Chang used innovation, science, history, and English to demonstrate “The Effect of Salinity on Degradation of Ocean Pollutants”. With the help of the Innovation Lab and donated resources provided by the Edwin L. Wiegand Trust in 2018, the students had access to InDesign, high-end laptops, Adobe Creative Cloud, 3D Printer supplies, and a large format poster printer. They created their ocean pollution report by making a large poster and a 3D map for their presentation. • Sage Ridge Director of Innovation, David Kuehn, says the students are not the only lucky ones—he too is privileged to be learning more about what these great tools can do, and supports increased technology integration campus-wide.

“Having the opportunity to use technology beyond what is used in the normal classroom setting allowed me to complete creative projects through a medium that I haven’t used in the classroom setting before. When the word ‘project’ comes up in class, most students think of drawings or posters

covered with text and pictures. ‘Green Screen’ is not something the average student thinks of using to complete an assignment. The Innovation Lab provided the supplies to create something interesting and creative that isn’t normally in the range of mediums for a project.”

— Ben Browder ('24)



CLASS OF 2019



We proudly graduated 8 “Lifers” with the Class of 2019 — students who attended SRS for grades 5-12 (before we had grades 3 & 4). These 8 young adults have been a source of inspiration and enthusiasm since they were small and we are so proud of their accomplishments. In 2025 we will graduate our first “Lifers” who started in grade 4.



Dr. Tara McGann and Taira Tyler Sugimoto ('19) at the Head of School Dinner, a traditional part of our senior activities.



Members of the Class of 2019 reminisce on the playground just before finals.

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Ryan Bell [†]
Case Western Reserve
University
Thesis: Why the U.S. Should
Revisit Nuclear Energy
Internship: Tahoe
Environmental Research
Center
Enrolled at SRS Since 2015



Han Candice Cui [†]
University of Toronto
Thesis: Sugar: The Sweet
Corruption
Internship: HD Retina Eye
Center
Enrolled at SRS Since 2015



Oliver De Jonghe ^{††}
Dartmouth College
(Co-Valedictorian)
Thesis: American Gun
Violence: Prevalence and
Prevention
Internship: Nevada
Democratic Party
Office: Secretary/ Honor
Council
Enrolled at SRS Since 2016



Isabelle Dhindsa ^{††}
Chapman University,
Honors Program
Thesis: The Dark Side of
Social Media
Internship: Cancer Care
Specialists
Office: Treasurer/ Honor
Council Co-Chair
Enrolled at SRS Since 2011



S. Kalama Flagg ^{††}
Amherst College
Thesis: The Fight for
Sovereignty: How the US
Impacted Native Hawaiians
Internship: Sports &
Performance Physical
Therapy
Office: Prefecture
Enrolled at SRS Since 2011



Claire Grady ^{††}
California Baptist University
Thesis: Exercise: The Natural
Treatment for Mental Illness?
Internship: Galena Sports
Therapy
Enrolled at SRS Since 2014



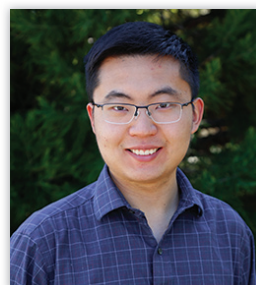
Owen Grimm [†]
Southern Methodist
University
Thesis: The NBA: Popularity
and Profits
Internship: USDR
Investment Management
Enrolled at SRS Since 2011



Sadie Hart
Long Island University, Post
Thesis: Changing Gender
Ideologies: Advertisements
in Women's Magazines in the
Mid-Twentieth Century
Internship: Reno Little
Theater
Enrolled at SRS Since 2017



Zoa Katok [†]
University of Chicago
Thesis: The Influence of
American Consumer Culture
on the Public Perception of
Surrealism
Internship: Icecycle
Creamery
Enrolled at SRS Since 2015



Boxuan Jeff Li [†]
Duke University
Thesis: The Impact of
Reforming the Russian
Military
Internship: Glenda Care
Assisted Living
Office: Vice-President/
Prefecture
Enrolled at SRS Since 2017

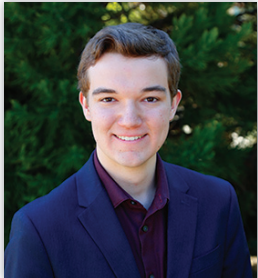


Xuer Lena Liu [†]
University of Toronto
Thesis: Do Dreams Reflect
Reality?
Internship: HD Retina Eye
Center
Enrolled at SRS Since 2017



Jackson Maurer
University of Colorado
at Boulder
Thesis: Athletes Aren't
Getting Better by Themselves
Internship: Barracuda
Championship
Enrolled at SRS Since 2011

CLASS OF 2019



William Moore ^{††}
Haverford College
(Co-Valedictorian)

Thesis: Democratic Disintegration: America's Descent into Madness

Internship: Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Office: Honor Council

Enrolled at SRS Since 2011

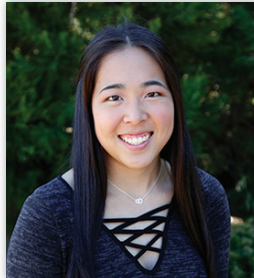


Jeremy Rodriguez Canales [†]
Northeastern University

Thesis: Minority Reactions in the Face of Police Brutality

Internship: Reno ENT Specialists

Enrolled at SRS Since 2015



Sophie Schler [†]
Northern Arizona University,
Honors College

Thesis: Are Using Dietary Supplements Worth the Risk to Help Athletic Performance?

Internship: Renown Health

Office: Class Representative

Enrolled at SRS Since 2011



Alexandra Stanko
University of Nevada, Reno

Thesis: How Does Childhood Sexual Assault Affect Adulthood?

Internship: Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Office: President/ Prefecture

Enrolled at SRS Since 2011



Marco Suarez
University of Nevada, Reno

Thesis: The Causes of the Current Opioid Crisis

Internship: Good Luck Macbeth Theatre

Enrolled at SRS Since 2014



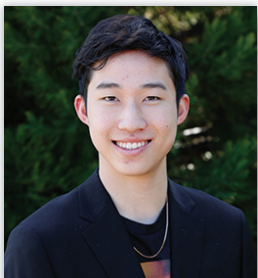
Taira Tyler Sugimoto [†]
Gap Year
(2020 enrollment in Japan)

Thesis: The Future of Ergogenic Aids

Internship: Energy Optimization Services

Office: Honor Council Co-Chair

Enrolled at SRS Since 2016



Bo Sun [†]
University of California,
Berkeley

Thesis: Why Give-and-Go Charity Does Not Work

Internship: University of Nevada, Reno

Office: Class Representative

Enrolled at SRS Since 2014



Chase Warner
University of Maryland,
Baltimore County

Thesis: Triple-A No Longer: The Deterioration of the High-End Gaming Industry

Internship: Swift Communications

Enrolled at SRS Since 2016



Katrin Woomer
University of Nevada, Reno

Thesis: Borderline Personality Disorder and Its Effect on the Brain

Internship: Now Foods

Enrolled at SRS Since 2011



Jingyuan Jackey Yang [†]
Purdue University

Thesis: Artificial Intelligence is Beneficial for Gaming

Internship: Glenda Care Assisted Living

Enrolled at SRS Since 2014



Zhanyu Ye [†]
The University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill
(Salutatorian)

Thesis: Legalization of Marijuana: Where to Draw the Line

Internship: The Discovery Museum

Enrolled at SRS Since 2015

[†]Honors Diploma

^{††}High Honors Diploma

ESTABLISHING THE LEGACY OF SAGE RIDGE ALUMNI

Sage Ridge has nearly 300 alumni spread around the globe. These young leaders are deeply engaged in using the open hearts and sharp minds they cultivated at Sage Ridge to impact the world. They make us proud!

PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

Ashley Christopherson ('12) is an Undergraduate Academic Advisor for the School of Computing and Information at the University of Pittsburgh. She recently earned her Master's degree in Educational Leadership & Policy from the University of Michigan, where she coordinated a mentorship program for Wolverine Pathways, a college readiness initiative hosted by the University for students in Detroit and surrounding areas. While in graduate school, Ashley also worked for the Chamber of Commerce in Detroit to increase students' access to financial aid. Ashley knew she wanted to pursue a career in education after crossing the commencement stage at Franklin & Marshall College as the first person in her family to earn a college degree. She spent two years as a College Advisor for the National College Advising Corps, has worked with Detroit Public Schools to promote FAFSA completion, and is committed to using education as a tool for anti-racist practice and disrupting systems of inequity. • "I owe so much of what I have been able to do on my educational journey to my experience at Sage Ridge School. At Sage Ridge, I had access to not only excellent teachers and curriculum, but also to individuals who believed in me and invested in me. I am forever grateful for the privilege I had to attend Sage Ridge School, and hope to use that privilege to promote educational equity."



Ashley Christopherson ('12) was the first member of her family to graduate from college and now works to make that dream possible for others.



Young grads reunite at Bocce Night. These college students continue their commitment to education from coast to coast.



ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

Our first-ever Alumni Reunion was a hit! On Friday night, May 24, 2019, we had "Bocce Night" at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Reno. Over 30 alumni students and teachers showed up to celebrate our 20th Anniversary, reconnect with old classmates, and meet our new Head of School. The fun, reconnection, and memory-making continued all weekend long with a "Scavenger Hunt" on campus Saturday afternoon, in which alumni were grouped from different years in an effort to find a variety of clues that date back to the early, middle and even recent years. Later that night, several of our older graduates stayed to mingle with alumni and current parents for the "Return of Poker Night." On Sunday, founders and alumni parents Chuck and Charlotte Carpenter hosted a brunch at their lovely west Reno home. Thank you, alumni, for coming home to Sage Ridge. If you did not make it this year, we hope to see you soon!



Alumni from the Classes of 2006 through 2018 joined us for our Reunion Weekend in May.

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS SINCE OUR FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF 2003

Agnes Scott College	Dartmouth College	Long Island University, Post	Smith College	University of Nevada, Reno
Alfred University	Davidson College	Loyola Marymount University	Southern Methodist University	University of North Dakota
American University	Denison University	Marquette University	Southern Oregon University	University of Pennsylvania
Amherst College	DePauw University	Marymount Manhattan College	Southwestern University	University of Puget Sound
Arizona State University	Duke University	Middlebury College	Stanford University	University of Redlands
Bard College	Earlham College	Montana State University, Bozeman	Swarthmore College	University of Rochester
Barnard College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach	Mount Holyoke College	Syracuse University	University of San Diego
Bentley University	Emory University	New York University	The Evergreen State College	University of San Francisco
Boston College	Foothill College	Northeastern University	The University of Arizona	University of Southern California
Boston University	Fordham University	Northern Arizona University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of the Pacific
Bowdoin College	Georgetown University	Northwestern University	The University of Texas, Dallas	University of Toronto
Brandeis University	Gettysburg College	Nova Southeastern University	Tufts University	University of Washington
Brown University	Gonzaga University	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	Tulane University	University of York
California Baptist University	Goucher College	Occidental College	United States Military Academy	Vanderbilt University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Grinnell College	Pepperdine University	United States Naval Academy	Vassar College
California State University, Fullerton	Hamilton College	Pitzer College	University of California, Berkeley	Villanova University
Carnegie Mellon University	Harvard University	Pomona College	University of California, Davis	Wake Forest University
Case Western Reserve University	Haverford College	Princeton University	University of California, Los Angeles	Wellesley College
Chapman University	Hofstra University	Purdue University	University of California, San Diego	Wesleyan University
Claremont McKenna College	Hope College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California, Santa Barbara	Western Washington University
Clarkson University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Rider University	University of Central Florida	Westminster College
College of the Atlantic	Kenyon College	Roger Williams University	University of Chicago	Whitman College
College of William & Mary	Lake Forest College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Colorado at Boulder	Whittier College
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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund Campaign is the school's primary philanthropic appeal and is the foundation for philanthropy at the school. The Annual Fund is mission-driven fundraising that supports the people and programs that make the Sage Ridge School experience so special, like exceptionally talented teachers, small classes, outstanding curriculum resources, and unique, high-quality offerings in everything from the arts to athletics.

All gifts of any size count toward participation in Sage Ridge's Annual Fund Campaign. Strong participation demonstrates confidence in the school's mission and may influence outside sources of funding. An unrestricted gift is the highest form of philanthropy. Innumerable staff and volunteer hours are spent crafting a highly-efficient school budget with specific priorities and goals. Unrestricted gifts help Sage Ridge School most because they give flexibility to school leadership to place the money where it will serve the best purpose.

Gifts are necessary because tuition alone does not cover all the opportunities our students are afforded. In this way the Annual Fund helps us recruit and retain the best faculty, provide individualized attention, access to current technology, and more.

THE OPPORTUNITY FUND — SAGE RIDGE SCHOLARS

Sage Ridge Scholars are high-achieving, mission-appropriate students from socioeconomically diverse backgrounds. The Sage Ridge Scholars program was established in 2000 with support

from the Redfield Foundation and other generous donors. Beginning in 2015, Sage Ridge committed to accepting one new high school student per year supported by the Opportunity Fund. Awardees receive full tuition for grades 9-12 and supplies. After demonstrating the success of the Sage Ridge Scholars program, support has greatly increased. Sage Ridge currently supports four Sage Ridge Scholars, with 10 total students having benefited from the program since its inception.

GALA

The Gala is our biggest annual fundraiser of the year, and a favorite event among donors. These festive events express our gratitude for the investment each of our donors makes, and provide us with an opportunity to engage with our vibrant community. Funds are raised through table sponsorships, donations, silent/live auction bidding, and fund-a-need drives to support initiatives aimed at enhancing campus life and academics.

We celebrated in high style this year at our 20th Anniversary Great Gatsby Gala on Saturday, March 9, 2019. Guests were dressed in their 1920s best as they were greeted with a champagne welcome and left with etched 20th Anniversary logo wine glasses. We enjoyed record turnout and generated record results raising \$242,500 to benefit our students, faculty, and school. Thank you, donors! Our 2020 Gala is scheduled for March 7, 2020. You will not want to miss it!

“Sage Ridge changed my life. This school motivated me and allowed me to be the first generation in my family to attend college. The small school environment at SRS is something that truly allows you to connect with others and it has been a blessing to have.”

— *Jeremy Rodriguez Canales ('19), Northeastern University ('23)*



2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Strong financial management is essential to the long-term success of our not-for-profit school. Sage Ridge School remains debt-free and dedicated to sustainable growth.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

222 students were enrolled for the 2018-2019 school year

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Financial Aid: 42 students supported
Sage Ridge Scholars: 4 scholars supported
Total Assistance Awarded = \$596,190

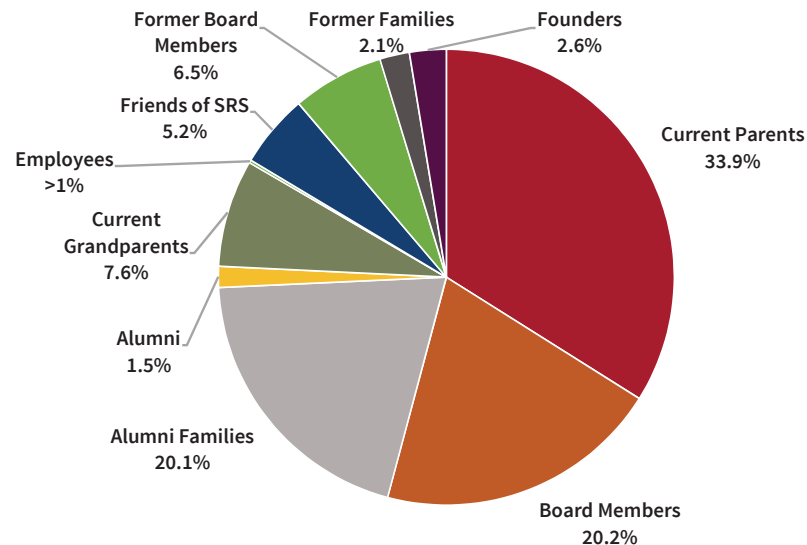
OPERATING BUDGET

Total Revenue \$5,223,354
Total Expenses \$5,325,897

FUNDRAISING TOTALS

Annual Fund	\$179,466
Opportunity Fund	\$104,000
Restricted	\$181,771
Total	\$465,237

GIVING BY CONSTITUENTS

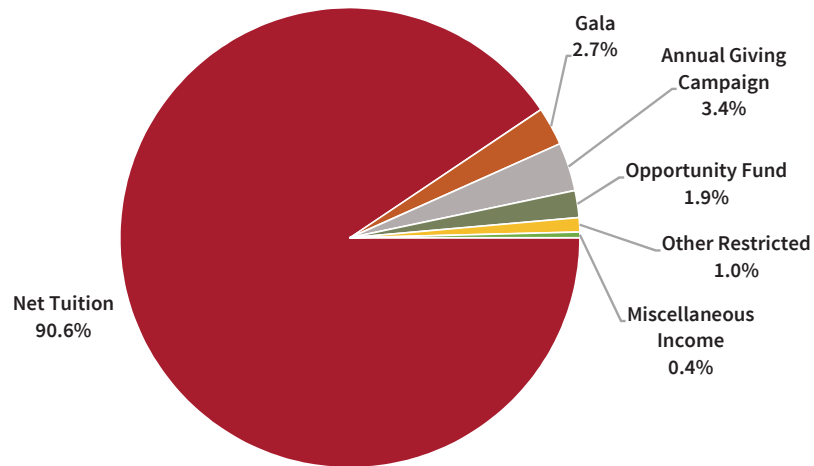


YEAR ENDING 6/30/19

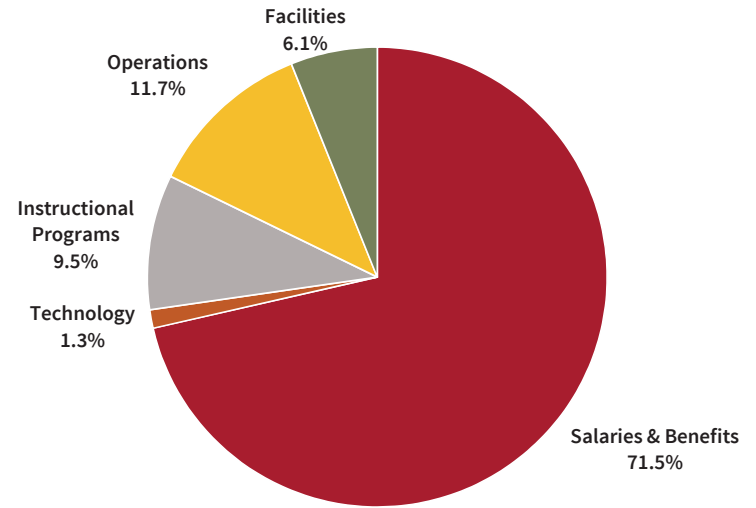


2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

REVENUE



EXPENSES



YEAR ENDING 6/30/19



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“I know for a fact that my life wouldn’t be what it is today without the rigorous education that I got at Sage Ridge, so thank you for teaching me the value of hard work, thank you for instilling a lifelong sense of curiosity, and thank you for cultivating a hunger and a thirst for knowledge. ”

— Sarah DeLappe ('08)



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