



ANNUAL REPORT *of* GIVING 2019-20





Mission

The IDEAL School of Manhattan is an inclusion school dedicated to creating a diverse community that affirms and accepts the full identities of all people, while inspiring academic excellence, creative leadership, and a desire to build a more just and equitable world.

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In this annual report, we recognize and express our gratitude to all of our supporters for their financial contributions in the 2019-20 fiscal year. In 2020, The IDEAL School of Manhattan graduated its third class of seniors as a fully registered and accredited K-12+ independent school, the only inclusion school of its kind in New York. Eight IDEAL students moved on to continue their educational experiences at colleges or postsecondary programs, including IDEAL's own Next Steps Transition Program. With the financial support of the friends, families, and staff members named in this report, IDEAL is able to provide a rigorous, nurturing, vibrant learning environment to a truly diverse body of students. As the pandemic began to affect our school, these contributions also helped to offset the technological investments that were made to maintain continuity for our students throughout the school year and moving into 2020-21.

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Dear IDEAL Families and Friends:

The 2019-20 school year was one that no one expected, but one in which our community showed tremendous resilience and even experienced growth in the face of challenge. I am proud of the way we came together, accepting that teaching and learning would be very different for the foreseeable future.

We are fortunate that, just before the pandemic, we were able to run an event as big and vital as the 15th Annual Gala. From the trustees and parents, who volunteered and helped fill tables, donated auction items, or played a part in the program, to the entire IDEAL staff, it was a concerted effort. Most of our senior class attended as student ambassadors, greeting the many attendees from outside our school community. The accomplishments of the 14 IDEAL seniors since 2018 reflect the work of our founders and supporters, like our Gala honorees. They have collectively been accepted to 67 colleges or postsecondary programs, and they have been honored with \$3,183,692 in financial aid and scholarships.

During this pandemic year, we looked to our core values of inclusion, acceptance, diversity, excellence, and leadership as our community, in just over two weeks in March 2020, designed a move to distance learning that ensured all of our children had the tools they needed to continue to learn, grow, and thrive. Our technology department, boosted by a generous donation of 160 iPads from IDEAL Trustee Dr. Thomas Kelly and Horace Mann School, ensured that every one of our students and teachers could engage in an IDEAL education from their homes. It was a truly Herculean effort, and I thank everyone for their work.

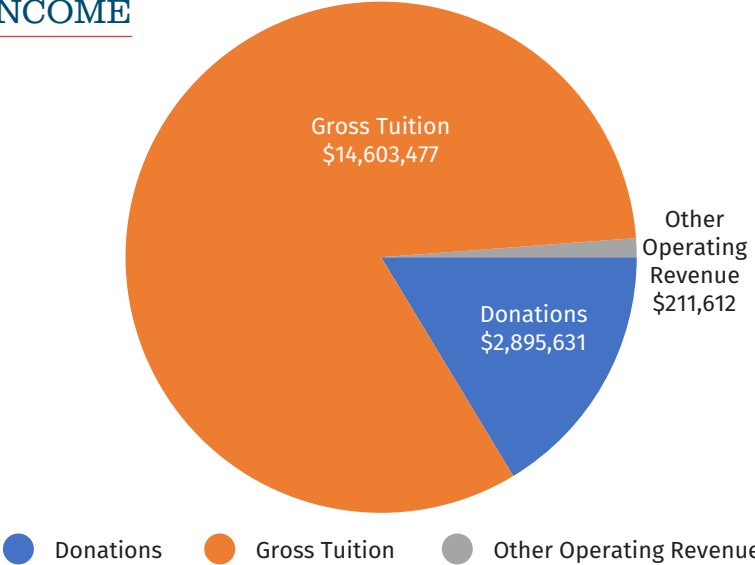
When we were all primarily in our homes, the community was still able to meet for important milestones. Our first virtual Moving Up Ceremony and Graduation was as beautiful and meaningful an event as always and celebrated our students in this unprecedented year. The Class of 2020 is thriving at schools including NYU, Hunter, Medger Evers, Westchester Community College, and our own Next Steps Transition Program.

Through it all, our community members stepped up and stood strong as we worked together to ensure that the pandemic would not affect our mission to deliver an exceptional, equitable education to our students. My thanks go out to everyone who did their part to provide an IDEAL experience in a less than ideal time. Know that your support helps make all of this and so much more available to our students.

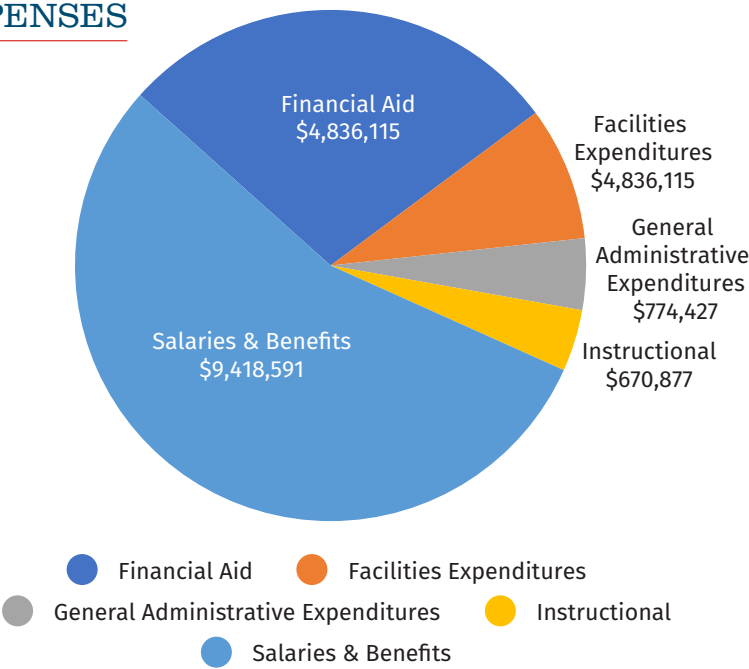
Thank you,
Janet Wolfe, Head of School



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OPERATING EXPENSES



THE FOUNDING BENEFACTORS SOCIETY

The Founding Benefactors Society was established in 2006 to recognize individuals and families who donated \$25,000 or more to IDEAL during the school's first five years (2005-2009).

The IDEAL School of Manhattan is incredibly grateful to all those who committed critical resources to the school during this time.

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The IDEAL School Parents Association fosters a spirit of community and serves as a bridge of communication and cooperation among the parent body, administration, and faculty. The PA also coordinates volunteer efforts and helps organize various fundraising and community-building events that support the mission of IDEAL. All families of students attending the school are automatically members of the PA, and class representatives keep families informed about life at the school.

During the 2019-20 school year, the PA organized and supported several community-building events including used uniform sales, family fun nights, the annual block party, and a book swap.

The IDEAL community thanks the leadership and members of the Parents Association for their hard work and generosity.



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THE OPEN DOOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

DEAL's student community reflects the rich diversity of New York City, and we are extremely proud of our extensive socioeconomic diversity. The Open Door Scholarship Fund, established in 2010, allows us to continue to provide access to an independent school education for students from under-resourced communities. Every dollar donated to the Open Door Scholarship Fund goes directly toward the tuition of students in the Standard Program.

We seek individual, corporate, and foundation partners to support this effort by funding scholarships for children in need. More than 48% of IDEAL students receive tuition assistance, and the average financial aid award is 89% of tuition. This represents an investment of approximately \$4.8 million annually, approximately 28% of the school's expenditures. Open Door Scholarship funding allows the school to continue to invest meaningfully in the program and to meet the needs of our diverse student body. Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Fund, our Open Door Scholars are thriving.

If you are interested in supporting the Open Door Scholarship Fund, please contact Finance Director Margaret Conklin at mconklin@theidealschool.org. All gifts to the Open Door Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

THE 15TH ANNUAL GALA

DEAL's Annual Gala commemorates our mission and raises funds to support the school's operating budget. The 2019-20 IDEAL Gala was held for the second consecutive year at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers. We are grateful to the families and friends who attended or donated to this year's event, which raised over \$320,000. Almost 400 guests attended the Gala as we celebrated the contributions of four individuals who have supported the school since its founding: Evan Azrilient, Annette Hayde, Dr. Elisabeth Krents, and Dr. David Salsberg.

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