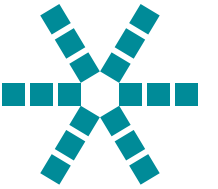




Ruffing
Montessori School
Engage. Emerge. Learn for life.

ANNUAL
REPORT
2021-2022

Above
and
Beyond



Dear Friends of Ruffing,

It is with great enthusiasm that we share with you this annual report which reflects the strength and stability of the Ruffing community during the 2021–2022 fiscal year.

“Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and strength, use it to create.”

– MARIA MONTESSORI

It was a year of comebacks. Coming back to our old selves, in a sense, but in many ways we were changed for the better. The experiences of the previous year made us stronger, as individuals and as a community. We were more resilient. We jumped back into the ‘normal routine,’ excited to once again embrace traditions we were forced to let go of. Among these beloved traditions were the Pumpkin Party, led by our Family Association, Grandparents’ and Special Persons’ Day successfully held in conjunction with the Art Show, as well as favorite class trips and campouts. Students were able to enjoy the process of the Middle School play again, and the community came together to implement a new tradition when we held our first Black History Month Celebration. It warms our hearts to reflect on the experiences that were shared and the many memories that were made over the course of the year.

Through it all, admissions stayed strong and applications and enrollment numbers were robust. We continued with open houses to meet the needs of our prospective families which allowed us to demonstrate, in person, what makes Ruffing unique. The waiting list for admission alone reminded us of the strength of our faculty and the desire of families with children of all ages to get back to learning in

an environment in which the Montessori Method is ever-present and the home-like setting is appealing. We continued to focus on our strategic plan to advance Ruffing’s mission and ensure the school’s sustainability for the future.

We are reminded, after all we experienced as a community, that our future is bright. With the upcoming renovation of the Ruffing House on Shelburne Road, we have the opportunity to join together and embrace the moment to build a space which will strengthen our academic curriculum. In doing so, we will build a future that will impact the lives of every Ruffing student, furthering their Montessori education with hands-on experiences that only we can provide as extensions of our classrooms and lessons of our Montessori-trained teachers. It is all here. What we do with it is up to us. We are so excited to continue this adventure with you. Thank you for your generosity, support, and continued commitment to Ruffing. Your partnership provides even more opportunities for each child for whom we have the privilege of educating.

With profound gratitude,

KATHIE FREER
Head of School

REBECCA HOLLAND
President, Board of Trustees

As Chair of the Finance Committee on Ruffing's Board of Trustees,

I am happy to report that the school remains in a strong and stable financial position. We continue to be aligned with Ruffing's Strategic Plan, including our established cash reserve and debt-repayment targets.

A significant piece that ensures the long term stability of our school is The Ruffing Fund. Like most independent schools, the vast majority of our annual operating budget comes from student tuition. The Ruffing Fund supplements tuition income and makes it possible for the school to invest in important priorities such as tuition assistance, funding professional development opportunities for teachers, and field trips our students help plan.

The past few years have been a time of disruption and change for all of us, and Ruffing has continued to make the stability of the school a priority. With inflation putting a strain on budgets, we are proud that the average annual increase in Ruffing tuition over the past 10 years has been less than 3%. Accessibility & Value continue to be among Ruffing's core guiding principles of Ruffing's Strategic Plan. In support of these principles, more than a quarter of Ruffing students received tuition assistance for the 2021-22 school year, with over \$430,000 in total assistance granted.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generous support of Ruffing this year. The Ruffing community is a special part of all of our lives. Working together we can ensure that Ruffing's special brand of Montessori education endures for generations to come.

KEVEN LARKIN
Treasurer, Board of Trustees



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✧ A note from the Board of Trustees:

To be more inclusive of all of our families, we have changed the name of the Ruffing Parent Association to the Ruffing Family Association. “Family” is defined as the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a student enrolled at Ruffing Montessori School.



Dear Ruffing Friends and Families,

The 2021–2022 school year saw the return of our cherished Ruffing Family Association community events. Throughout the year, our families were able to reconnect with the school and each other at new events like Coffee on the Lawn and the Black History Month Celebration, as well as some of our cherished events such as the Pumpkin Party and Multicultural Week. The Ruffing Family Association would not have been able to navigate the successful return of our events that strengthen our community without the help of all of our Ruffing families.

We are looking forward to more fun-filled events, and hope to build upon the spirit of our community.

We hope you will continue to join us!

KATIE WOZNIAK
2021–2022
President, Ruffing Family Association

RUFFING FAMILY ASSOCIATION BOARD

2021–2022

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Yolanda Hamilton

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Deena Ullom



What is The Ruffing Fund?

The Ruffing Fund is an annual giving campaign that enables the Ruffing community—including current and former families, faculty and staff, alumni, grandparents, board of trustees, and friends—to demonstrate its support for our school. The Ruffing Fund picks up where tuition leaves off, providing operational flexibility to the school. Gifts to The Ruffing Fund enhance the people, programs, and activities of our Ruffing community.

*The Ruffing Fund is what helps us uphold **The Ruffing World of Difference**.*

The Ruffing World of Difference is what makes us stand out from the rest. It is the breadth of our green and sustainability initiatives, a humanities curriculum with a foundation in peace education, and the commitment of service and social responsibility our students learn from their earliest years. *The Ruffing World of Difference* inspires the changemakers, the educators, the creators, and the global citizens of the next generation. The Ruffing Fund makes this possible.

Whereas \$92,590 was raised for The Ruffing Fund, a total of \$3,565 was raised toward restricted giving, and \$10,878 was generated from established endowed funds for the school's restricted use in areas like financial aid, classroom support for our youngest learners, and professional development opportunities for teachers.

WHY GIVE TO THE RUFFING FUND?

Your gift to The Ruffing Fund signals your strong support of and belief in *The Ruffing World of Difference* and the profound impact it has on our people, programs, and activities.

PEOPLE

100% of students, faculty, and staff benefit from The Ruffing Fund through tuition assistance, continued Montessori training, and guest educators.

PROGRAMS

Ruffing's award-winning green and sustainability initiatives, along with other programs like peace education and community outreach, are enhanced by The Ruffing Fund donations.

ACTIVITIES

The Ruffing Fund offsets the cost of field trips, community service opportunities, and school events.

Every level of our school, from the Toddler Community to the Middle School, benefits from gifts made to The Ruffing Fund.

Gifts to The Ruffing Fund are unrestricted for operational needs. A total of \$92,590 was raised through the annual fund and was used as follows:

32%
new technology equipment for classrooms

30%
faculty professional development

21%
transportation for field trips

17%
tuition assistance

THE RUFFING WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Social
Responsibility



Green Initiatives
and
Sustainability
Efforts



Peace
Education



Leadership
in Montessori
Education



Global
Citizenship



Independence



✧ Ruffing's Day of Giving

On December 16, 2021, Ruffing held its first ever Day of Giving fundraising initiative. With the theme 'A Celebration of the Arts,' the school shared stories of faculty, former faculty, staff, and alumni who have been inspired by the arts programs at Ruffing and/or are artists in their own lives. The messaging

of the initiative, primarily on social media and in emails to the community, aligned with the school's Winter Solstice tradition which is rich in storytelling, singing, and dancing. The Day of Giving was successful in generating over \$10,000 for The Ruffing Fund.



2021-2022 By the Numbers

\$92,590

DOLLARS RAISED
for The Ruffing Fund

202

NUMBER OF GIFTS
to The Ruffing Fund

185

NUMBER OF DONORS
to The Ruffing Fund

\$458

AVERAGE DONATION
to The Ruffing Fund

308

NUMBER OF STUDENTS
supported by The Ruffing Fund



Thank You
to All Donors
Who Made
Donations to
Ruffing’s
2021–2022
Campaign

KEY

^ Board of Trustees

+ Deceased

* Faculty/Staff

Please excuse any errors or omissions.

MONTESSORI
FOUNDERS SOCIETY
(\$1,000+)

\$5,000+

AHS Foundation
Cleveland Foundation
Ann and David^ Lavelle
Nancy and Neal Lavelle

\$2,500–\$4,999

Anonymous
Carfagna Family - Magis Foundation
Erin Holston Singh and Sanjay Singh
Amy Weisberg Whitehead
and Brad Whitehead

\$1,000–\$2,499

Anonymous
Natalie Bluestone^
Nora and David Buck
Kathleen Burke and William Gaskill
Rita and Peter Carfagna
Katarina and Charles Druesedow
Genevieve and Walter DeSocio
Rosie* and Mike Ford
Kathie* and Neil Freer
Lauren and Zachary Guren
Julie* and Chris Haffke
Rebecca^ and David Holland
Teresa and Jeff Karlovec
Neeta and Rajeed Kishore
Elizabeth and Keven^ Larkin
Tamalette and Edward Loh
Holly and Michael Looney
Mary Beth Majoros
and Kirk Schmink
Liz and John '86^ Newman
Bette* and John Posch
Suzanne and Robert Ruff
Beth Bluestone Rund '95
and Richard Rund
Salesforce
Sharon and Brad Sanders
Norma and Samuel Savin
Corrin and Michael^ Sebold
Melissa Skilken-Hill^ and Brian Hill
Ethel Smith-Bowen and Scott Bowen

Stefanie^ and Gary Sugar
Sydnia^ and Haig Tcheurekdjian
Nicole and Andrew Walton
Joy Whitlow*

GRANITE

\$500–\$999

Anning & Doris Smith Family Foundation
Amanda and Chris Bellows
Kathleen Berkner and Kurt Runge
Darlene and James Cassidy
Mala and Sanjay Garg
GBX Group
Diane Kumley
Amy Laughlin and John Wiedemer
Sonal^ and Christian Moratschek
Lisa and Derek Navracruz
Sue* and Lauren Pacini
Marsha S. Pinson
Lori and Paul Postak
Sonja Postak '07
Meredith '97* and Scott Prince
Ankur and Robert Stein
Kaori and Shinya Unai
Nicole and Andrew Vassil
Pippa Winder and Steve Killpack
Andrea and Michael Zadd

GREEN

\$250–\$499

Anonymous
Jenny and Dan Coyle
Indrani and Dan '89 Egleston
Kelly and Seth^ Engstrom
Hannah and Ryan Francis
Shawna and Eric Gehrke
Rita and Ted Grabowski
Gretchen and Jason Haremza
Martha Hostetter and James Krouse
Jelena and Alex Kolovsky
Katherine and John Long
Stephanie Madewell and Sean O'Hagan
Paloma Magistrati and Paolo Gelain
Sarah and Adam Margolius
Joanne McKell and Benjamin Seligman
Debra* and Dave Mitchell
Samantha and Joseph Muska

Amy and Chris Pinkerton
Susan Ross and Doug Cates
William Seetch
Joanne Siegel and Walter Thiem
Heather and Charles Thiltgen
Abigail Westbrook and Vince Gonzalez

BLUE

\$100–\$249

Anonymous
Sheron Adams
Thomas Anderson
Lynn* and David Baird
Kate Bennett*
Cindy and Edward Brzuski
Tina and Lauren Caldwell
Alyson and Michael '95 Carfagna
Joanna and Pete '93 Carfagna
Mark Corrado
Vanessa Coterel and Michael Deemer
Rebecca and David Czerkie
Lisa DiNovo*
Kristin and Harry* Exline
Peter Farah
Christine Francisco*
Harry Freer
Annie Fullard and James Rosenthal
Donna and Sim Galazka
Eileen Goulder
Beth and Aaron* Gray
Barb and Ross Gray
Debbie and Peter Guren
Nancy Guthrie
Loanne Hamje
Maureen Harrington and Gordon Maas
Julie and Greg Hendee
Nancy and Peter Hildebrand
Mahwish Irfan and Ehsan Balagamwala
Dini Karam*
Jan and Lewis Katz
Tyler Katz '90 and Joshua Chefitz*
Kevin Kawalec and Adrienne Kirby
Rosemary and John Kelly
Margan Keramati and Adam Davis
Melanie^ and Craig Knowles
Mary and Dave* Kosky
Juliet Kostritsky and Brad Gellert
Lillian Kuri

Joanne and Jim Lint
The Lunsford Family
Nancy Lyon-Stadler
Erin Mandalfino*
Barbara and Richard Margolius
Maryanna Mileski*
Julie and Andre Milet
Patricia and J. Broock Munro
Cynthia and Brian Murphy
Kelly* and Sean O'Melia
Cassandra O'Shea
and Ariel Zaviezo Arriagada
Jane Peterson and Philip Star
Lindsay Petry and S. Colin G. Petry '98
Megan and Max* Pinson
Penni and Stephen Powell
Kevin Poor
Marianne Prebet and Jagan Pillai
Carol and Brian Provan
Aleksandra Rachitskaya and Michael Azre
Danielle Reavis*
Nancy and Jeff Rolfe
Jennifer Rozsa and Artur Grabowski
Beverly and John Rozsa
Mary T. Sampson
Kathleen and Gary Sardon
Nancy and Jim Schade
Kelly* and Alessandro Serra
Margot and Joel Slamkowski
Danielle and Michael Skoczen
Lily Skove Hellmuth '96 and TJ Hellmuth
The Stadler Family
Liesl Stalzer-Callahan* and John Callahan
The Strauss Family (Philip Strauss '80)
Rachael Strauss-Bruening
and Mark Bruening
Jeff Teeter*
Annette Turner-Coreno
Megan Ullom*
Greg Van Niel
Stacey Weiher*
Janet and Spencer Wells
Nina and Sherman Whaley
Anna Winfield
Susan and Randy Wischhusen
Hadley Wood and Jeff Hardacre
Katie and Chris Wozniak
Kate Wright*

ORANGE
UP TO \$99

Melanie Alban
Penny and Brian Benchek
McKenzie Bennett '05
Diane and James Chesko
Patrica Doyle
Julia and Leonard Felson
Christine Fleshman '90
Emma Freer '08
Mia Freer '13
Lynne and Gordon* Grinham
Mary Ann and David* Haberman
Susannah Hyatt* and Barry Mita
Marilyn Indriolo
Hildur Jonsson and Brian Schriefer
Lauren* and Richard Kekic
Mary Kay and John Marcuse
Ellen Miles and Richard Prystowsky
Betsy Moss*
Debbie Nash*
Christine Nestor
Judy and Irwin Paster
Mehreen Pervéz*
Teresa Rockwell Pod
Gayle and Harold Rager
Rippner-Kamionkowski Family
(Stacey Rippner*)
Gilda and Stanley Scharf
Holly Scott
Cary Seidman
Jayne Severson*
Constance Skingel
Josephine Somrak
Anne and Allen Springer
The Springer-Garg Family
Matthew J. Stefan '16
Lyn and David Thomas
Carol and Edward Warnick
David Waski*
Josephine Woods
Marilyn Wright

To make a gift to Ruffing:

Please use the remittance envelope included in this report or visit ruffingmontessori.net/give.
You may also pay @ruffinglehts in the Venmo app or at venmo.com. Please be sure to specify
the “Ruffing Fund” in the “What’s it for?” section.

If you have questions related to making a donation, please email Ruffing
Development and Database Manager Kelly Serra at kellys@ruffingmontessori.net.



Sydnia Tcheurekdjian

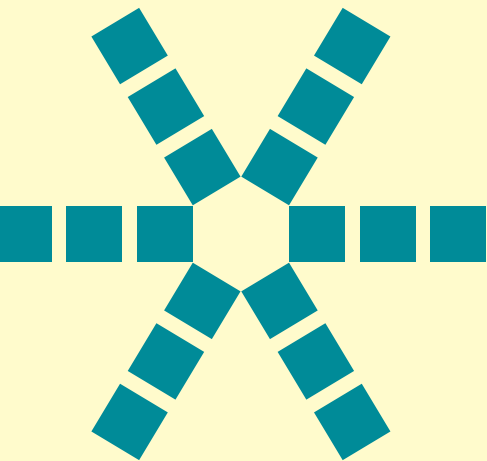
CURRENT PARENT AND RUFFING TRUSTEE

Our oldest son, Daniel, started in Dixie's class in Lower Elementary as a 1st Year in 2010. He graduated from Ruffing in 2018, and is now a freshman in college. Our youngest, Lucas, started at Ruffing in Patty's Children's House and is now a 7th Year student in the Middle School.

Since the beginning of our time with the school, I have been active in the Ruffing community. I have loved being a room parent and felt it was the best way to connect with other parents and the Ruffing faculty and staff. I enjoy organizing class events, especially getting teacher gifts together to show our gratitude to our teachers. I eventually served as the Family Association President and had a great year connecting more people to each other. I have volunteered many hours at multiple Ruffing events. I think this is the best way to be a part of my children's school. I was asked to be on the Ruffing Board of Trustees, and feel like the only role I have not played at Ruffing is as a teacher!

Clearly we keep on picking Ruffing! We like what Ruffing teaches our children, and Ruffing's values echo our values. We like the emphasis on respect for others, the great community feeling the school possesses, the care and centering of the child, how diversity is valued, and the camaraderie between families. The teachers have become family, and our youngest feels like he is home when he walks through the school doors. What makes Ruffing so special is that the center of the school is the child, and the growth that happens in the Montessori three-year cycle is unique and clear to see.

It is easy to forget that tuition does not cover all of Ruffing's costs. Often people wonder why they should give to a school if they already pay tuition. The answer is that what makes our school special is only possible through The Ruffing Fund. As a trustee I now see this even more. We support The Ruffing Fund as a way to say "thank you" to the teachers who have cared and continue to care for our children. The wonderful part of the annual fund is that every bit matters because together we do make a difference. ■



Dave Kosky

LOWER ELEMENTARY GUIDE

For thirty-nine years I have enjoyed my role working with the faculty, staff, and students of Ruffing. It is a unique connection we have to the students in a Montessori environment because we direct the students. It is not about teaching to them. It is about guiding and directing them.

We are able to help the students understand how what we do in the classroom applies to everyday life. Practical life lessons like tying shoes are significant and help set them up for the future, ultimately helping them become successful in life. The importance of the work and the meaningful programming keeps me coming back each year. To have worked with children and then, years later, the children of those former students—it is all so fulfilling.

I am a consistent donor to Ruffing's annual fund, and the component of The Ruffing Fund that touches me most is the financial support to mission appropriate families. Over the years, there have been families unable to cover the cost of a Montessori education. However, after receiving tuition assistance, their child was able to reach his/her/their academic and social potential by prospering in the environment at Ruffing. This became a life changing event in their child's life. This is the main reason I choose to give back to Ruffing. ■





Josh Chefitz

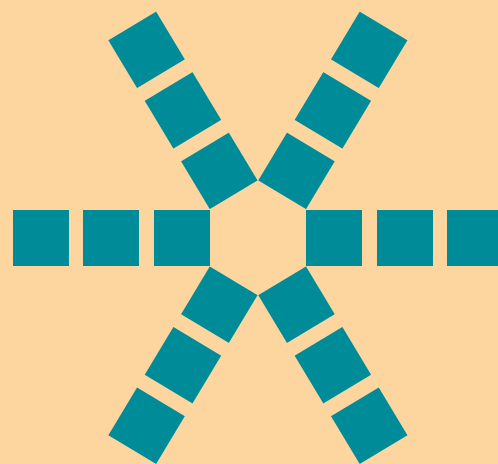
—
DIRECTOR
OF STUDENT
CARE

In 2014 our children, Sammy and Adler, started their Ruffing journeys in the Children's House and the Lower Elementary, respectively. In 2017, I began my own journey with the school as Ruffing's Director of Student Care.

My wife Tyler ('90) attended Ruffing Montessori School from the Children's House all the way through Middle School and her siblings also attended Ruffing. Her mother, Jan Katz, is a Ruffing staple who worked in administration at the school for many years.

Ruffing has been such an important and meaningful part of our family's world for years. We credit Ruffing with reinforcing all we hope to give our kids as parents: a love for learning, empathy for others, and an understanding of what it means to be part of a community.

Ruffing Montessori continues to grow as a school and as a community. The Ruffing Fund is something we support because it ensures that the school can meet its mission to employ the philosophy and methods of Dr. Maria Montessori to educate young people to their fullest potential, instilling a deep sense of personal independence and social responsibility while meeting our students "where they are" for years to come. ■



Sue Pacini

—
FORMER RUFFING
BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR

The different vantage points (parent, staff member, and faculty member) enabled us to fully appreciate the importance of The Ruffing Fund, both from a business standpoint as well as from an educational standpoint. We appreciate the importance of the educational foundation afforded our sons, and we also recognize the extent to which their experience was enhanced by the generosity of the parent body through gifts to The Ruffing Fund and Capital Campaigns.

We can testify that The Ruffing Fund does make a world of difference, irrespective of the dollar amount of an individual donation. We realize that a Ruffing education is the beginning of a journey leading to high school, college, graduate school, and beyond, and we also recognize the extent to which those future experiences are built upon the foundation provided at Ruffing. Our support of Montessori education in general and Ruffing in specific is in appreciation of our sons' experiences and a desire to help guarantee a similar experience for future students. ■

Our personal commitment to Ruffing began in 1976 when our first son was admitted to Lower Elementary.

Before school even began, we were invited to volunteer at a school fundraiser taking place that summer. It was a wonderful introduction to Ruffing and an opportunity to meet other families, and we subsequently co-chaired that same benefit the following two summers. Our first introduction to Children's House was when our youngest son was admitted to that level in 1983, ultimately graduating from Middle School in 1994.

In addition to our early role as parents and volunteers, we both had the opportunity to work at Ruffing, although in very different capacities—myself in the Business Office from 1985–2022, and my husband, Lauren, spearheading the planning and implementation of technology in the Upper Elementary and Middle School classrooms from 2001–2012.



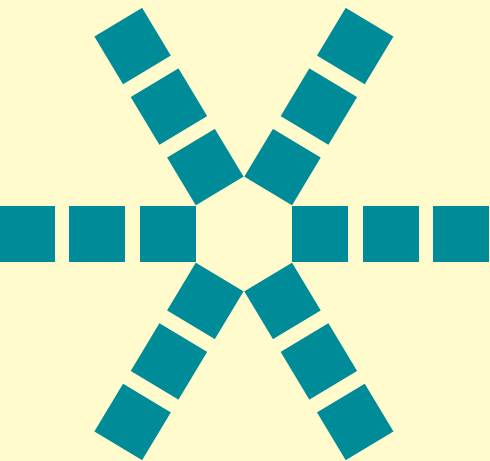


Debbie Guren

RUFFING GRANDPARENT
& PRESIDENT AND
CEO OF THE HERSHEY
FOUNDATION

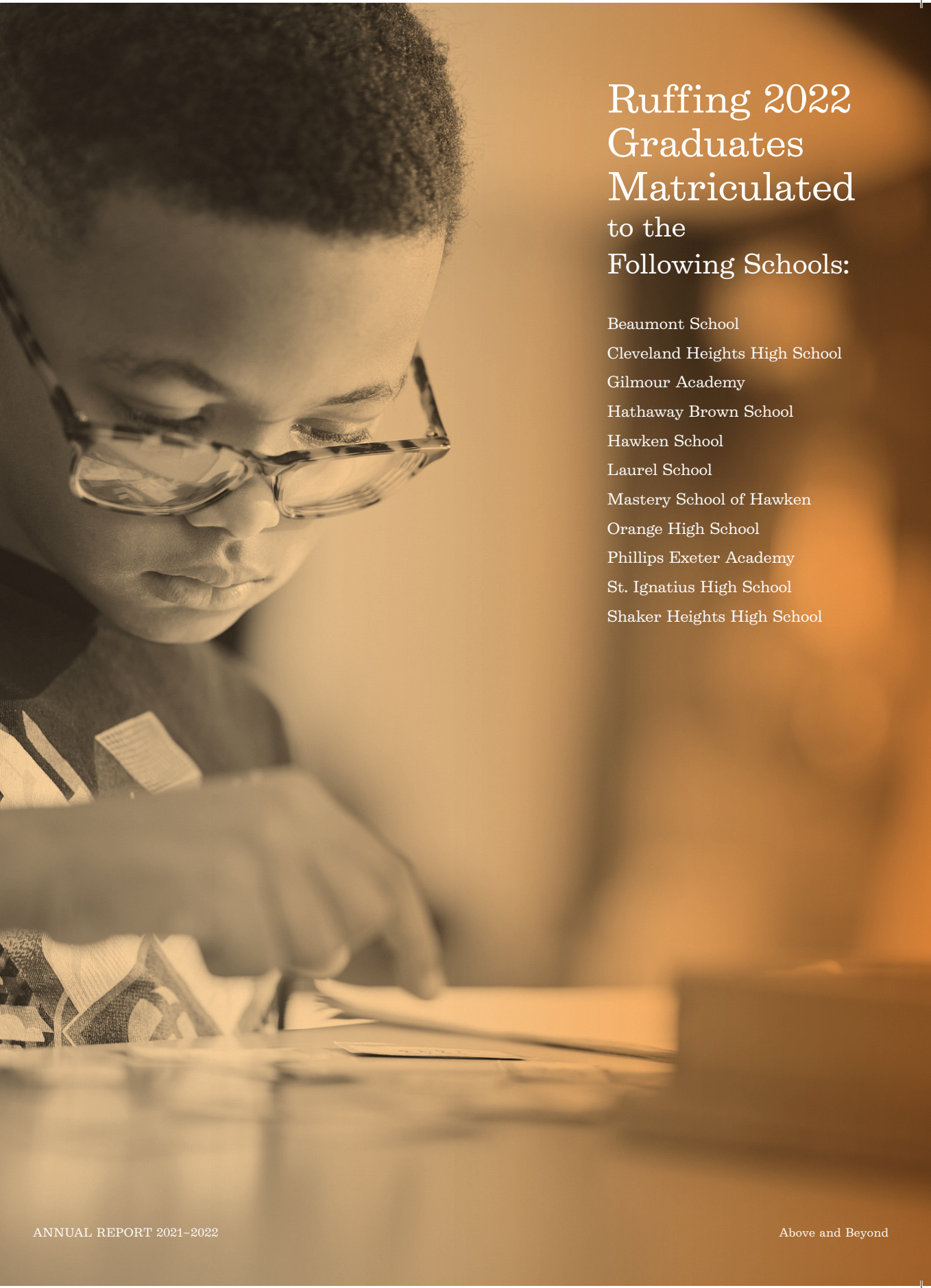
As The Hershey Foundation President and CEO, I have been dedicated to Montessori and connecting children with nature for many years. With my six grandchildren all in Montessori schools and my two youngest at Ruffing, I do what I can to support their schools. The OLE project was a natural fit with my commitment to Montessori and prepared outdoor environments and gardens, as it gives the children a place for exploration, creativity, and an appreciation for the natural world. Seeing the project through to fruition has been so very rewarding. ■

As a donor to Ruffing’s Montessori programming and renovations to physical spaces, specifically the Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE), I was excited to see the dramatic transformation of the outdoor space from its former self as a suburban backyard into purposeful spaces for Ruffing’s Toddler Community and Children’s House and an extension of the Lower Elementary classrooms. The OLE provides beautiful open nature play spaces for students of all ages.



Ruffing 2022 Graduates Matriculated to the Following Schools:

- Beaumont School
- Cleveland Heights High School
- Gilmour Academy
- Hathaway Brown School
- Hawken School
- Laurel School
- Mastery School of Hawken
- Orange High School
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- St. Ignatius High School
- Shaker Heights High School



Alumni Connections

We welcomed former students and alumni in 2021 and 2022 as guest speakers in our classrooms, panelists during open house events, and participants in important school initiatives like our Day of Giving. Here are a few of the voices shared with our community.

Anthony Doerr



Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author,
Former Ruffing Student



University School, Bowdoin College,
Bowling Green State University

Of all the skills nine years of Montessori education gave me—critical thinking skills, social skills, kickball skills—the most lasting has been a sense of my place in deep geologic time. It permeates my writing, my attitudes toward natural resources, and my relationship with my sons...We all share this one big clump of iron and magnesium and nickel whirling around the sun and it is the one thing we bequeath to our children. So why not be as deeply curious about it as we can? Why not try to understand what is happening to it in the pitifully brief time we are here? Looking back, I believe Montessori was one of the strongest influences in my life nudging me toward this kind of curiosity.

Ellie Martin



Ruffing Alumna,
Class of 2013



Laurel School, University of Miami,
Imperial College, London

I think Ruffing provides a lot of avenues for kids to discover their identities (and a sense of independence) in a supportive and open-minded environment. I also feel that the diversity the school offers contributes to this communal sense of open-mindedness and is crucial for demonstrating inclusivity at a time when students are still growing and maturing.

Austin Harris



Ruffing Alumnus,
Class of 2012



Shaker Heights High School,
Ohio University

Ruffing is a place that cultivates endless possibilities through learning, creativity, exploration, and community. I am an alum and a former employee of Ruffing. When I return, I feel the same sense of community today as I did when I first entered the building as a 3rd Year student. My connection to Ruffing has been invaluable to me as a student and as an adult.

Alumni Donors to the 2021–2022 Campaign by Class

1980

Phillip Strauss

1986

John Newman

1989

Dan Egleston

1990

Christine Fleshman
Tyler Katz

1993

Peter Carfagna

1995

Michael Carfagna
Beth Rund

1996

Lily Skove Hellmuth

1997

Meredith Prince

1998

S. Colin Petry

2005

McKenzie Bennett

2007

Sonja Postak

2008

Emma Freer

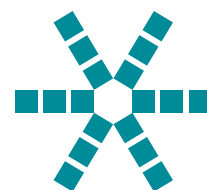
2013

Mia Freer

2016

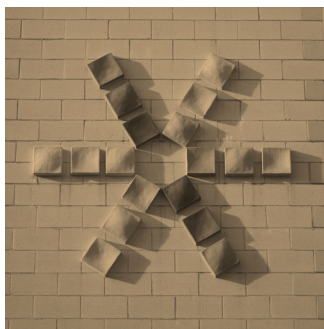
Matthew Stefan

In 2021, the Ruffing Board of Trustees and leadership team engaged with architects to address the need for more space for our youngest learners.



In the spring and summer of 2022, Ruffing created three new beautiful Toddler Community spaces to better accommodate the lessons of the young learners. These spaces provide environments that help foster the independence of the children. This is an important piece of the Montessori pedagogy and what we practice here at Ruffing. It was exciting for us all to see the new rooms come to fruition. The children's needs and environments are always our priority.

KATHIE FREER
Head of School



“The children’s needs and environments are always our priority.”

– KATHIE FREER

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