# GUIDE TO Philanthropy

# PACIFIC RIDGE SCHOOL

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Pacific Ridge was built on giving. And this culture of philanthropy connects us all. From our founding to the future we are building together, giving back is part of what it means to be a **Firebird.** 

## Your Support Makes an Immediate Impact

As is the case at virtually all independent schools, tuition and fees do not cover the full cost of a Pacific Ridge education. Charitable contributions help close the gap between what tuition covers and the true cost of educating each student.

Extraordinary

Giving to Pacific Ridge helps provide students with an exceptional educational experience and learning opportunities that transcend the classroom.

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We support Pacific Ridge because we've seen how much our daughter has grown, personally and academically. The support she's gotten from her teachers and coaches has inspired her to push the envelope in a positive way.

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-Agnes Lee and Steven Chan, P'22

### with Pacific Ridge

Families are asked to support the **Annual Fund** as generously as they can each year. Participation is a key element of the Annual Fund, and giving by 100% of families is our primary goal. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.







# Opportunity Scholarship Program

Every year, our school community proudly invests in the academic journeys of first-generation college-bound students who have demonstrated both academic excellence and financial need. Our Opportunity Scholarship Program, rooted in our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, celebrates each student's unique identities and experiences in our community. Since its inception in 2013, the program has evolved from supporting a single scholar to enrolling 10 students each year. With the generous support of the PRS community, we have graduated **18** students through the Opportunity Scholarship Program.



### Endowment

An endowment plants a tree whose investment will continue to grow while a portion of the interest income is available for our school's use each year. While the Annual Fund guarantees the Pacific Ridge experience today, **gifts to endowment provide critical funding for our school's long-term financial sustainability**, assuring that Pacific Ridge will be here for future generations of Firebirds.



Having put two children through Pacific Ridge, we truly understand the value of the education and experience that the school provides. For us, the Opportunity Scholarship was more than just a donation to the school, it was an investment in the future.

> - Felicia and Jim Hinrichs, with Nick '14 and Rowen '21

## Other Opportunities for Support

#### Planned Giving

Planned giving provides donors with the opportunity to include Pacific Ridge in their estate plans. Planned gifts can include bequests, IRA distributions, gifts of equity, life insurance, real estate, personal property, or cash.

### Volunteering

The Philanthropy Office warmly welcomes volunteers to encourage support of the Annual Fund. Every year, this committee plays a critical role in outreach to help us reach our parent participation goal. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact the Philanthropy Office.



For more information on ways to give or get involved, please contact the Philanthropy Office:

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