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Dear SDS Family,

Wow! Together, we exceeded our goal! We achieved a fundraising total that surpassed a 10-year record high, raising \$699,195! And, with your overwhelming support, more than \$40,000 of the total was received from new donors to the Griffin Fund.

The Griffin Fund's success would not have been possible without the help of so many. Co-Chairs Carter and Geordy Johnson were instrumental in spearheading this effort, and we are confident the 2024 Griffin Fund will be a success. Our past chairs, Kirsten and Benjy Miller, provided unlimited guidance and encouragement throughout the campaign. Our fabulous leader, Head of School Dave Skeen, provided constant support, always spreading the message throughout the campaign with such positive energy. The Development Committee, plus a huge team of parent volunteers, worked tirelessly calling, texting and talking to fellow parents and donors. The Griffin Fund would not be possible without the diligent work and commitment of Mimi Killoren and Valerie Massey in the Development Office. To every trustee, faculty, alumni, parent, grandparent, and friend of SDS, we send a heartfelt "thank you" for investing in Spartanburg Day School.

The spirit of the Griffin is embodied by this community continuously. We continue to be amazed at the team effort of the SDS community. SDS has the best village, and we are so grateful for you! It was an honor to chair the Griffin Fund. Again, we thank you for your overwhelming support.

GO GRIFFINS,

Michael + Haley Williams



From the Board of Trustees President

As the President of the Board of Trustees, and most importantly, as a parent of three curious Middle School learners, I want to express my sincerest gratitude for your incredible generosity in our recent Griffin Fund campaign. With your outpouring of support, I am extremely pleased to say we exceeded our goal with \$699,195 raised – the highest total in a decade! The success of this campaign embodies our community's collective commitment to Spartanburg Day School's mission and the many ways our students are encouraged to embrace values like curiosity each and every day.

Throughout the SDS campus, whether in the classroom, on the stage or on the athletic field, students learn to approach every opportunity with an insatiable curiosity. This is fueled by dedicated teachers, innovative programs, and an environment that champions students' unique talents and passions. This learning environment could not continue to grow and thrive without the Griffin Fund and without our generous donors. Whether you gave for the first time this year or are a returning donor, please know that every contribution is used to enrich the lives of each Griffin student and faculty member.

I extend a heartfelt thank you to Head of School Dave Skeen for his tremendous leadership, to Haley and Michael Williams, our Griffin Fund chairs, whose passion and commitment led the way, to Alice Dawson, Development Chair, and Mimi Killoren and Valerie Massey in the Development Office for their tireless efforts to help us reach our goal.

Thank you for supporting curiosity at Spartanburg Day School through your gift to the Griffin Fund campaign. Go Griffins!

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2023 Griffin Fund Drive

Parent Participation by Grade

2024	74.19%
2025	50.00%
2026	60.00%
2027	50.00%
2028	63.64%
2029	70.27%
2030	70.59%
2031	63.64%
2032	72.73%
2033	52.78%
2034	50.00%
2035	<i>7</i> 1.11%
2036	46.43%
2037	57.50%
2038	40.00%
2039	46.15%

Total 2023 Griffin Fund Parent Participation 54.07%



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The Development Office has made every effort to ensure that the information contained in these pages is accurate and complete.

Please note that this report acknowledges the Griffin Fund Drive during the calendar year of 2023. (January – December)

If you should come across an error or omission, please accept our apologies, and advise us of the error by contacting the Development Office at (864) 582-7539, ext. 2016.

The Captain Pennell Society

JOIN THE LEADERS OF OUR PAST WITH A GIFT TO OUR FUTURE

The youngest children in our school today will graduate in the year 2039. What their future will bring is hard to fathom. What is far easier to see is that wise parents in the 1900s invested with extreme generosity and foresight in the education of future generations. Without their vision and leadership, the students who are with us today would not have had the good fortune of receiving a Spartanburg Day School education.

Your planned gift to the Captain Pennell Society* will help fuel another era of educational opportunities and student achievements in our community.

The vehicles to make planned gifts are numerous and can allow you to realize immediate or deferred tax advantages. You do not need to be of a certain age or extremely wealthy to make a big difference. You just need a plan.

If you wish to explore how you may join the leaders of our past by establishing you own legacy, please contact the Development Office 582-7539 ext. 2016.









From the Head of School

This year we committed to the ongoing excellence of Spartanburg Day School through our Griffin Fund with exceptional energy and enthusiasm. The committee which led this effort was all in on emphasizing participation and making the case for how the funds raised through our Griffin Fund make an immediate impact on the student experience. In fact, there was so much enthusiasm, we created a new giving level – the Cornerstone Circle – for annual gifts at \$50,000 and above.

I want to take a moment to thank our Board of Trustees and members of the Development Committee, chaired by Alice Dawson and supported by Mimi Killoren and Valerie Massey. Haley and Michael Williams and Carter and Geordy Johnson, our Griffin Fund chairs and co-chairs, were instrumental in creating excitement and enthusiasm for the work for the fund. They were so successful that we exceeded last year's number on our way to \$699,195 raised.

Finally, thank you to all the donors who made Spartanburg Day School a priority. We understand there are so many worthy causes to support, and we appreciate that you are willing to continue to invest in the student experience here. It is a phenomenal one because of the incredible support we have received from you all. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dave W. Skeen Head of School

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