



IMPACT REPORT 2023-2024

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Sage Ridge 2024 Promotion Ceremony

Milin Sekhon '28 (left) and Ryan Sherven '28 (right) celebrate their promotion from Sage Ridge Middle School to Upper School with Upper School Mathematics teacher Mr. Scott Gorsuch on June 7.

NOTE FROM THE HEAD

Greetings Sage Ridge Community Family and Friends,

I am pleased to share the impact of your generosity, volunteerism and support of Sage Ridge School. 2023-2024 marked our 25th anniversary, and this milestone year included many highlights for Reno-Tahoe's only non-sectarian, independent, college-preparatory school.

The revival of the Annual Fund after a brief hiatus, with a "25 Years, 25 Days" campaign, was a huge success. As our primary annual fundraiser that supports vital operational resources for our school that tuition alone does not cover, our community rallied to exceed our fundraising target of \$250,000. Similarly, our "Fire & Ice" Gala surpassed fundraising goals in support of the Opportunity and Teacher Funds, which fund Sage Ridge Scholars and above-and-beyond faculty needs like STEM equipment, updated VR software for experiential learning, play rights for theater, grades 3-12 robotics equipment and more.

Another incredible highlight was the fall soft opening of the Sage Ridge School E.L. Wiegand Student Activity Center, which marked an important milestone in Phase One of our Achieve, Innovate, and Magnify (AIM) Capital Campaign. The Wiegand Student Center fulfills a dream of so many: to provide our students with a new "heart" at the center of our school's campus while serving the broader Northern Nevada community. We could not have raised the more than 8 million dollars for the Wiegand Student Center without you. A point of pride for our community, the completion of the Wiegand Student Center marks the first new building on our 44-acre property in 20 years. The momentum for the next phase of the AIM Capital Campaign is strong and includes the Innovation Center and 350-seat Theatre.

Beyond monetary donations, volunteerism within and beyond the school fuels and strengthens our Scorpion Community. Our community gathered donations over the holidays to support local families in need and our youngest, 3rd-grade students raised money, which was matched by a parent employer, and compiled care kits to support teens through a local charity, the Eddy House. Our Middle and Upper School students volunteered at the Humane Society and students sewed blankets from material donated by Patagonia for the homeless within our community. These actions not only impact the well-being of our broader Northern Nevada community, but they also bring our pillars of respect, courage and community to life and give our students important opportunities to practice kindness and empathy for others – critical life skills to become curious and confident citizens with exceptional intellect and character.

In addition to celebrating the past 25 years, we looked ahead to the next 25 through our re-accreditation and strategic planning work. Every five years, our school reaffirms who we are and what we aim to achieve as we complete our re-accreditation with the Northwest Association of Independent Schools. Through this work, the Board, administration, faculty and staff recommit ourselves to high standards for all students. Our focus is on rigorous subject matter that stands the test of time; extensive opportunities to engage in research, problem-solving, writing and speaking; a view on character, including the development of empathy, altruism, and an appreciation for the richness of diversity; close and mutually respectful relationships between faculty and staff and the students we serve; and use of technology in ways that enhance the student-teacher relationship rather than erode or replace it.

The impact of the school, both within the broader community and for the students and families we serve, remains incredible. I am optimistic for the next 25 years, in large part because of the strength and commitment of our community. Your generosity, involvement and passion make our vision to inspire passion and purpose through the joy of learning achievable, and I wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support and participation.



Dr. Ginger Hovenic
Head of School

EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM AND BEYOND

Sage Ridge School prepares its students not only for college but also to lead a purposeful life. Guided by the school's five pillars, Scorpions graduate curious and confident citizens ready to continue their positive impact on the world.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

- Ranked in the Top 100 schools in the U.S. on the 2023 Jay Mathews Challenge Index, which ranks more than 22,000 high schools nationwide. Top School and A+ rankings on Niche.
- Clark Peng '24 and Chris Zhao '24 named National Merit Scholarship Finalists and Ben Browder '24 named a 2024 Commended Student.
- Rhea Skaria '25 received the 2024 Harvard Prize Book Award, an honor given based on her unweighted GPA, honors and AP classes, extracurricular achievements and character.
- Sage Ridge earned platinum distinction on the 2023 AP School Honor Roll. Upper School AP enrollment increased by 30% from 2022-2023. 88% of our students received a 3 or higher on their AP exams.
- Nanki Sandhu '25 placed first in the Sagebrush District Speech & Debate Tournament. Sandhu and Mallory Cotton '27 competed in the National Speech & Debate Tournament in Des Moines, IA.
- 12 Latin students in grades 7-10 placed in the National Latin Exam marking the 20th year in a row Scorpions have ranked nationally.
- FIRST LEGO League Robotics Team Won 2nd Overall, 1st for Innovation Project, and 3rd for Robot Game at the State Championship.
"We all have the power to make the world a better place because we are Sage Ridge students." - Valedictorian Clark Peng '24
- Our 12 Seniors received 45 total college acceptances and were awarded \$1.5 million in scholarship/merit aid in aggregate.
- Sage Ridge won "Best Private School" in the Reno Gazette-Journal's 2024 Best of Reno Official Community's Choice Awards.
- AmeriCorps awarded Ethan Wu '24 the President's Volunteer Service Award for completing 285 community service hours in a year.
- Sage Ridge hosted the 2024 Nevada Junior Classical League State Convention earning 14 first place, 17 second place and 9 third place awards in individual competitions.
- 2024 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards: 22 awards for 15 Sage Ridge students including a Visionary Award, 2 Gold Keys, 5 Silver Keys, 14 Honorable Mentions, and an American Visions Award Nomination
- Varsity Boys Soccer and Varsity Girls Volleyball teams named NIAA Academic State Champions.
- State Bar of Nevada 2024 Northern Nevada Regional Mock Trial Competition: Best Counsel Sophie Najjar '26, Best Witness Keira Brodsky '25 and Best Witness Tyler Jensen-Eykamp '26
- Sage Ridge's fall play was selected for the 2024 NV Thespians State Showcase. Rhea Skaria '25 placed in the top 10% in Nevada for stage management and presented at State, and was also invited to showcase her portfolio and presentation at the 2024 International Thespian Festival. Sam Browder '26 and Owen Heaphy '27 received Excellent scores at Regionals.



2024 International Trip to England, France and Italy

From exploring the iconic landmarks of London to soaking in the arts and culture in Paris—just before the start of the 2024 Olympics—to marveling at ancient wonders like the Colosseum and the Vatican in Rome, Scorpions abroad were fully immersed in the rich history, culture and beauty of these global cities and faraway places. The journey continues in spring 2025 for the international Sage Session trip to Japan!

Scorpions Explore The Stunning Landscapes of Capri

Sage Ridge Art Teacher Mrs. Krystal Buccambuso (left) sees Capri by boat with Eden Whitaker '28, Angel Navis '28 and Scorpions in grades 8-11 on the 2024 International Sage Session trip to Europe.

SCHOLARSHIP

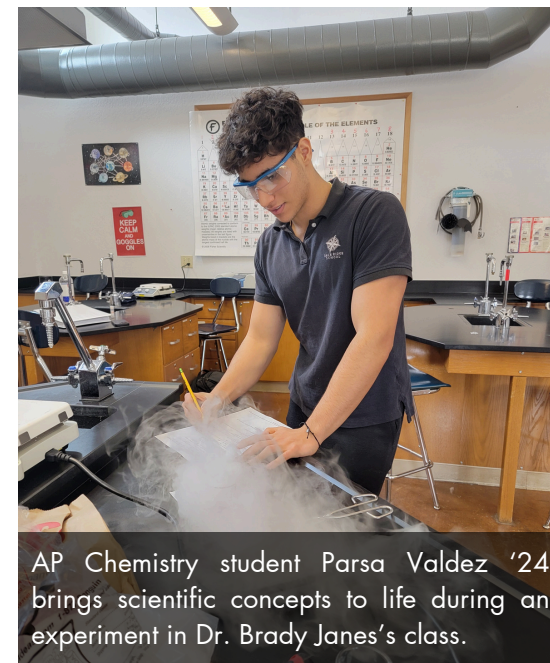
Scholarship is our guiding principle at Sage Ridge School and the first of our five pillars. Sage Ridge School prioritizes the development of intellect and character, as evident in our top-tier college-preparatory experience for students in grades 3-12.

RHEA SKARIA '25 NAMED 2024 HARVARD PRIZE BOOK AWARD WINNER

Skaria received the 2024 Harvard Prize Book Award from The Harvard Club of Northern Nevada and the Sierra in a ceremony on May 4, 2024 at our E.L. Wiegand Student Activity Center. Sage Ridge History Dept. Head Ms. Stephanie Deveza-Porter wrote a recommendation letter for Skaria detailing her “intrinsic motivation to learn, her abilities as a leader, and her passions both in and out of the classroom, along with her compassion for the community.” Harvard Club President Jeannie Reeth introduced Skaria and her academic, extracurricular and volunteer accomplishments noting, “Rhea is an outstanding student at Sage Ridge School with a 4.4 cumulative GPA and a challenging course load of AP classes.”



Rhea Skaria '25 celebrates her 2024 Harvard Prize Book Award with Sage Ridge History Teacher Stephanie Deveza-Porter, Head of School Dr. Ginger Hovenic, The Harvard Club President Jeannie Reeth and Sage Ridge Director of College Counseling Rob Lamb.



AP Chemistry student Parsa Valdez '24 brings scientific concepts to life during an experiment in Dr. Brady Janes's class.

OUR MISSION

Sage Ridge School graduates curious and confident citizens who embrace rigorous **SCHOLARSHIP**, **RESPECT** the dignity of individuals, choose **INTEGRITY**, embody **COURAGE**, cultivate a compassionate **COMMUNITY**, and ultimately thrive in college and in our global society.

OUR VISION

To inspire passion and purpose through the joy of learning.

2023 AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL: PLATINUM DISTINCTION

The College Board named Sage Ridge School to the 2023 Advanced Placement (AP) Program School Honor Roll in October 2023. Sage Ridge earned the platinum distinction based on results from the 2022-2023 academic year. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. During the 2022-2023 school year, **Sage Ridge School had 95% of its seniors take at least one AP exam, 89% of seniors scored a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam, and 47% of seniors took five or more AP exams.** Nineteen AP courses were offered during the 2022-2023 academic year including AP Psychology, AP Environmental Science, and AP Computer Science. Recognition for the 2023-2024 academic year will be announced by the College Board in fall 2024.



SAGE SESSION

Every May, Sage Ridge students in grades 3-11 experience Sage Session, a Sage Ridge signature program of elective and enrichment classes taught by Sage Ridge faculty. These courses enhance our students' core curriculum and are a favorite time of year for our Scorpions. Examples of some classes offered in 2023-2024: Physics of Flight; Engineering and Design with Robots; Stocks, Bonds, Options and Investments; What the Art? An Exploratory Guide to Nevada Arts and Culture; History of Pirates and Ballet & Musical Theater Jazz.

This Photo: Lana Bates '32 and Paige Holmes '32 enjoy their creative writing Sage Session on Sage Ridge's 40+ acre campus. Sage Session offers unique opportunities for Scorpions like Lana and Paige to learn from Upper School teacher and English Department Head Dr. Tara McGann. Dr. McGann presented an extra special offering to Lower School students with two Upper School Scorpions Sitara Reganti '25 and Sophia Soran '25 as co-facilitators of the Creative Writing session.

RESPECT, INTEGRITY, COURAGE

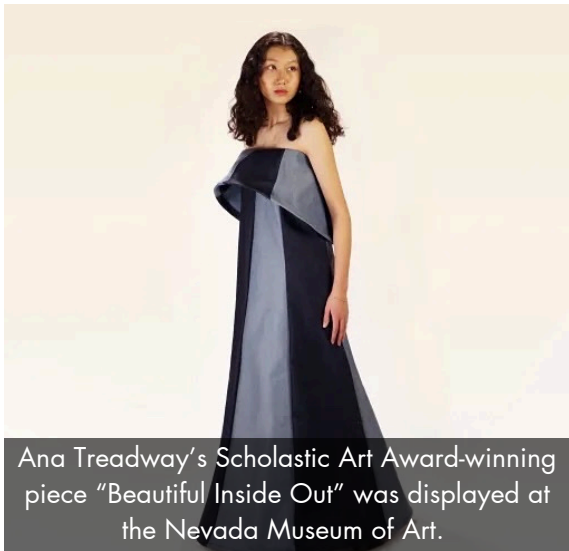
Through our Arts and Athletics programs, students confidently express their talents and creativity, demonstrating a strong balance between academic commitment, ethical conduct, and teamwork, serving as role models for their peers.

PERFORMANCES THAT EMPOWER: AMPLIFYING UNIQUE VOICES

The 2023-2024 Sage Ridge Theatre season was a vibrant celebration of diversity and individuality. Our Scorpions brought to life stories highlighting the strength of embracing our differences. From the courageous journey of a 15-year-old autistic detective in "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," to rediscovering one's inner child in "PAN" and the heartwarming acceptance of individuality in "Shrek the Musical," each performance showcased our students' commitment to respect, integrity, and courage. This season was marked by significant achievements, including "The Curious Incident" selection for the 2024 NV Thespians State Mainstage Showcase, marking the fifth mainstage selection in Sage Ridge's 25-year history. Neurodiversity Consultants Cady Stanton and Gillian Raymond played a pivotal role in guiding our students during rehearsals, further enriching the experience. Our winter play "PAN" saw our youngest Scorpions take center stage with a dynamic cast of students from grades 3-6, under the direction of Upper School Student Director Scarlett Lopiccolo '25. The season concluded with "Shrek the Musical," which brought together a diverse cast of Scorpions from grades 5-12. The success of our theatre season is a testament to the dedication, creativity, and passion of our award-winning student crew team. Their hard work ensures that Sage Ridge continues to share powerful stories with the Reno-Tahoe community.



Sam Browder '26 as Christopher Boone in "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time."



Ana Treadway's Scholastic Art Award-winning piece "Beautiful Inside Out" was displayed at the Nevada Museum of Art.

SCORPION ART AT THE NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART & SHEPPARD GALLERY

Sage Ridge student Ana Treadway '27 was nominated for a Scholastic Art Awards American Visions Award, a prestigious award for "originality, skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision" for her fashion piece "Beautiful Inside Out." Treadway's denim dress also won a Gold Key Award from the Scholastic Art Awards. Treadway created "Beautiful Inside Out" because she wanted to explore creating a piece where the outside beauty is a reflection of the beauty on the inside. 2024 Gold Key Award-winner Owen Heaphy '27 had his piece "Golden" on display at the University of Nevada Reno's Sheppard Contemporary Gallery. Treadway and Scorpions Addison Clark '25 and Ashley Friedman '27 were also awarded Silver Keys. Gold Key and Silver Key Award-winners were honored at the Scholastic Art Awards 2024 Award Ceremony. Twenty-one Scholastic Art Awards were awarded to 14 Sage Ridge students in 2024. Sage Ridge offers a robust arts curriculum for grades 3-12 and many Scorpions earn the opportunity to feature their work in galleries, magazines, or displays around the Reno-Tahoe community and internationally.



2023-2024 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Sophia Soran '25 was the Nevada state leader for Varsity Girls Basketball earning first place in the state for points per game, rebounds per game and steals per game. Soran played in the 2024 Northern Nevada All-Star Game.
- Varsity Track and Field State Champions Lauren Sherven '26 (1600m and 800m) and Caleb Mulvaney '25 (long jump) led a team of medalists: Beatrice Liwanag '26 (2nd for 800m, 3rd for 1600m), Andrew Zhang '26 (3rd for 200m, 4th for 100m), Sophie Najjar '26 (4th for 200m, 100m) and Jeremy Gupta '25 (6th for triple jump, long jump). State Champion Mulvaney also placed 2nd in high jump.
- Varsity Swim Team's Zach Power '25 was named 2024 NIAA 3A State Champion in the 100-yard fly. Addison Clark '25 placed 3rd at State for 200-yard free and 4th for 100-yard free. Jensen Wu '27 placed 4th for the 50-yard free and 100-yard breast.
- Morgan Hayes '26 placed 5th at 2023 NIAA State Varsity Golf Tournament and 1st at the 2023 Regional Tournament.
- Owen Higgins '28 was named Middle School Track and Field State Champion for 200m hurdles. Sage Ridge also placed 2nd in long jump and 400m and 3rd in 3200m, 100m, 200m and 80m hurdles.

Top left photo: William Adams '28, Devonte Mabunda '28, Middle School Track State Champion Owen Higgins '28 and Rushil Mahadevu '28 at the Middle School Track State Championships. **Top right photo:** Morgan Hayes '26 wins the Varsity Girls Golf Regional Tournament. **Bottom left photo:** Varsity Swim State Champion Zach Power '25 and State Medalists Addison Clark '25 and Jensen Wu '27. **Bottom right photo:** Varsity Track & Field State Champions Lauren Sherven '26 and Caleb Mulvaney '25 with State Medalist Beatrice Liwanag '26.

COMMUNITY

The Sage Ridge community comes together each year to raise crucial funds for our school to enhance the experience for our students and teachers. But our commitment to community extends beyond our campus, reflecting our mission to cultivate a compassionate community.

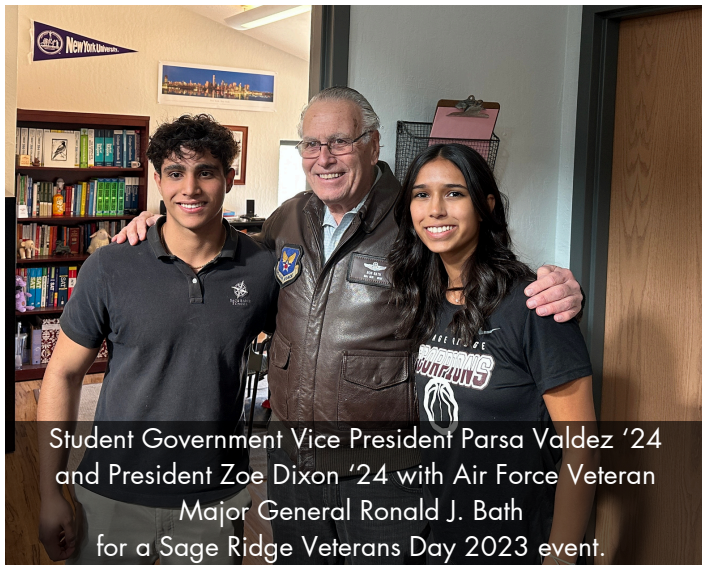
25 YEARS, 25 DAYS: ANNUAL FUND RAISES \$279,000

Sage Ridge School's 25th anniversary was a truly memorable milestone, and to honor the occasion, we set an ambitious Annual Fund goal: raise \$250,000 in just 25 days. Thanks to the incredible generosity and enthusiasm of the Sage Ridge and Reno-Tahoe communities, we not only met that goal but exceeded it, raising over \$279,000. From 100% faculty participation to content educating our communities on why the Annual Fund is crucial to the school's success, this achievement was a testament to the collective spirit of Sage Ridge.

The "25 Years, 25 Days" campaign culminated in a special event celebrating both our grandfriends and the soft opening of the Sage Ridge School E.L. Wiegand Student Activity Center. The Sage Ridge community gathered for an unforgettable celebration, enjoying food, music, speeches, and inspiring performances by our students. It was the perfect way to close out our Annual Fund campaign and mark the completion of our beautiful new building.



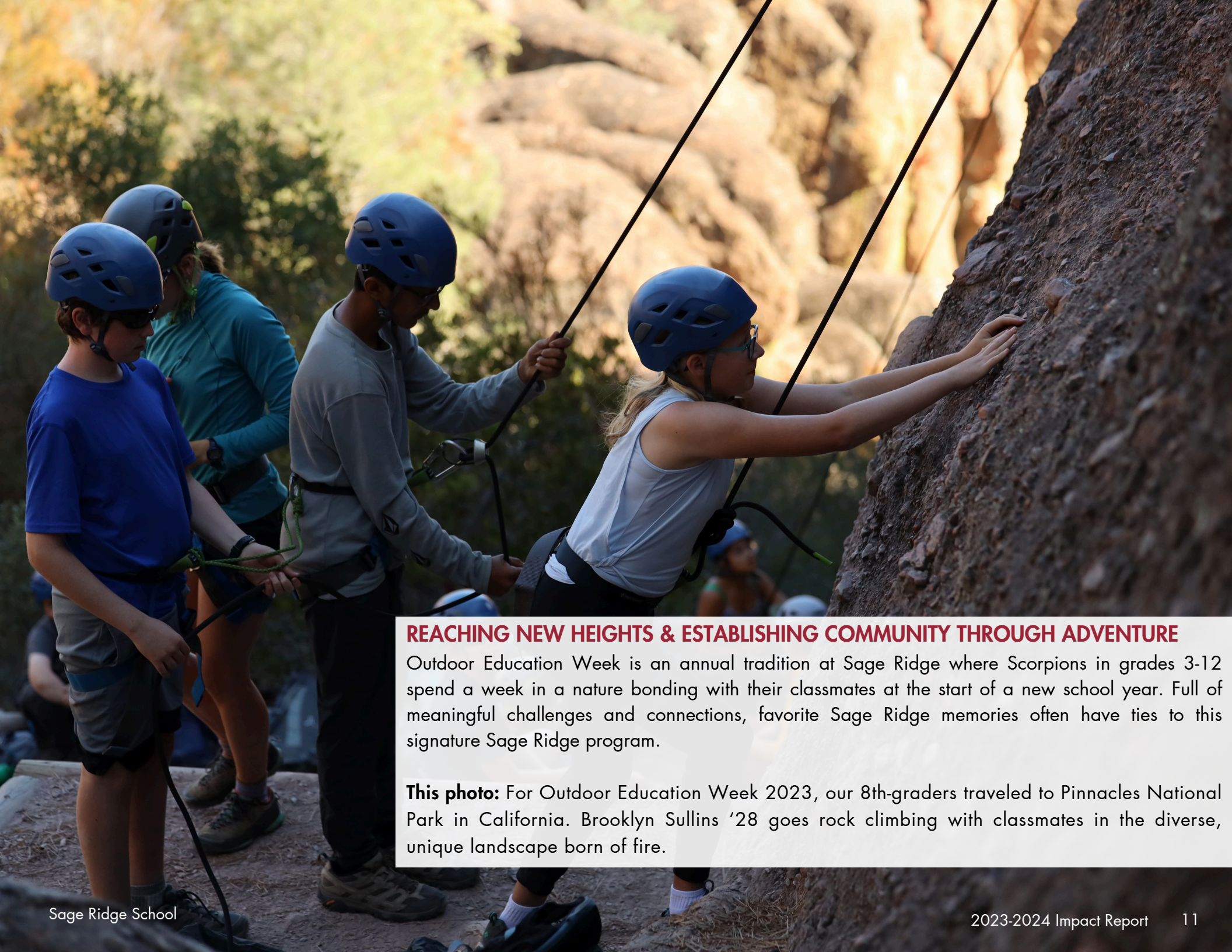
Sage Ridge Lower School students raise awareness for the 2023 Annual Fund "25 Years, 25 Days" campaign, which surpassed its \$250,000 goal.



Student Government Vice President Parsa Valdez '24 and President Zoe Dixon '24 with Air Force Veteran Major General Ronald J. Bath for a Sage Ridge Veterans Day 2023 event.

CARING FOR AND CONNECTING WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Sage Ridge students and community members actively engage with the Reno-Tahoe and Northern Nevada communities, making a meaningful impact. Highlights from 2023-2024 include: Mr. Morrison's 4th-grade classroom launching a plastic film recycling campaign to collect 1,000 lbs. of plastic by Dec. 2024; the Sage Ridge Girls on the Run team assembling winter care bags to donate to homeless children at the Women and Children's Center of the Sierra; mental health advocate Addison Clark '25 beginning her term as Hope Means Nevada's Teen Head Chair for Northern Nevada to support the organization's mission to eliminate teen suicide; Ethan Wu '24 dedicating more than 285 hours of emergency emotional and practical support to survivors of tragedies for the Trauma Intervention Program of Northern Nevada; Sage Ridge families donating essentials to Step2 Reno children at the holidays; Eden Whitaker '28 traveling to Tanzania for a Think Kindness mission trip; and Mrs. Buccambuso and Sophia Soran '25 donating blankets to Keeping the Warmth. Scorpions actively serve their communities and those in need.



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS & ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY THROUGH ADVENTURE

Outdoor Education Week is an annual tradition at Sage Ridge where Scorpions in grades 3-12 spend a week in a nature bonding with their classmates at the start of a new school year. Full of meaningful challenges and connections, favorite Sage Ridge memories often have ties to this signature Sage Ridge program.

This photo: For Outdoor Education Week 2023, our 8th-graders traveled to Pinnacles National Park in California. Brooklyn Sullins '28 goes rock climbing with classmates in the diverse, unique landscape born of fire.

ACHIEVE, INNOVATE, MAGNIFY

Sage Ridge School is dedicated to expanding its campus to meet the evolving educational and facility needs of our growing community.

24,000-SQUARE-FOOT E.L. WIEGAND STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER OPENS NOVEMBER 2023

Sage Ridge School opened the doors of the E.L. Wiegand Student Activity Center to the Scorpion community for the first time on November 17, 2023. Students, parents, grandparents, grandfriends, graduates and donors came to celebrate inside the new space together after a reception in the Webster Building for Sage Ridge School's annual Grandfriends Day.

The new 24,000-square-foot Wiegand Student Center includes the 13,000-square-foot Ernest J. Primm Gymnasium with a bleacher seating capacity of 875. The facility also features a state-of-the-art fitness center, modern locker rooms including the Joan M. Primm Girls Locker Room, an athletic office, concession stand, concourse, trophy case area and multipurpose academic and social Cory and Deborah Clemetson Lounge and the Primm Family Lounge.

The soft opening began with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, entering the building together as a community for the first time. Sage Ridge Coordinator of Student Life Mrs. Elyse Bozsik and student emcee Owen Heaphy '27 led the student portion of the event which included community cheers with the Sage Ridge Sting Squad, student performances, and recognition of our grandfriends and Sage Ridge athletics, theatre and clubs. Even the University of Nevada, Reno Wolf Pack cheerleaders and mascots Alphie and Luna joined the party!



Students cheer on our Scorpion performers at the soft opening of the E.L. Wiegand Student Activity Center on Nov. 17, 2023.



The AIM Campaign funds specific brick-and-mortar projects to best serve Sage Ridge School's growing campus and community. Future AIM phases include an Innovation Lab and a theater.

Sage Ridge School's "Achieve, Innovate, and Magnify (AIM)" Capital Campaign funded the construction of the Wiegand Student Center. This campaign is part of a broader effort to expand Sage Ridge's 40+ acre campus to best meet the educational and facility needs of our growing community. Upcoming phases include the development of an Innovation Lab and a Performing Arts Theater. The Wiegand Student Center is the home to Sage Ridge athletics, community events, graduate gatherings, youth sports tournaments, academic competitions, and special events.

"The build-out of our campus would not be possible without the generosity of our capital campaign donors who have donated more than \$8 million to build this amazing facility for our students," Sage Ridge Head of School Dr. Ginger Hovenic said.

SAGE RIDGE SCHOOL



Benjamin David Browder ††
Emerson College

Thesis: Rainbows and Rhetoric: Facilitating Inclusivity and Acceptance in Secondary Education

Internship: Washoe County Library System

Office: Honor Council

Enrolled at SRS Since 2016
Salutatorian



Ibby Moselli Rodriguez
Canales
University of Nevada, Reno

Thesis: The Impact of Incarceration on Women's Mental Health

Internship: The Domestic Violence Resource Center

Enrolled at SRS Since 2019



Zoe Priya Herz Dixon †
Lewis & Clark College

Thesis: Shaking Off The Patriarchy: The Feared Power of Taylor Swift

Internship: The Baobab Press

Office: Student Government President
Enrolled at SRS Since 2016



Clark Ian Peng ††
University of California, Los Angeles

Thesis: Why AGI is Not Near Emergence: Limitations in Current AI Methods

Internship: University of Nevada, Reno Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Enrolled at SRS Since 2020
Valedictorian



Yuxuan Michael Tian
University of California, Riverside

Thesis: How We Could Safely Raise Speed Limits on American Highways

Internship: Your Main Lab

Enrolled at SRS Since 2019



Heaven Ashley Torres
Western Washington University

Thesis: Religious Walls: Religious Mistreatment of the LGBTQ Community in the U.S.

Internship: Nicole Ashton Art

Office: Prefecture

Enrolled at SRS Since 2016



Brayden Riley Uppal †
Santa Clara University

Thesis: The Electric Age: The Future of the Car Industry

Internship: Reno Orthopedic Center

Office: Honor Council

Enrolled at SRS Since 2019



Parsa Farokhi Valdez †
Santa Clara University

Thesis: Creatine: A Misunderstood Supplement

Internship: High Sierra Area Health Education Center

Office: Student Government Vice President

Enrolled at SRS Since 2018



Joss Wilson
Boston University

Thesis: Horror in Unexpected Places: The Impact of Jewish Culture on Stanley Kubrick's Films

Internship: Tall Pinze

Enrolled at SRS Since 2016



Ethan Wu †
Emory University

Thesis: EMDR: The Best Treatment for Childhood Trauma and PTSD

Internship: Reno Psychiatric Associates

Office: Prefecture

Enrolled at SRS Since 2020

CLASS OF 2024



Yuntian Chris Zhao

University of California, San Diego

Thesis: Is 3D Reconstruction a Revolutionary Tool?: Analysis of Current Impacts and Future Trends

Internship: University of Nevada, Reno Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Enrolled at SRS Since 2020



Elaine Zhou

Macalester College

Thesis: Graphene's Performance as Bulletproof Material

Internship: Elegant Avenue Interior Designs

Enrolled at SRS Since 2021



"These pillars—Scholarship, Respect, Integrity, Courage and Community—are not just abstract concepts but lived experiences that we have shared and embodied throughout our time together."

- Student Government President Zoe Dixon '24

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!



† HONORS DIPLOMA

†† HIGH HONORS DIPLOMA

ALWAYS A SCORPION: ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Sage Ridge alumni are leaders who take our pillars into the world. We are proud of how they use their experience at Sage Ridge to courageously build a legacy of impact and inspire our current Scorpion students, the next generation of leaders.

ALUMNI RETURN FOR BASKETBALL GAME AGAINST UPPER SCHOOL

Scorpion alumni returned for the Sage Ridge Alumni vs Upper School Basketball Game on Dec. 21, 2023 at our new E.L. Wiegand Student Activity Center.

CONQUERING MILES IN HONOR OF KONNER ROBISON '14

Sage Ridge alumni Tera Robison '14, Nathan Hayes '15, Stuart Hayes '17, Rachel Matsumura (SRS 5-9) and Jenna Matsumura (SRS 5-8) participated in the 178-mile Reno Tahoe Odyssey Relay Run Adventure in loving memory of Sage Ridge graduate Konner Robison '14. As a student at Sage Ridge, Konner created the Scholastic Gateway Fund with the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada (CFNN) to put technology in the hands of students in need, raising \$143,011 for Northern Nevada students from 2012 to 2014. Konner was the first of only six Golden Scorpions in Sage Ridge School's 25-year history, meeting the award's exceptional academic, athletic and philanthropic requirements. Konner graduated from Stanford with his undergraduate and graduate degrees and Cornell with an MBA and J.D. Konner left a lasting impact on every community he touched. "If more people lived the way he lived, in wanting to help people, it would be a much better place," CFNN Philanthropic Advisor Lyndsey Crossley said. "A very tenacious and compassionate individual that would do anything to help."



Sage Ridge Alumni vs Sage Ridge Upper School Basketball Game on Dec. 21, 2023. Looking forward to the 2024 match-up!

"The best students from Sage Ridge have made a bigger impact on the world. We have great stewards from Reno-Tahoe not only around the country but also around the world." -E.B. Armstrong '13, Engagement Manager at McKinsey & Company (Vanderbilt '17, Harvard '22)



"My field gives me the opportunity to make a change and connect with people while doing it." - Emily (Pierce) Lancaster '12

EMILY (PIERCE) LANCASTER '12 GRADUATES WITH PHD IN MARINE BIOLOGY

Scorpion alumna Emily Lancaster celebrated her graduation from The University of Maine with her PhD in Marine Biology before embarking on her next aquatic adventure: Tenured track faculty position at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, which offers one of the best marine science programs in the country. In addition to teaching biological oceanography and invertebrate zoology, Lancaster started an environmental DNA (eDNA) lab. Lancaster's PhD studies used eDNA to detect invasive invertebrates in nearshore ecosystems in the Gulf of Maine. "eDNA is shed by all organisms in the environment," Lancaster said. "The cool thing about this is that we can use that DNA to detect the animal before we can see it with our eyes. The sooner we find invasive species, the better chance we have to battle them. If they take over, it becomes much harder. This is preventative work—like finding early-stage cancer." 15



“Hokusai Popsicle Stick Great Wave”: Sage Ridge 8th-graders in Mrs. Buccambuso’s art class built this collaborative art piece using painted popsicle sticks inspired by The Great Wave off Kanagawa, a woodblock print by Japanese ukiyo-e artist Hokusai. Class of 2028 artists who contributed to this piece: William Adams, Isabella Collins, Daniel Dicante, Mariana Henao, Owen Higgins, Rowland Hill, Hannah Joyer, Amanda Lyons, Carrie Sarkissian, Tristan Schuler, and Brooklyn Sullins.

2023-2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Sage Ridge School Board of Trustees supports Sage Ridge in its mission of graduating curious and confident citizens who are prepared not just for college but for life. The Board focuses on guiding the school’s strategic vision, ensuring financial stability, and supporting the school’s leadership in fulfilling the mission and vision.

Sallie Armstrong

Steve Cotton

President Eric Gangloff

Karen Hovorka

Karl Hutter

Cheenu Sandhu

Michelle Sherven

Ranson Webster

Steve Welch

Dr. Richard Welcome

“You tell me that Sage Ridge isn’t the best thing that happened to my son’s life.” - Alan Hoffman, Former Board Member and Parent of 2005 graduate.

2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

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

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

224 students were enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Financial Aid: 43 students

Sage Ridge Scholars: 3

Total Assistance Awarded = \$448,775

OPERATING BUDGET

Total Revenue

\$6,221,393

Total Expenses

\$5,642,404

FUNDRAISING TOTALS

Annual Fund = \$279,825

Restricted Funds = \$103,530

Gala = \$163,821

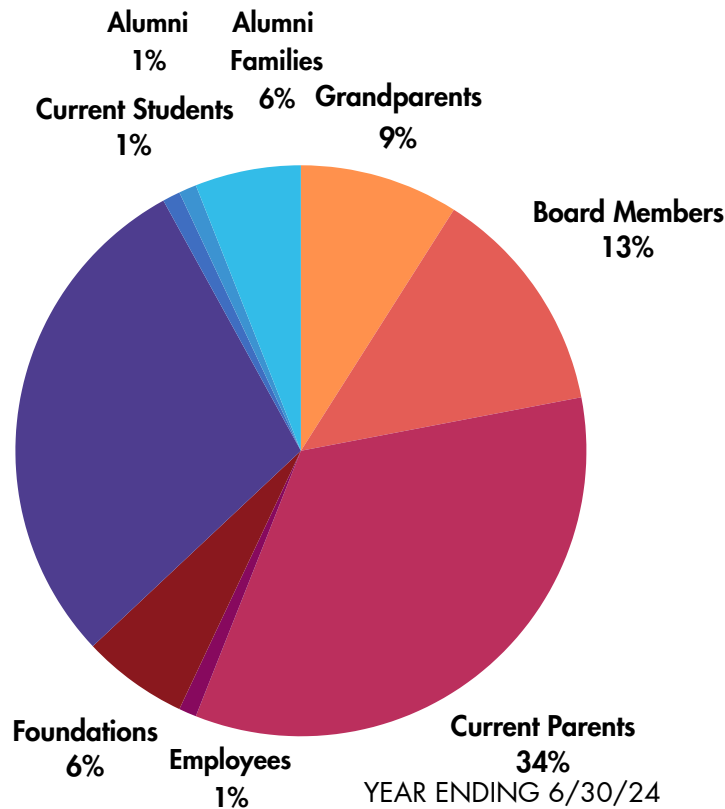
- Opportunity Fund = \$39,025

- Teacher Fund = \$27,500

Capital Campaign = \$647,697

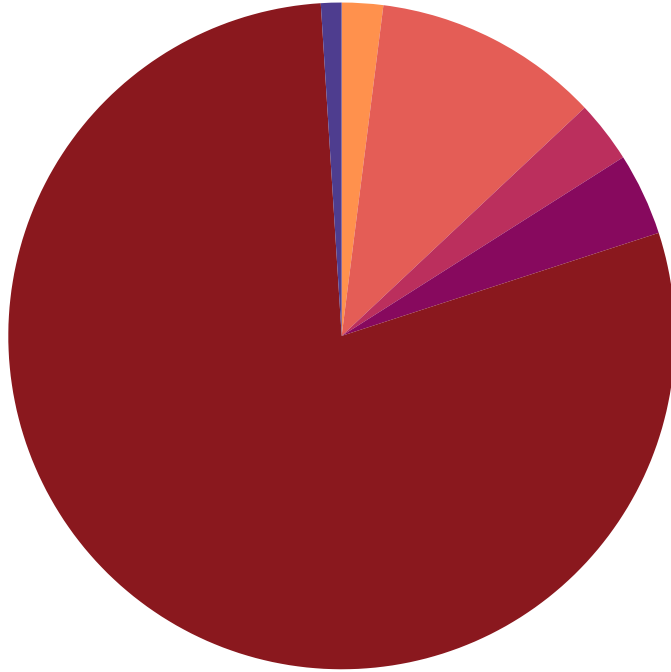
Sage Ridge School

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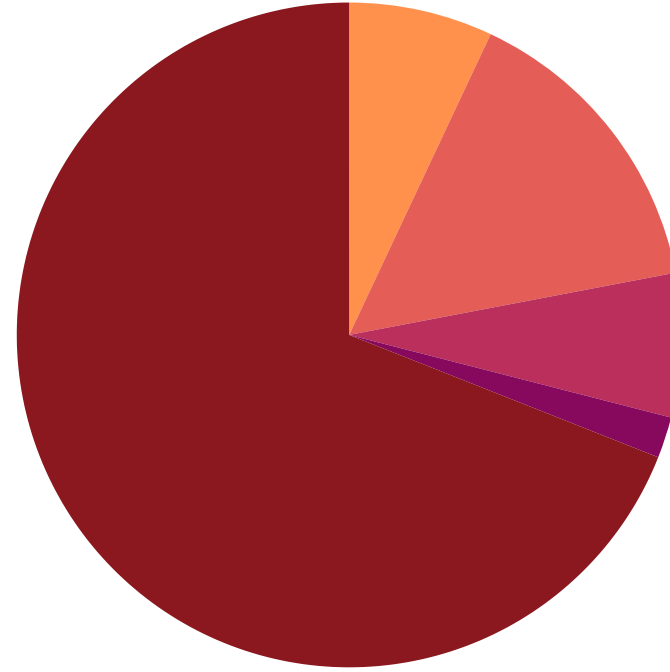
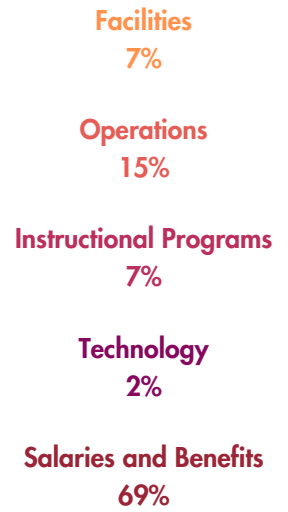


2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

REVENUE



EXPENSES



YEAR ENDING 6/30/24



DONOR RECOGNITION

The generosity of our donors allows Sage Ridge School to grow, innovate and empower the next generation of leaders. Thank you for enabling us to provide and expand enriching educational opportunities and quality facilities in the Reno-Tahoe region.

\$200,000 Contributors

Roger Primm ●

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ANNUAL FUND

The Sage Ridge School Annual Fund Campaign is our primary fundraising effort and the first gift we ask of our community. It fills the gap between tuition and the full cost of providing an exceptional education, supporting every aspect of our curriculum—from academics to the arts and athletics. This includes signature programs like Outdoor Education and Sage Sessions, as well as professional development for our faculty and staff. The Annual Fund ensures Sage Ridge can offer a top-tier education while keeping it accessible to as many families as possible. Each year, individuals, businesses, and foundations contribute, with these generally unrestricted donations strengthening all areas of the school and touching the life of every Scorpion. Whether enhancing classroom experiences, supporting faculty growth, or maintaining facilities, the Annual Fund impacts every Scorpion's daily life and helps sustain the excellence of our programs.

“ACHIEVE, INNOVATE AND MAGNIFY” CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Sage Ridge School periodically conducts Capital Campaigns to fund major construction projects essential to our growth. The foundation for this began with an initial gift of 40+ acres from the Redfield Foundation. Thanks to the support of numerous benefactors, the Webster and Crossbow buildings became a reality. Our most recent campaign, “Achieve, Innovate, and Magnify (AIM),” brought the vision of a Student Activity Center to life. The AIM Capital Campaign is a multi-phase project designed to expand our campus, with future plans including an Innovation Lab and a Performing Arts Theater to meet the evolving needs of our growing community.

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. Awardees receive full tuition and supplies for grades 9-12. Sage Ridge supported three Sage Ridge Scholars in 2023-2024.

GALA - PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

The Gala is our community's annual “party with a purpose” and a beloved tradition at Sage Ridge. Each year, this themed event raises critical funds for our Opportunity and Teacher Funds—and we have a fantastic time doing it! The Teacher Fund supplements annual budgets and enables teachers to request resources that complement their existing tools.

The 2024 Sage Ridge Gala, themed “Fire & Ice,” was a huge success, held at the beautiful Club at Arrowcreek. Thanks to the generosity and dedication of our community and local businesses, we raised over \$163,000, including \$39,025 for the Opportunity Fund and \$27,500 for the Teacher Fund. Funds were raised through table sponsorships, donations, silent auctions, raffle tickets, and Fund-A-Need initiatives aimed at enhancing campus life. Guests arrived in vibrant costumes, enjoyed cocktails, bid on exciting silent auction items, savored delicious food, and danced the night away. Highlights included a special recognition of the Class of 2024 and an inspiring keynote from Sage Ridge Scholar and alumnus Luis Martinez '13, who shared how the Opportunity Fund shaped his academic journey and career. Mark your calendars for April 26, 2025—when Sage Ridge's most anticipated event returns!



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