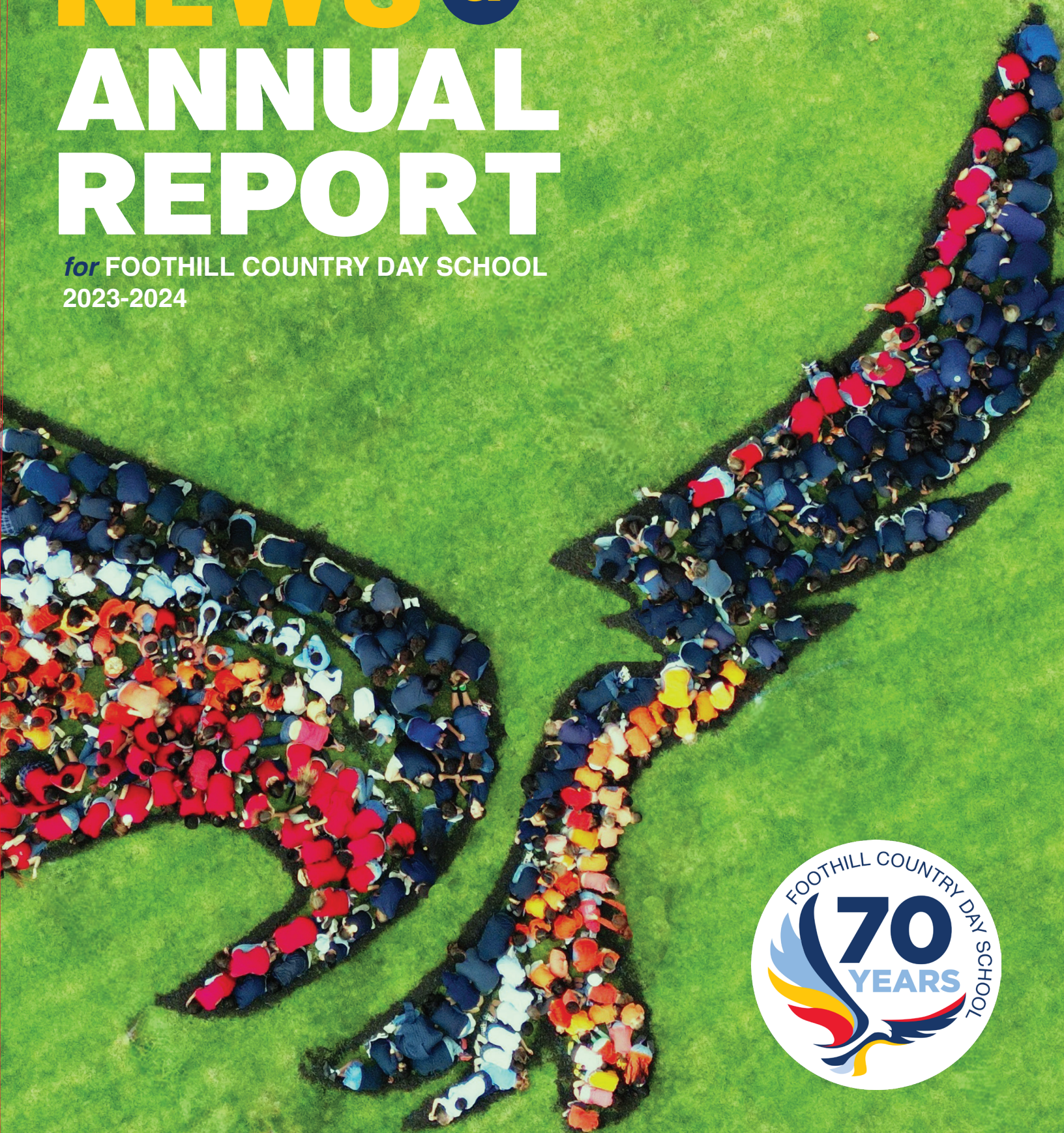


NEWS & ANNUAL REPORT

for Foothill Country Day School
2023-2024





WE Are FOOTHILL



YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mike Silva, Head of School

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LETTER FROM THE **Head of School**

Dear Foothill families and friends,
I am pleased to share this report on the progress and philanthropy during the 2023-2024 school year. It is filled with immense appreciation for the support and dedication from our families, alumni, faculty, and staff who made it all possible.



As always, parent leadership and volunteerism played a vital role in the success of Foothill's enriched student experiences. This year, we also celebrated the diversity of our campus with a re-imagined International Days program, which spanned three vibrant days in February. These celebrations went beyond food; parents came to campus to share their stories of heritage and cultural traditions. Our faculty, staff, and Foothill families also created videos showcasing the rich traditions they cherish with their extended families. It was such a joy to see our students beaming as they participated in this programming.

With the appointment and promotion of alumnus Todd Clark '97, as our new Director of Auxiliary Programs, we expanded our enrichment and summer programs. We succeeded with record enrollment in the summer! Our spring fundraising gala took us off-site to the Cal Aero Aviation Country Club, where our spirits soared, and our parents rose to the occasion with extraordinary generosity. The event truly "took flight," as donations reached new heights. Our annual Field Day and Art Walk, held on May the 4th, was appropriately Star Wars themed and delivered an "out of this world" experience. Before we knew it, Commencement had arrived, and we bid farewell to the Class of 2024 as they became the newest members of our Foothill alumni community.

This year marked a significant milestone as the Board of Trustees approved a new strategic plan that will guide Foothill's growth and development in the years to come. As we move into the next academic year, we are excited to begin the work of fulfilling this long-term plan, laying the foundation year by year for the future of our school.

Your generous financial support made the 2023-2024 school year a resounding success. Over the spring and summer of 2024, thanks to the generosity of our donors, we installed a new HVAC system in the Allen Gymnasium, upgraded the soundboard and audio console in The Randall Lewis Family Auditorium, and purchased modern, comfortable chairs for the auditorium. In addition, your contributions strengthened our community through financial assistance, sustained teacher excellence with professional training, and provided essential classroom resources to ensure our students have the tools they need for an enriched and engaging learning experience.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Mike Silva (Joseph '17)
Head of School

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LETTER FROM THE **Board of Trustees**

Dear members of our Foothill community,
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation for your support and commitment, which have been instrumental in ensuring the ongoing success and growth of our school.

Reflecting on the accomplishments of the 2023-2024 academic and fiscal years, I am pleased to report that the Board refined and officially approved the Strategic Plan, which will serve as a roadmap for the continued advancement of our institution in the coming years.

I would like to take a moment to recognize our Head of School, Mike Silva, for his unwavering leadership and dedication to Foothill. His steadfast commitment to our school's mission and values continues to guide us forward. Additionally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Spring Chen and Yasmin Gibson for their dedicated service on the Board. We are also pleased to welcome four new trustees this fall: Peter Fedorka, Eric Lau, Eddie Saa, and Tamara Venit-Shelton, all of whom are current Foothill parents.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I express our gratitude for your generosity and enthusiastic engagement. It is through your continued involvement that our school remains financially strong and able to offer an exceptional educational experience year after year.

The 2023-2024 school year marks the conclusion of my term as Board Chair. Serving in this role for over a decade has been both a privilege and a deeply rewarding experience. I look forward to continuing my service as Vice Chair on the Executive Committee for one additional year to support our incoming Board Chair, Jeff Stark '76. Together, we will provide the necessary guidance and resources to Head of School Mike Silva as he works with our families and faculty to ensure that a Foothill education continues to foster the leadership skills essential for our students to make meaningful contributions to a diverse and complex world.

With deepest thanks,



Christine Delgado
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BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

Looking Forward, Our Strategic Plan

Strategic planning is a fundamental responsibility for the Board and Head of School to support our institutional mindset of continual improvement and long-term financial sustainability. This year, Foothill Country Day School's Board of Trustees reached an important milestone by refining and officially approving the school's Strategic Plan 2024. The cultivation of leadership attributes of academics, character, and service is the unifying concept for a plan designed to be a comprehensive roadmap that will guide Foothill's growth and progress over the coming years. This forward-looking plan will serve as a touchstone for school leadership, ensuring that each decision, initiative, and improvement is purposefully aligned with Foothill's core mission and values. Each year, the Strategic Plan will help us stay focused on delivering an exceptional education aimed at cultivating the foundation for leadership within our students, while fostering the supportive, dynamic community that our alumni, parents, and students cherish. Foothill remains committed to honoring its legacy of building the foundation our students will need to be leaders and make positive contributions in a diverse and complex society.

TRANSITIONS New Role for Experienced Leader

Todd Clark '97 was appointed as the Director of Auxiliary Programs in fall of 2023. He is tasked with generating non-tuition revenue through specialized programming. Todd received his Bachelor of Arts from William Penn University and a Master of Science from Azusa Pacific University. Previously, Todd taught Physical Education and Wellness at Foothill for 16 years. He was lucky enough to be mentored by Jeff Nelson, and eventually took over the After School Sports program when Jeff retired. Todd is engaged to Cassie, and plans are developing for a wedding in 2025.

Todd and Cassie share an Aussiedoodle named "Marty", whom they love dearly. Todd is an avid collector of sneakers, he loves being outdoors, traveling, and reading a good book. Of his career at Foothill, Todd shared, "I can't believe I have spent 26 years of my life involved with Foothill in some capacity or another. I love this special place we call home."



WELCOME To the Foothill Family

In 2023, Foothill had the pleasure of welcoming Gabrielle Singh as its new Director of Advancement. She serves as the liaison with the Betty Webb Organization, and manages community engagement events and opportunities including Cultural Community Presentations, the Fall Family Event and the Spring Gala. She also oversees development, ensuring enduring philanthropic support for Foothill.

Gabrielle joined Foothill following a 24-year career at the University of Redlands, where she most recently served as the Interim Vice President of Advancement. Gabrielle is an alumna of Valley Preparatory School, where she later served on their board of trustees. She has also served on the board of trustees at Montessori in Redlands. Presently, Gabrielle is on the boards of the Armantrout Montessori Education Foundation and the Redlands Community Scholarship Foundation.

Gabrielle earned her B.A. and M.B.A. from the University of Redlands. Gabrielle and her husband, Dave, share two teenage children.



YEAR *in* Review

At Foothill Country Day School, this past year has been a celebration of community, growth, and cherished traditions. In a world that continues to evolve, our school remains rooted in the values and events that bring us together as a Foothill family. This year, students and families once again enjoyed beloved traditions including the Holiday Sing, Field Day, the Fall Family Dinner, and our vibrant Art Walk held on Field Day, the first Saturday of May. These moments not only brought joy but deepened the sense of unity and belonging that defines Foothill.

New enhancements to our programs made the year particularly memorable. The reimagined International Days showcased the diversity and creativity within our community, while the Spring Gala was raised essential funds for our school's future. Theatrical performances returned with renewed energy, allowing students to express their talents and passions on stage. Together, these moments and milestones have strengthened our community and underscored the lasting impact of Foothill's traditions on our students' lives.





FOOTHILL COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
Spring Gala
FALCON AIR // FLIGHT #A1954

APRIL 20, 2024

**FALCON AIR —
FLIGHT #1954
Spring Gala 2024**

For the first time since the pandemic, the Spring Gala was hosted off campus at a new and exciting venue — the Cal Aero Aviation Country Club at Chino Airport. The aviation-themed event was a tremendous success, expertly chaired by current parent Lauren Godsil. Auction Co-Chairs Gladys Fedorka and Jacqueline Friedel played a pivotal role, having gathered generous donations for both the silent auction and the beautifully curated class baskets.

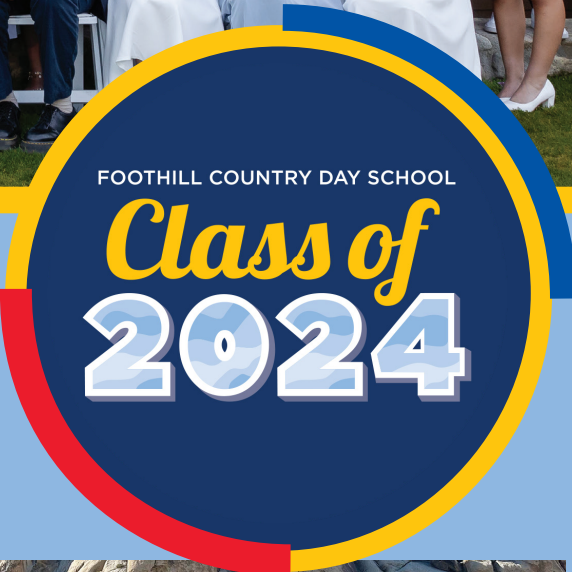
Many of our dedicated Foothill teachers, staff, and administrators volunteered their time on the evening of the gala, and some offered unique experiences as part of the live and silent auctions. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making the event a soaring success!

The funds raised from both the 2023 and 2024 events were instrumental in supporting key upgrades across our campus. In the spring of 2024, new HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) units were installed in the Allen Gymnasium, ensuring a more comfortable environment for our students. Additionally, significant improvements were made to the Randall Lewis Family Auditorium, benefiting our entire school community. These upgrades included the installation of cutting-edge audio technology, such as new microphones, wireless mic packs, and a state-of-the-art soundboard. Through a generous gift from the McMahan Family Donor Advised Fund, we also acquired new padded, comfortable chairs for this vital community space.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event truly unforgettable!



Congratulations Graduates!



BACK ROW L-R: Federico Quintero, Clive Chao, Gael Gurrola, Aarav Gupta, Xavier Nicolosi, Milana Demircift, Matteo Morell, Rahman Shah, Zarish Zaidi, Kevin Zhou, Harry Chen, Rahim Shah, Lane Bronk, Oliver Richardson
MIDDLE ROW L-R: Stella Diaz, Brandon Salas, Cayden Wu, Tammam Noufal, Isis Lanuza, Violet Guilbert-Neal, Jacob Cohen, Sarah Richey, Jacquelyn Shu, Sylvia Yao, Selina Luo, Jamie Zhong, Solani Herrera, Amber Zheng, Kaia Yee, Leah Rodriguez
FRONT ROW L-R: Fahreda Varanont, Yuna Wu, Layla Raptis, Ayaan Bhagat, Aidan Kaushal, Michael Morell, Eli Harpole, Olivia Linares, Al House, Sophia Kim-Fozouni



FOOTHILL FALCON



LOOKING AHEAD

We take great pride in guiding our students to find their best-fit high school. Whether they choose boarding schools, public schools, arts schools, or faith-based schools, we love seeing our graduates explore new opportunities and celebrate their successes!

THESE COLLEGES ARE JUST SOME OF THE DESTINATIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2020:

Babson College
Barnard College
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Cornell University
Emory University
Georgia Institute of Technology

Johns Hopkins
Loyola Marymount University
Northwestern University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
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University of California,
Riverside
University of California,
Santa Barbara
University of San Diego
Wellesley College
Yale University

As our Falcons
take flight,
we celebrate
their **bright**
futures.

Members of the Class of 2024 were accepted to the following high schools:

Army and Navy Academy (Carlsbad, CA)
Bishop Amat High School (La Puente, CA)
Brentwood School (Los Angeles, CA)
The Buckley School (Los Angeles, CA)
California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley (Duarte, CA)
Cate School (Carpinteria, CA)
Claremont High School (Claremont, CA)
Damien High School (La Verne, CA)
Diamond Bar High School (Diamond Bar, CA)
Dunn School (Los Olivos, CA)
Fairmont Preparatory Academy (Anaheim, CA)
Flintridge Prep (La Canada, CA)
La Salle College Preparatory High School (Pasadena, CA)
Loomis Chaffee School (Windsor, CT)
Los Osos High School (Rancho Cucamonga, CA)
Mayfield Senior School (Pasadena, CA)
Orange Lutheran High School (Orange, CA)
Peddie School (Highstown, NJ)
Polytechnic School (Pasadena, CA)
Sage Hill School (Newport Coast, CA)
St. Lucy's Priory High School (Glendora, CA)
Stevenson School (Pebble Beach, CA)
The Thacher School (Ojai, CA)
Troy Tech High School (Fullerton, CA)
Viewpoint School (Calabasas, CA)
The Webb Schools (Claremont, CA)
Western Christian High School (Upland, CA)
Westridge School (Pasadena, CA)

HAPPY 70th FOOTHILL

FIRST FLIGHT

Foothill will be celebrating the school's 70th birthday all year long. You might have noticed a new logo for the occasion. This new updated falcon logo symbolizes the strength of our commitment to leadership, and unifies the schools' traditional colors of blue and gold along with The Seedling School's signature red, showing our commitment to one school, preschool through grade 8. The 70th logo is in the shape of a circle, a nod to our circular heritage logo.

The new logo will be featured on a variety of clothing, hats and swag that will be available in our newly opened pop-up shop, "The Nest".



ART FOR THE SKY

On September 19, 2024, the school hosted a unique interactive "Art for the Sky" experience led by renowned artist Daniel Dancer. This large-scale, collaborative art project brought the entire school community together in a breathtaking display of creativity, unity, and environmental awareness.

Daniel Dancer, the visionary behind **Art for the Sky**, is an internationally recognized artist known for creating massive living paintings made from people, nature, and objects, viewed from the sky. Mr. Dancer had a three-day residency with our students, teaching them about the interconnectedness of humanity and environmental sustainability. As the culminating event, 500 students and faculty members came together to form a giant living image on the Jeff Nelson field, with the youngest participants being 2 years old! The effort required teamwork, reinforcing the school's commitment to nurturing thoughtful, globally-minded students.

This unique experience not only created an unforgettable memory for our students, but also symbolize the power of collective creativity and the 30,000 foot view needed for the next generation of society's leaders. It's a perfect way to celebrate our school's legacy and values.

We invite you to watch a video about how we created the art here:



SCAN ME





HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR FOOTHILL...

You know that singing Happy Birthday is a Foothill tradition. This time we sang to the school itself! On a sunny September Sunday, our traditional Fall Family Event was turned into a 70th birthday party for Foothill Country Day School! It was a fun day with cakes and ice cream, jumpers for our students, the debut of FINLEE our falcon mascot, and so much more!



BY *the* NUMBERS

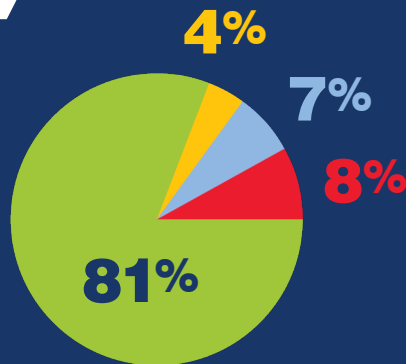
2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

Thank You For Your Philanthropic Support.

This represents all giving beginning August 1, 2023 continuing through July 31, 2024.

REVENUE

- Tuition & fees
- Fundraising and contributions
- Auxiliary activities
- Investment and other income

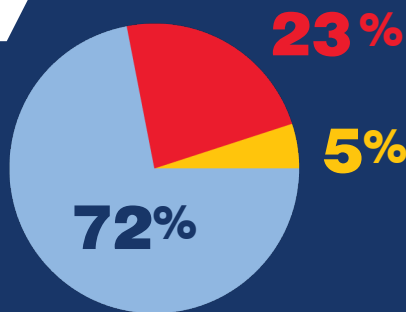


GRADE LEVEL PARTICIPATION

Grade Level	Participation Rate
Seedling	47%
1st Grade	71%
3rd Grade	69%
5th Grade	51%
7th Grade	81%
Kindergarten	74%
2nd Grade	74%
4th Grade	79%
6th Grade	82%
8th Grade	50%

EXPENSES

- Program
- Management & General
- Fundraising



ALL GIFTS

Foothill Fund	\$313,472
Spring Benefit	\$272,185
Financial Aid / Scholarships	\$55,856
Other	\$37,500
Total Gifts	\$679,370

ANNUAL GIVING BY CONSTITUENCY

Constituency	Participation Rate
Trustees	80%
Faculty & Staff	46%
Parents	59%

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2024 ANNUAL REPORT



ANNUAL GIVING

Foothill Country Day School gratefully acknowledges the annual contributions of donors who provide vital and essential support to our School. The collective philanthropy of our parents, alumni parents, grandparents, trustees, faculty and staff, and friends of the school benefit the entire community of learners. Leadership annual donors are recognized for their total annual support to Foothill.

There are many ways our donors have chosen to support Foothill. The Foothill Fund generously supports the essential elements of a Foothill education that is not covered by tuition alone. Our signature fundraising event, the Spring Gala, supports curated funding priorities. Many donors choose to support scholarships or to make memorial gifts to honor special friends. Every gift matters and collectively makes a BIG impact. Thank you!

FOOTHILL COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

1954 SOCIETY

HONORING
LEADERSHIP IN GIVING

In celebration of Foothill Country Day School's rich history and continued excellence in education, our esteemed giving society is known as **The 1954 Society**. This exclusive donor group is named in honor of the school's founding year, 1954, and is designed to recognize and celebrate those who demonstrate exceptional support for our mission.

Membership in The 1954 Society is extended to individuals, families, or organizations that contribute a minimum of \$1,954 in a single academic year. This level of giving directly impacts the school's ability to provide outstanding educational experiences, innovative programs, and scholarships that benefit our students.

- 🌱 consecutive donor for the past three or more fiscal years
- 🌿 consecutive donor for the past five or more fiscal years

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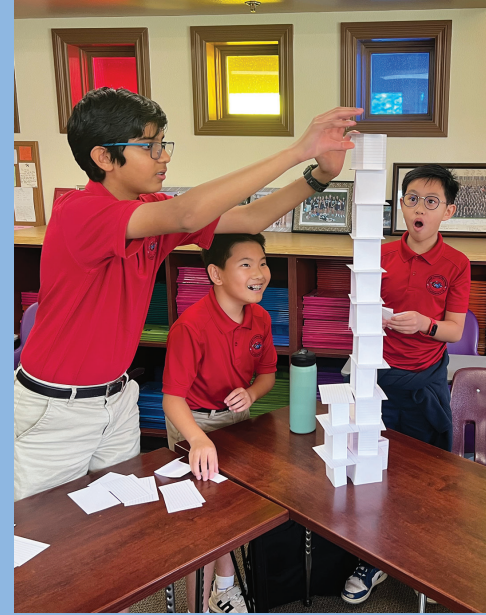
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ALUMNI NEWS

FACULTY MILESTONES



These faces will be familiar to many of our alumni. Each year our Foothill employees are recognized for their years of service to the school in 5 year increments. This August, ten employees reached a milestone and received a commemorative pin: (L-R) Shawn Clark (25 years), Coleen Martinez (20 years), Sharon Chan (15 years), Bonnie Bone (15 years), Rebecca House (15 years), Naomi Adam (10 years), Deep Tolia Shah (10 years), Lisa Ulsh (5 years), Elizabeth Hernandez (5 years), and Matthew Smith (5 years, not pictured).

Julie Dawn Kenworth '88 was married in 2022. Classmate **Jerry Tessier '88** officiated, with **Christopher Elliott '88, Maria Fischer '88,** and Jennifer Keagle were members of the wedding party.

Emily (Mokricky) Diaz '13 and husband Joaquin welcomed baby Huntley May to the world in April. Huntley's birth also brought a new member of the Seedling family as Mrs. Tracy Mockricky, is a new grandparent!



Logan Joseph '16 is starting his PhD in theoretical physics at the University of Washington in the fall of 2024.

Emery Joseph '18 completed his bachelor's degree in just two years from UC San Diego.



Karen Hales '83 is a professor of Biology at Davidson College. She has been awarded the Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award. Dr. Hales, a geneticist, will receive \$7,500 to fund a campus project of their choice. The award commends her "unwavering dedication, profound

impact on students, and nurturing of a generation of scientists who not only excel in their fields but who also approach problems with independence and creativity. Her legacy is evident in the success and gratitude of her students, who continue to benefit from her wisdom, humor, and mentorship long after they leave her classroom." Dr. Hales is a geneticist and cell biologist who graduated from Swarthmore College, Stanford University, and UNC Chapel Hill after leaving Foothill. Karen is shown in photo with Davidson president Douglas Hicks.

Mirabel Raphael '20 was a National Merit Scholarship finalist. She graduated from Webb this spring while putting in employee hours as a FCDS Debate Team coach. She is now attending Yale. Mirabel is pictured in the center square.

Caitlin Delgado '21 has been touring colleges in preparation for her high school graduation from The Webb Schools in 2025.

Andrew Ni '23 is part of Claremont High School's Comedy Sportz, which is a competitive improvisational theatre league. Pictured with **Liad Geldwert '23**, he stopped by to visit with Mr. Silva on their day off school.



Members of the Class of 2023 stopped by campus for a visit last fall on their Thanksgiving break.



L-R Director of Auxiliary Programs **Todd Clark '97**, **Liad Geldwert**, **Andrew Ni**, **Angadbir Singh**, **Evan Wan**, **Caden Carver-Simmons**, **Iris Chiou**, **Ahava Haiavy**, and Director of Upper School **Shane Guilbert-Neal**.

Hannah Qureshi '23 is maintaining a 4.0 GPA at St. Lucy's Priory High School where she plays volleyball. She is interested pursuing sports medicine.

Olivia Belle Koebel '23 is in Girl Scouts, recently got a cat, and is maintaining a 4.0 GPA at St. Lucy's Priory High School.

Marley Anne Petersen '23 showcased her theatrical talents at Claremont High School during her freshman year, where she performed in SpongeBob the Musical.



Members of the Class of 2023 stopped by our Star Wars themed Field Day and Art Walk. L-R **Sakeena Hussein '23**, **Lilah Coeyman '23**, **Adie Kurth '23**, **Hannah Qureshi '23**, **Gavin Hamilton '23**



Do You Remember When?

End of the year pool parties! These kids were having a ball in 1964. Can anyone give us the names of these students in the photo? Send information to alumni@foothillcds.org.

ALUMNI NEWS

In Memoriam



Eleanor Pierson

Mrs. Pierson was seen as the heart and soul of the school. She was among Foothill's founding families and worked alongside Headmaster Howell Webb as Special Assistant. In her 50-year career at Foothill, she's taken on many roles including Co-Director of Admissions and Community Outreach Coordinator until she retired in 2015. In 2010, the Eleanor Pierson Scholarship Fund was established to continue her legacy of ensuring Foothill's ability to attract and retain talented students. Mrs. Pierson was preceded in death by her husband Lenn and son Forbes and is survived by her three children: Cynthia '64, Jan '66, and Doug '68. Mrs. Pierson was an amazing 103 years old!



Jim Lusby

Mr. Jim Lusby was appointed as Foothill Country Day School's Headmaster in 1986 succeeding Howell Webb. He passed away on December 6, 2023, and a celebration of his life was held in February at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point, CA. Mr. Lusby earned Master's degrees from University of San Francisco and Boston College. After leaving Foothill, Jim went on

to two more headships, at St. Johns' Episcopal School and St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal School. Most recently he worked as an educational consultant in Mission Viejo, California. We remember his fierce love of his family, his one of a kind sense of humor, and the everlasting impact he had on our students.



Margaret Cambone

Mrs. Cambone passed away peacefully in her home in January 2024. She enjoyed a 30-year teaching career, including a stint as 3rd grade teacher at Foothill Country Day School from 1974–1983. After her

retirement, she moved with her husband of 49 years to Santa Fe, New Mexico and enjoyed volunteering at her church, and hiking in the local mountains. She is shown here in a yearbook photo with 3rd graders in 1976.

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love to hear
from you!**

Please send us any updates on high school & college graduations, weddings, births, and other life updates for inclusion in a future publication. To make sure you receive a copy of our News & Annual Report, please send updates to your mailing and email address, cell phone number, etc. to alumni@foothillcds.org.

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Mascot Species

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Personality

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Favorite Books

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