



# Impact Report

2023-2024



## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

KATHERINE LUCAS, *Evan '20, Emma '29, Mason '29*



“Our community thrives because of the spirit of generosity and inclusivity among our families.”

**T**hanks to your unwavering support, the 2023-2024 school year was filled with moments reflective of the strength and unity of our community.

Whether through your time, resources, or enthusiasm, your contributions have made a lasting impact on every student and faculty member at St. Patrick's. The following report highlights the inspiring generosity of our community and the many ways we have come together to support one another.

With the theme “Infinite Value, Infinite Promise,” this year's Annual Fund was a testament to the incredible commitment of our community. Together, we raised over \$1,000,000—an achievement that directly benefits each of our students. This success was made possible by the participation of 100% of trustees, 100% of faculty and staff, and 89% of current parents, along with the generous support of grandparents, alumni, parents of alumni, and friends. I am deeply grateful for your continued belief in our school—a special thank you to Marie Lee and Minjae Song for their exceptional leadership as Annual Fund Co-Chairs.

I also want to thank the IDEALS (Inclusion, Diversity, Excellence, Agency, Learning, and Scholarship) Fund-A-Scholar Fundraiser Co-Chairs, Eleni Lobene and LaMeka Short, for their dedication to the event, which raised nearly \$400,000 in support of “Prom 2024: Wolfhounds Through the Decades.” Sequoia in Georgetown provided a scenic backdrop for an elegant and lively evening featuring dining, dancing, and bidding. The IDEALS Fund-A-Scholar Fundraiser celebrates and strengthens

our commitment to socio-economic diversity. Mark your calendars for March 1, 2025, the 50th IDEALS Fund-A-Scholar Fundraiser!

Our community thrives because of the spirit of generosity and inclusivity among our families. Whether volunteering at school events, participating in parent speaker series, attending an alumni gathering, or sharing your family's faith traditions, your unique involvement enriches our school in countless ways and is deeply appreciated.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of this past year, I want to personally thank each of you for being an essential part of the St. Patrick's community. Together, we live out St. Patrick's mission of creating a learning community where each individual is valued as a child of God. By supporting the Day School, you are helping us fulfill our commitment to developing character, advancing human understanding, and promoting academic excellence. Your generosity ensures that every student at St. Patrick's has the foundation they need to live with integrity, empathy, and purpose as they grow into the leaders and innovators of tomorrow. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the coming year!

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Katherine L".

**Katherine Lucas**  
*Chair, St. Patrick's Board of Trustees*

# 2023-2024 DAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

These graphs show St. Patrick’s revenue and expenses over the past fiscal year, July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024. Contributions to annual giving, which includes the Annual Fund and the IDEALS Fund-A-Scholar Fundraiser, are particularly important, as they comprise nearly 6% of revenue.

## SUMMARY OF GIVING

### GIFTS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS

Annual Fund*	\$1,026,679
IDEALS Fund-A-Scholar Fundraiser	\$396,131

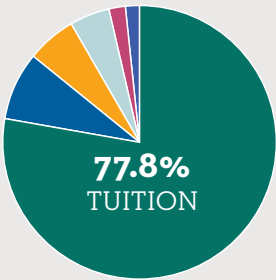
### DESIGNATED GIFTS

Professional Development	\$3,649
Restricted Gifts <i>(Technology, Financial Aid, Special Events, Academic Programs)</i>	\$113,808
Endowment	\$181

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION

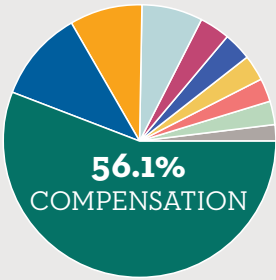
	\$15,850
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$1,556,298</b>

\*Gross receipts



### REVENUES

- 77.8% Tuition
- 8.2% Other Income
- 5.6% Contributions
- 4.7% Auxiliary Programs
- 2.2% Endowment
- 1.4% Interest Income



### EXPENSES

- 56.1% Compensation
- 10.7% Financial Aid
- 8.6% Maintenance/Security
- 7.3% Administration
- 3.5% Instructional Resources
- 3.3% Auxiliary Programs
- 3.0% Debt Service
- 2.9% Student Services
- 2.8% Lease Costs
- 1.8% Plant Reserve

# ST. PATRICK'S AT *A Glance*



## QUICK FACTS

- 18** interscholastic teams in sports
- 3** art studios and **3** full-time studio art educators
- 2** design & collaboration labs with everything from hand-drills to 3D printers
- 7** musical ensembles for students in Grades 4 to 8
- 46+** school pets
- 10 years** of Spanish instruction for students beginning in PK
- 5** overnight field trips beginning in Grade 4 and culminating in Grade 8
- 11** learning specialists
- 2** full-time counselors to support students' social-emotional growth and well-being
- 4** weekly divisional chapels rooted in the Episcopal tradition and celebrating all faiths
- 8** yearly K–8 chapels, honoring school and larger world events
- ALL K–8** students take religion classes to foster moral and spiritual development
- 1** pilot bus route



## COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY

- Over **\$1 Million** raised for the Annual Fund to support St. Patrick's yearly operating budget
- \$396,000** raised for financial aid through IDEALS Fund-A-Scholar Fundraiser
- \$63,000** raised for St. Etienne Church and School in Haiti, through Hoops for Haiti to fund tuition, teacher salaries, and the daily lunch program
- \$15,000** raised for Horizons Greater Washington, through the Cake Raffle, to support summer learning and enrichment for students from underserved communities in Washington, D.C., and Maryland
- \$13,493** raised for student-selected charitable causes through the Gifts for Good Fair. Causes included food insecurity, the environment, animal welfare, health, and education
- Served over **2,000 meals** to unhoused people in the Washington, D.C. area through our Grate Patrol program, supported by St. Patrick's families who contributed the ingredients and students who prepared the meals



## DIVERSITY

- 38%** of students identify as students of color
- The Day School and Church, for the first time, participated in the 2024 Pride Parade hosted by Capital Pride Alliance



## SUSTAINABILITY

- St. Patrick's was honored as a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education in 2024, one of only 41 schools nationwide, for outstanding work in environmental sustainability.
- St. Patrick's was the first school in Washington, D.C. to earn the National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA Green Flag Award for exceptional achievement in education for sustainability.
- 900** gallons composted per week
- 95%** LED lighting
- 75%** native plant landscaping
- 100%** filtered water



## FINANCIAL AID

- 1 out of 4** St. Patrick's students receives financial aid
- Approximately **\$2.7 million** in grants for the 2023–2024 school year



## ATHLETICS

St. Patrick's was awarded the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Sportsmanship Award for the **eighth time in nine years**.

### BASKETBALL

**Second-place winners**

(Girls Varsity) in the CAC

**Fourth-place winners**

(Girls JV) in the CAC

**First-place winners**

(Boys JV) in the CAC and CAC Tournament Champions

### LACROSSE

**League Champions**

(Boys Varsity) in the CAC

**League Champions**

(Girls Varsity) in the CAC

### SOCCER

**Second-place winners**

(Boys Varsity) in the CAC

**Fourth-place winners**

(Girls Varsity) in the CAC

**Third-place winners**

(Boys JV) in the CAC

**Second-place winners**

(Girls JV) in the CAC



## SECONDARY-SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Over **40 years** of combined experience in placing students among the members of our secondary school placement team

**44 graduates**

Class of 2024:

### HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENTS:

Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, Bullis, Field, Georgetown Day, Gonzaga, Holton-Arms, Howard Gardner School, Landon, Madeira, Potomac, Ridgefield High School (CT), Sandy Spring Friends, Sidwell Friends, St. Albans, St. Andrew's, St. John's, Stone Ridge, Yorktown High School

### BOARDING SCHOOLS:

Episcopal (VA), Foxcroft (VA), Mercersburg (PA), Millbrook (NY)

### ALSO RECEIVED

### ACCEPTANCES AT

Bishop O'Connell, Chelsea School, Edmund Burke, Elizabeth Seton, Flint Hill, Georgetown Prep, Georgetown Visitation, Holy Child, Maret, McLean, National Cathedral, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes

### AND ACCEPTANCES AT

### BOARDING SCHOOLS:

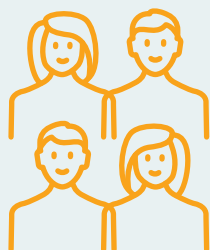
St. Timothy's (MD), Woodberry Forest (VA)



## COLLEGE-BOUND GRADUATES

Over the past **3 years**, multiple St. Patrick's alumni have attended the following colleges and universities:

Bates College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bucknell University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
College of Charleston  
College of William & Mary  
Colorado College  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Davidson College  
Denison University  
Elon University  
Emory University  
Georgetown University  
Middlebury College  
Northeastern University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Santa Clara University  
Southern Methodist University  
Syracuse University  
Texas Christian University  
Trinity College Dublin  
Tulane University  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Chicago  
University of Maryland  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of North Carolina  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Richmond  
University of Southern California  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Wake Forest University



## FACULTY & STAFF

**6.3:1** student-to-faculty ratio

**80%** of head teachers hold advanced degrees

**45%** of current employees have served for 10 or more years

**100%** of faculty and staff contribute to the Annual Fund





# GIFTS TO THE *Annual Fund*

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students by giving to the Annual Fund, St. Patrick's top philanthropic priority. Your gifts directly support the operating budget, sustaining and enriching every aspect of the Day School experience. Your generosity enables St. Patrick's to provide the very best for the children entrusted to our care, and we are deeply grateful.

## 2023-2024 ANNUAL FUND SNAPSHOT

Over **\$1 Million** Raised

**\$1,836** Average Gift

**\$2-\$106,000** Gift Range

**556** Donors

**303** Current-Parent Donors

**63** Grandparent Donors

**89** Parent of Alumni Donors

**100%** Board of Trustee Participation

**100%** Faculty and Staff Participation

**89%** Current-Parent Participation

**66** Leadership Gifts

**109** Giving-Club Gifts

Leadership gifts provided 74% of 2023-2024 Annual Fund revenue, giving-club gifts provided 18%, and all other generous gifts provided 8%. Thank you for your generosity!

## GIVING DAYS SNAPSHOT

### GIVING TUESDAY 2023

143 Donors  
 \$301,000 Raised  
 \$2,100 Average Gift  
 94 Returning Parent Donors  
 22 New Parent Donors  
 12 Grandparent Donors  
 13 Parent of Alumni Donors

### A GREAT DAY TO BE A WOLFHOUND 2024

153 Donors  
 \$80,800 Raised  
 Average Gift \$530  
 34% Increase in  
 Current-Parent Participation  
 104 Returning  
 Parent Donors  
 30 New  
 Parent Donors

We are so appreciative of our generous donors who supported St. Patrick's on Giving Tuesday 2023 and A Great Day to Be a Wolfhound 2024. Thank you for making each day a huge success!

## IMPACT OF YOUR GIFTS

Here are just a few of the activities and initiatives that our generous community of supporters have financed with their gifts to the Annual Fund:

- **Introduction of Illustrative Math** as our new math curriculum in the Lower School, a constructivist approach to knowledge and skill-building which enables students to deepen their understanding of math concepts and their application of mathematical operations and strategies.
- **Continued dedication to our sustainability program.** In recognition of this work, St. Patrick's was honored as a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education in 2024, one of only 41 schools nationwide, for the Day School's outstanding work in environmental sustainability.
- **Dedicated focus on our sportsmanship award-winning athletics program** to include many options for students to participate in such as basketball, baseball, lacrosse, soccer, and track and field.
- **Intentional offerings of rich educational experiences off campus with a variety of field trips during a student's St. Patrick's journey.** From a farm trip in Kindergarten, to an all-day STEM experience in Annapolis for Grade 3, to their first overnight trip in PA for Grade 4, and culminating with a multi-day Civil Rights trip in Grade 8 to Georgia and Alabama, our students learn from real-world educational settings.
- **Our ongoing commitment to keeping a St. Patrick's education within reach of families** who experience a wide range of economic circumstances by robustly funding our Financial Aid Program and minimizing tuition increases.

## LEADERSHIP GIFTS

### HEAD OF SCHOOL CIRCLE (\$35,000+)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Bass ✱  
Mr. Terry Collins ✱  
Katherine and Brian Lucas ✱  
Marie Lee and Minjae Song

### PARTNERSHIP CIRCLE (\$20,000+)

Elena Hardy Allbritton '83  
and Robert Allbritton '81 ✱  
Sandra Joo and Reid M. Figel  
Mary Calomiris and Hi-Woon Kang  
Wendy and Charles Ma  
Annie and Michael Sabel ✱  
Elise and Derek Whang ✱

### HONORS CIRCLE (\$15,000+)

Mia and Tim Bass ✱  
Page and Matthew DeZee  
Carolyn Casey and Scott Fassbach ✱  
Gardiner and Nicholas Lapham ✱  
Alicia and Mike Pizzi  
Patricia and William Stevenson

### FACULTY CIRCLE (\$10,000+)

John Barabino ✱  
Jessica and Wesley Bieligg ✱  
Katherine Brittain Bradley  
and David Bradley ✱  
Devon and Scott Caraher

Danielle Baussan and Michael Day  
Julia and Bob Ghafouri  
Erica and Joseph Gilligan ✱  
Yardly and Burton Gray ✱  
Rebecca and Jeffrey Kim ✱  
Harold Lester and Donald McMinn ✱  
Katie and Patrick O'Connor ✱  
Jim Schufreider ✱  
Christine and David Siegel ✱  
Rima and Mario Toukan ✱

### LEADERSHIP CIRCLE (\$5,000+)

Karen Blackburn and William Ansley  
Katherine Trainor and William Bielefeld  
Elizabeth and Paul Bonner ✱  
Robert Crawford and Mark Nielsen  
Katelin Dial  
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Nancy Copeland and Craig Gerson  
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Casey and Nolan Harte  
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Conner and Brad Herman ✱  
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Elizabeth Baker Keffer ✱  
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Lily and Brad Kosegarten  
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Katherine Turner  
and Theodore Schroeder ✱  
Kristin and Jeff Sharp  
Paige Speyer Shirk '90  
and Timothy Shirk ✱  
Lynn and Lee Wang  
Libby and John Wilkinson ✱

## GIVING CLUBS

### MACARTHUR CLUB (\$3,500+)

Matt Alion and Matt Blocher ✱  
Katherine Epes and Peter Barrett ✱  
Michelle Gallinger  
and Jad Donohoe '87 ✱  
Stacie and Courtney Fletcher  
Stephanie Goldfine and David Gildea ✱  
Julia and Harold Jacobsen  
Sophie Pinkard and Terry Lachowicz  
Katherine Langhammer McQuaid '88  
and Nick McQuaid  
Margret Nedelkoff and James Neuhauser  
Laura Schifter and Matthew Scriven ✱  
Kristine and Andrew Shih

### 1956 CLUB (\$1,956+)

The 1956 Club honors the year  
of our founding.

Adenike Odunmbaku and Gregory Allen  
Susan and Todd Askew  
Hillary and Andrew Chassin ✱  
Patricia and Terence Clair  
Stewart Crosland '94  
and Erica Crosland ✱  
Anne Davis ✱  
Kimberly and Benjamin Dean ✱  
Carolyn Harris and Clark Ervin





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We want to extend our most profound appreciation to each and every one of you for your invaluable support in creating an exceptional educational environment at St. Patrick's. This year, the Annual Fund has successfully raised over \$1 million, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our community. This significant achievement will enable St. Patrick's to enhance the learning experience beyond what tuition fees alone can provide. Our steadfast support for the St. Patrick's Annual Fund ensures that our dedicated faculty and staff have the necessary resources and tools to nurture and unleash the boundless potential of our children. We are proud to be part of this amazing community, where we collaborate to shape the future and empower our students to embrace and achieve their unlimited potential. Thank you for your unwavering support.”



**Marie Lee and Minjae Song, 2023-2024 Annual Fund Chairs**  
Parents of Ellie '29

Johanna Lundgren and Giovanni Favara  
The Honorable William Frist  
and Ms. Tracy Roberts  
Jennifer and Jonathan Fuisz ✱  
Kate and Patrick Hanniford ✱  
Catherine and Michael Hein  
Jennifer Cetta and Joel Hinzman  
Eliza and Addison Holladay  
Ms. Ann Hughes  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Hull ✱  
Lone Christiansen and Bryan Goudie  
Eleni and Adam Lobene  
Elizabeth and James McIntyre  
Anjali and Jonathan Phillips ✱  
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Mary Katherine Prince  
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Margaret and Adam Roach  
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Julie and Robert Silva ✱

Jalene Spain Thomas  
and Dr. Torrence N. Thomas  
Amanda and Albert Stieglitz  
Kate Seelye and Andrew Tweedie  
Jennifer and Dudley Winthrop ✱  
Mrs. Phoebe Jane Winthrop ✱

#### **FOXHALL CLUB (\$1,000+)**

Katherine Johnson-Reid  
and Ryan Abraham  
Sophie and Dana Ackerly ✱  
Ann Adams and Hendrik Koppen ✱  
Robert Allegar  
Melissa and Doug Anderson  
Mr. Albert James Barnes  
and Ms. Sarah Jane Hughes ✱  
Judy Barr ✱  
Adelaide Shafer Barrett ex. '85  
and John Barrett ✱  
Catherine Whitby and Ian Beckett  
Sarah and Andrew Campbell  
Jennifer Frost and James Carter ✱

## **EVERGREEN CIRCLE (✱)**

The Evergreen Circle is a special philanthropic society recognizing the many loyal donors who support St. Patrick's consistently over time. This society is not about how much you give; it's about the simple act of giving, year after year.

Members of this society have made a gift to the Annual Fund for the past five or more consecutive fiscal years and are denoted with a shamrock (✱) in the Annual Fund donor lists.

Ann Scheurer Casertano ex. '97  
and Tyler Casertano ✱  
Lacey Clark ✱  
Nicole Vasilaros and John Connors  
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Coughlin ✱  
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Lynnette Ecraela-Duckenfield  
and Thomas Duckenfield III, ex. '76  
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Claire and Jake Farver ✱  
Adena and Michael Friedman  
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Dr. Keisha Hylton-Rodić  
and Dr. Nemanja Rodić ✱  
Monisha Santamaria  
Allison Scheurer ex. '99 ✱  
Bailey and John Scheurer ✱  
Jessica and Neil Sitron  
Grace and Campbell Smith  
Ellen and Steven Teplitz ✱  
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Tiphane and Kevin Turpin II  
Chantal Nong and Minh Vo  
Sarah Zhou and David Wei  
Loren and Erskine Wells  
Elizabeth and John Wells  
Margot Wilson  
Merel and Kenny Young ✱

## 2023-2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are grateful for the extraordinary leadership of the Board of Trustees, who once again led the way with their unanimous support for the Annual Fund.

Matt Alion ✱  
Thomas Duckenfield III, ex. '76  
Claire Farver ✱  
Melanie Gilbert  
Harold Jacobsen  
Mary Beth James ✱  
Rebecca Kim ✱  
Tiffany King ✱  
Katherine Lucas ✱  
Kathryn Meek ✱  
The Reverend Andrew Ogletree  
Denise Prince ✱  
Laura Schifter ✱  
Beth Schroeder ✱  
Jim Schufreider ✱  
David Siegel ✱  
Ellen Teplitz ✱  
Jalene Spain Thomas  
Kevin Turpin II  
Derek Whang ✱  
John Wilkinson ✱





## PARENT DONORS

We are deeply grateful to our current parents for their generosity to the Annual Fund this year and for their commitment to our community. We extend special thanks to 2023–2024 Annual Fund Chairs Marie Lee and Minjae Song for their dedication and inspiring leadership.

### PK3–82%

Alex May-Sealey  
and Brandon Gaynor Alexander  
Nicole Isaac and Gabriel Bitol  
Kate Hadley Dantiki '98  
and Sumon Dantiki  
Carrie and Joseph Friend  
Alexandra Nasif and Jay Harper  
Chloe Hensold and Dan Schiff  
Sophie Pinkard and Terry Lachowicz  
Amanda Pyne and Wes Neal  
Anjali and Jonathan Phillips ✱  
Alexis Williams and James Pollock  
Julianne and Ryan Reilly ✱  
Elizabeth and Vaughn Samuel  
Lauren Jiloty and Steven Slupski  
Tiphane and Kevin Turpin II



### PK4–97%

Lucia Henderson  
and Dana Ackerly, ex. '90  
Mary and Olabisi Akinkugbe  
Adenike Odunmbaku and Gregory Allen  
Paula Hopkins and Munir Avery ✱  
Carmelina Benitez and  
José Ulloa-Robles ✱  
Katherine Trainor and William Bielefeld  
Arianna and Austin Evers  
Johanna Lundgren and Giovanni Favara  
Margaret and Jonathan Frist ex. '99  
Julia and Bob Ghafouri  
Majida and Patrick Hamilton  
Casey and Nolan Harte  
Katherine Brockmeyer  
and William Hunter  
Xuan Ye and Yan Jin  
Bridget and Kevin Kelly  
Emily and Kevin Knarr  
Airlie and Stephen Loiaconi  
Sara Saab and Ahmad Mahmoud  
Lauren and Jeben Marshall ✱  
Amy Thomas-Martinez  
and Marco Martinez  
Anna and Stuart Melvin ✱  
Pamela and Joseph Norton  
Adrienne Reich and Luke O'Brien '87 ✱  
Katie and Patrick O'Connor ✱  
Katherine and Peter Oppenheim  
Margaret and Adam Roach  
Marleni Velásquez  
and Francisco Serrano  
Kei Miller and Steven Wallace

Kaitlyn Collins and James Weingarten  
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Alla Jezmir and Zach Wilson

### KINDERGARTEN–95%

Katherine Johnson-Reid  
and Ryan Abraham  
Karen Blackburn and William Ansley  
Nicole Whitehurst and Yared Belai  
Noel Schiller and Hein Bogaard  
Kelsey Lents and Brian Buechel  
Lora John and Jerome Castillo  
Marden Nichols and Samuel Charap  
Nicole Vasilaros and John Connors  
Leah and Jesse Corradi ✱  
Kate Hadley Dantiki '98  
and Sumon Dantiki  
Catherine Phipps and Amadou Diaw  
Katelin Dial  
Stacie and Courtney Fletcher  
Carrie and Joseph Friend  
Margaret and Jonathan Frist ex. '99  
Molly and Robert Gilbane  
Danielle and Geoffrey Giulino  
Frank Haney  
Brittany and Saul Hernandez  
Sharnikya Howard  
Jamie Andrus and Kyle Johnson  
Mary Calomiris and Hi-Woon Kang  
Ann and Pavel Katsiak ✱  
Suzanne and William Keehn  
Arpita Kumar and Vineet Khosla  
Tiffany King ✱

Lily and Brad Kosegarten  
Sophie Pinkard and Terry Lachowicz  
Willoughby and Stephen Laycock  
Tiffany and Michael McBride  
Elizabeth and James McIntyre  
Lianne Childress and Vishal Mehta  
Anna and Stuart Melvin ✱  
Christina and Jason Mulvihill  
Chantal Nong and Minh Vo  
Claire and Mohammed Qureshi  
Laura Schifter and Matthew Scriven ✱  
Paige Speyer Shirk '90  
and Timothy Shirk ✱  
Lauren Jiloty and Steven Slupski  
Eidi Cruz-Valdivieso and Matthew Smith  
Julia Silver and Chris Treanor '95  
Casey and Alexander Whitman

### GRADE 1–98%

Torrey Cope and Laith Alnouri  
Karina Lynch and David Bohley ✱  
Farah and Manuel Bueno  
Kate and John Campbell ✱  
Devon and Scott Caraher  
Ann and James Chiu  
Betsy and Andrew Fenzel  
Crystal Flowers  
Margaret and Jonathan Frist ex. '99  
Amanda Koenig-Fuisz and John Fuisz  
Erica and Joseph Gilligan ✱  
Courtney and Matthew Gugino ✱  
Bridget Dadd and Richard Hertan  
Elysia Hulings and Harry Hulings



Julia and Harold Jacobsen  
 Mary Calomiris and Hi-Woon Kang  
 Eleni and Adam Lobene  
 Wendy and Charles Ma  
 Sara Saab and Ahmad Mahmoud  
 Crystal and Mike Matthews ✱  
 Sonal Vaid and John Nargiso  
 Amanda Pyne and Wes Neal  
 Bridget and Gregory Nikodem ✱  
 Gonzalo Nuñez and Edcely Nuñez ✱  
 Lina Kontos and Brendan O'Dell  
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 Jennifer and Robin Rathmell ✱  
 Kristine and Andrew Shih  
 Grace and Campbell Smith  
 Lisa and Xavier Sparrow ✱  
 Blair and Jonathan Staunton  
 Clare and David Stevens  
 Alanna and Ryan Temme  
 Natalia Berry and Eric Twerdahl ✱  
 Brandii Tyndle ✱  
 Kei Miller and Steven Wallace  
 Elizabeth and John Wells  
 Amy and Michael Williamson  
 Alla Jezmir and Zach Wilson

#### GRADE 2—90%

Mary and Olabisi Akinkugbe  
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 Jessica and Wesley Bielick ✱  
 Virginia Grace and Eli Cohen ✱  
 Danielle Baussan and Michael Day  
 Michelle Gallinger  
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**E. Stewart Crosland '94**

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## FUND-A-SCHOLAR

Fund-A-Scholar donors contribute directly to St. Patrick's Financial Aid Program. Through this program, the Day School has been able to build a more socioeconomically diverse student body, which benefits all members of the larger St. Patrick's community.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: KELSEY KELLY '06

*Below is the story of one of our many exceptional alumni who were beneficiaries of our Financial Aid Program.*

Kelsey Kelly joined St. Patrick's when she was in Nursery School and graduated from the Middle School in 2006. She went on to attend the Madeira School and then graduated with a bachelor's and master's degree in political science, with a minor in Mandarin, from Villanova University. Kelsey is Senior Manager of Political Programs at the Consumer Technology Association (CTA), producer of CES in Las Vegas, the most powerful tech event in the world. She started as an intern in 2016 and quickly worked her way up through the organization. At CTA, Kelsey manages their Innovation House, an event space on Capitol Hill, responsible for bringing government guests to CES, and recently took over CTA's Political Action Committee (PAC). Her favorite pastime is talking about all things Bravo/Real Housewives with fellow St. Patrick's alum, Danielle Curtis-Williams.

### **What impact do you think St. Patrick's had on your life?**

St. Patrick's has had a profound impact on my life by instilling in me core values that have shaped who I am today. St. Patrick's taught me the value of education, thoroughly preparing me for both high school and college. I loved all of our activities focusing on learning about other customs, cultures, and belief systems. I learned the importance of being a global citizen which led me to study Chinese in both high school and college. St. Patrick's helped me foster a strong sense of empathy and social responsibility, which has helped me be a better friend, colleague, and person.

### **Why did you choose to go into your field?**

#### **What are you passionate about?**

I've always enjoyed crafting and needed a creative outlet, while also having a strong interest in politics and current events. Hands down, my favorite classes at St. Patrick's were art and history.

When I was young, my mom returned to school, getting her master's in event management and tourism studies at George Washington University. Watching my mom begin her career in events gave me a firsthand look at event management, inspiring me further. Working at CTA perfectly combines my love of events and creativity with my passion for public policy. I believe it's crucial to understand the world around us and how political decisions affect us all, whether we're paying attention or not. I enjoy bringing people together through events and helping to educate others on policy issues that have a lasting impact.

### **What are your plans/goals/dreams for the future?**

I'm excited to continue to grow and build my career. I recently added becoming a PAC manager to my resume. A Political Action Committee (PAC) is an organization that collects and distributes campaign funds to support or oppose political candidates, legislation, or policies. While the PAC I manage is small, I'm still using my events and public policy expertise. I enjoy interacting with both our contributors and Members of Congress in a meaningful way. I hope to expand my knowledge of PAC



management and fundraising. On a personal level, my main goal is working on purchasing my first home.

### **What is your favorite memory of St. Patrick's?**

One of my favorite memories is from my Grade 8 musical, where we performed Willy Wonka. I had a blast playing Veruca Salt and having my own solo, singing her iconic song "I Want it Now!" I thoroughly enjoyed helping design and decorate the set, which added to the overall excitement. Our entire class got along exceptionally well, definitely for the first time all year, allowing us to pull off a fantastic performance. It was a wonderful way to end the school year and my time at St. Patrick's.

### **Why do you think that gifts to support financial aid are important?**

Access is the key to opportunity. Financial aid helps level the playing field for less fortunate students. Having access to a quality education and experiences leads to more opportunities in the future. Diversity of students and ideas benefits all children and enhances the learning environment.

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An education from St. Patrick’s is a gift. This special place is built on generations of dedicated families, educators and community members. Our children are – right now – benefiting from investments that others made long ago. It is a great honor to have been asked to serve the school as IDEALS co-chair this year, as scholarships are a necessary component of maintaining a healthy, diverse community. We were excited to take the annual event off-site for the first time in school history and we are even more excited about how the adult community responded. We sold out tickets in record time and the event was a huge success because of the dedicated parents and friends of St. Patrick’s who came out to celebrate Prom 2024! The vibrancy of our school community was on full display on that memorable evening and we are tremendously grateful to the many generous donors and hardworking volunteers.”

**Eleni Lobene, Co-Chair IDEALS Fund-A-Scholar Fundraiser**  
*Mother of Eviana ’26, Matteo ’28, and Audrielle ’31*



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### STUDENT BENEFACITOR SPONSOR (\$50,000+)

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“Co-chairing IDEALS has a profound impact on fostering socioeconomic diversity within the St. Patrick’s community. By taking on this role, we’ve had the opportunity to not only raise essential funds for the school but also promote inclusivity and equity among the student body and families from various backgrounds. A key impact includes raising awareness about the financial challenges faced by some families and highlighting the importance of creating an inclusive environment where all students feel valued and supported. Additionally, co-chairing IDEALS offered an opportunity to build connections and foster a sense of community among families by bringing members of the community together in support of a common cause. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity.”

**LaMeka Short, Co-Chair IDEALS Fund-A-Scholar Fundraiser**  
*Mother of Karter '28 and Lark '33*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Clare Anderson  
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Yardly and Burton Gray  
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 Heather and Stephen Ricks  
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**The 2024  
 IDEALS  
 Fund-A-Scholar  
 Fundraiser raised:**

**\$396,131**

**15% of the financial  
 aid budget,  
 which benefits  
 approximately 25%  
 of current students**

**\$271,240 for  
 Fund-A-Scholar from  
 144 generous donors**





## GIFTS *In Honor*

Claire and David Avella

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*Wynn Powell Yost, and their mother*

*Morey Barnes Yost*

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*St. Patrick's*

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*Church and School now stands)*

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*(Conrad's Great Grandfather)*

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*In honor of Khloe Yelverton*  
Anne Yockel  
*In memory of David Yockel*  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Young  
*In honor of Ted Young*



## Moore SOCIETY

The Moore society is the Day School's legacy giving society recognizing those individuals who have provided for St. Patrick's through their estate plans. The Moore Society honors Harvey C. and Sarah M. Moore, who established the first endowed fund in 1993 to provide financial aid to students.

Carolyn and Seth Ahlborn  
Katherine Epes and Peter Barrett  
Chris Bolger and Chris O'Shea  
Benay Brotman ex '96  
Suzanne and Bob Burrows  
Blair and Gene Giannini  
Yardly and Burton Gray



# Endowments

Total value as of June 30, 2024: \$19,466,575

## BOARD-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT

### A TIME TO GROW:

#### THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. PATRICK'S

Market Value: \$11,248,283

Established in 2000 to provide financial stability and resources to support St. Patrick's growth.

#### ISABELLE S. SCHUESSLER FUND FOR FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Market Value: \$541,732

Named in honor of former director Isabelle S. Schuessler to provide for faculty education, enrichment, and study scholarships.

### THOMAS DIX BOWERS

#### FINANCIAL AID FUND

Market Value: \$276,310

Named in honor of former faculty member and first Day School Board Chair, the Rev. Thomas Dix Bowers, to provide aid for auxiliary programs such as tutoring, transportation, and summer camp.

#### THE MARTA TAYLOR RIORDAN ENDOWMENT

Market Value: \$231,435

Established in 1997 by Board Chair Marta Taylor Riordan, mother of Allyson '96, to provide financial aid for the students of the Day School.

### THE O'NEIL/CAREW FELLOWSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Market Value: \$190,723

Named in honor of faculty emeriti Maralen O'Neil and Amelia Carew in 1997 to support a project undertaken by a faculty member to enhance his/her own teaching.

#### GENERAL FINANCIAL AID ENDOWMENT

Market Value: \$1,829,181

Begun in 2007 by the Board of Trustees to provide financial aid to students.



## TOTAL ENDOWMENT GROWTH OVER THE YEARS

In 2015, the total value of endowments was under \$11 million.

In 2020, the total value of endowments was \$14 million.

By June 30, 2024, the total value of endowments reached nearly \$20 million.



## DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT

### THE LOUGHLIN FUND

**Market Value: \$30,000**

Established by Kathi and Thomas Loughlin, former trustees and parents of Hannah '09 and Nora '06. The income of the fund is to provide financial aid to students.

### THE HARVEY C. AND SARAH M. MOORE ENDOWMENT

**Market Value: \$415,719**

Established in 1993, the income of the fund provides financial aid to students. The Moores' relationship with St. Patrick's began in the 1950s when they joined the Parish. A former school teacher and anthropology professor at American University, Dr. Moore shared his talents with the Day School Board and Vestry for 19 years. Harvey and Sarah devoted themselves to educational institutions and shaped the lives of thousands of children throughout Washington D.C.

### THE FINANCIAL AID ENDOWMENT INCREASING POSSIBILITIES

**Market Value: \$713,323**

Established in 2006 to ensure that deserving students are given the opportunity to attend St. Patrick's.

### THE SHAMROCK FUND ENDOWMENT

**Market Value: \$99,443**

Established in 2007 to support faculty, administrators, and staff in pursuing significant professional development during the summer and throughout the school year through workshops, coursework, institutes, and on-site professional development.

### THE JEFFREY M. KEFFER ENDOWMENT

**Market Value: \$164,618**

Established in 2011, the income of the fund provides a gift to recipients of the Jeff Keffer Service Award, presented annually to a member of the Day School faculty and staff who has demonstrated the same understanding of and commitment to St. Patrick's that shaped Jeff's life in service to the Day School.



### THE MARY AND DANIEL LOUGHRAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Market Value: \$115,000**

Established in 2015 through the generosity of the Mary and Daniel Loughran Foundation to provide scholarship support to a student with financial need and either demonstrated academic achievement or promise, athletic achievement or promise, or student body leadership.

### THE NANCY MAGUIRE GRAY PYNE ENDOWMENT

**Market Value: \$94,398**

Established in 2020 to encourage public speaking and debate opportunities at the Day School and to recognize St. Patrick's students who excel at those endeavors.

### REINVESTED FUNDS

**Market Value: \$2,430,329**

Earnings reinvested to support the future value of the endowment fund.

### SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE: THE PETER A. BARRETT FUND FOR ACCESS AND INCLUSION

**Market Value: \$1,086,081**

An endowed fund was established by the Board of Trustees in 2021 to honor Peter A. Barrett's 28 years as Head of School and his lasting legacy of placing students at the heart of teaching and learning at St. Patrick's. Peter's mission-focused emphasis on the importance of a diverse and inclusive school community guided the creation of this Fund to provide financial aid to students and strengthen the long-term financial sustainability of the Day School. The Fund honors Mr. Barrett, who served as Head of School from 1994–2022, and his conviction that enrolling students from a broad range of socioeconomic circumstances helps ensure the excellence of a St. Patrick's education for all students.



# Volunteers

The collective volunteer efforts of St. Patrick's community members and friends are essential to making each school year a success and to creating a strong, cohesive community. From Board service, to fundraising, to special events, we recognize the meaningful service of our many volunteers at functions throughout the year and endeavor to compile a full listing here. We sincerely apologize if your name has inadvertently been left out. Please be sure to let us know.



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## WHY I VOLUNTEER

"I'm always happy to volunteer at St. Patrick's because we are always planning something new and fun to benefit the school community! Volunteering has given me a chance to meet and become friends with some of the smartest (and funniest!) parents I've ever met, and to form meaningful connections with our dedicated faculty, administrators, and staff. I love being able to actively contribute to my children's education and wellbeing, and also gain insight into the school's daily operations and curriculum. Whether it's at Family Fun Day, preparing classroom treats to help students celebrate a special holiday, or meeting new families at admissions events, I have found volunteering to be a fulfilling experience that fosters a sense of community and belonging."



**Paula Hopkins**

*Mother of Harrison '29 and Walden '33*

Alex May-Sealy  
Don McMinn and Harv Lester  
Kathryne Love  
Lori Picco  
Mariah Rizzitello  
Sarah Godfrey  
and Christian Rodriguez  
Shannon Powell McCarter  
Blake Sparrow  
Amanda Stieglitz  
Katherine Turner  
Becky Wilsusen

### IDEALS FUND-A-SCHOLAR FUNDRAISER

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"I absolutely love to volunteer at St. Patrick's because it provides an incredible opportunity to engage with and contribute to a community that means so much to us. Being a part of the St. Patrick's community for the past 10 years has been an amazing journey. The sense of connection and shared purpose among the parents, teachers, and students is truly inspiring. Giving back to this supportive and nurturing environment is unbelievably rewarding, and I am thrilled to play a role in enhancing the educational experience for all the children."

**Farah Bueno**

*Mother of Reyna '24 and Adriana '26*

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# Graduation

## Reflections on the 2023-2024 School Year and Acknowledgement of the Class of 2024

AN EXCERPT FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, JALENE SPAIN THOMAS, GRADUATION REMARKS

Remarks about the incredible Class of 2024 would be incomplete without mention of your:

- Infinite value and infinite promise
- The light of St. Patrick's that palpably radiates from you, and
- Acknowledgment of the important and exciting transition you are experiencing as students on your last day of middle school.

There have been several sources of inspiration for my remarks today, which have caught my attention both on campus and away from campus; let me tell you about a few of them:

- An inspiration to me: Your parents and the choices they have made for you and with you
- Day School Teachers (always an inspiration)
- An unexpected source of inspiration: Two moving trucks and a box of packing material with a random roll of red stickers (more about that later!).
- And finally: Each of You! I hope it doesn't surprise you that my main source of inspiration this afternoon is each of you. I am so very proud of you and all you have accomplished here at St. Patrick's.

A word about your parents and teachers as a source of inspiration:

Your parents made the choice for you to grow, learn, and thrive in an Episcopal School.

Episcopal Schools have four distinguishing qualities:

- A strong community life with intentional efforts to support and nurture its members through expressions of community life that you cannot miss
- Worship that is creative, inclusive, and a regular part of school life
- Religious formation and study that fosters dialogue between faith traditions
- And a commitment to social justice, community service, service-learning

In schools with these characteristics, bold, audacious mission statements follow.



Your parents chose a school where your value is regarded as highly as every other students' value. A school where we treasure our relationships with each other and respect each other deeply; a place where, as Father Andrew puts it, "the soul in me sees the soul in you."

Your parents chose a school with inspirational teachers; teachers deeply committed to the concepts of integrity, empathy, and purpose as outlined in our mission statement. A school where the

parent-teacher-student relationships are strong and characterized by partnerships.

Here are a few pride points at the intersection of those partnerships when lived out in an Episcopal school with a mission like ours:

**Integrity:** Working together to amplify the goodness in each of you, your teachers and parents have seen you bring integrity to your decisions at school and away from school; we've seen you grow in your ability to know when a "do-over" or apology is needed. There are adults who struggle with that.

**Empathy:** St. Patrick's is and always will be a school committed to social justice, community service, and service learning. Working together over time, your teachers and parents have helped you understand the difference between pity for others and empathy for others.

We have seen your creed-full expressions of respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness for those you know and those you don't know.

Bishop Budde advises, "If we think of social justice as the ways we try to embody love for all people and not just for some, it is a commitment to ensure that no child of God is denied the full experience of being human."

Bishop, these soon-to-be graduates have shown us that they

- recognize the infinite value of every individual as a child of God.
- that they are capable of advancing human understanding and embodying love for all.

Purpose: Schools with strong teacher-student-parent relationships break down barriers to students finding their purpose or their “why.”

Thank you, parents and teachers, for your partnership in helping our students achieve the highest ideals of the Day School mission: integrity, empathy, purpose, students demonstrating their infinite and recognizing others’ value. It has been breathtaking to behold.

And now... I want to offer a quick explanation of how two moving trucks and a roll of red stickers have influenced my remarks about you.



A few weeks ago, I was stuck in heavy traffic on 495. Among the vehicles up ahead of me were two moving trucks with their company mottos in full view.

Truck 1 was a company that moves rare items long distances: Their motto: Everything handled with care.



Truck 2 was a company that responsibly moves biohazardous materials: Their motto: We protect what matters.

Rather than focusing on how frustrating standstill traffic can sometimes be, I found myself thinking of moving, moving on, care, offering protection, transitions; the transition you are making from middle school to high school... yes, I was thinking of you in the middle of a traffic jam!

Not long after my stuck-in-traffic daydream, I took delight in something initially puzzling to me, something that brought all of these themes right back to my consciousness.

One day after school, I saw that a few of the teachers in our Nursery School were wearing bright red stickers on their shirts that read “Fragile. Please Handle with Care.”

I soon learned that the stickers were an unexpected addition to a box of packing materials the teachers purchased to support a springtime unit. As this “bonus” addition to the order did not quite fit the unit on “bird nests”; the teachers wore the stickers like nametags in a moment of afterschool fun and levity.

My mind has tried to make sense of these and other themes in the past few weeks.

Moving, moving on, fragility, transitions, teachers of students at the beginning of their educational journey, teachers supporting students at the end of their St. Patrick’s journey. I grew increasingly confident that these signs and signals needed to find their way into my remarks today.

Here’s how I have made sense of them:

I am confident that your parents counted on your earliest teachers to protect you and handle your early years with care.



“We’ve all taken notice of your transition from delicate being with others watching over you to your being the caretakers of each other, of God’s creation, of others’ well-being, of others’ hopes.”

Something quite wonderful has happened from those early years to now; each month, week, and year that you’ve moved closer to this moment of transition, you’ve made it necessary for there to be a whole new way of describing you.

We’ve all taken notice of your transition from delicate being with others watching over you to your being the caretakers of each other, of God’s creation, of others’ well-being, of others’ hopes.

This is why you are the main inspiration for my remarks today.

I’ve marveled at your impressive levels of confidence and pride (not arrogance)

in your academic, athletic, and artistic achievements.

I’ve seen you offer quiet, understated encouragement or praise to a classmate when the situation called for a whisper; I’ve heard you offer loud encouragement to your classmates when the situation called for unmistakable, not to be missed, “shout from the sidelines or bleachers” kind of praise. We see you letting others know that you see them.

We have known you as classmates willing to put a *temporary* dimmer switch on your light so that someone else’s light can shine.

We have seen you learn what truly matters to you, while also speaking up for what matters to others.

You have inspired me by shining with an un-dimmable, unwavering, bright light”

- On stage
- Behind the podium
- On the field
- On the track
- Microphone in hand
- Instrument in hand
- Younger buddies’ hand in yours
- Pen/pencil/paintbrush in hand

Speaking of the light that comes from each of you, I want you to hear and strongly consider a recommendation recently shared by Father Ed. He suggests that we live out the words of the song “This Little Light of Mine” as a protest of sorts.

Let your light shine, hide it under a bushel, No!, Don’t let anyone “blow it out”, I agree!! Thank you for the suggestion, Father Ed!

**Congratulations, Class of 2024!**





## CONGRATULATIONS, Class of 2024!

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# This I Believe

## GRADE 8 STATEMENTS

In a beloved Graduation tradition, each Grade 8 student offers individual remarks to a gathering of family and faculty and staff. Our Grade 8 students were asked to commit to a value or set of values that they believe in and then reflect on them in the form of short essays modeled after the 1950's radio program entitled "This I Believe." We share a few excerpts below as a representation of the quality of these fine graduates and the esteem in which we hold each member of the Class of 2024.

"I have come to believe that all of us must work to find what is best for us. It could take days, months, or years, but don't rush it. Finding what's best for you is not an immediate answer."

**Maxwell Allegar '24**

"I believe that hard work pays off. . . as a hardworking woman, my mom taught me the value of work. Thanks to her, I believe, actually, I know that hard work pays off."

**Bryce Phillips '24**

"I believe that frequent change helps people stay open to new experiences. I would be lying if I told you I was not scared for what is to come, but I know I can handle this new chapter. I believe that frequent change introduces even more memories, experiences, and people into our lives. Whatever it is, I am more than ready for the change. In fact, I welcome it."

**Campbell Dean '24**





“I believe friendship is the foundation for a fulfilling life. I have been fortunate to have some great friends over the years, and they have helped me consider new perspectives and overcome challenges... I hope you will all be kind, honest, and true in your friendships. Your life will be all the better for it.” ”

**Chase Richardson, '24**

“I believe that confidence is the key to growth. For me, St. Patrick's has been a great environment to develop confidence. With all of the challenges I have faced, I leave here more prepared for life's ups and downs”

**Charlie Rotz '24**

“Tragedy is a part of life, and we can allow it to make us miserable or choose to remain positive. I believe it is a choice to be happy, and we each have the power to make that choice every day, regardless of our circumstances”

**Morgan Sabel '24**

“I believe that small acts of kindness can have a large impact and strengthen a community. In my experience, kindness is contagious. When you are kind to someone, they will pass that kindness on to someone else. Who knows how large a ripple effect you can have. Just by being kind.

**Serafina Winthrop '24**



# Faculty AWARDS

Following are excerpts from Head of School Jalene Spain Thomas' remarks at the Chapel Honoring Faculty and Staff in May, during which she announced Director of Athletics/Physical Education Teacher, Seamus Brophy, as the recipient of the Love of Teaching Award in Honor of Mark Humphreys and Assistant Head of School for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Erica Thompson as the recipient of the Jeff Keffer Service Award.

## Love of Teaching Award in Honor of Mark Humphreys

SEAMUS BROPHY, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS/PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

All of the nominations for this year's recipient captured this teacher's ability to nurture strong relationships, both with colleagues and with students. Here are a few qualities and strengths of this year's recipient.

Has given over 15 years of service to the Day School.

Delights in the contagious energy of their students and matches that energy every day throughout the day.

Brings positivity to every setting. One colleague noted a moment when she observed this teacher engaging with students at the beginning of the day. "[The teacher] entered the Common Room and the first words out of [their] mouth to the seated Grade 5 students were 'I like seeing you guys here! You look great! Best I've ever seen!' It's something St. Patrick's students can always expect from [this teacher] – an unerringly positive outlook and that trademark grin."

It's no surprise then that this teacher is also a favorite stop along the morning carpool line. Students bound out of their cars, and the youngest among our

students are eager to partner with this teacher to walk up to the tippy top of the carline on their way into the Nursery School or ITC.

Our recipient has a palpable excitement when working with all students from three years old to thirteen or fourteen years old.

They are always ready to dive in and support colleagues and the school. As one administrator noted, "[This person] has never said no to a request for help. In the teacher's words, 'they bleed green.' I can't count the number of times I have heard them say 'happy to help however I can to make (fill in the blank) great!'"

This year's recipient is defined by their kindness to all. As a former student said, "They were so kind and enthusiastic! Even for a kid who at baseline was made nervous by the idea of PE, he turned it into a really fun (and yet still super active) experience."

His positivity and grace have clearly been a model to our students who have won the Capital Athletic Conference Sportsmanship Award 8 times in the last 9 years. These qualities also result

in so many of our graduates continuing to athletic success in high school and college...and it means that so many of them return to visit this teacher years after they have graduated.

This year's Love of Teaching Award (and captain's chair) goes to PE Teacher and Director of Athletics, Seamus Brophy!

"Our recipient has a palpable excitement when working with all students from three years old to thirteen or fourteen years old."



## ABOUT THE AWARD

More than a decade ago, a group of parents initiated a conversation with us about ways to honor then-Grade 3 teacher Mark Humphreys' contributions to St. Patrick's. The outcome was that a named fund was created to recognize Mark and thank him for his service to the Day School. This fund, the Love of Teaching Award in Honor of Mark Humphreys, provides a new recipient each year with a stipend to augment that teacher's class instructional program or personal, professional development opportunities during that year.

Each year, we invite nominations of potential honorees for the Love of Teaching Award from members of the faculty and staff for consideration by

the Division Heads, who in turn make a recommendation to the Head of School. To recognize the recipient further, an anonymous donor purchased and donated to the Day School a wooden captain's chair to the Day School with the St. Patrick's logo. The chair is given to the honored educator for the year for use in that individual's classroom or office.

Here are the qualities we set forth for nominees for the Love of Teaching Award:

- a dedication and determination to help each child develop to that child's fullest potential;
- a clear sense of teaching as a craft at which the nominee always strives to get better;
- a determination and willingness to find what works for each student;
- an understanding of the importance of collaboration with colleagues; and,
- the conviction that the best students this individual has ever taught are those currently in that classroom.

We ask faculty and staff who are nominating someone for the Love of Teaching Award to write a brief statement as to how that particular individual displays those qualities.





## The Jeff Keffer Service Award

ASSISTANT HEAD OF SCHOOL FOR EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION ERICA THOMPSON

Each year at this time, we pause to honor and remember Jeff's legacy of selfless and passionate service to St. Patrick's. Jeff's service to others can best be described as creed-full, regularly amplifying our St. Patrick's Creed of Honesty, Responsibility, Kindness, and Respect. I have come to learn that Jeff's lifelong dedication and commitment to helping others was palpable at every turn.

The recipient of this year's Jeff Keffer Service Award goes to someone who knew Jeff personally and who shares many of his remarkable qualities.

Like Jeff, this individual is a wise and deeply grounded human being, with a commitment to doing what is right, good, and just. This individual keeps children's

well-being at the center and clearly loves working in a school.

They have also enriched the lives of fellow educators by presenting at conferences across the country. With an ability to make abstract ideas understandable for all—adults and children—this individual helps people push into big and important conversations in ways that make all parties feel heard. In fact, school leaders from other schools who know of this individual will pick up the phone and call, seeking advice on pressing issues in their classrooms and in their communities.

Perhaps the time this individual spent in the classroom and as an advisor has carried over into their work with adults.

With patience, flexibility, care, and respect for each student they taught, this person is a model for others in how to nurture the kinds of relationships that shape engaged citizens and empathic human beings.

Beyond providing important professional guidance to other educators at workshops and conferences and being an outstanding teacher, this individual has given a tremendous amount of time and care to Episcopal schools. They have served as a board member and volunteer at:

- St. John's Preschool
- The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys; and,
- The Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Schools Association

While this person has given tremendously to others through professional development and volunteer service, they have also given an incredible amount to St. Patrick's in over two decades of service to the Day School. This work has ranged from the aforementioned teaching; to supporting faculty as a sounding board, advocate, and fiercely loyal friend; to advancing our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work by supporting curriculum development, community initiatives, and school culture.

This person:

- often thinks of those experiencing hardships and makes plans to support them through those hard times
- is a bold champion for others
- has perfected the art of interacting with others in a sensitive and effective manner
- Thinks deeply about each child and community member as a child of God

Has family, including her daughter Devin, her parents, and members of her Book Club who have made a surprise visit to the Day School today to celebrate this wonderful moment.

The Jeff Keffer Service Award goes to Assistant Head of School for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Erica Thompson.



## ABOUT JEFF KEFFER

Jeff Keffer was an individual who clearly understood that we must work to make human institutions, relationships, and situations better than they were when we arrived. He had a keen sense of the roles each of us can and should play in this effort as faculty and staff, students, and parents. Rather than expecting those roles to constrain us, though, Jeff seemed to think that a clear, textured understanding of our various roles frees us to be our best selves.

Jeff and Elizabeth Keffer arrived at St. Patrick's in the fall of 1998, nearing a quarter of a century now, when they enrolled their oldest child, May, in the Nursery School. Daughter Abby and son Griffin would follow, and, in time, all three would graduate from St. Patrick's. Along the way, Jeff was

a constant, vital presence. First and foremost, in this place, a superb father to his three children, Jeff was also a gifted, selfless volunteer before, during, and well beyond his years as a Trustee. He brought thoughtfulness and care to his efforts to make St. Patrick's an even better place.

Beginning in 2012, we have endeavored to remember and honor a man, a father, a husband, a volunteer, and a friend who revealed his sense of St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School through a depth of involvement, commitment, energy, and achievement—a life of service to this institution—that will be difficult to equal. We remember and honor, this man by acknowledging a member of the St. Patrick's faculty and staff for that individual's commitment to the Day

School, demonstrated understanding of the community that comprises St. Patrick's, and service to the health and vitality of the institution. Specifically, we honor, in Jeff Keffer's name, a member of the faculty and staff who has demonstrated, over time, that understanding of and commitment to this place, that dedication to the quality of the experience of the young people who animate this place, and that yearning for excellence that shaped Jeff's life in service to St. Patrick's.

On our Foxhall Campus, for which Jeff was a tireless advocate, there is the Jeffrey M. Keffer Memorial Dell. Sitting on the bench in that tranquil place, you can turn and look over your left shoulder to see the Garden & Outdoor Learning Space.



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