SPRINGSIDE CHESTNUT HILL ACADEMY

ANNUAL REPORT



The Annual Report celebrates the commitment of over 2,000 donors who contributed to SCH this year and whose philanthropy helps to shape the school and further its mission. Thank you for giving back to SCH!

GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

SCH Fund: $3,838,549

With over 1,400 donors contributing to The SCH Fund, we surpassed our goal of $2.7M, raising over $3.8M in support of our students and mission. To all of our donors, we thank you for pouring into the SCH community!

THE SCH Fund

$3.8 million

Endowment

$57 million

SCH Day Donors: 1,038
Wissahickon Society Donors: 378
EITC Donors: 103
First Gift Donors: 473
Alumni Giving: $1.3M
The Commons: $5.7M
The Rec: $6.7M

Endowment Total: $56,964,829

The Endowment provides a lasting source of support that helps sustain and strengthen SCH's programs, resources, and education opportunities for future generations. The Endowment saw tremendous growth from last fiscal year with a 6.7% increase.

Stats as of June 2026

Integrity | Courage | Diversity | Thoughtfulness | Resilience

"As parents of three SCH students, making a recurring gift gives us the chance to say thank you in a meaningful way to the award-winning faculty, dedicated students, and the broader SCH community. Since 1861, SCH has been committed to being educational leaders locally, nationally, and abroad. Our gifts help advance the school's mission of inspiring '…unbounded curiosity and independent thought' for years to come. Our family is blessed to be a part of this amazing community, and we welcome the chance to support the long-lasting relationships we have built here.

Erika N. and Reverend Alexander G. Houston P'28, P'30, P'38

Dear SCH Community,



At Springside Chestnut Hill Academy, we believe that strong communities create extraordinary opportunities. The 2025-2026 school year was a powerful example of what can be achieved when vision, generosity, and collective focus come together.

This year marked the successful return of Dr. Steve Druggan as head of school. In his first year back at SCH, Steve brought both continuity and momentum, building upon the school's strengths while advancing a clear vision for the future. His leadership has energized the SCH family and reinforced our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience for every student.

Together, we celebrated milestones that will shape SCH for years to come. We proudly dedicated The Rec Performing Arts Center, creating a vibrant home for creativity, expression, and collaboration. We also witnessed the remarkable success of Down & Derby, our Parents Association's most successful fundraiser to date. The event not only brought our community together in an especially fun way, but also generated critical support for the renovation of the Quad, an investment that will enhance daily life for generations of students.

The strength of SCH was evident across every aspect of school life. Admissions and enrollment continued to grow, reflecting the demand for an SCH education and the confidence families place in our mission. Guided by our talented faculty, students discover their true potential in our classrooms, on our stages, through robotics and chess, on the athletic field, and in their meaningful service to others.

This report highlights the impact of your support through June 2026. It showcases the many ways philanthropy fuels opportunity, strengthens programs, enhances campus spaces, and empowers our students and faculty to thrive. Every gift, every volunteer effort, and every expression of support helps advance the mission of our school.

Thank you for your partnership and belief in SCH. Together, we are building upon a strong foundation and creating an even brighter future for our students and our community.

With deep appreciation,

Patrick Lindsay P'19, P'23
Chair, SCH Board of Trustees

Mission Statement

We are an inclusive community on a mission to inspire unbounded curiosity and independent thought in every one of our students. In a unique educational environment that extends well beyond campus, we nurture students' knowledge of themselves and the world, expanding their full academic and personal potential while preparing them to lead lives characterized by thoughtfulness, integrity, and a quest to effect positive change.

Diversity at SCH

Diversity is a condition of excellence. Embracing a diverse, inclusive community is fundamental to providing the most rigorous, globally competitive education. At SCH, we aim to engage, understand, and celebrate the broad range of human experiences and perspectives. Through our curriculum, professional development, community-centered events, and daily interactions, we are committed to cultivating empathy and inclusion and to nurturing the authentic expression of every individual.

Donor Lists

The Wissahickon Society

The Wissahickon Society recognizes individuals and organizations that make annual leadership contributions of $1,861 or more annually. Members of The Wissahickon Society are essential partners with SCH's dedicated faculty, staff, and administration and share a passion and vision for providing 21st-century education to our students. Associate members of the Society are young alumni (within 15 years of graduation) who give between $250 and $1,861 annually. We sincerely thank the following donors who have generously supported the School and make up the 2025-2026 Wissahickon Society.

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> “We give to SCH because we have seen how deeply the school invests in each child. Supporting SCH is a meaningful way for us to help ensure that more students can benefit from the exceptional education and opportunities our daughters experience every day.
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"I take great pride in being part of the SCH staff and truly value the opportunity to serve as an SCH Fund ambassador this past year. As someone who loves to connect through conversation, I enjoy my time at work each day with my colleagues. Contributing to the school brings a deep sense of personal accomplishment and pride. Ultimately, it is the wonderful community here that inspires me to support SCH.

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Jamie Costarino ’15

“Supporting SCH over the years as a sustainer is my way of showing gratitude for the excellent teachers I was fortunate to have. They not only taught within their discipline, they helped me discover how I learned, which later enabled me to choose a successful career. They were like personal mentors, a role that I believe is only possible in a small school environment. For that, I will be forever grateful, and I’ve given throughout the years to offer that same experience to the SCH students that followed me.

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Campaign for the Commons: A Community Together

This summer marked another exciting milestone in the *Campaign for the Commons* with the transformation of the Quad and the restoration of the historic Wissahickon Inn South-facing façade.

Thanks to the incredible support of the Parents Association Fundraiser, Down & Derby, the redesigned Quad provides an inviting landscape for students, faculty, families, and alumni to gather, celebrate, and learn, while the carefully restored façade honors the architectural character of the school's historic core.

These enhancements strengthen the heart of campus, creating a welcoming front door that bridges SCH's rich history with its bold vision for the future.

SCH is grateful to the many supporters of the Quad and Wissahickon Inn façade.



Learn more about the Campaign for the Commons:

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The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC) programs enable Pennsylvania taxpayers and business owners to support independent schools like SCH by redirecting their tax dollars. This year, our community contributed over $2.9 million in tuition assistance through these programs.

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“As parents and active volunteers at SCH, supporting the community through EITC is an important tool for us to help advance opportunities for children and families within the school.

Julia and Essex Mitchell P’32, P’36, P’39*



Dr. Youngmoo Kim P'26
Engineering the Future of Learning

Few individuals have shaped SCH Academy as profoundly as Dr. Youngmoo Kim P'26. A trustee, mentor, educator, innovator, proud SCH parent, and recipient of the 2026 Corning Pearson '30 Service Award, Kim has devoted his time, intellect, and creativity to helping generations of students imagine—and build—a future filled with possibility.

At Drexel University, Kim is the founding director of both the Expressive and Creative Interaction Technologies (ExCITe) Center and the Music & Entertainment Technology Laboratory (MET-lab). He serves as the university's vice provost for University and Community Partnerships and a professor of electrical and computer engineering. A nationally recognized leader in engineering, music technology, and experiential learning, Kim champions the power of hands-on, interdisciplinary education. His vision helped shape SCH's Sands Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (CEL)—one of SCH's signature programs—while bolstering the school's nationally recognized robotics and engineering initiatives.



Youngmoo Kim, left



Chair of the Engineering and Robotics Department Daniel Jacobs P'30, P'34 described Kim as a person "who stands up first to do what is needed and what is best for the students," inspiring those around him to achieve their best.

Kim's service on SCH's Board of Trustees (2017–2026) was equally transformative. He co-chaired the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Task Force and the CEL Task Force, while also serving on the Head of School Search Committee. In every role, he led with humility, integrity, and a student-first focus.

Former chair of the Engineering and Robotics Department Peter Randall '69 called him "SCH's very own renaissance man."

Whether mentoring SCH's Team 1218, advising students on sound technology, or collaborating with faculty on curriculum, Kim pairs the analytical mind of an engineer with the heart of a mentor. His greatest contribution has not been a single program, initiative, or innovation, but the culture of curiosity, creativity, generosity, and joyful learning he has helped cultivate.

The Parents Association

On May 2, SCH hosted 300+ members of our community for a Kentucky Derby-themed evening of live music, great food, fun games, and an exciting live and silent auction. Thanks to your generous support, it was a wonderful celebration of our community, with over $850,000 raised benefiting the Quad.

Down & Derby raised a record-setting $854,907

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"The energy at Down & Derby was unforgettable! The SCH community and its supporters showed up, making this historic fundraiser an extraordinary celebration of generosity, school spirit, and connection. From the excitement surrounding the running of the Kentucky Derby to the sea of festive hats, colorful dresses, and Derby-inspired attire, everyone fully embraced the theme and helped create an atmosphere unlike any other. The music, live-auction bidding, and enthusiasm made the evening a true highlight of the year. Knowing that, together, we raised more than $850,000 for the new Quad made the celebration even more meaningful. We are deeply honored to have served as chairs of such a memorable event and are incredibly grateful to everyone whose generosity, energy, and support made this remarkable evening possible.

Jennifer Kent-Miller P'29 and Juliet Schweidel P'36





Yolanda Banks P'26
A Catalyst for Community and Philanthropy

Few volunteers bring the energy, enthusiasm, and magnetic spirit that Yolanda Banks P'26 brought to her year as Parents Association (PA) president. A natural ambassador for SCH, Banks inspired parents to become more engaged, connected, and invested in the life of the school. Her optimism was contagious, her passion unmistakable, and her commitment unwavering. Throughout the year, Banks championed the PA's mission of building community, creating opportunities for families to connect through welcoming events, cherished traditions, and meaningful volunteer experiences. Her leadership fostered a spirit of belonging that strengthened the fabric of the entire SCH community.

Banks' most enduring achievement, however, was her extraordinary leadership of Down & Derby, this year's PA fundraiser. Through her tireless advocacy, infectious enthusiasm, and ability to inspire others, she led the most successful PA fundraiser in the history of the school. The evening raised more than $850,000 in support of the new Quad and the south entrance to the Wissahickon Inn—an extraordinary demonstration of what is possible when a community rallies around a shared vision.

Banks understands that philanthropy is ultimately about people. She invited families not simply to make a gift, but to invest in a school that has become an essential part of their lives and in a campus that will serve generations of students to come. Her leadership inspired countless parents to participate, volunteer, and give generously.

As Banks completes her term as PA president, SCH celebrates her lasting impact. Her joyful spirit, boundless energy, and gift for bringing people together have left an indelible mark on our community. We are deeply grateful for her inspiring leadership and remarkable legacy.

Yolanda Banks and Ayana Banks '26



Tucker Moodey ’81
CHA, SCH, and the Power of Place

When Tucker Moodey ’81 returned to the SCH campus for his 45th reunion, he came back not only to reconnect with classmates, but to reflect on the enduring meaning of the place that helped shape him and launch him into adulthood.

For Moodey, the SCH campus represents something larger than his memories. It is a crossroads of past and future, tradition and transformation, individual experience and collective commitment to the very best education. Walking the 62-acre campus during Alumni Weekend, he was struck by how much has changed, and by how much continues to feel deeply familiar.

“The transformation of the campus is remarkable. From new learning spaces to connected gathering places, the evolution of SCH reflects a school that’s on the move. It’s growing, adapting, innovating and investing in new ways to deliver student success. Yet, despite all the physical improvements, walking the halls I still felt grounded in the spirit and tradition of CHA and Springside that’s honored and carried forward by the faculty, alumni, parents, and students,” Moodey said.

What matters most to Moodey is the way SCH brings people together. Alumni return with their own histories, but they also encounter a school that is larger than any one era or graduating class. “SCH is a place that creates an ever-expanding lifelong community,” he said. “The school warmly welcomes us in. It’s up to each of us to participate.”

That spirit was evident throughout his 45th reunion: classmates reconnecting, stories resurfacing, and alumni seeing firsthand how the school continues to prepare young people for lives of purpose and impact. For Moodey, Alumni Weekend was a reminder that the campus is more than a beautiful setting. It is a living intersection of relationships, opportunity, and belonging.

As SCH looks ahead, alumni like Moodey help carry forward the best of its history, its sense of community, its belief in the power of education, and its understanding that a school becomes stronger when generations remain connected to one another.

For Moodey, coming back was not simply a nostalgic return. It was a chance to stand at the crossroads of West Willow Grove Ave. and Cherokee Street once again and see the exciting future of educational excellence ahead.



Tucker Moodey '81, far left

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Rachael Silva P'27, P'31
Lead, Serve, Inspire

"The experiences, opportunities, and sense of belonging SCH provides are truly special.

Over the past 14 years, Rachael Silva P'27, P'31 has watched SCH grow alongside her two children, Mila and Manny. From their earliest days stepping onto campus to the milestone moments that define an SCH education, the Silva family's journey has been deeply intertwined with the life of the school. Along the way, Silva has not just observed our community thrive; she has been one of the driving forces behind it.

A vibrant parent volunteer and steadfast community leader, Silva has worn every hat imaginable at SCH. Whether serving as a Lower School class parent, coordinating faculty and staff appreciation initiatives, or organizing school-wide celebrations, her presence is felt across every corner of campus. As a past chair of the school's largest annual fundraising event and a former Parents Association president, Silva leads with an authentic combination of enthusiasm and generosity, inspiring fellow parents to dive in and get involved in the life of the school.

With her oldest child set to graduate in 2027, Silva has found herself reflecting on what SCH has meant to her family over the last decade and a half. For her, giving back as a donor was a natural extension of her hands-on volunteer work—grounded in the conviction that philanthropic support directly enriches the student experience every day.

"Supporting SCH as a donor is important to me because I've seen firsthand the impact a strong community and philanthropy can have," Silva said. "The experiences, opportunities, and sense of belonging SCH provides are truly special."

Giving to the school, she notes, is ultimately about honoring the past while investing in the future. Knowing her contributions ensure future generations of students and families will thrive in the same nurturing environment that shaped Mila and Manny is her ultimate reward—a lasting legacy for the community her family has called home for 14 extraordinary years.



Rachael Silva, far left

Frank DeTorro H’26
Selfless Service and Enduring Devotion

Frank DeTorro H’26 embodies the true spirit of SCH. While his official title places him on the facilities and maintenance team, anyone who has spent time on campus knows that his contributions extend far beyond the formal responsibilities of his role.

Like Charles Landreth ’29—whose extraordinary devotion to CHA as business manager, archivist, mentor, and trusted friend inspired the Landreth Award—DeTorro has become an indispensable presence in the life of the school. Whether welcoming prospective families with a warm smile, guiding alumni during Alumni Weekend, delivering a favorite treat to brighten a colleague’s day, or tackling an unexpected challenge with ingenuity and grace, DeTorro approaches every task with pride and unwavering commitment to the community.

A gifted problem solver who brings people together, DeTorro is equally at home responding to daily campus operations as he is lending hands-on expertise to complex capital projects. His willingness to do whatever is needed—always with humility and good humor—has earned him the deep admiration of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and parents alike.

A recipient of the 2022 Landreth Award, 2026 staff chair of The SCH Fund, and an inducted member of the Honorary Alumni Class of 2026, DeTorro exemplifies the selfless service that defines the best of SCH. Like Charles Landreth before him, DeTorro reminds us that some of our greatest leaders are those whose influence is measured not by title, but by the countless lives they touch every day.

Frank DeTorro, second from left



For the LOVE of the Game

The SCH Academy baseball community came together last fall to celebrate a proud tradition, invest in the future of Blue Devils baseball, and honor the lasting legacy of Coach Mike Brown ’00, P’30, P’31.

Through *For the LOVE of the Game*, families, alumni, and friends contributed approximately $200,000 in support of SCH baseball. This generosity has helped advance improvements to Corning Pearson ’30 Field and established the Michael C. Brown ’00 Fund for SCH baseball, an endowed fund that will provide ongoing resources to strengthen the program for generations to come.

The effort honors Mike Brown, a mentor, leader, and lifelong Blue Devil whose impact reaches far beyond the diamond. His love for SCH, commitment to his players, and belief in the power of the baseball program inspired a community to invest in both today’s student-athletes and the future of a program that has been a source of pride and success at SCH for more than two decades.

The work to enhance Corning Pearson ’30 Field continues, but this year’s support represents an important investment in its future and in the student-athletes who call it home. We are grateful to the many members of the SCH baseball family whose generosity is helping ensure that Blue Devils baseball continues to build on its proud tradition.

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Tom Lynch ’87
Giving Back to the Place That Shaped Him

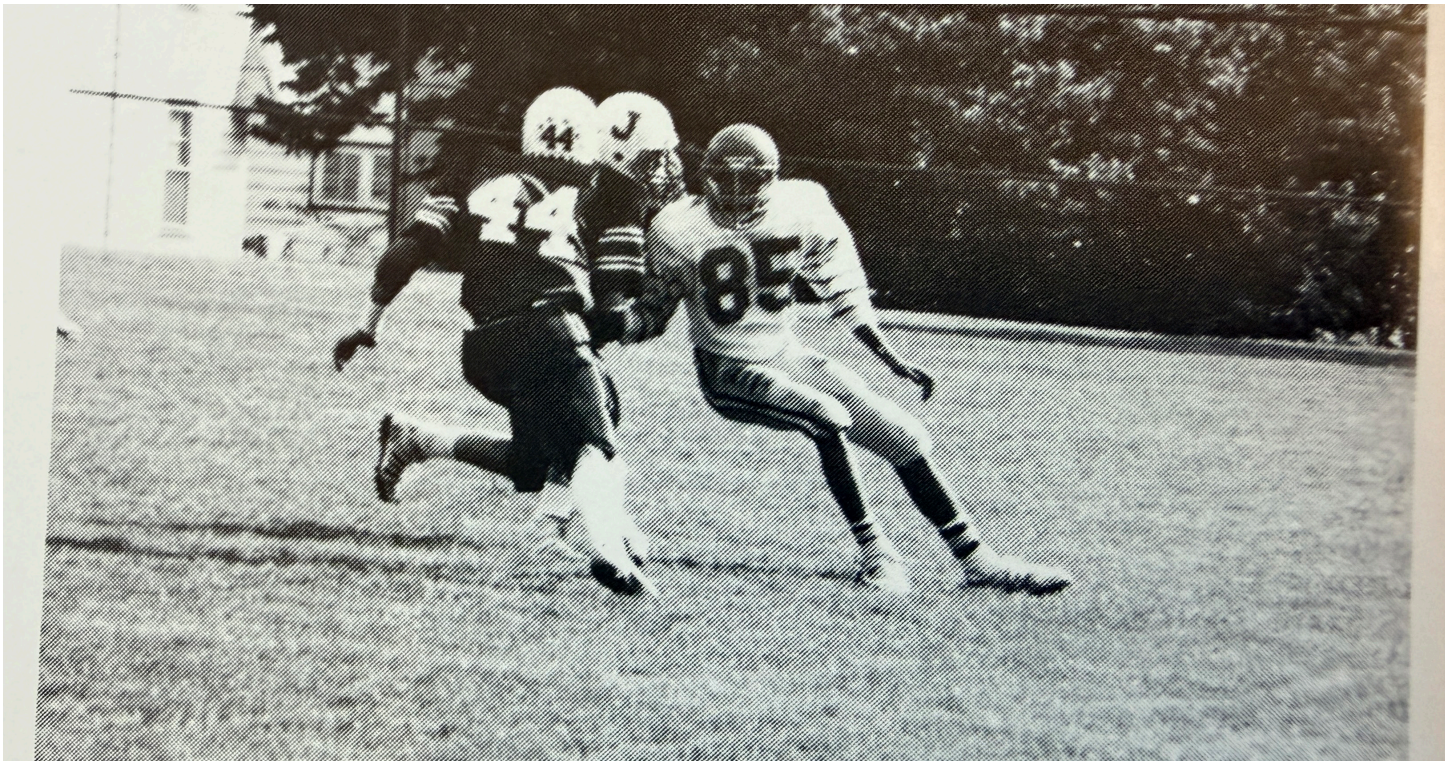
When Tom Lynch ’87 first walked through the doors of CHA’s Lower School in the late 1970s alongside his brother, Scott ’90, he developed an early appreciation for the value of education—no surprise for a kid born to two lifelong educators. “There are many charities and institutions where you can donate money; however, I believe SCH should be at the top of your list,” said Lynch. “SCH has made a big impact on all of us. Many of us have made lifelong friends there and even continue to stay in contact with former teachers and administrators. We should all want the same for current and future students.”

At CHA, Lynch was a standout multi-sport athlete in football, basketball, and track. In his senior year, he co-captained the track team to a school record in the 400M dash, earned Independence Football League all-league honors, and received a Markward Award honorable mention. After graduating, he earned his bachelor’s from the University of Virginia (1992) and an MBA from Ohio State University (1999). Today, he is the vice president of Value Advisory for SAP America, where he has worked for nearly 23 years.

Lynch has always stayed connected to CHA, from participating in career days in the early 2000s to stepping into major leadership roles in September 2025. That year, he joined the Alumni Association Board, The Wissahickon Society, and the Leadership Fund Committee, where he now drives support for the Annual Fund, leadership giving, the EITC program, and SCH Day.

You’ll still find Lynch on campus cheering on the Blue Devils and tracking Inter-Ac standings across football, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. Beyond sports, he is a dedicated reader of dystopian fiction and a passionate arts enthusiast who frequents jazz concerts, plays, and museums—a lifelong appreciation he credits to CHA. That creative spark lives on in his children: his daughter is a dancer, and his son is a singer and saxophonist.

It all comes full circle this year as Lynch looks forward to celebrating a major milestone: his 40th CHA reunion.



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Ralph Hirshorn ’56
A Lifetime of Community and Cinema



Ralph Hirshorn '56 and Marjorie Hirshorn

For nearly seven decades, Ralph Hirshorn ’56 has exemplified what it means to remain actively engaged with the SCH community. As a member of the CHA Class of 1956, he has faithfully served as class reunion agent, keeping classmates and their spouses connected through thoughtful outreach, warm hospitality, and an unmistakable sense of humor. Long before the 2010 merger, Hirshorn was ahead of his time: he routinely co-hosted reunion gatherings for both the Springside and CHA classes of 1956. Combining the two classes came naturally to him—well before joint reunions became school tradition. His enthusiasm has turned every gathering into a celebration, strengthening lifelong bonds among the women and men of both classes.

Together with his wife, Natalie, Hirshorn has graciously welcomed alumni and friends into their home for decades. A highlight of every reunion is an evening hosted by the Hirshorns, where classmates gather in their home theater for a film and a shared meal. This cherished tradition celebrates not only Hirshorn’s lifelong passion for cinema but also the warmth and camaraderie that define his class.

A dedicated cinephile, Hirshorn founded the Chestnut Hill Film Group more than 50 years ago. Its popular “Tuesday Night at the Movies” series, which originally met at the Chestnut Hill Public Library, now gathers at the Woodmere Art Museum every Tuesday from September through May. Beyond organizing screenings, Hirshorn has mentored emerging talent across generations. His influence is reflected in his relationship with alumnus Ned Nalle ’72, who built a successful career in Hollywood, as well as his neighbor Robert Hass ’16. Hirshorn nurtured Hass’s early passion for film; today, Hass is a sought-after editor following his graduation from the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts. Their shared love of storytelling exemplifies the intergenerational connections that make the SCH community unique.

Hirshorn’s unwavering commitment to his classmates, generosity of spirit, and gift for bringing people together continue to enrich both SCH Academy and the broader Chestnut Hill community. SCH remains deeply grateful for his decades of volunteer leadership and steadfast support.

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Thank you friends,

As you read through this Annual Report, you will see much to celebrate. The generosity of the SCH community continues to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of our students and faculty and in the strength of our school.

Behind so many of the successes highlighted in these pages is another story—one that deserves our recognition and gratitude—it is the story of the many volunteers who give their time, energy, ideas, and relationships to advance SCH.

As chair of the Board's Development Committee, I have had the privilege of seeing this commitment firsthand. Our fundraising efforts are strengthened by an extraordinary network of alumni, parents, former parents, grandparents, trustees, and friends who serve on committees, reach out to members of our community, organize reunions and events, make introductions, encourage participation, and help others understand why supporting SCH matters.

Their work is often done quietly and behind the scenes, but its impact is reflected throughout this report. To the many volunteers whose efforts helped make the accomplishments in this Annual Report possible: thank you. The Board of Trustees and the entire SCH community are deeply grateful for the many ways you champion our school.

The strength of SCH has always rested in its community. It is an honor to work alongside so many people who believe deeply in this school and are willing to help secure its future.

With gratitude,
Edward J. McDevitt III '93*
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