



Greensboro
Montessori
School

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We nurture children to be creative, eager learners as they discover their full potential and become responsible, global citizens.

NEW ADVENTURES

The benefit of any moment at Greensboro Montessori School — whether an especially challenging lesson in the classroom or a hug from a friend on the playground — is our students' ability to fold that moment into a greater collection of experiences in preparation for adventures they've yet to live. On June 7, 2018, we celebrated all 243 of our students who have embarked on new adventures this fall in the 2018-19 school year. 76 ceremoniously “moved up,” joining students and teachers in the next division of their Montessori journey, and 17 eighth- and ninth-grade students graduated, becoming the newest members of our alumni community.

EIGHTH GRADE

Ivy Azzarita	<i>Walter Hines Page High School</i>
Mason Bouska	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
Robert “Robbie” Cook	<i>Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts</i>
Garrett Jackson	<i>Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts</i>
Kaitlyn Karmilowicz	<i>Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts</i>
Quetzal Kuppinger	<i>Atkins Academic & Tech High School</i>
Thomas “Tommy” Miller	<i>STEM Center at Davie County High School</i>
Hayley Richardson	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
Jolie Santana	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
Lucas Selvey	<i>Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts</i>
Mira Sowinski	<i>Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts</i>
James Wagoner	<i>Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts</i>
Ada Walker	<i>UNC School of the Arts</i>
Evan Yntema	<i>Northern Guilford High School</i>

NINTH GRADE

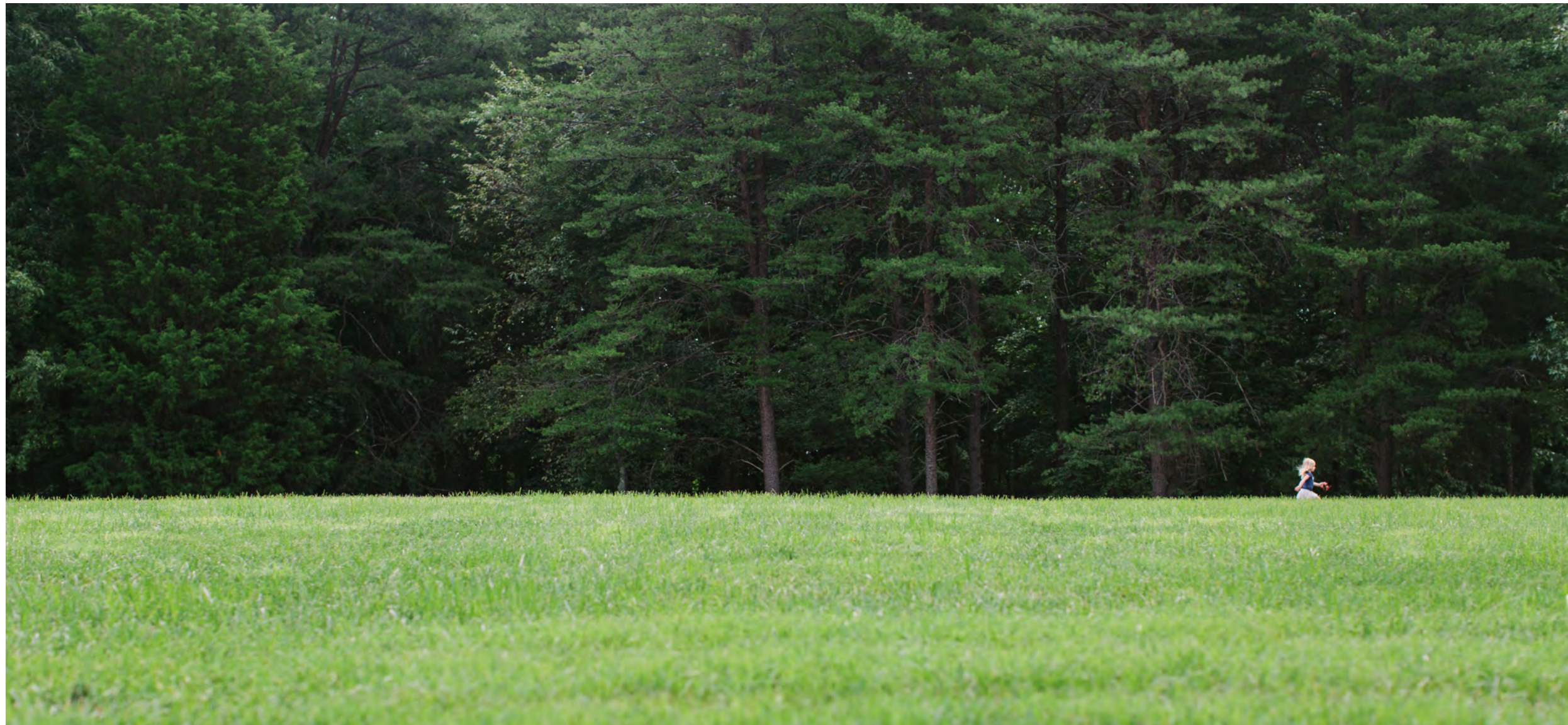
Theo Fenske	<i>New Garden Friends School</i>
Owen Jacobs	<i>Northern Guilford High School</i>
Alex Kotis	<i>Greensboro Day School</i>



MOVING UP CEREMONY

Morning of June 7, 2018





THE FUND FOR GMS

Since 1974, Greensboro Montessori School has thrived from generations of family partnership and financial support. Through annual funds, capital campaigns, and community events, families have built the School from one Primary classroom of 12 children to a bustling 10-acre campus serving more than 240 toddlers to teens. During the 2017-18 school year, we expanded upon this rich tradition of giving and launched The Fund for GMS, an annual initiative to fund strategic imperatives for the School, while also fueling individual classroom needs. Each year, the chosen strategic imperative is a unique capital expenditure which enhances and augments the School's authentic Montessori program. Classroom grants follow a formal grant process and are chosen by a grant committee featuring students, teachers, and administrators.

70 IN 70

The inaugural goal for The Fund for GMS was to raise \$70,000 in 70 days. The community exceeded this goal, contributing over \$78,000. The School immediately leveraged this generosity to transform our Primary classrooms over winter break. Through this strategic investment, we improved classroom aesthetics and design — key components in any Montessori learning environment, since beauty and simplicity are what draw our students' interest into their purposeful work. The classroom transformations included new furniture specifically designed for 3- to 6-year-olds, new carpet and wood-grain vinyl tiling, new countertops at every sink, and enhancements to the Primary permaculture garden. We also funded 10 classroom grants focused on technology, curricular enrichment, and outdoor play.

\$5,000 AND ABOVE

Stephanie & Chris Cordisco*
Beth & John King
Gina & Andrew Pruette

\$2,500 TO \$4,999

Asheley & Marty Kotis*
Joan Tao*

\$1,000 TO \$2,499

Alicia & David Bouska*
Ruth & Richard Crone
Sandi & Lamont Fields
Lara & Roger Kingsborough
Carter & Bill Leinster*
Angela & Chris Mattern
Ann Morris
Emily & Adam Mullen
Jessica & Kevin Navarro
Virginia & Richard Navarro
Jennifer & Jonathan Nikouyeh
Judy & Brian Page
Courtney & Whit Pierce*
Carol Ries
Rebecca & Eric Sheridan
Katherine & Mike Weaver
Letitia & Jason Webster*
Meg & Tim Whelan
Catherine & Colin Wolfe

\$500 TO \$999

Kathy & Daniel Craft
Payal & Abhiroop Dutta
Bill Golden
Nancy Golden
Florence Hénon & Patrice Paré*
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Deepa & Satya Nayak
David Priestley
Eugenia & David Pruette
Richard Roberts
Anna & Craig Taylor*
Jacqueline & Boris van Lier
Kelly & Michael Wainscott
Julie Williams

\$250 TO \$499

Susan & Frank Azzarita
Elizabeth & Ben Barbee
Paula & Haney Camp
Carrie Cotter
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Brent Moore*
Claire & Rocky King
Cynthia Snider & Matt Wong
Susan Turner & Bahram Kiani

\$100 TO \$249

Heather Benson
(in memory of John F. Olson)
Evelyn Bitar
Jennifer & Nathan Boozer
Susie Brigman
Amy & Kevin Campos
Kris & Tony Clark
Fiona Farrell
Kristin & David Gile
Sana & Ihtsham Haq
Karen & Bill Howland
Corinne & Kevin Jones
Kara Kelchner-Strong & Ray Strong
Karen & Dan Kelly
Susan & Steve Kroll-Smith
Shirley & Jason Landry
Luci & Primo Molinari
Mrunalini Ranganathan & Balaji Desai*
Judi & John Russell
Kevin Rooney
Susan Siegel*
May Toms
Ashley & Jason Voss
Conny Waltemath & Cameron Walker
Abby & Meade Willis
Cindy & Daniel Webb

UP TO \$99

Anonymous (2)
Lois & Eddie Alberty
William Alexander
Stacey Bailey & Emily West
Heather & Paul Benson
Chuck Boyle
Jillian Brevorka & Michael Wells
Kelly & Brian Chisholm
Ashley Daniels
Skye & Will Dodson
Alyssa & Rich Farrell
Albert Fernandez
Laura & Jesús Gonzalez
Elizabeth Marcus
Rachel & Kyle Jacobs
Bethany & Jeremy Kuenzi
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Paola la Zazzera & Paolo Castano
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Kelly Swanson
Cali & Danny Thurmond
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Kula Foundation
Reynolds American Foundation
William A. Stern Foundation

**100% of the 2017-18 board of trustees participated in The Fund for GMS. Additionally, 100% of faculty and staff — who are not individually acknowledged above — also participated and, as a group, contributed more than \$8,500 to the campaign.*





70 IN 70 GRANTS

FEATURED GRANT: MARIA'S MARKET

A grant from The Fund for GMS led to a permanent home for Maria's Market. Through their careers program, Junior High students operate a micro-economy, which includes finance; management (student council), farming; culinary arts (restaurant); research, design and production; and publishing (yearbook). Farming, more casually called the "farm team," features students learning more about careers in agriculture, foodways, environmental science, and hospitality. Their weekly work includes harvesting produce and eggs which they sell to their peers in the "restaurant team." Through a venture called Maria's Market, they also sell their organic food to the community.

Together, with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, the School celebrated the grand opening of Maria's Market on Friday, May 18, 2018. Students, alumni, faculty, parents, guests, and Chamber leadership gathered to celebrate the extraordinary entrepreneurship of our students. The wet afternoon was a profound and memorable backdrop for the launch of our newest student-led business.

OTHER TRANSFORMATIVE GRANTS

The Fund for GMS supported nine additional grants focused on technology, curricular enrichment, and outdoor play. Technology grants included the purchase and installation of state-of-the-art projection systems throughout Junior High, six high-definition dissecting microscopes, and a division-wide technology upgrade in Lower Elementary. Curricular enrichment grants funded a professional hanging system for art exhibits and enhancements to three of our permaculture gardens. To support outdoor play in the Upper School, we invested grant dollars in a new gaga ball pit and two new soccer goals. To support outdoor exploration for our youngest students, we added wooden edging around the Toddler sandbox and added a second shade structure in the Toddler playground.





GREEN & WHITE BASH



On Saturday, March 17, 2018, Greensboro Montessori School welcomed 120 guests at the Green & White Bash, our annual auction. Through close collaboration with the Proximity Hotel, we hosted a sustainable, eco-friendly event, and true to our experiential education model, students ages 5 to 15 were involved in the process. Younger students helped make 300 crepe paper dogwood blooms, while older students delivered food waste from the event to Guilford College's composting facility. In another new tradition for the School, net proceeds from the Green & White Bash supported the most important people in our community: our students and their teachers.

HOST & UNDERWRITING PARTNER
Proximity Hotel

DINNER SPONSOR
Olmsted Orthodontics

PERSONAL SPONSORS
Diane & Kyle Cabbell

**GREEN & WHITE BASH
PARTICIPANTS**

\$1,000 AND ABOVE

Alicia & David Bouska A, ET, FT, WW
 Kelly & Brian Chisholm A, ET
 Jillian & Damon Crone A, ET, FT, WW

\$500 TO \$999

Lois & Eddie Alberty A, ET
 Diane & Kyle Cabbell A, ET, FT
 Sophia & Joe Comick A, ET, WW
 Stephanie & Chris Cordisco ET, FT
 Leigh Anna & Jason Gilet A, ET
 Nancy Hofer A, ET
 Katie & Matt Jones A, ET
 Karen & Dan Kelly A, ET, WW
 Jessica & Kevin Navarro A, ET, WW
 Jennifer & Jonathan Nikouyeh A, ET, WW
 Jacqueline & Boris van Lier ET, WW
 Rebecca & Eric Sheridan A, ET, FT, WW
 Kelly & Michael Wainscott A, ET

\$250 TO \$499

Susan & Frank Azzarita ET, FT, WW
 Andi Bogan A, ET
 Jennifer & Nathan Boozer A, ET
 Suzi Cook A, ET
 Ben Czajkowski A, ET, WW
 Heather Czajkowski A
 Rhea Egbert A, ET
 Wendy & Keith Gatlin A, ET, FT
 Kara Kelchner-Strong & Ray Strong A, ET, WW
 Sana & Ihtsham Haq A, ET
 Dorrette & Wesley Ibazebo A
 Rachel & Kyle Jacobs A, ET, WW
 Tessa & McNeil Kirkpatrick A
 Susan & Steve Lambert ET, FT
 Caline & Matthew Olmsted A, ET, WW
 Courtney & Whit Pierce A, ET, WW
 Tracey Rapp & Michael Karmilowicz ET, FT
 Chris Santana A
 Cynthia Snider & Matt Wong ET, FT
 Letitia & Jason Webster A, FT
 Meg & Tim Whelan ET, FT, WW
 Catherine & Colin Wolfe A, ET

\$100 TO \$249

Anonymous WW
 John Archambault ET
 Paola la Zazzera & Paolo Castano ET, FT, WW
 Amy & Kevin Campos ET
 Stacy & Jamie Cosson ET, WW
 JoAnn Currie FT
 Sophia Dubrovsky & Alex Trestman ET, WW
 Catherine Froelich A, ET
 Heather Goggin ET
 John Gudat A
 Florence Hénon & Patrice Paré FT
 Jennifer Jellicorse ET
 Tiffany & Chad Jones ET
 Brooke & Jason Juneau ET
 Gail & Bill Keefe A, ET
 Lisa & André Keil ET
 Beth & John King FT
 Jill & Bill Kulbe A
 Nicole & Billy Lyerly ET
 Kristen & Neil MacKenzie ET
 Angela & Chris Mattern FT
 Maria Melanathy ET
 Angela Molloy A
 Erica Molloy A
 Michelle Morgan ET
 Emily & Adam Mullen FT
 Anica Pohlen ET
 Eugenia & David Pruette A
 Gina & Andrew Pruette ET
 Mrunalini Ranganathan & Balaji Desai A, FT
 Joan Tao ET
 Marcela Tejada ET
 Dean & Lauren Stern ET
 Matt Swanson A
 Ashley & Jason Voss FT
 Amy Wagoner ET
 Conny Waltemath & Cameron Walker A, FT
 Julie Williams FT

UP TO \$99

Jillian Brevorka and Michael Wells WW
 Kris and Tony Clark A
 Ruth and Richard Crone A
 Melissa Driza A
 Fiona Farrell A
 Sandi and Lamont Fields WW
 Kat and Noah Hock A
 Corinne and Kevin Jones WW
 Sandra Lee A
 Katie and Jeffrey Page A
 Katie Parsells A
 Lauren and Josh Riehle A

A = Auction
 ET = Event Ticket
 FT = Faculty Ticket
 WW = Wish Wall



**GREEN & WHITE BASH
SILENT AUCTION DONORS**

BUSINESSES

1618 Concepts
Aqua Salon & Spa
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Blue Denim
BRAVO! Cucina Italiana
Buckhead Betties
Chipotle
Crafted
Creative Snacks Co.
Dance Project
di'lishi frozen yogurt bar
Fishbones
Feeney's Frozen Yogurt Bar
First National Bank
Five Guys
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar
French Broad Adventures
Ghassan's Fresh Mediterranean Eats
GIA: Drink. Eat. Listen
Grinz Orthodontics
Green Valley Grill
Greensboro Country Club
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Hops Burger Bar
Jason's Deli
KickBack Jacks
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Little Brother Brewing
M'Coul's Public House
Maxie B's
McAlister's Deli
Mellow Mushroom
Melt Kitchen & Bar
MJ's Restaurant and Catering
Neese's Country Sausage
O.Henry Hotel
Panera Bread
Papa Murphy's
Polliwogs
Priestley Management Company
Proximity Hotel
RED Cinemas
Rio Grande Mexican Kitchen
Rody's Tavern
Salsaritas Fresh Mexican Grill

Scrambled Southern Diner
Sky Zone Trampoline Park
Starbucks
Starmount Forest Country Club
Sticks & Stones
Super Nails
The Animal Hospital at Lake Brandt
The Little Gym
Toys & Co.
Triad Business Journal
Tripps Restaurants
Tropical Smoothie Café
U.S. National Whitewater Center
Village Tavern
Wyndham Championship
YMCA Camp Weaver

INDIVIDUALS

Anonymous
Carol Benson
Betsy Bevan
Caitlin Brennan
Mackie Chandler
Danielle Chiasson
Laurie Cole
Jillian Crone
Catherine Froelich
Heather Goggin
Tom Guerrieri
Mary Jacobson
Sarah Keith
Charlene McKee
Katie Péraudeau
Courtney Pierce
Mrunalini Ranganathan
Lauren Riehle
Baxter Smelzer
Joey Wall
Sam Young

STUDENTS

In following school tradition, all classrooms, including our CASA learning communities, created and donated unique pieces of art to the annual auction. Together, these 13 auction items raised almost \$1,500 for the School. Most importantly, every student on campus authentically expressed themselves and contributed to their community.





THE FUTURE

“The child is both a hope and a promise for [hu]mankind.”
— Dr. Maria Montessori

As our students progress through their journey with Greensboro Montessori School — and embark on new adventures of their own — we get a glimpse of our shared future. A world of thoughtful innovators, purpose-filled leaders, perceptive problem solvers, and responsible community members who gracefully meet the unknown challenges and careers of tomorrow. Our students are both a hope and a promise for the future. And we are very fortunate to have two named endowments committed to this promise.

MARGARET DUTTON STEVENS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

This Endowment was established in 2010 by the Stevens family. The Endowment seeks to ensure and enhance funding for the School’s environmental programs: permaculture gardening on the main campus in Greensboro and The Land program on the second campus in Oak Ridge. From the first day walking on The Land, Bill and Margaret Stevens felt called to cherish, share, and preserve the 37-acre forest. The Land program takes up this vision, and the Endowment ensures its future.

On May 30, 2018, the School celebrated Bill and the Stevens family during its annual Community Dinner at The Land. Photos from the event, including one of Bill surrounded by Greensboro Montessori School students and alumni, are pictured to the left.

SCOTT W. PATTERSON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

This Endowment was established in 2005 by Scott Patterson’s parents for the purpose of providing scholarships for students. Scholarships are typically awarded anonymously to eligible Junior High students and follow the recipients through graduation. When a scholarship recipient graduates, the scholarship is awarded to another eligible student as chosen by the head of school, director of admission, and Upper School faculty.

Since inception, eight students have attended and graduated from Greensboro Montessori School supported by this Endowment. 2017-18 welcomed the 13th year and the ninth recipient of the Scott W. Patterson Memorial Endowment Scholarship.



2017-18 ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Rhea & Andrew Egbert, *Margaret Dutton Stevens Environmental Education Endowment*
Tina Patterson, *Scott W. Patterson Memorial Endowment*

To learn more about contributing to Greensboro Montessori School’s named endowments, contact the School at 336-668-0119 or email gms@gms.org.



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COLLEGE BOUND

Greensboro Montessori School's Class of 2014 (pictured above in 2014) is off to college! One class member is a sophomore at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada and another is the recipient of the Nathan Hunt Scholarship, equal to four years' tuition, at Guilford College. Other universities that have welcomed our alums include Elon University, James Madison University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and the University of Richmond.