



**Greensboro
Montessori
School**

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MISSION STATEMENT

We nurture and challenge students to develop the skills and courage they need to unleash their full potential.

VISION STATEMENT

To provide the best personalized and hands-on educational experience for our students — one that empowers them to positively impact the world.

UNLEASHING OUR POTENTIAL

The Montessori journey is all about unleashing our full potential, whether we are just starting in Toddler, moving on to high school, or pursuing lifelong learning as adults. While this work is never complete, we are always seeking to find and unveil the next layer of potential that lives within each of us. And it is important to acknowledge our accomplishments along the way, which is what we did June 6, 2019. That morning, at our annual Moving Up Ceremony, we recognized 87 students who would “move up” to the next division of our School in the 2019-20 school year and our 14 graduates who would begin high school. Later in the day, we formally celebrated and said goodbye to the Class of 2019 at Graduation.

EIGHTH GRADE

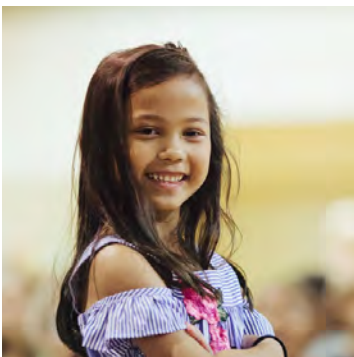
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Andrew Gates	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
Cole Harper	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
Benjamin Keil	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
Alexander “A.J.” King	<i>Greensboro Day School</i>
Lola McLean	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
Matthew “Matt” Scheib	<i>Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts</i>
Luke Smelzer	<i>Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts</i>
Ethan Tomlinson	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
David Wainscott	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
Aidan Warrick	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
Joshua Wolters	<i>Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts</i>

NINTH GRADE

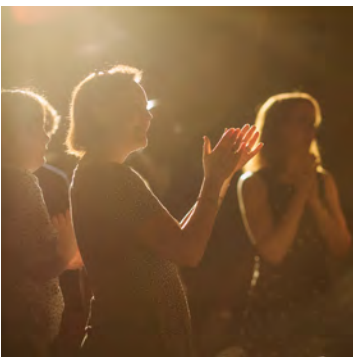
Olivia Mitchell	<i>Grimsley Senior High School</i>
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MOVING UP CEREMONY
Morning of June 6, 2019



GRADUATION
Evening of June 6, 2019





THE FUND FOR GMS

The Fund for GMS is 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. In 2018-19, we had the opportunity to replace our 19-year-old school bus with not one, but two multi-function school activity buses. We also funded 19 classroom needs which followed a formal grant process and were chosen by a grant committee including students, teachers, and administrators.



WE LEARN EVERYWHERE

On November 5, 2018, we launched We Learn Everywhere with the intention of raising \$100,000 by December 31, 2018. Our community of students, current and alumni families, current and former teammates, local businesses, foundations, and friends of the School gave generously, contributing \$111,730 to The Fund for GMS. On May 8, 2019, we welcomed two new buses to our transportation fleet (which also includes a truck and trailer), giving our students and families unprecedented opportunities to learn everywhere. Our new buses provide safe, comfortable, and reliable transportation for up to 50 students to a single destination, or two different groups can go off campus at the same time. The buses also include built-in five-point harnesses, so even our youngest Primary students can easily go where the learning is.



NAME A BUS \$10,000 AND ABOVE

Anonymous (2)

BUILD AN AXEL \$5,000 TO \$9,999

Gina & Andrew Pruette

ROLL WITH A WHEEL \$2,500 TO \$4,999

Eva & Wes Atkinson
Sandi & Lamont Fields
Angela & Chris Mattern
Joan Tao*
Kelly & Michael Wainscott
Meg & Tim Whelan

GIVE A SEAT \$1,000 TO \$2,499

Tracy & Joe Adams
Alicia & David Bouska*
Carrie & Kris Cotter*
Kathy & Daniel Craft
Ruth & Richard Crone
Corinne & Kevin Jones*
Sarah Keith & Chris Blackburn
Lara & Roger Kingsborough
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Virginia & Richard Navarro
Jennifer & Jonathan Nikouyeh
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Tracey Rapp & Michael Karmilowicz
Rebecca & Eric Sheridan
Cynthia Snider & Matthew Wong
Ann Morris & Mark Sutter
Courtney & Whit Pierce*
Nicole & Calder Preyer
Kathy & Samuel Richardson
Carol Ries
Jacqueline & Boris van Lier
Katherine & Michael Weaver
Catherine & Colin Wolfe
Kristen & Brady Yntema

HELP WITH ANNUAL SERVICE \$500 TO \$999

Diane & Kyle Cabbell
Stephanie & Chris Cordisco*
Payal & Abhiroop Dutta
Flory Hénon & Patrice Paré*
Barbara & Harold Keen
Karen & Dan Kelly
Claire & Rocky King

Naomi Leslie & Brian Hogan
Serenna Linnell & David Priestley
Deepa & Satya Nayak
Eugenia & David Pruette
Conny Waltemath & Cameron Walker
Letitia and Jason Webster*

SPOT US AN OIL CHANGE \$250 TO \$499

Heather & Paul Benson
Kelly & Brian Chisholm
Robin Davis
Alyssa & Rich Farrell
Lisa & André Keil*
Arielle & Adam Kerr
Paola la Zazzera & Paolo Castano
Sayuri & Keisuke Masuda
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Balaji Desai
Marty Overman
Cindy & Daniel Webb
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Christy & Robin Yaun

FILL OUR TANK \$100 TO \$249

Arwa Al-Azzam & Osama Khreis
Jennifer & Nathan Boozer
Sophie & Joe Comick
Michelle Cowan & Mike Guenther
Susan & Douglas Fritz
Kristin & David Gile
Kate Goehring
Nancy Golden
Bill Gurling
Sana & Ihtsham Haq
Karen Howland
(in honor of Morgan & Bo Howland)
Jaimie & Christopher Lunsford
Kara Mullen
Kathleen Palma
Tiffany & Joseph Sblendorio
Susan Siegel*
Matthew Swanson
Nao & Hideaki Takahashi
Cynthia & Franco van Laar
Abby & Meade Willis*
Karen & Gary Yntema

SNACKS FOR THE ROAD UP TO \$99

Suzi & Rob Cook
Kristy Cotter
Sarah & Brent Gates
Alexander Gefter
Jennifer & Michael Goff
Danita Jones
Elizabeth & David Harcus
Cat & Noah Hock
Liz Howard
Carey & Ross Hullinger
Rachel & Kyle Jacobs
Bethany & Jeremy Kuenzi
Mindy Ledwell-Maier
Lilian Levyi & Tahl Zimmerman
Karen Maier
Gayle & Patrick Manahan
Stacey & Mack Matsuoka
Caline & Matthew Olmsted
Karen & Jason Phillips
Molly Reyna
Anndrea Risen
Jen & Chris Scheib
Kelly Manahan Swanson
Anna & Craig Taylor
Donna Dinkin & Sylvester Taylor
May Toms
Katherine Willis

CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS

Big Rock Construction LLC
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Irossetnom *(Greensboro Montessori
School's Junior High Micro-economy)*
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Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts
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Vulcan Materials Company
William A. Stern Foundation

**100% of the 2018-19 board of trustees participated in The Fund for GMS. Additionally, 93% of faculty and staff — who are not individually acknowledged above — also participated and, as a group, contributed \$9,237 to the campaign.*



THE LAND

Since 2004, Greensboro Montessori School has taken outdoor learning adventures on a beautiful, 37-acre wooded tract of land in Oak Ridge, which the School affectionately calls The Land. 27 acres of the tract, including a creek that deposits into the Haw River Watershed, are protected by the Piedmont Land Conservancy. This tract includes mature hardwoods, a covered bridge spanning a freshwater stream, peaceful trails, privacy and seclusion, a barn, a 14-bedroom retreat center, trails, and diverse flora and fauna. And, it's only 25 minutes from the School's main campus on Horse Pen Creek Road in Greensboro, North Carolina.

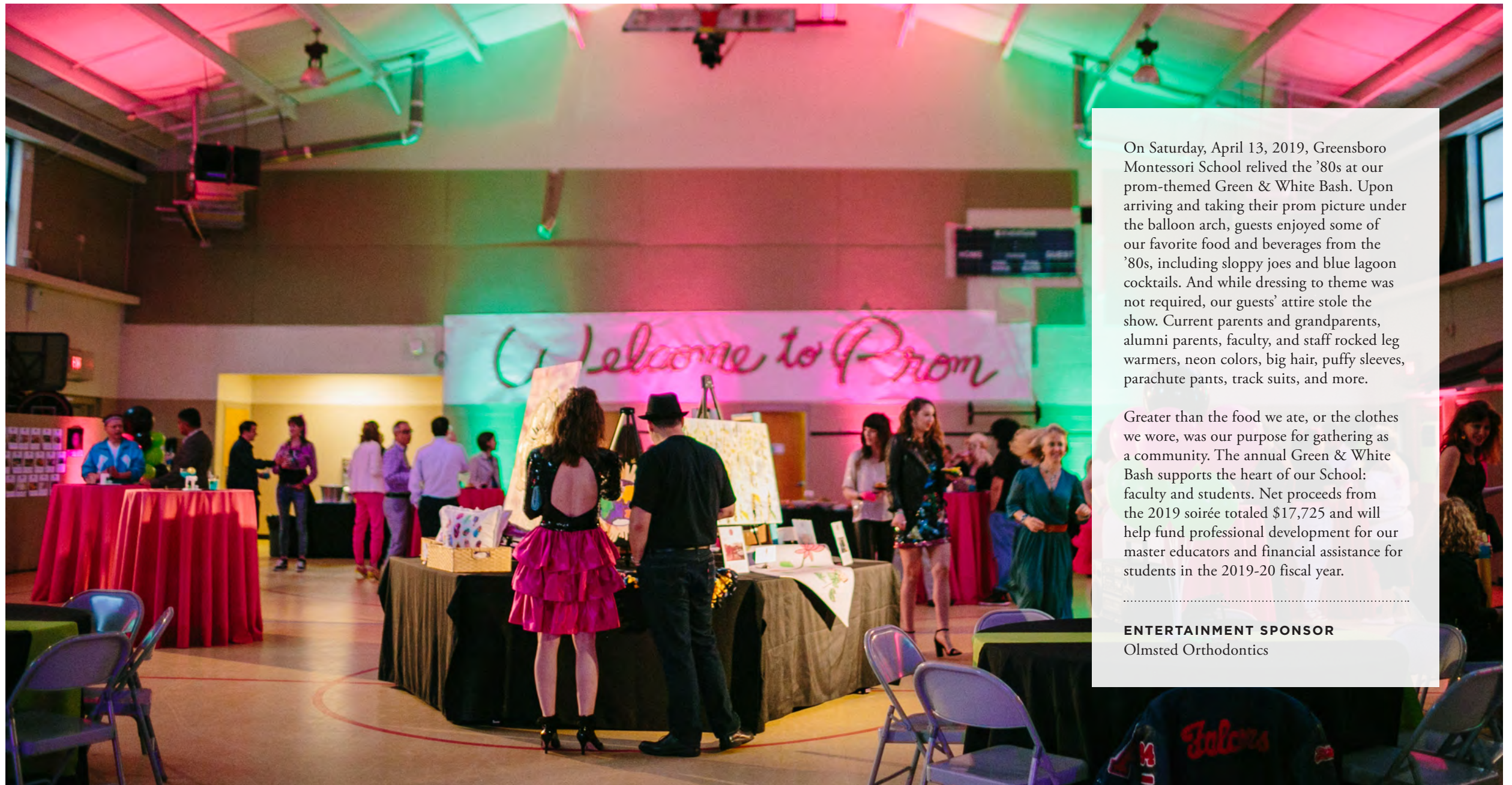
Until 2018, the property owner and grandparent of Greensboro Montessori School alumni, Bill Stevens, lived on his land in the home he built as a Quaker retreat center. When Bill moved out in 2018, he and his family — including his son and daughter-in-law, Will and Tina Stevens, and his granddaughters, Phoebe and Chloe Stevens — generously began the process of transferring responsibility for the 37-acre property, the retreat center, and the barn to Greensboro Montessori School. On September 21, 2018, the School signed a formal lease agreement, which secures the School's future at The Land for the next 20 years. A photo from the lease signing, featuring Bill seated between the 2018-19 president of the board of trustees, Joan Tao, and head of school, Dr. Kevin Navarro, is pictured to the right.

The School shares our heartfelt gratitude for the entire Stevens family for their extraordinary benevolence. In addition to sharing their property with us, their investments of time, knowledge, and financial support have enabled the School to deepen and expand The Land program for current and future students.





GREEN & WHITE BASH



On Saturday, April 13, 2019, Greensboro Montessori School relived the '80s at our prom-themed Green & White Bash. Upon arriving and taking their prom picture under the balloon arch, guests enjoyed some of our favorite food and beverages from the '80s, including sloppy joes and blue lagoon cocktails. And while dressing to theme was not required, our guests' attire stole the show. Current parents and grandparents, alumni parents, faculty, and staff rocked leg warmers, neon colors, big hair, puffy sleeves, parachute pants, track suits, and more.

Greater than the food we ate, or the clothes we wore, was our purpose for gathering as a community. The annual Green & White Bash supports the heart of our School: faculty and students. Net proceeds from the 2019 soirée totaled \$17,725 and will help fund professional development for our master educators and financial assistance for students in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR
Olmsted Orthodontics

GREEN & WHITE BASH
PARTICIPANTS

\$1,000 AND UP

Jillian & Damon Crone	A, ET, FT, PP
Serenna Linnell & David Priestley	A, ET
Kathryn Miller	A

\$500 TO \$999

Andi Bogan-Hiebert & Jo Hiebert	A, ET
Aimee & Michael Bruce	A
Diane & Kyle Cabbell	A, ET
Kelly & Brian Chisholm	A, ET, PP
Flory Hénon & Patrice Paré	A, ET, FT
Corinne & Kevin Jones	A, ET, FT, PP
Karen & Dan Kelly	A, ET, PP
Deepa & Satya Nayak	A, ET, FT
Caline & Matthew Olmsted	A, ET
Courtney & Whit Pierce	A, ET, PP
Eugenia & David Pruette	A
Cynthia Snider & Matthew Wong	A, ET, PP
Kelly & Michael Wainscott	A, ET
Meg & Tim Whelan	A, ET, FT, PP

\$250 TO \$499

Jennifer & Nathan Boozer	A, ET
Alicia & David Bouska	A, ET
Sophia Dubrovsky & Alex Trestman	A, ET
Payal & Abhiroop Dutta	A, ET, PP
Kara Kelchner-Strong & Ray Strong	A, FT
Asheley & Marty Kotis	FT
Karen & Jason Phillips	A
Gina & Andrew Pruette	A, FT
Sarah Bobo & Ryan Sullivan	A, ET
Shweta & Pankaj Tiwari	A, ET, FT, PP
Carol & Gil Vance	A
Amy & Jeff Wagoner	A, ET
Catherine & Colin Wolfe	A, ET

\$100 TO \$249

Tracy & Joe Adams	FT
David Beck	A
Ben Czajkowski	A, FT
Sana & Ihtsham Haq	A
Kameron Hardy	A
Dorrette & Wesley Ibazebo	A
Gail & Bill Keefe	A, ET
Lisa & André Keil	ET
Arielle & Adam Kerr	ET
Beth & John King	FT
Jessie & Josh Kirkman	FT
Bethany & Jeremy Kuenzi	A
Paola la Zazzera & Paolo Castano	ET, FT, PP
Shirley Landry	FT
Nicole & Billy Lyerly	A, ET
Jess & Kevin Navarro	A, ET

Farren & Greg Paton	FT
Kathy & Samuel Richardson	FT
Rebecca & Eric Sheridan	ET
Tina & Will Stevens	A, ET
Ashley & Jason Voss	FT, PP
Jess & Sam Young	ET

UP TO \$99

Syeda Ahmed	FT
Vijaya Akula & Prakash Boggala	PP
Yvonne Anderson	PP
Angela & Mark Arace	PP
Susan & Frank Azzarita	A
Isabelle & Russ Bangham	ET
Anna Betina & Hristo Pavlov	A, ET
Kristen Bonatz & Adam Linker	PP
Marle & Waleed Clark	PP
Traci Claywell & Sean Murphy	FT
Stacy & Jamie Cosson	ET
JoAnn Currie	FT
Heather Czajkowski	A
Catherine Froelich	ET
Kristin & David Gile	A
Lynne & John Gudat	A
Carole Hall	A
Penelope & Kevin Hedgecock	PP
Maggie Hiebert	A
Nancy & Doug Hofer	A, ET
Brooke & Jason Juneau	ET
Tessa & McNeill Kirkpatrick	ET, PP
Lauren & Wayman Madden	PP
Maria & Michael Maul	ET
Sidney & Shawn McGinnis	ET, PP
Jen & Steve Miller	A
Emily & Adam Mullen	PP
Rachel & Michael Naylor	PP
Christine & Justin Okes	PP
Ashby Pettigrew	A
Shannon & Bryan Pitts	PP
Lauren & Josh Riehle	PP
Nao & Hideaki Takahashi	PP
Joan Tao	ET
Anna & Craig Taylor	FT
Conny Waltemath & Cameron Walker	FT, PP
Alexa & Colt Wilde	A
Shannon Zollinger & Jeff Hook	PP

A = Auction
ET = Event Ticket
FT = Faculty Ticket
PP = Poster Party



GREEN & WHITE BASH
AUCTION DONORS

BUSINESSES

1618 Concepts
Antlers and Astronauts
Aqua Salon & Spa
Arigato Japanese Steak & Seafood House
Banana Republic
Bandito Bodega
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Big Burger Spot
Boba House
Bravo! Cucina Italiana
Breadservice
Breakout Games
Brixx Wood Fired Pizza
Buckhead Betties
Bumper Jumpers Indoor Playground
Cafe Pasta & Grill
CharBar No. 7
Chez Genèse
Chopt Creative Salad Co.
ClubFitness
CORE Gymnastics
CoreLife Eatery
Costco
Crafted
Creative Snacks Co.
Cugino Forno
di’lishi frozen yogurt bar
Earth Fare
East Coast Wings
Elizabeth’s Pizza Battleground
Feeney’s Frozen Yogurt Bar
Fleet Feet Sports
Fleet-Plummer
Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar
Francis Interiors
Freeman’s Grub & Pub
French Broad Adventures
GIA - Drink. Eat. Listen
Green Joe’s Coffee Company
Green Valley Grill
Greenfield’s N.Y. Deli & Bagels
GreenHill
Greensboro Baseball, LLC
Greensboro Country Club
Greensboro Montessori School
Greensboro Science Center
Greensboro Swarm
Harris Teeter
Hilton Head Health
Hop’s Burger Bar
Jake’s Billiards
Jason’s Deli
KickBack Jack’s
Kick Ass Concepts

KOBE, LLC
Lindley Park Filling Station
Maxie B’s
McAlister’s Deli
McGinnis Millworks
Melt Kitchen & Bar
Mimi’s Cafe
Music Together Gate City
Nazareth Bread Company
Neese’s Country Sausage
nOma food & co
Nostra Pizza
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Organix Juice Bar
Outback Steakhouse
Palm Avenue
Papa Murphy’s Take ‘N’ Bake Pizza
Phillips Collection
Play It Again Sports
RED Cinemas
Rody’s Tavern
Salsarita’s Fresh Mexican Grill
Scrambled Southern Diner
Scuppernong Books
Sheetz
Sky Zone Trampoline Park
Sonder Mind and Body
Spare Time Entertainment
Starbucks
Starmount Forest Country Club
Super Nails
Taco Mama
Texas Roadhouse
The Cherry Pit Cafe & Pie Shop
The Little Gym
Tiger Kim’s World Class Tae Kwon Do
Triad Business Journal
Tropical Smoothie Café
U.S. National Whitewater Center
Undercurrent Restaurant
Village Tavern
Viva Chicken
World of Beer
YMCA Camp Weaver

STUDENTS

In following school tradition, all classrooms created and donated unique pieces of art to the annual auction. Together, these 18 auction items raised \$1,917 for the School. Most importantly, every student on campus authentically expressed themselves and contributed to their community.

INDIVIDUALS

Mackie Chandler
Stacy Cosson
Sophia Dubrovsky & Alex Trestman
Catherine Froelich
Heather Goggin
Katherine Gwynn
Ruth Heyd
Mary Jacobson
Corinne & Kevin Jones

Gail Keefe
Sarah Keith
Sandra Lee
Shannon Pitts
Carmen Romero
Jen Schell
Kelly & Michael Wainscott
Joey Wall
Sam Young



IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS

Building and maintaining a thriving school community is a group endeavor rooted in a culture of appreciation, and our School would not exist without the generosity of our many supporters. Gifts of financial support play an invaluable role in helping us secure the curricular and financial strength of our School. Gifts of volunteer hours, subject-matter expertise, and classroom learning materials also play a significant role in the vitality of our School. An example of this generosity was Sunday, April 14, 2019, the day after the Green & White Bash, when partygoers (*pictured below*) spent the day working at The Land.

We are humbled by the countless contributions of volunteers including, but not limited to, room parents, Greensboro Montessori School Community Association coordinators, and members of the 2018-19 board of trustees. We also thank the following people and businesses who provided gifts in-kind to our nonprofit organization.

INDIVIDUALS

Emily & James Bost
Kelly & Brian Chisholm
Carrie & Kris Cotter
Elizabeth Lasley
(in memory of Eleanor Koon)
William Meyerhoff
Celeste Murphy

BUSINESSES

Carey Sound
Josephine's Catering
Preyer Brewing Company
Quaintance-Weaver Restaurants & Hotels
Red Canary
Tom Lipscomb Productions



CHARTING THE COURSE

2018-19 was a reaccreditation year with the American Montessori Society and Southern Association of Independent Schools, and we were afforded the opportunity to reflect on who we are as a school today and who we want to be tomorrow. We engaged in frequent and open dialogue with families, faculty, board of trustees, students, and alumni, and after a year of reflection, we identified our shared vision for the School: to provide the best personalized and hands-on educational experience for our students — one that empowers them to positively impact the world. The School is incredibly fortunate to have two named endowments helping us fulfill this vision.

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 our satellite 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.

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 its inception, this Endowment has supported nine students who have attended and graduated from Greensboro Montessori School.

We are always accepting contributions to our named endowments and thank the donors listed below for their long-term investment in our School. To learn more or to contribute to these endowments, please call us at 336-668-0119, email us at gms@gms.org, or visit us at gms.betterworld.org/campaigns/give.

2018-19 ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Rhea & Andrew Egbert, *Margaret Dutton Stevens Environmental Education Endowment*
Jennifer & Robert Riedlinger, *Scott W. Patterson Memorial Endowment*
Tina Patterson, *Scott W. Patterson Memorial Endowment*
Bill Stevens, *Margaret Dutton Stevens Environmental Education Endowment*
Tina & Will Stevens, *Margaret Dutton Stevens Environmental Education Endowment*



CONTINUING THEIR JOURNEY

Our Class of 2015 is continuing their journey throughout the country. Some highlights include:

- Skye, who is the recipient of the Visionary Woman Honors scholarship at Moore College of Art & Design in Philadelphia.
- Emma, who runs cross country at Clemson University.
- Maddie, who plays tennis at Hofstra University.
- Kellen, who is pursuing his acting career.

In addition to these paths, members of the Class of 2015 are unleashing their potential at Appalachian State University; Dickinson College; Guilford Technical Community College; the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; the Universities of North Carolina at Asheville, Chapel Hill, and Wilmington; and Tufts University.

Share your alumni news with us! Email your achievements and celebrations to gms@gms.org.