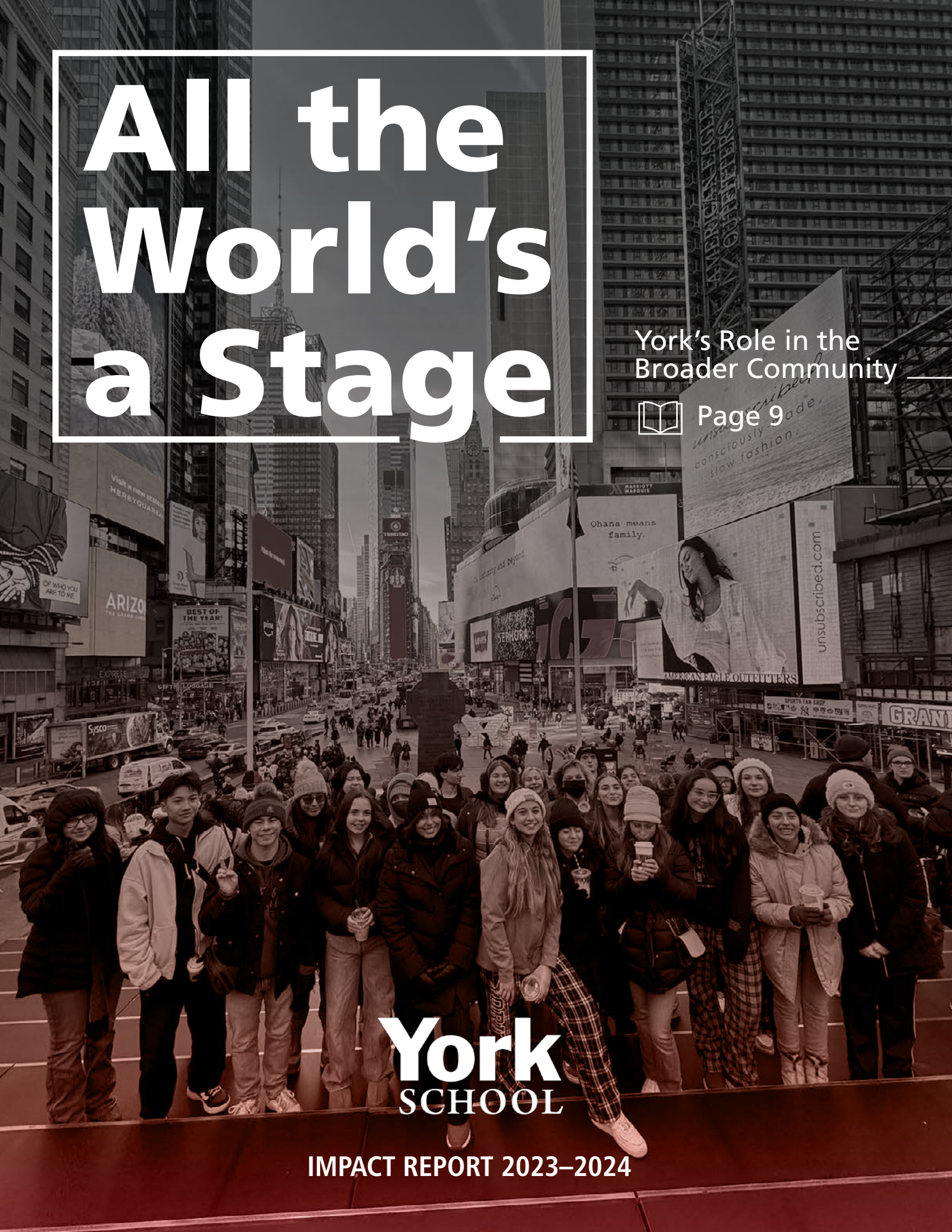


All the World's a Stage

York's Role in the Broader Community

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Dear York School Community,

Last February, while sitting in the audience of David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center, watching 27 of our students share the stage with a full professional orchestra and Broadway cast, it struck me how far-reaching the impact of a York education truly is. We are committed to blending classroom learning with real-world applications that center our students' hard work and achievements in the spotlight of the broader community, far beyond our campus.

The trip to New York City was much more than the performance; it was a chance for our students to explore a cultural centerpiece of the country, visit iconic museums, and expand their worldview. Similarly, for a second year, our sophomores ventured to Monteverde, Costa Rica, for our annual Costa Rica and Sustainability Program. While surrounded by one of the world's most biodiverse environments, these students didn't just learn about environmental science—they lived it. Whether planting trees in the cloud forest or studying sustainable agriculture, they returned with a deeper understanding of how their actions can shape the future of our communities.

Back home on the Sunny Hilltop, we plan to invest in distinctive programming by prioritizing Innovation & Sustainability, Agricultural Technology, and our Outdoor Research Laboratory, both in our curriculum design and as part of the master plan for the 101 acres of former military land acquired by the School in 2011. We hope that these developments will continue to inspire students to think critically about the world around them, to use technology to solve complex problems, and to foster the kind of creativity and curiosity that leads to real-world improvements.

These are just a few of the highlights you can look forward to learning about in this report, along with how our students are engaged with local community organizations through service initiatives and creative collaborations, how they represent excellence in their athletic achievements and artistic endeavors, and how our dedicated faculty and staff model what it means to be a lifelong learner by seeking inventive professional development opportunities. You will also read about how we connected with alumni across the country and even traveled to China to meet with our international families this year.

Our donors, like you, play a vital role in enabling us to support these innovations and accomplishments—the generosity of our present and past families, alumni, trustees, and community friends fuels the education and growth of the next generation of York students.

Every dollar given to York School supports not only the award-winning academic program York is known for, but also our ability to make a difference in the broader world. Whether through performance, service, or innovation, York students are leaving their mark.

Thank you for your ongoing sponsorship and belief in the transformative power of a York education. I hope you enjoy reading this year's Impact Report and celebrating the many ways our bright, kind, curious, and driven students are shaping the future with their creativity and compassion.

With appreciation,

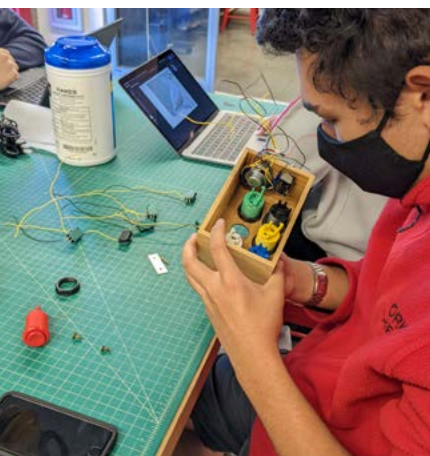


Doug Key
Head of School



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Celebrating a Decade of Impact

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Code+Design at York School, a unique high-tech shop class that empowers students to use technology to create real-world solutions for their community. The course blends computer science fundamentals, advanced technical skills, and hands-on product development. Students gain skills in programming microcontrollers, 3D modeling, and fabrication with tools like laser cutters and 3D printers, while also exploring emerging technologies such as blockchain and artificial intelligence.

What sets Code+Design apart is its commitment to project-based learning with a real-world application aimed at serving an authentic audience and benefiting the community. Over the past decade, our students have built a reputation for delivering professional-grade products to local non-profit organizations, particularly in the form of interactive museum exhibits.

York School's Code+Design students have partnered with several local organizations such as the SPCA for Monterey County, the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum and most notably, MY Museum, the children's museum in Monterey. The first project was a fire safety exhibit developed in collaboration with the Monterey Fire Department and by applying Stanford University's Design Thinking Process. Other innovative exhibits include an interactive theater camera system with sound and visual special effects, a digital aquarium using augmented reality technology to immerse visitors in a tank with sardines, an ATM machine that introduces young children to personal finance, and a bird-watching exhibit that teaches kids about local bird species and challenges them to find handmade models created with the help of York art students. In total, students have delivered over 15 professional-grade exhibits that reach thousands of visitors each year at local museums. "The creativity and technical expertise that York students bring to MY Museum each year continually amaze us," says Lauren Cohen, MY Museum's Executive Director.

Beyond technical skills, students learn invaluable lessons in teamwork, problem-solving, communication, and how to apply their knowledge to make a meaningful impact. As we look to the future, Code+Design aims to broaden that impact by partnering with more local organizations and expanding our curriculum to include more cutting-edge technologies with a focus on agriculture. We invite community members, potential partners, and alumni to connect with us and support our mission of equipping students with the skills to innovate and fostering a deep sense of responsibility and service to the community. Together, we can continue to inspire the next generation of thinkers, creators, and leaders.

CODE+DESIGN AT YORK

By Kevin Brookhouser, Director of Technology & Innovation

MY MUSEUM

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Citizens for Sustainable Marina

It's not every day one gets to attend a party with the mayor, but last year on Service Learning Day, two groups of Falcons spent the day at a bash with the Mayor of Marina, Bruce Delgado—a Broom Bash, that is! Mr. Delgado serves as the Steering Committee Secretary of Citizens for Sustainable Marina (C4SM), one of many local action groups that fall under Communities for Sustainable Monterey County. Since 2009, C4SM has been driven by the mission to help their community equitably implement sustainable and regenerative practices by spearheading efforts to restore and protect native flora and fauna, reduce and clean up waste, conserve water, and encourage green building, transportation, and energy practices.

With the goal to provide educational opportunities for the community and serve as an information resource on environmental sustainability, they were a perfect community partner for Service Learning Day, an annual event during which all York School students, faculty, and staff deploy to different local organizations for a day of experiential learning and volunteering. The “Broom Bash” our students participated in was one of C4SM’s efforts to combat French Broom (*Genista monspessulana*): a tough and toxic invasive plant that poses a danger to animals and other local plant life. This aggressive invader produces many seeds which remain viable for years, the sprouts of which must be continually removed. Originating from a 2022 conversation between Delgado and Lead Broom Basher, John Mott, the Broom Bash has become a staple C4SM project in cohesion with Monterey County Parks and the Bureau of Land Management. Donations from the Sierra Club and community members have purchased weed wrenches and volunteer lunches, which are provided at each Bash.

C4SM sustains many other projects around Marina which are not only vital to keeping the community “green,” but bringing volunteers together for a common cause. The Locke Paddon Park Oak Woodland Community Garden, located at the Marina Library, now contains many native plants and oaks, and can be used for propagating seeds for use in other projects. Community members meet each Saturday to work on growing food, local native plants, and flowers for pollinators. The Salinas Avenue Woods Community Cleanup was a forgotten patch of land that had become an illegal garbage dump as well as an abandoned camp. Over the years, C4SM volunteers have cleared over 29,000 lbs of trash from the Woods, creating a new walking area for local residents, with future plans of creating a disc golf course and marked trails. The organization even serves as a champion for public art, facilitating projects such as murals, decorated trash cans, and painted rocks which are used to line pathways.

York is honored to again partner with C4SM for Service Learning Day 2025, and hopefully work with them into the future as part of its growing Service Learning Program. For more information about C4SM or to get involved as a volunteer, visit sustainablemontereycounty.org/marina-home or contact John Mott at 831.324.0277.

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

By Maia Thielen
Communications & Marketing
Manager, Service Learning
Coordinator





Alumni Reunion 2023

“There’s no place like home” is what we hope Alumni Reunion 2023 evoked for our former Falcons. The festivities started the evening of Thursday, September 14 with a virtual mixer for alumni across the world, followed by a “Day at York” the next morning. We welcomed 14 alumni from the classes of 1975 to 2021 back to the sometimes-foggy Hilltop, where they were thrilled to attend different classes and reminisce about the intellectually challenging environment of York. Of course, York is also known for its fun and silly spirit. At Break, Doug Key, Head of School, announced a “Minute to Win it” game and competition ensued between the alums and students. Great laughs filled the Gawain Family Theater as Toby Morris ’78 and Ben Ellis ’28 took the prize. The fun continued with over 30 alumni attending a mixer at Stokes Adobe, owned by Sarah Orr ’97.

By Anna Faith, Assistant Director
of Philanthropy, Annual Giving &
Alumni Relations

We loved welcoming everyone back to York! Cheers to our amazing community of forever Falcons!



York's Young Alumni Panel

By Dean Partlow,
Director of College Counseling

York School is grateful for the warmth, wisdom, and humor shared by our young alums at the York School Annual Alumni Panel. The York community gained valuable insights and perspectives on the transition from York to college from recent alums representing the Classes of '20 and '21. Leonardo Del Toro (NYU Stern School of Business), Kayden Huffman (UC Santa Cruz), Courtney Hand (William and Mary), and Seth Madden (Santa Clara University) shared stories of college life, from living with roommates in dorms to navigating the academic demands of their studies. They discussed how to manage parental expectations, take advantage of summer opportunities, and so much more!





Excellence &

By Jon Zeljo, Assistant Head of School

This past year, in an exciting development for York students, the School unveiled its new Distinguished Scholars Program. Tailored for high-achieving juniors and seniors, the program is designed to foster exceptional talent in four key areas: Arts, STEM, Global Studies, and Community Engagement.

The Distinguished Scholars Program, which is open to rising 11th graders through an application process and continues through their senior year, is designed to allow students the ability to shape a deep and personalized approach to their studies. Applicants will have the opportunity to delve deeply into their chosen field, guided by experienced mentors and supplemented with advanced research.

In Arts, students will explore various creative disciplines, from visual arts to performing arts, while STEM scholars will engage in cutting-edge research and innovation. Global Studies participants will tackle pressing international issues, fostering a nuanced understanding of global interconnections, and Community Engagement scholars will work on projects addressing local and broader societal challenges.

A distinctive feature of the program is the capstone project, which requires students to apply their knowledge and skills in a comprehensive and original endeavor. This project will serve as a culminating experience, showcasing each scholar's growth and achievements.

Since students must go above and beyond the regular York graduation requirements to complete the program, they are asked to be creative, take initiative, and exhibit a growth mindset. Students who successfully complete the program will be recognized at commencement ceremonies, receive a notation on their official transcripts, and have the opportunity to highlight their participation on their resume. The program promises to be a transformative experience for students, preparing them for future academic and professional pursuits as well as to be creative, independent thinkers.

NEW DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS PROGRAM LAUNCHES



Innovation

In an effort to stimulate curiosity and creativity, the York School STEAMships Grant Program awarded its inaugural grants this past spring, opening the door for students to transform their ideas into reality. The program fuels York students' passion for independent, original projects across Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). Whether it's groundbreaking research, artistic expression, or community-driven initiatives, this grant program empowers students to dream big and make it happen.

As Jon Zeljo, Assistant Head of School, encourages students: "Do you have an idea? We want to fund it!" His message captures the heart of the program—an invitation to explore, create, and push boundaries.

Inspired by York donor Bill Atwood, whose love for learning blossomed through interdisciplinary studies and influential mentors, this grant is about more than just funding. It's about nurturing the next generation of innovators. STEAM, in this context, spans a wide spectrum, from the humanities to visual and performing arts, offering limitless possibilities for exploration.

Open to students in 9th through 11th grade, the program provides grants between \$500 and \$800, which can be used for courses, workshops, travel, and materials essential to their projects. Each student works with an adult mentor who not only guides them but champions their vision.

This year's grant recipients embody the spirit of bold thinking and creativity: Trevor Bernardino '25 ("A Filipino Musical"); Alvin Liu '25 ("The Effects of Variable Angles of Attack on Airplane Performance and Contrail Formation"); and Aleksander Simpson '26 ("Backyard Aquaponics System.") These students are not just receiving grants—they're stepping into a world of endless potential, where their ideas can shape the future.

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All the World's a Stage

YORK'S ROLE IN THE BROADER COMMUNITY

By Maia Thielen,
Communications & Marketing
Manager, Service Learning
Coordinator

For a performer, there are few moments more electric than that of just before a show opens: before the thick curtain flies overhead to reveal the stage, before the lights cut through the darkness to illuminate a new world, and before the thrilling hum of the orchestra rises through the audience. In that moment, the artists waiting in the wings feel the exhilarating and hard-earned potential that lies ahead. On February 18, 2024, 27 York School students from all five grades experienced that moment in front of the 2,200 audience members who settled in their seats for *Children of Eden* in David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City.

Children of Eden is a 1991 musical about the relationship between parents and children and the conflict they navigate throughout generations, illustrated by characters from the first 9 ½ chapters of The Book of Genesis. With a book written by John Caird and music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz (of *Wicked* and *Godspell* fame, as well as films including *Pocahontas*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *The Prince of Egypt*, and *Enchanted*) the show reimagines these familiar stories with fully-fledged dramatic personae and a complex score that evolves throughout the show, drawing from many different musical genres. Fresh off its 2022 renovation with a sprawling honey-hued wood stage, David Geffen Hall—home of the New York Philharmonic—served as the perfect venue to bring the production to life. The players would include a star-studded professional Broadway cast and crew, a 30-piece orchestra, and a chorus of 300—comprised of school choirs from around the country—including the 27 ecstatic students from York's Sunny Hilltop.

Getting a full choir of Falcons to the Big Apple for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was a long time coming for Director of Performing Arts & Experiential Learning Coordinator, Spencer Williams, who first applied to participate in Manhattan Concert Productions' (MCP) Broadway Series just before the pandemic. (Though he would later discover it would not be a one-time opportunity for the school, for due to the students' professionalism, York was one of the few groups invited back and will return to Lincoln Center for MCP's production of *Anastasia* in February 2025.) Years, and a whole different show, later, he was committed to making this project happen, putting York's name out into the larger community, and giving students the chance to experience performance at the highest level while immersed in the cultural nerve center of the country.

"Everything we do here at York is really about what they call the '5Cs of contemporary education': critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration, and citizenship," said Williams. The trip was about being part of a production at this level and working alongside industry professionals, but it was also about learning how to be in all these different spaces. Students had to navigate how to manage themselves in a professional setting, how to travel and move through a city like NYC, how to take care of each other, and be exposed to new ideas and experiences." Reflecting later, Jayden Isabella '25—who spent the whole flight back to Monterey with the *Children of Eden* soundtrack in his headphones—invoked the Henry Miller quote, "One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things."



For months before the show, students rehearsed after school, learning and memorizing the extremely difficult music before submitting recordings of each song to MCP for approval. In addition to the students' dedication, York is incredibly grateful to the community members who made this trip possible, including parents who assisted with fundraising efforts, and the Arts Council for Monterey County, which supported the group with a \$5,000 grant. Elaine Hesser of the *Carmel Pine Cone* also wrote a fantastic feature about the trip which hit newsstands 2 days before the performance, as the Falcons were deep in rehearsal in the conference room of their Times Square hotel.



Read the article





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Alex Stihler '25

What made this experience truly spectacular was the closeness in which the chorus worked with the principal cast. For three days the entire ensemble, led by Music Director, Kimberly Grigsby—whose name theatre buffs may recognize from the original production of *Spring Awakening*—rehearsed together, giving the student choristers a rare front seat to the process of a professional creative team. They observed as Broadway Stage Director and Choreographer, Tony Yazbeck, crafted the singers’ and dancers’ storytelling, propmasters troubleshooted, the musical team made edits and notes for the orchestra, and the directors navigated artistic conflict. The rehearsals also gave students a chance to befriend singers from the other school choirs, an opportunity treasured by Alex Stihler '25. “Being able to connect with hundreds of high schoolers from other schools around the country was an incredible experience, and the memories that we all made during the week are going to last a lifetime!”

Also in attendance and giving feedback at these rehearsals was composer Stephen Schwartz, himself. Schwartz and other stars from the cast and crew including Grigsby, Broadway legend Norm Lewis, and Auli'i Cravalho—known for playing the title character in *Moana* and “Janis ‘Imi’ike” in the 2024 *Mean Girls* film—mingled with our students at each rehearsal, graciously answering their questions, complimenting their performances, and of course—taking lots of selfies. The entire process had a huge impact on students like Elysha Kennedy '26, who shared, “Performing *Children of Eden* with all these incredibly talented professionals is an absolutely amazing experience and I love the themes and score of *Children of Eden*. It’s such a special musical and it’s an honor to be a part of this amazing project.” Willow Weisblum '27 added, “getting to be in Lincoln Center and getting to perform there...it’s so amazing being in high school and being able to do that.”



Despite preparing for such a momentous performance, the Falcons and their fearless chaperones, Williams, humanities teachers Dr. Dan Gurska and Candi Deschamps, and Communications & Marketing Manager, Maia Thielen, squeezed in other New York City experiences during their off-hours. The group managed to see three Broadway shows (*Six*, the five-time Tony Award-winning *Kimberly Akimbo*, and *The Notebook*, which was still in previews), visit two museums (the Museum of Broadway and the 9/11 Memorial Museum), feast together at iconic eateries like the Hard Rock Cafe and Ellen's Stardust Diner, and explore Times Square and Rockefeller Center. "Most of them had never been on a school trip like this. I wanted to share these important places and memories with them," shared Williams. Willow Weisblum '27 beamed that seeing a Broadway show "has been a dream of mine for a while and I am thrilled."

The night of the performance, David Geffen Hall glowed with excitement as the audience milled about and the chorus members took their places throughout the Hall's expansive parterre seating behind the stage. While the orchestra started to tune, the Falcons tried to spot Head of School, Doug Key and his wife, Michelle, former Director of Philanthropy & Community Partnerships, Erin White, and York School Alumni fresh from their final Alumni Roadshow gathering at the Empire Rooftop across the street. Soon, the lights dimmed and Grigsby took her place on the conductor's podium. A hush fell over the auditorium as the downbeat was struck and the chorus opened the show with those famous scriptural words, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and earth." One by one, the chorus held up props and lit ethereal orbs of light. Norm Lewis, hidden in the choir next to multiple York students, bellowed his opening line: "Let there be..." the chorus finishing his sentence with a hushed "light!" It was showtime.



To see more scenes from York's trip to New York City, as well as other choral and theatre events throughout the year, watch the York Arts 2023-2024 year in review!



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Empowering Global Citizenship

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM GEBG AND THE PATH FORWARD

By Jenny Nadaner,
World Languages Faculty,
Distinguished Scholars
Coordinator

The 2024 Global Education Benchmark Group (GEBG) conference in Montreal (April 11-13, 2024) had a transformative impact on my teaching and commitment to global education. The key takeaways—emphasizing global citizenship, experiential learning, and intercultural competence—have inspired me to deepen my approach at York School. The conference highlighted innovative ways to integrate global issues into the curriculum and foster student leadership in addressing these challenges. It reinforced the importance of equipping students with the skills to think critically and creatively about global problems while fostering empathy and cultural understanding.

One of the most impactful sessions focused on interdisciplinary collaboration, which has directly influenced my work with the Distinguished Global Scholars Program at York. This reaffirmed my passion for creating an interdisciplinary curriculum that blends sustainability and AG-Tech projects, encouraging students to take initiative and engage with real-world solutions.

The experience also inspired me to apply for the 2024-2025 GEBG Action Research Fellowship. The fellowship focuses on global competence development at the K-12 level, including areas such as assessing student global competence and faculty professional learning for global education. Through this fellowship, I hope to expand on the ideas from the conference by piloting a curriculum that fosters independent thinking, global awareness, and sustainability. I am eager to continue learning from the global education community and apply these insights to strengthen the transformative programs we are building at York.



Navigating Emotional Labor and Cultural Empathy in Language Learning

In March 2024, World Languages faculty members Jenny Nadaner and Jasmine Hsu attended the California Language Teachers' Association (CLTA) conference, during which they both presented on and gained valuable tools and strategies to enhance student engagement.

Ms. Nadaner presented on the emotional labor involved in second language acquisition (SLA), particularly within high school Spanish classes. An action research study, *L2 Language-learning Is Emotionally Labor-Intensive*, conducted on intermediate Spanish classes at York, was in collaboration with Marie-Claire Davenport '24 as part of her Distinguished Scholars project. The research underscored the emotional demands placed not only on educators but also on students as they navigate language learning, exploring how emotional labor impacts their engagement and motivation. In a complimentary workshop, the two showcased the use of how impact documentaries enhance learning, reduce anxiety, and promote meaningful communication in collaboration with Annette King, film producer and CEO of Splicer Films. Together, these sessions emphasized both the emotional and social dimensions of language learning, connecting empathy and cultural awareness to SLA.

Ms. Hsu implemented changes to her classroom strategy based on her takeaways from the conference such as integrating more physical activity into daily lessons, as research shows it boosts cognitive function and makes learning more effective. This Fall 2024, she is also piloting an international student buddy system with her Mandarin students to foster a sense of belonging and strengthen community connections beyond the classroom. Additionally, she and Ms. Nadaner co-presented to share takeaways from an AI workshop and offered practical ideas to the faculty and staff. Overall, the conference was an excellent opportunity to expand their collective knowledge and skills as educators.



ACTION RESEARCH AND IMPACT DOCUMENTARY INTEGRATION

By Jenny Nadaner
and Jasmine Hsu,
World Languages Faculty

CULTIVATING AND PROMOTING

A SENSE OF BELONGING

Biology Done Backwards

By Haley Halasz,
Math/Science Faculty

This past year, I had the opportunity to participate in two professional development programs that have significantly transformed my approach to teaching science and math.

The first program—through the UC Santa Cruz Institute for Science and Engineering Educators (UCSC ISEE)—was a rigorous five-month course where I collaborated with two other educators to design an authentic and inclusive STEM learning experience for college-level students. The program kicked off with workshops focused on research-based curriculum design frameworks, including backward design, inquiry, inclusivity, and facilitation strategies that drive learners' critical thinking. Four months later, the team co-taught our inquiry activity about the environmental impacts of plastic pollution at the University of Hawaii, Hilo's Kanu a Kupu Summer Bridge Program. Students were introduced to the Ocean Cleanup Project and its system for removing massive amounts of plastic from the ocean, which must then be sorted for recycling. To link this environmental problem to chemistry, we presented carefully crafted demonstrations of phenomena resulting from plastics with different densities and provided materials for students to conduct their own measurements. It was inspiring to watch students design and execute their investigations while transforming their approach to solving complex scientific problems. Self-reflection surveys indicated that students felt much more confident going into their STEM majors than before.

Upon my hiring at York, the administration generously offered to send me to a series of biology modeling workshops hosted by Cal Poly University's Center for Engineering, Science, and Mathematics Education (CESAME). Over three weeks of sessions, workshop participants learned the inquiry-based Modeling Method for teaching biology and experienced the curriculum as if we were students, which provided invaluable insights into effective classroom facilitation of inquiry activities. Additionally, I received a year-long membership with the American Teacher's Modeling Association, which includes access to inquiry-based curriculum and facilitation guides for ninth grade biology, chemistry, and physics. I hope to carry this new knowledge into my classrooms and provide engaging, authentic science experiences for young scientists.





More than 30 years ago, when the iconic historical military landmark, Fort Ord, closed and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) was established, York School applied to the federal government to use the land adjacent to the main campus.

York trustee and Lieutenant General John McEnery first proposed that the School pursue acquiring some land from the former Fort Ord property in the early 1990s. On his advice and through Roger Bowen's leadership as Head of School beginning in 1995, the School kept pursuing this idea until 2002, when the Army finally leased 30 acres to the School for use by its athletic program.

Once acquiring the lease, the School invested over \$3,000,000 to build two soccer fields and a running track on the property, as well as dig a well. Subsequently, the School developed an outdoor environmental studies laboratory and constructed a cross country running course. The School also planned to construct the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified Science Building in the county.

In 2003, Chuck Harmon became Head of School and oversaw the construction of the Science Building, as well as the development of the soccer fields, track, outdoor lab, and cross country course. For the next 8 years, the School worked with the Federal Government to have the property officially deeded to the School. This process witnessed the land being transferred from the Army to the Department of Education to the Redevelopment Agency of Monterey County to York School. In 2011, the School finally received the deed to the property that it had first applied for nearly 2 decades prior.

Two years into his tenure, the new Head of School, Doug Key, and the Board of Trustees began serious work on a master plan for developing the 101 acres as part of the School's strategic plans, with the goals of improving the educational experience for York students, providing a community resource for the greater Monterey area, and generating revenue. The master plan includes a workforce housing village to be utilized by local educators, first responders, and other critical community members who have difficulty finding affordable housing. The School also plans to utilize the acreage to further develop its programs such as Robotics, Innovation & Sustainability, and Agricultural Technology, as well as continue to use the land as an outdoor environmental research lab.

We are excited by the possibilities the development of York's 101-acres can provide to further the mission of the School, and look forward to sharing more with our community as our plans progress.

York's 101 Acre Woods

By Doug Key, Head of School



The Roots of AgTech

“They must believe that they have the power to use their dynamic York education to address the challenges they see.”

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION INITIATIVE

By Jon Zeljo,
Assistant Head of School

York School’s unique Sustainability & Innovation initiative (S&I) shines through in this past spring’s AgTech-focused project involving two FarmBots, proudly positioned on raised beds designed and built by students, faculty, and staff. These two open-sourced robots that tend to a garden are more than just technological tools; they stand as symbols of York’s commitment to providing hands-on, experiential learning. The project equipped students with both hard technical skills and soft skills such as collaboration and problem-solving, all essential for preparing them for a rapidly changing future.

Defined as the application of technology to agriculture to improve efficiency, yield, and profitability, AgTech is a hot field and will be a key facet to solve many of the near-future sustainability and agriculture challenges. AgTech has taken root (pun intended!) here in the Salinas Valley, and according to experts, the industry needs talent. York School is in the prime location to see this vision come to life as we are uniquely situated between both Salinas Valley and Silicon Valley. Sparking a passion in our students to be a part of addressing these challenges is a win-win-win (for the industry, for our students, and for our school).

Since Fall 2023, I have been facilitating a dedicated working group on sustainability and innovation, made up of trustees and senior school leadership, to envision how such a program can be integrated into everyday learning. After hours of discussion, meetings with industry and university leaders, and site visits to farms and start-ups, we decided to lay the foundation for a school-wide sustainability initiative that incorporates AgTech and provides for distinctive hands-on student learning experiences.



To guide us in turning this vision into reality, we partnered with Shraddha Chaplot, an educational consultant, engineer, and creative powerhouse, who taught biomimicry and engineering courses at York's Summer Bridge Programs several years ago. With her experience leading innovation programs at high schools and her time in Silicon Valley, Ms. Chaplot helped us propel the vision into a tangible project. The FarmBot pilot program goals, as she envisioned, were twofold: (1) to have students gain hands-on experience in AgTech, regenerative agriculture, and sustainability, and (2) to plant the seed of nurturing their connection with their society in order to proactively promote and make change. According to Ms. Chaplot, "They must believe that they have the power to use their dynamic York education to address the challenges they see." Together, we developed a plan for our students, faculty, and FarmBots.

Our two FarmBots, besides being automated gardeners, provide extensive learning opportunities for students. During the FarmBot project, students contributed to the build of the FarmBots, the raised beds, and the solar panel and irrigation systems. They also engaged in plenty of troubleshooting, whether it involved measuring, sawing, and squaring up lumber (which we discovered most students had never done before!) or encountering hardware and software issues as we assembled the two FarmBots piece-by-piece. From the microcontroller malfunctioning to the y-axis motor glitching, students gained firsthand experience in turning their uncertainty and hesitancy to confidence and action. It was all part of the design for students to have a real world experience! By the end of the school year, students and faculty were able to plant hundreds of lettuce, celery, and cabbage starts, which were then promptly eaten by the turkeys who roam the York campus (more real-world experience!). Along

the way, other faculty brought their students to experience the FarmBots, either to see them out of curiosity or to extend their own curriculum.

For example, Spanish teacher Jenny Nadaner partnered with Ms. Chaplot to design projects that incorporated the FarmBots, including a FarmBot manual translated into Spanish and a project focused on the impact of AgTech on the Latino agricultural labor community. Through this collaboration, and the FarmBot program, we were excited to make significant strides toward putting the vision into a reality that goes beyond a single project. For the 2024-25 academic year, yet another faculty member will join the FarmBot fun and bring real-world experiences to students. This time, Kevin Brookhouser's Code+Design students will care for the bots and raised beds, where they will build a fence to keep the turkeys away and plant pumpkins to be harvested for Halloween.

*FarmBot
Assembly*





BUILDING THE AMIGA

Part of our S&I vision is to create meaningful partnerships with local organizations and businesses to further provide practical opportunities for our students. Our hope is to expand upon the York education they receive inside the classrooms and apply that beyond the campus. Rather than provide a hypothetical challenge, we aim to pair up students with partners, co-creating and co-collaborating on solutions to real challenges the community is currently facing. Giving students the opportunity to address these real challenges in a collaborative, multi-disciplinary way enhances their educational experience and truly prepares them for their future as engaged citizens.

Our first partner to accomplish this is Farm-NG, an AgTech start-up out of Watsonville that has developed a farm robot which they call the Amiga. Discussions and mutual visits between the AgTech Working Committee and Farm-NG eventually led to our Amiga-focused Summer 2024 project. In July a group of York students worked with Farm-NG college interns who guided them in building out a fully functioning Amiga robot. Not only did the interns guide the students into building it, they engaged them along the way in introductory engineering and skills-building sessions. Farm-NG filmed the entire process and will use the footage as part of their training for high schools that will invest in the Amiga for educational purposes. The excitement on the students' faces when they completed the build and drove around campus proved to us that our vision for partnership and immersive education worked and that we must continue to scale our model to include more partners and therefore more students.

The next step is for York students to participate in the Farm Robotics Challenge (FRC), a competition organized by Farm-NG and UC Agriculture and Natural Resources. The objective is for teams to identify and solve real-world agricultural challenges using the Amiga. Participants work with the Amiga robot to find solutions to on-farm challenges by utilizing the Amiga features such as autonomous navigation, artificial intelligence, and attachments. Teams address various farming topics including planting, weeding, harvesting, pest control, and mapping and data collection. Judging is based on a range of criteria including accuracy, design elegance, safety, societal impact, and commercial potential. At York, beyond the FRC competition, students can program the Amiga to tend to the soccer fields by cutting the grass, aerating the fields, and painting the lines on game days.

In my role overseeing the York curriculum, and in our collective work to design a meaningful, distinctive program, I foresee the expansion of the program across classes and campus, including curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular offerings. Truly a program for everyone: aspiring artists, scientists, policy makers, and community leaders. So the next time you drive across campus, check out our FarmBots, and think about what project you'd like to do with us.

Email me at jzeljo@york.org to share your ideas or to partner. Let's build something together!

↓ *Watch the Amiga Build*







Flying High

It was a record-setting year for our student athletes, whose exciting accomplishments repeatedly sent York's name out into the community and local media like the *Carmel Pine Cone*, *Monterey County Weekly*, and *Monterey Herald*.

Our Girls Soccer team launched themselves to the CCS Semi-finals after winning the PCAL Cypress Division, ultimately ending the season with a 15-1 record. The team scored personal accomplishments as well, with Alessia Torrente '25 being named league MVP.

New Enrollment Director and Girls Soccer Coach, Chris Wilcox, shared that "not only did we win the league, but we were beating schools that had a population much bigger than ours like North County and Soledad, as well as competitors like Catalina and Notre Dame." He added that due to our consistent program and coaching, "perfect storms" in enrollment can contribute to team success. Last year's winning team consisted of girls who played at a high club level, as well as those who had never played soccer before, thanks to the inclusive nature of York Athletics.

That inclusivity does not compromise competitiveness, however. For such a small school, York's offering of 15 varsity sports is remarkable, and each year our teams prove their ability to win titles. Last year, Boys Golf not only moved up a division, but won it, securing the PCAL Mission Division title, and Boys Volleyball missed winning the PCAL Cypress Division by one loss in their last game of the season.

Boys Basketball went to CCS for the first time in over 15 years, with three freshmen starters and all five starters returning to the team this year. One of those freshmen, Gianni Zeljo '27, even earned the Santa Lucia Division Defensive Player of the Year, while Girls Basketball player Asya Wilson '26 won Offensive Player of the Year. Sebastian Del Toro '24 of the Boys Soccer Team was also recognized as Player of the Year.

We are so proud of our hard-working Falcon athletes who shine on the court, field, track—and in the water, too—and we can't wait to see how they build on last year's success in the 2024-2025 school year!

A BANNER YEAR FOR FALCON ATHLETICS

By Maia Thielen,
Communications & Marketing
Manager, Service Learning
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BREAKING NEWS

YORK CHASING PERFECTION ON SOCCER FIELD



“We’ve created a competitive environment and embrace each other’s strengths.”

Alexa Arango-Cuevas, junior midfielder





It's Just a Ride

It was a thrilling roller coaster of a year for the York Arts program, which saw a successful collection of musical performances, a slew of competition wins for our visual arts students, and a knockout production of the musical *Ride the Cyclone*.

Things kicked off last October with an all-Taylor Swift choir concert under the stars at Hacienda Hay & Feed, followed by the Musical Theatre Production class' recital the next month, featuring solos and ensemble pieces from contemporary musicals. During the holiday season, the choir performed Wintery sets at CHOMP, the Portola Hotel & Spa, and the Carmel Mission Basilica, where they were joined by the York String Ensemble as well as Mission Music Director and York alum Laura Schwingel '99. Following York's trip to New York City to perform in *Children of Eden* at Lincoln Center (see page 9), the Jazz Band performed in the Library, showcasing arrangements of jazz pieces created by each member of the band. At the end of the school year, the York Chamber Choir also performed the National Anthem for the Monterey Bay F.C. Union soccer game at Cardinale Stadium for the first time.

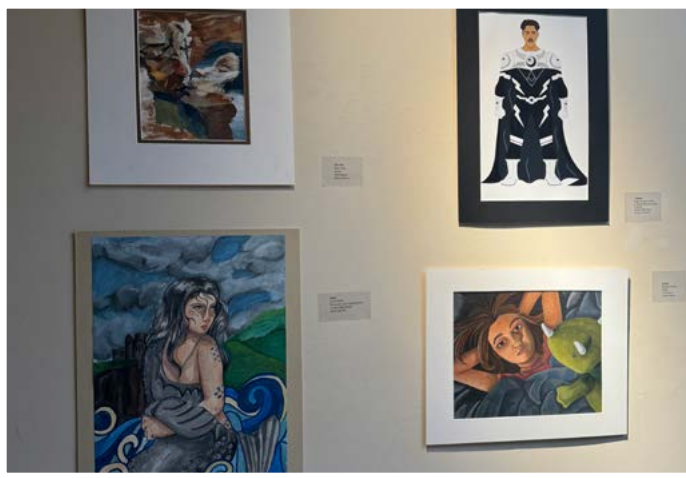
In visual arts, our Falcons painted their way to victory with Rachael Galinato '24 securing an Honorable Mention in the Carmel Art Association's "For the Love of Art" high school

competition. Maria Elena Mejia Contreras '24 won second place overall in the California Arts and Science Institute's "Flora and Fauna of Monterey County Art Contest" (with other Falcons receiving honorable mentions), and Diego Suarez '25 took first place in the League of Women Voters' "Get out the Vote" art contest.

Finally, last Spring, the Gatanaga Theater lit up like a carnival with six performances of Jacob Richmond and Brooke Maxwell's *Ride the Cyclone*, directed by Cabrillo Stage Artistic Director, Andrea Hart, and York Director of Performing Arts, Spencer Williams. A thrilling journey of self-discovery, love, and redemption, the cast got ticket-holders out of their seats to dance on stage and become part of scenes in a truly unique production, which incorporated lots of audience participation!

THE ARTS AT YORK

By Maia Thielen,
Communications & Marketing
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If you haven't yet, don't forget to watch the York Arts 2023-2024 year in review to catch a glimpse of all the fantastic performances our Falcons participated in last year!

You can also watch York's entire production of *Ride the Cyclone*!



←
Year in review

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Ride the Cyclone



Farewell to Faculty & Staff

PAM DURKEE

The resident “dog mom” of York, Pam Durkee, was an integral part of the Sunny Hilltop for 25 years. Since 1999, Pam taught 9th grade Biology, AP Biology, Anatomy/Physiology, Geometry, and Algebra I, served as the 9th Grade Dean and Science Fair Coordinator, cared for the York tortoises, and more, and—overachiever that she is—raised three York alums. We will miss her and wish her the best in her well-earned retirement!



CARLA MCDOWELL

A fixture of the library since 2015 and mother of a York alum, Carla was enthusiastic about helping York students unlock their passion for reading and learning, and guiding them through the resources of the Bishop Library for reading, writing, and research. She brought a wealth of expertise and warmth to our students, and we thank her for her 9 years of dedicated service to the school.



WE THANK OUR DEPARTING FACULTY AND STAFF FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE!

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Welcome New Faculty & Staff



Scott Boynton is a visual designer, drafter, and 3D renderer specializing in theater and entertainment. He will take the lead in building a new tech theater program, teach a digital media class, and develop a makerspace program. He has taught at junior colleges and universities and holds an MFA in Design and Technology for Theater, Film, and Television from San Diego State University. His recent projects include *In the Heights* at Cabrillo Stage and *Ride the Cyclone* at York School.



Janette Cate '92 will be the school's new staff accountant, bringing a wide-range of accounting skills to the school. Janette has 15 years of experience as the Lead Staff Accountant at a local tax preparation firm. Additionally, she has been a bookkeeper, controller, office manager, and tax manager at several local accounting firms and non-profit organizations. She has a BS in Environmental Science from the University of Oregon and is a proud York School graduate, Class of 1992.



Heather Danishanko joins York from Burlington School in North Carolina, where she taught Spanish and Humanities and served as Student Life Coordinator. At York, she will be the World Languages Department Chair and the Coordinator of Student Experience and Belonging, where she will oversee clubs, co-advise Executive Student Council, and facilitate student events and activities. In addition, she will join the Class Deans team as one of the 9th/10th Grade Class Deans.



Anna Faith joined York in Spring 2024, coming from higher education, where she spent the past 5 years of her career. She is an advocate for student access, values diversity and equity in education, and speaks Ukrainian and Polish fluently. At York, Anna serves as the Assistant Director of Philanthropy, *Annual Giving & Alumni Relations*, overseeing the York Annual Fund as well as developing connections with our former Falcons.

Stephanie Gardner is a Carmel Valley native with an experienced background in the hospitality industry. This Fall, she joined York's Main Office as its new Receptionist to assist with student and organizational needs.



Haley Halasz recently received her PhD in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology from University of California Santa Cruz. During her graduate studies, she discovered a passion for teaching and making complex scientific concepts accessible to students. Excited to transition from research to education, Haley will join the Math/Science Department and teach Biology, AP Biology, and Pre-Algebra.

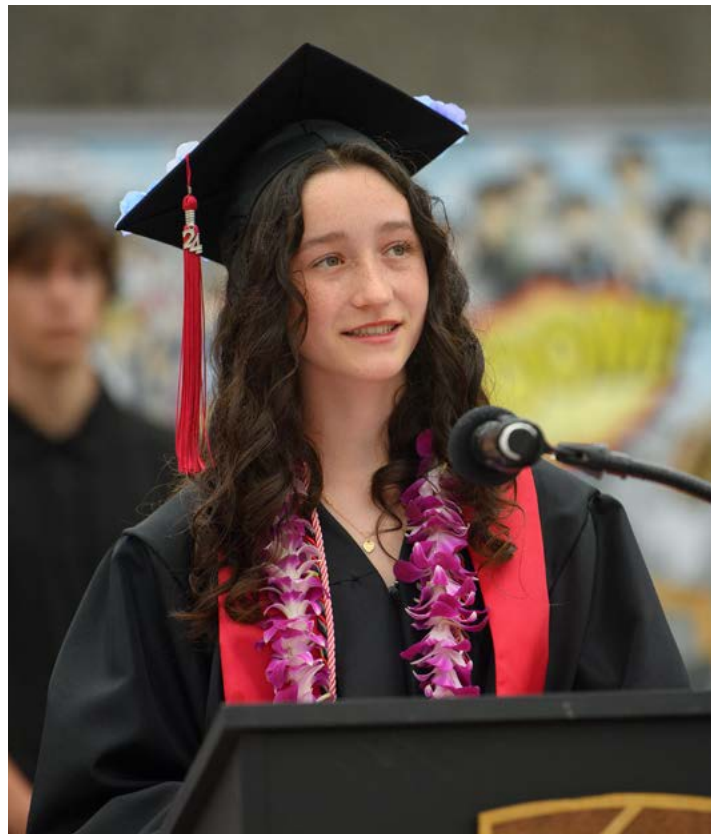


Tracie Lizama came to York in early 2024, bringing more than two decades of office management and executive assistant experience to support her in her roles as Senior Enrollment Associate and Main Office Manager. Prior to York, she spent five years as Main Office Manager and Admissions Coordinator at Notre Dame High School in Salinas. Tracie knows the value and benefits of private education, and possesses great enthusiasm to support and build strong relationships with York students and families.



Paul Mattingly is our new maintenance support staff member. He spent much of his career in the auto industry as a sales and finance manager, but also has been a painter, operated heavy equipment, and even laid high voltage cable in Dorset, England. Paul is originally from the United Kingdom having attended the Seldown Boys School.







Commencement 2024

On an unusually rainy May 25, 2024 York celebrated its 60th Commencement in the Gawain Family Theater. Led by alumnus Nick Newman '14, forty-three seniors walked to their seats as Head of School, Doug Key, welcomed everyone with an utmost fitting "Welcome to the Sunny Hilltop." Student Body President Maura Kragelund '24's speech challenged her class to live in the moment, followed by the York School Choir's performance of "Don't Forget Me" by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman. This year's valedictorian, Sebastian Del Toro '24, shared how proud he was of the class' achievements, and how he was humbled by the York community's dedication to excellence.

Nick Newman '14, one of our youngest Commencement alumni speakers, shared his memories of York as he welcomed the newest York alumni and invited them to strive for change, not just in themselves, but to guide the world in a healthier direction. Senior Class President, Rose Finn, congratulated the Class of 2024 on their graduation before the tassels were moved from right to left—signifying a final bow as York students and a warm welcome as York alumni.

Congratulations Class of 2024! As stated by your valedictorian, "You are forever connected by the bonds created at York."

By Anna Faith, Assistant Director
of Philanthropy, Annual Giving &
Alumni Relations

Philanthropy Report



Dear York Community,

We are thrilled with the incredible progress we have made at York School in creating meaningful change, fostering school spirit, and establishing new traditions while honoring the old. Despite the challenges we've faced, particularly those confronting small independent schools today, we have successfully generated positive momentum and achieved remarkable milestones. The York faculty, staff, and trustees remain deeply committed to ensuring that York School continues to be the leading college-preparatory high school in our area. This period has allowed us to reflect on our history and envision an even brighter future, reinforcing our strengths and launching exciting new programs.

In collaboration with our dedicated faculty and staff, we have prioritized deepening our engagement with the community, showcasing the incredible learning and achievements of our students at York. The California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) was highly impressed with the remarkable progress we have made in just two years and commended our faculty and staff for embracing change and moving forward. As a result, we were awarded the maximum accreditation extension. We remain fully committed to our strategic plan, continuously enhancing our already strong college-preparatory curriculum while introducing innovative programs that equip our students with the knowledge and skills they need to excel in the future.

We have also been hard at work exploring ways to utilize our 100-acre campus to enhance both our school and the broader community. We have created a Master Plan for the 100 acres that includes the York Wilderness, which will be integrated into our new Sustainability and Ag Tech Program. With a strong focus on athletics and soccer, we have secured permits and are moving forward with the development of a new field and running track, providing state-of-the-art facilities for our students and community soccer programs. Additionally, we are pursuing a community workforce housing project aimed at supporting teachers and essential workers in our area—a challenging but crucial initiative for our continued growth and success. Our goal this year is to engage our community to help bring this plan to life.

This year, we proudly launched our new Innovation and Sustainability Program with an Ag Tech initiative, working closely with local agricultural leaders and companies in the Salinas Valley, including Braga Farms and their key sustainability and technology partners. York has strategically planned a three-year rollout for this program, which began with the "Plant a Seed" project last year. In this project, students built two garden beds, installed farm bots, and integrated the project across various subject areas, including Spanish classes.

In the 2024-2025 school year, we've expanded the program by introducing Farm Bots into our Code+Design curriculum, including an exciting pumpkin patch project. This hands-on experience with cutting-edge technology is preparing our students for the increasingly important world of Ag Tech.

Reflecting on York's history, I am reminded of the school's enduring commitment to advocacy and progress, such as when we successfully fought to allow girls to participate in high school sports—a groundbreaking victory in California. At York, we continue this legacy by ensuring our school remains a place of exceptional academics and a vibrant, inclusive community. Our students are emerging as courageous leaders, active citizens, and critical thinkers, thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors.

I invite you to join us in supporting York School as we embark on this exciting journey. By investing in York, you are ensuring that we can continue to inspire and prepare a diverse community of creative, independent thinkers. Your commitment to our mission and values is essential for our future success.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your generous and steadfast support. Together, we can make York School an exceptional place for both our current and future students.

With heartfelt thanks,



Norelle Boyce
Chair of the Board of Trustees



Financial Summary

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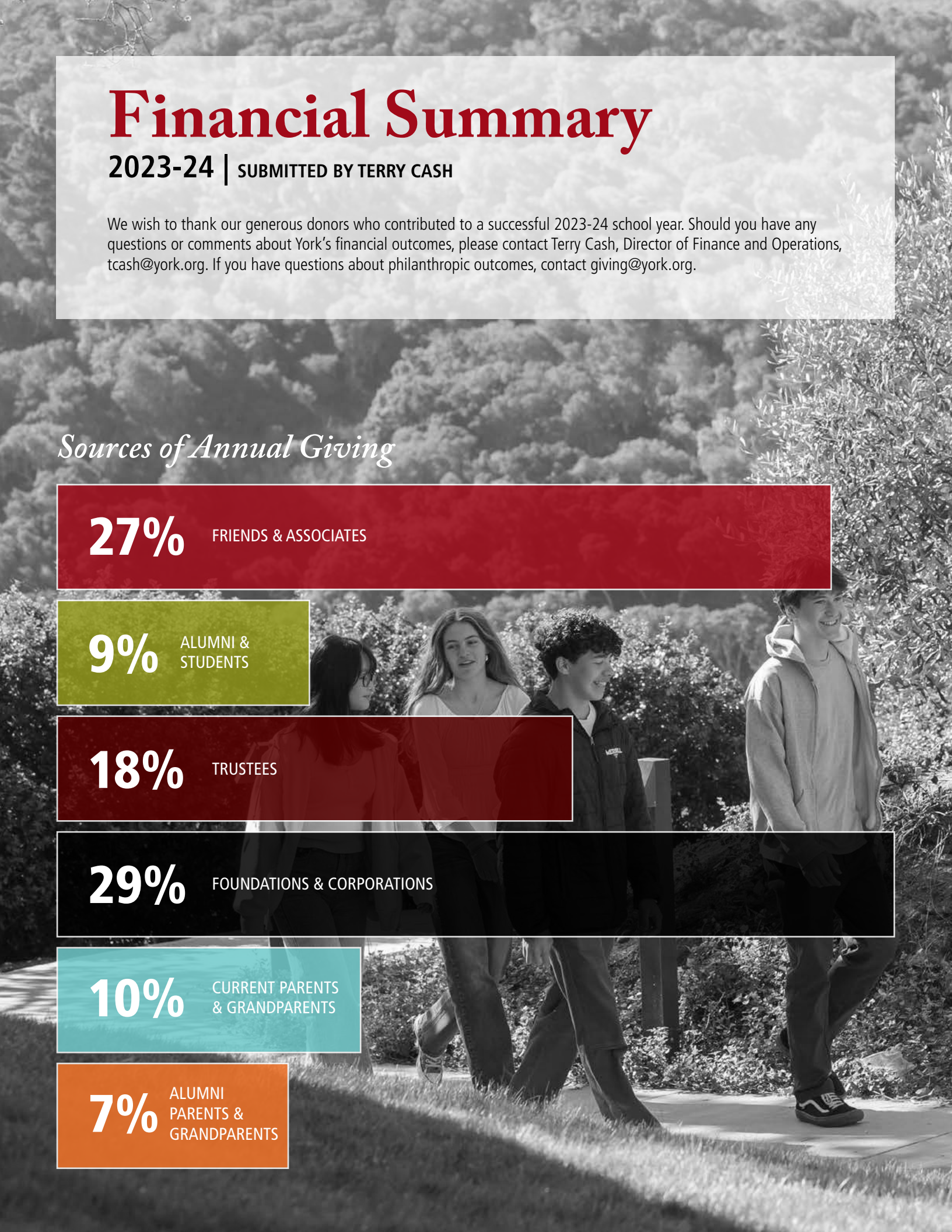
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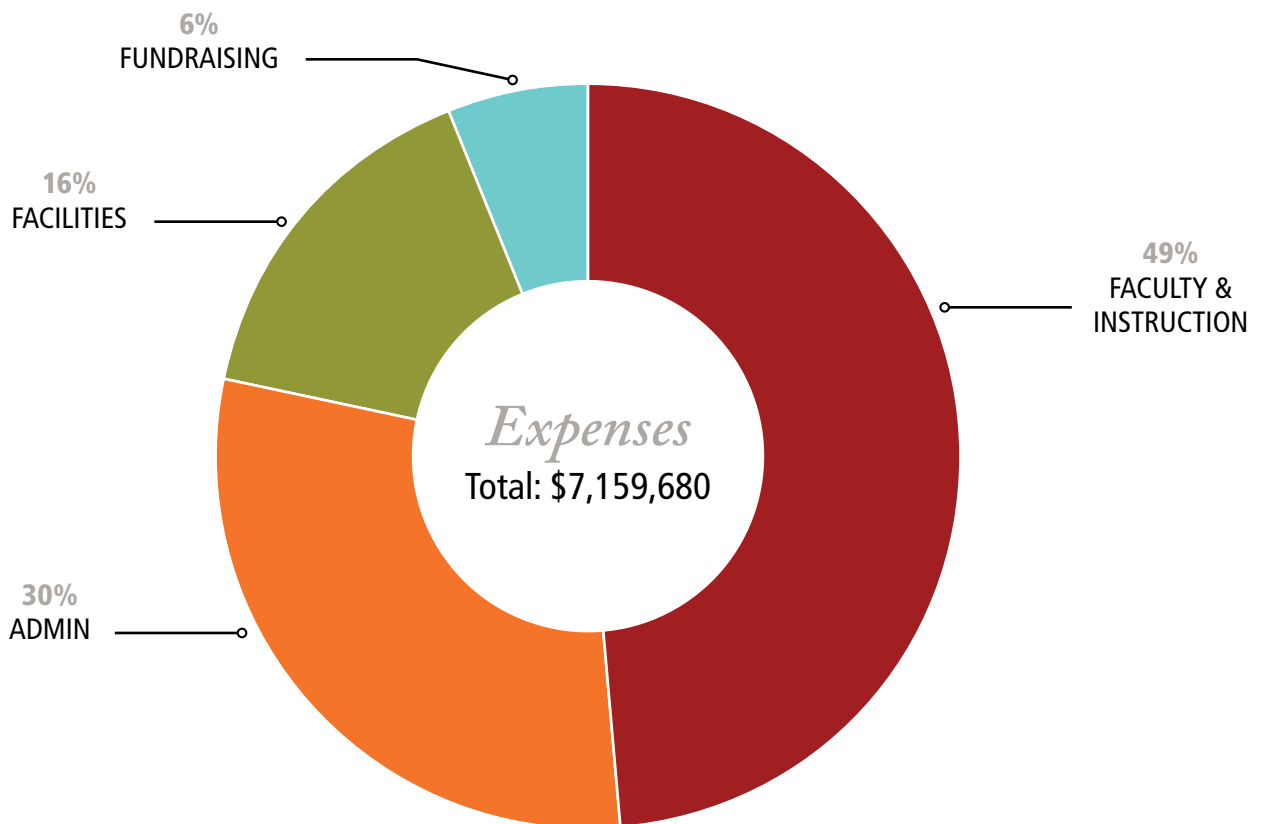
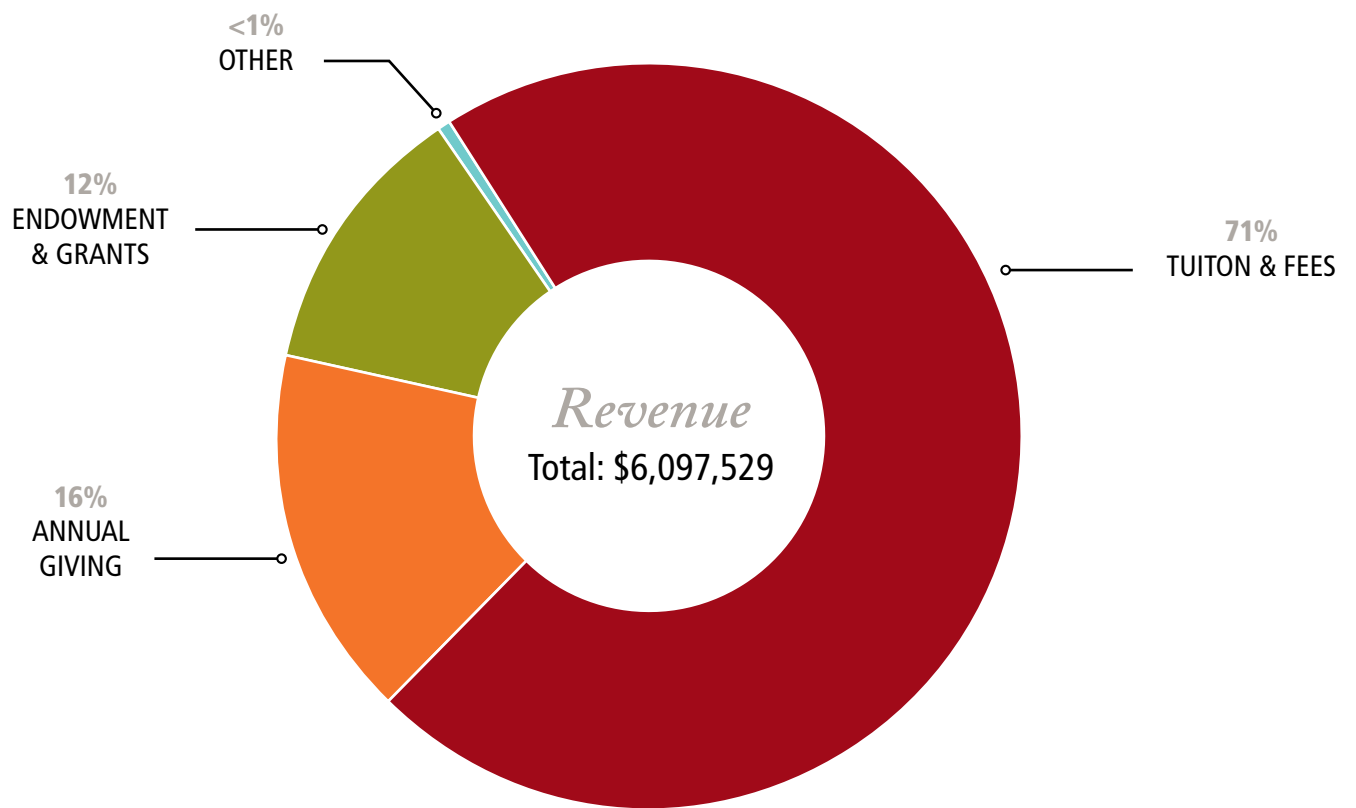
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“York’s challenging coursework and collaborative environment gave me confidence in my skill set that has transferred to every academic and professional setting I have been in since high school. I look back on the incredible teachers and the accepting and trusting community, and I give back to York so students today can also have that unique experience.”

Clara Cushing '12

A young man with dark hair, wearing a red zip-up jacket with "YORK SCHOOL" and "ADA" on it, and white pants, is sitting on a grassy hill. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, there are green trees and a clear sky.

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Alumni Roadshow

Last Winter, the York alumni team hit the road with the first ever York School Alumni Roadshow! In an effort to reconnect with former Falcons across the country, we brought the Sunny Hilltop to them by hosting events in four major U.S. cities, led by former Director of Philanthropy & Community Partnerships, Erin White, Head of School, Doug Key, and his wife, Michelle Key.

The festivities kicked off in San Francisco with a mixer at beautiful Penny Roma, which offers fine Italian dining in the Mission District. A couple weeks later, the team headed East, first landing in Washington D.C. for a gathering generously hosted by Paul Matsui '89 and his wife, Jen Oullette, at their home. Next, we invited alumni in Boston out for an evening at Row 34—once a 1908 Boston Wharf Company textile warehouse—in the historic Fort Point neighborhood. The Roadshow drew to a close with its grand finale event: a meeting at the Empire Hotel Rooftop in New York City before attending the York School Chamber Choir's performance of *Children of Eden* at David Geffen Hall.

We loved sharing our current students' Lincoln Center debut with our former students, connecting with the greater Falcon community in their home cities, and can't wait to do it again soon!

By Maia Thielen,
Communications &
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Your Gifts at Work

"If I could sum up the Diversity Initiative in a word, it would be intentionality," says Trustee Emeritus Dan Fenton '76. "Our mission is to create a proactive and inclusive campus environment where students from all backgrounds can thrive, and without intentionality, we wouldn't be as effective in our recruitment efforts."

Four years ago, the York Board of Trustees approved the groundbreaking initiative to fully-fund a York education for mission-appropriate students of socioeconomic need through specified financial planning and help from donors to whom the focus of the initiative speaks. With the assistance of local connectors like the Village Project and the Boys & Girls Club, York is proud to have enrolled five spectacular students under the initiative, with the longer-term goal of enrolling two to three students per class.

A unique hallmark is the Diversity Initiative Dinner, which opens a dialogue on current trends and challenges, and will see its third iteration in Spring 2025. The second annual DI Dinner took place at the Taylor Building in Salinas on April 27, 2024, and consisted of vibrant dialogue celebrating Latino educators in Monterey County.

Attendees included Latino civic, education and agriculture leaders, passionate community activists, donors, and distinguished York alumni, students, and parents who spoke directly to the initiative's mission.

Moving forward, Fenton wants to take York's environment from "great to greater. York has always been welcoming, but we have seen great results in enhancing the richness of our campus, the impact of classroom conversation, and our ability to foster belonging. We have learned about opportunities to be more inclusive and demonstrate greater sensitivity through efforts like conducting student and parent focus groups on campus and will continue to transform our campus culture with the help of the platform's funding." One particularly exciting development which launched for the 2024-2025 school year is a pilot program which provides transportation to York from Salinas for interested families.

If you would like to participate and support the Diversity Initiative, please contact giving@york.org and Dan and the diversity committee will connect with you.

THE DIVERSITY INITIATIVE IN A WORD

By Maia Thielen
Communications & Marketing Manager,
Service Learning Coordinator





Global Connection

YORK'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMMUNITY

In partnership with the Cambridge Network, York is proud to host a robust population of international students: a group of fantastic Falcons who contribute greatly to the richness of our campus and culture. Last Fall, former Director of Philanthropy & Community Partnerships, Erin White, embarked on York's first trip to China, during which she visited six cities in twelve days to connect with current York families and prospective students, conducting an impressive 91 student interviews. Upon her return and in response to her conversations with our international parents, York's Philanthropy team launched the Global Parents Giving Society—a special avenue through which those families are invited to support York's mission. With 24 international students on our Sunny Hilltop in the new 2024-2025 school year, Director of Enrollment, Chris Wilcox, looks forward to another trip to China this Fall, and shares that he is "incredibly excited to represent York in China and experience the culture that has sent us so many amazing students."

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Communications & Marketing
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 Morgana Mongraw-Chaffin '00 and Daniel Montgomery (13)
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 Sean O'Rourke '92 (14)
 Analynn and David Patterson (14)
 Andrea and George Sanico (13)
 Clark Shishido '86 (12)
 Melissa Smith '90 and Robert Hill (14)
 Amy Smolen '88 and David Smolen (10)
 Peter Tanner '89 and Jennifer Tanner (11)
 Alice Tao (10)
 Adan and Angelina Urquidez (13)
 Elizabeth Welden-Smith '01 (13)
 Caroline Yoon '09 (11)
 Connie and Graham Yost (14)
 Mark Zanides '66 and Yamel Zanides (12)

5 -9 YEARS

William Atwood (7)
 Belinda and Kevin Avina (8)
 Colleen and John Bailey (5)
 Matt Baughman (5)
 Black Bennett '08 (5)
 Patricia Meem Blackbourne '83 (9)
 Nathaniel Brown and Yana Polyakova (6)
 Joanna Casson '83 (5)
 Lisa Davenport (5)
 Timothy Ditzler '86 and Lynn Ditzler (7)
 Chelsea Esterline '06 (7)
 Laura Bennett Frank '80 and Russell Frank (8)
 Frumkin Falco Family Foundation (9)
 Michael Frumkin and Christina Falco (9)
 Ellen and Paul Gaucher (8)
 Crispina and Sol Gonzalvo (7)
 Debra Hale and Andrew Ward (7)
 Rogers Hawley '01 and Merritt Hawley '97 (7)
 Patrick Jenifer '91 (7)
 Cecile and John Joyner (8)
 Michelle and Doug Key (5)
 Lynn and Sean Kragelund (6)
 Pam and Gifford Lehman (8)

5 -9 YEARS (CONT.)

Nancy and Robert Ley (6)
 Carla and Perry McDowell (9)
 Benjamin Morgan '90 (8)
 Scott Nelson Windels '93 and Sarah Windels (9)
 Aya Ogawa '92 and Irwin Chen (9)
 Heather and Michael Oliver (7)
 Jennifer and Javier Ortiz (9)
 Dean Partlow and Lisa Marrack (5)
 Morgan Paull '08 (5)
 Suzanne Peng '01 (9)
 Eric Peterson '98 (7)
 William Peterson '83 and Jane Seto (8)
 Ryan Quinnan '97 (7)
 Karen and Dave Rossum (7)
 Wendy and Andrew Schmidt (7)
 Virginia and Thomas Scott (5)
 Stephen Storey (7)
 Jean Wang (7)
 Chris Wilcox (8)
 Spencer Williams (6)

MCGives!

A School for All! York School's Big Idea for 2023's MCGives! is a true description of the inclusive nature of our enrollment each and every year for the past 65 years. Beginning with a \$50,000 challenge grant from a Grateful York Parent combined with the generosity of all who contributed, we were able to provide over \$150,000 to our Tuition Assistance Program. This comprehensive program benefits over 64% of the academically qualified students who attend York. Many thanks to the Monterey County Weekly, the Community Foundation for Monterey County, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, and all the amazing individual donors and families who support our students to become creative, independent thinkers.



By Michelle Lange, Assistant
 Director of Philanthropy,
 Operations, Grants, &
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Parent Giving

CLASS OF '24

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 Goldberg
 Cheryl Heyermann and Perky Hall
 Jeff Jackson
 Emily Johnson
 Lynn and Sean Kragelund
 Ikuko and Mike Minami
 Joel Nagafuji
 May Nagafuji
 Yazmin Naranjo
 Heather and Michael Oliver

CLASS OF '25

Julie and Christopher Barlow
 Andreana and Carlo Bernardino
 Fleur and Denis Burke
 Damon Campbell and Gina Michaels
 Renee Herzog
 Natalie and Igor Karp
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 Hyuntae Kim and Jiyoung Shin
 Lois and Douglas Knapp
 Zhichao Liu and Yang Yang
 Yelena and Jason Rose
 Larry Steiner
 David Stihler '93 and Catherine Stihler
 Edward Takashima '89 and Monica
 Takashima
 Katherine Tripp
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CLASS OF '26

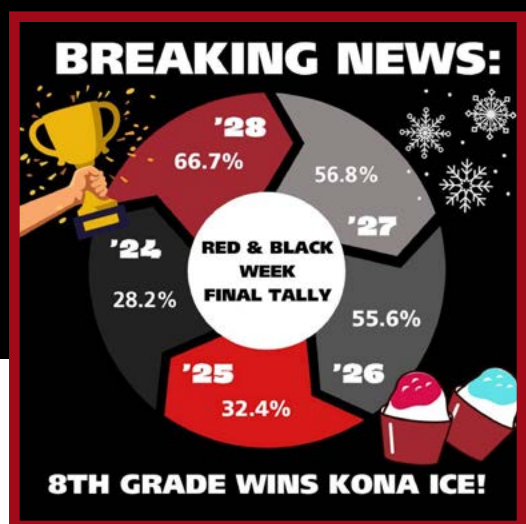
Doreen and Avner Biblarz
 Rudy Bucher and Stacey McAlpine
 Robin and Andrew Clarke
 Brushira and Amadou Diallo
 Erin and Trevor Fogg
 Sofia and Sancho Fernando Gapasin
 Thaddeus Hoffmeister and Alea Brown-
 Hoffmeister
 Kristen and Joe Huston
 Cecilia and Gerald Kennedy
 Chae Lee and Yunju Baik
 Wilbur Lee '95 and Cordelia Lee
 Joaquin Robles and Lily Parra
 Juan Silva-Ventura and Rosa Audelo-
 Sandoval
 Aga and Graham Simpson
 Melina Sukyas '93 and Phillipe Sukyas
 Ngoc Giang and Frank Truong
 Chris Wilcox
 Heather and Michael Winter
 Rory Wood and Noova Ongley

Red & Black Week

Donuts, flowers, hot coffee and cheer! Once again, York's community celebrated the spirit of giving last Fall during York's annual Red & Black Week. Volunteers handed treats to parents on their way through campus each morning, and shared their enthusiasm for York's Annual Fund to inspire parent giving. The week brought a spirit of joy and camaraderie to the whole campus, with classic activities like Finding Florky and dressing up in York Red and Black. Thanks to the excitement of Red & Black Week, we achieved over 66% parent participation in the York Fund in 2023-24. Let's keep the momentum going and beat it this year! Go Falcons!

BRINGING THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

By Anna Faith, Assistant
Director of Philanthropy,
Annual Giving & Alumni
Relations



CLASS OF '27

Colleen Ayotte
Miguel Barahona and KT Silva
Patricia and Matt Bischoff
Nathanial Brown and Yana Polyakova
Sungshim Choi
Jessica and Celso Cruz
Jill and Matthew Ellis
Jennifer Gonzalez '91 and Mike
Gonzalez
Jenny and Gregg Kanter
Kristin Keahi
Tanvir and Preeti Khera
Lynn and Sean Kragelund
Jessica and Matt Lewis
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Blanca Navarro and Monika Macias

Julie Neikirk
Stephanie and Peter Oshman
Martine and Alan Scott
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Catherine Spaulding
Anthony Stratakos and Chryssa Maragos
Judy and Wayne Tsuchitani
Tamara and Lewis Weisblum
Carrie and Marcus Wilemon
Ali and Jon Zeljo

CLASS OF '28

Jill and Matthew Ellis
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Sarah and Matthew Kline
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Robert Weil and Meredith Haberfeld
Ali and Jon Zeljo

York School recognizes and thanks those donors whose annual giving supports excellence in education and reflects a commitment to generosity.

By Anna Faith,
Assistant Director of
Philanthropy, Annual Giving &
Alumni Relations

Grandparents & Friends of York Day

York has a lot of traditions, but one that never fails to warm our hearts and lift our spirits is when we welcome our students' loved ones to campus each year for Grandparents and Friends of York Day. In 2023, the day began with guests gathering and enjoying morning refreshments in the Coburn Commons as they made their way to the Coburn Chapel. Doug Key welcomed everyone with a deep gratitude and was humbled by such a terrific turnout—the largest in five years! The York Chamber Choir performed “Al Shlosa D’varim” by Allan E. Naplan, followed by Elizabeth Siarny’s presentation about York’s Costa Rica experience. A tribute was shared by Ja’Khiah McMillan ’26 and Daniel M.T. Fessler, PhD, grandfather to Rowan Fogg ’26, shared his testimonial to York and philanthropy. The guests went on to attend second and third periods with their students and met up once again in the Commons for some photos. The Jazz Band performed as everyone enjoyed the sunny weather. Even a few turkeys graced us on the Eve of the Thanksgiving holiday. There was so much to be grateful for!





GRANDPARENTS GIVING

David Aragon
Jennifer and Daniel Fessler
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Mary and John Simpson
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Valentine Legacy Society

Anonymous

Robert P. Balles

Estate of Dr. Peggy Downes Baskin

Estate of Margaret Pardee Bates

Estate of Nancy Benham

Kennon and Roger Bowen

Patrick Brent

Beth and Kevin Brookhouser

Jason Burnett '94 and Melissa Burnett

Agnes Chien

Marian and Gordon Clemens

Shirley Coly

Mary Kay Higgins Crockett

Jacqueline Cruz

Estate of Sharon Damon

Tomika Anne Dew '76

Bill and Nancy Doolittle

Kristine Edmunds

Estate of Lewis Fenton

Estate of Lowel Figen

Nancy and William Fisher

Jackie and Philip Frey

Ellen and Paul Gaucher

Jeanne and Samuel Gesumaria

Estate of Cecilia Graham

Hector Grijalva

Susie and Rob Gularte

Sherrie Gutierrez '96

Debra Hale and Andrew Ward

Estate of Anne Hammond

Chuck Harmon and Elizabeth Miles

Estate of Monte Harrington

Estate of Homer L. Heald

Elizabeth and Joseph W. Heston

Joseph Heston '04 and Kathryn Heston

Estate of The Reverend David S. Hill

Estate of Frederick Hofsas

Estate of Edda Sislain Kaudy

Blythe and Peter Kieffer

Leonard N. Laub and Yvonne Ascher

Douglas C. Lee

Pam and Gifford Lehman

Carol Lowrey

Estate of Lloyd Lowrey, Jr.

Mason McCollum '18

Estate of William H. McCullough

Estate of Donalinda Merillat

Stephen Meyer '73 and Teri Meyer

Estate of Norman William Miller

Benjamin Morgan '90

Estate of Margaret L. Musser

Mark Myers '73 and Barbara Myers

Margarite and Werner Papenhoefer

Eve Paretsky '91 and Karl Knaub

Jane Paulsen

Estate of Henrietta Pearce

Estate of Stanley Pearce

Estate of Robert S. Ray

Stephanie Regevig and Wes Scheibly

Estate of J. Jackson Riggs

Karen and David Rossum

Edwin K.S. Ryu '69 and Julie Satake Ryu

Matthew Simis '88 and Michael Gray

Estate of Pauline S. Sinclair

Christine Sinnott

Estate of William Smith '74

Nicholas Sturch

Lawrence Tartaglino

Estate of James Valentine

Steven Webster

Julia Wedekind

Jamillynn and Mark Willaman

Nelly and Lance Wright

Planning Your Legacy

Each year, we host a celebratory lunch for our Valentine Legacy Society members who have included York as a beneficiary in their estate plan. As the youngest member of the Society, Mason McCollum '18 believes in planning your legacy for a worthy cause. We sat down with him to hear his take on why one should consider joining.

How did you get interested in estate planning?

I work in wealth management with a lot of clients with intergenerational wealth and see how important estate planning is. You never know what could happen, so planning ahead is the easiest way to take care of the future. A lot of our clients are very philanthropic and it's motivating and inspiring seeing people giving back. Charity is contagious.

Why should others at your age consider it?

It's never too early to start thinking about estate planning. Life is unpredictable. Planning your future can help you focus and work towards goals. No matter what happens, it's nice to know that you have been working towards a positive legacy and giving to something more than yourself. It is also a very easy thing to set up. You can just list York as a beneficiary for your IRA or 401k, it takes no time to make a big impact.

What inspires you to give to education?

I've always loved school, it is such a unique environment—both academically and socially enriching. It allows you to learn what you are passionate about and explore your interests, it's really a gift. At York, I got to explore subjects I wouldn't have otherwise—I went to China, learned about the history of cinema. Your horizons really get expanded, it's an eye-opening and amazing experience. There are so many great organizations and institutions...but I feel like my dollar goes much further at York. It punches above its weight class.

What excites you about York today?

Global education is a unique opportunity to get out of the bubble of Monterey. There is so much to see and so much out there, being provided that opportunity is great. What also excites me is that innovation at York doesn't stop. It's a new chapter, a really good time to rally support around York and make some positive change happen.

A CONVERSATION WITH VALENTINE LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER MASON MCCOLLUM '18

By Anna Faith, Assistant
Director of Philanthropy,
Annual Giving & Alumni
Relations





Faculty and Trustee Giving

FACULTY

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 Doug Key
 Kim Kiest
 Allison Lahl
 Michelle Lange

Tracie Lizama
 Ian Martin '90
 Gerard Martin
 Carla McDowell
 Jenny Nadaner
 Christina Nielsen
 Dean Partlow
 Steve Peters
 Daniel Rubado
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 Maia Thielen
 June Trachsel
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 Spencer Williams
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 Ellen Gaucher**
 Marianne Gawain '76**
 Debbie Hale
 Rich Hamilton
 Mark Kerman '78
 Doug Key*
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Paul Matsui '89
 Danielle McShane '99
 Heather Oliver
 Ken Scates
 Edward Takashima '89
 Steven Webster**
 Jaime Zaldivar Martinez

*Ex-Officio
 **Emeritus

Young Philanthropist of the Year

Last fall, our very own Bodhi Brunings '24 was named Young Philanthropist of the Year by National Philanthropy Day for the Central Coast! Bodhi supported York's annual fund since joining the school as an 8th grader in 2019, assisted our admission team, ran social media and personal outreach campaigns for the California YMCA Youth and Government's "Future Leaders Campaign," served on the state-wide Board of Managers for the Youth and Government program and represented the youth of the local YMCA Board of Directors. He took on an ambitious fundraising campaign for the Food Bank of Monterey County, raising \$1,000 through volunteering and inviting sponsorship, and regularly supports the organizations he deeply cares for, such as the Food Bank, SPCA, and his very own York School. We are proud of Bodhi and his commitment to York's mission, as well as the missions of other incredible organizations in our local community.

By Maia Thielen,
Communications & Marketing
Manager, Service Learning
Coordinator





ALUMNI GIVING BY LOCATION

UNITED STATES:

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	New Hampshire
	New Jersey
	New Mexico
	New York
	North Carolina
	Ohio
	Oregon
	Pennsylvania
	Texas
	Utah
	Vermont
	Virginia
	Washington
	Wisconsin

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65 Years of York and You

GIVING DAY 2024

By Anna Faith, Assistant
Director of Philanthropy,
Annual Giving & Alumni
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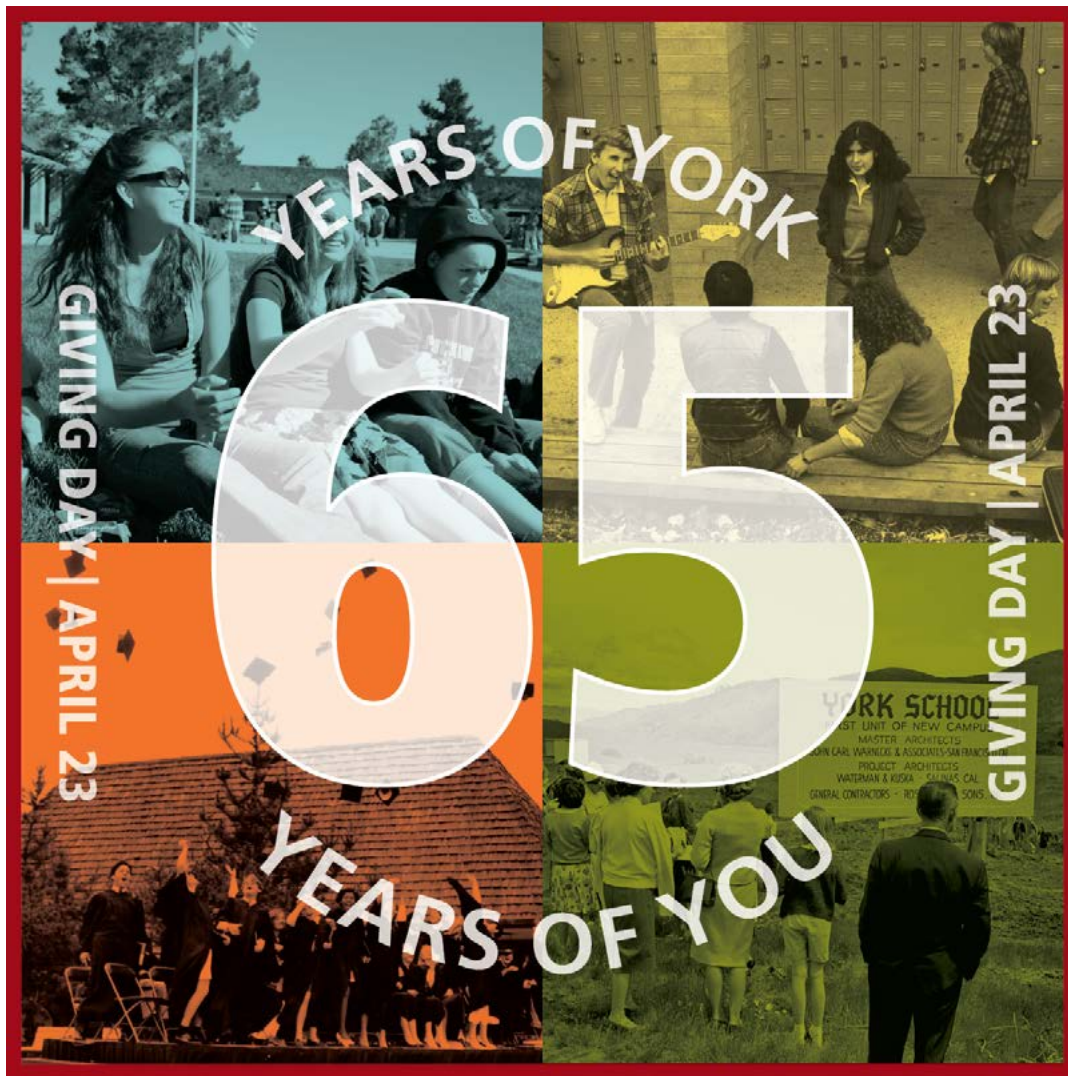
The preparations for York's annual Giving Day started in early April 2024. To kick off celebrating 65 years of York School, our team put together a playlist of #1 Billboard hits that have topped the charts in each year of our history.


Throughout the month, we shared inspiring facts about successes in our Performing Arts, AgTech, and Global Programs this milestone year, and opened the day with a video by Maia Thielen, York's Communications & Marketing Manager extraordinaire, which challenged the idea of what it means to be a hero and how meaningful it is to have a place to become one. As stated in the video, for 65 years York has been that place.

Two Grateful York Families kickstarted the fundraising with a \$20,000 challenge gift. Contributions poured in from alumni, parents, grandparents, and current and former faculty and staff, with inspiring quotes and dedications. By the day's end, nearly 100 members of our community came together to raise \$45,834 for the York Fund!

→
*Watch the
video*







65 Songs for 65 Years!

York School

✓ Saved on Spotify

00:00 ...

- The Battle Of New Orleans
Johnny Horton
- The Theme from "A Summer Place"
Percy Faith & His Orchestra
- Tossin' And Turnin'
Bobby Lewis



→
Listen to the playlist!

Honor Gifts

**CONGRATS YORK ON 65 YEARS OF A
COMMITTED QUALITY EDUCATION FOR A
DIVERSE GROUP OF STUDENTS!**

Binzee Gonzalvo '91 and Chiharu Noguchi

BRENDA ARONOWITZ

Cammy and Time Torgenrud

*for her dedicated service to York over the past four
decades*

BRIANNA BAILEY '24

Colleen and John Bailey

MICHAEL BORROWMAN "MR B"

Kennon and Roger Bowen

JEAN-PIERRE BRENOT '24

Kassandra and Francois Brenot

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KEVIN BROOKHOUSER

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BODHI BRUNINGS '24

Kristine Edmunds

AUSTIN COOK '24

Terry and Penny Rockwood

NIA CUSENZA '24

Linda Schlittler

MARIE CLAIRE DAVENPORT '24

Lisa Davenport

BRENDAN DUDA '03

Francis Duda and Hilary Traynor-Duda

STEPHANY DUDA '98

Francis Duda and Hilary Traynor-Duda

PAMELA DURKEE

Nicholas Sturch

in honor of her retirement

JONNY GOLDBERG '24

Steve Goldberg and Robin Beckman Goldberg

ALEX HEYERMANN '24

Cheryl Heyermann

TYLER HEYERMANN '24

Cheryl Heyermann

WALTER HOWE '98

Wendy and Kevin Howe

FINN JACKSON '24

Jef Jackson

ELEANOR JOHNSON '24

Emily Johnson

SCOT JOHNSON

Natasha Nogueira '13

DOUG KEY

Kennon and Roger Bowen

MICHELLE AND DOUG KEY

Erin White

LILY KRAGELUND '27

Patricia Gillespie

MAURA KRAGELUND '24

Patricia Gillespie

BENJAMIN LAKIND '23

MIMI LAKIND

TOBEY MALONE '20

Stephen Storey

TAIGA MINAMI '24

Ikuko and Mike Minami

KATHARINE MINOTT

Cambria Minott-Gaines '04

thank you to my wonderful mom!

JUSTIN NAGAFUJI '24

May and Joel Nagafuji

KENT NYBAKKEN '84

Dr. Bette H. Nybakken

SCOTT NYBAKKEN '86

Dr. Bette H. Nybakken

DAVID OLIVER '24

Anne Oliver

Heather and Michael Oliver

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SAMANTHA ORTIZ-NARANJO '24

Yazmin Naranjo

ANNE PEATTIE '97

Donald Peattie and Lise Peterson

JOHN PEATTIE '01

Donald Peattie and Lise Peterson

NICHOLAS STURCH

Kennedy Adams

Raven's ('04) favorite teacher

Mackenzie Zalin '05

KENDRA SCOTT SYMONDS '01

Virginia and Thomas Scott

KYMM WALKER '96

Carol and Murray Walker

JEAN WANG

Jonathan Farmer '77 and Sue Phan '77

ERIN WHITE

Michelle Lange

YORK LATIN

Michelle Maruyama '96

where nuanced grammar fed my left brain

MACKENZIE ZALIN '05

Steph and Mark Zalin



Gifts to Endowment

Gifts to York's endowment ensure long-term support for major priorities like tuition assistance and funding for faculty. This list includes York's established funds and the donors who contributed in fiscal year 2023-2024.

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THE YORK CUP ENDOWMENT

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A Tradition of Giving

For 40 years, York School has been supported by the overwhelming generosity of the William McCaskey Chapman & Adaline Dinsmore Chapman Foundation. To date, more than \$1.1 million has been granted to the tuition assistance program which supports exceptional students who demonstrate financial need.

A little bit of history shows us that the foundation was established through the generosity of Mrs. Chapman, who formed the Foundation in 1983 to help students obtain educational opportunities that otherwise would be unavailable. She established the Foundation, in perpetuity, to support the practice she and her late husband, William McCaskey Chapman, followed during their lifetimes: helping students pursue educational excellence.

The mission and purpose of the Chapman Foundation runs parallel to York School's mission to prepare a diverse community of creative, independent thinkers. The Chapman Foundation provides grant funds to non-profit organizations for various educational programs and projects. The goal of the Foundation is to support programs that provide young people with the skills and motivation to succeed in college.

The Chapman Foundation's leadership is currently transitioning with a new Executive Director. Below are comments from the outgoing and incoming Executive Directors:

"It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as the Executive Director for the past nine years. Serving at the behest of a Board of Trustees, from different professional backgrounds, while speaking with one heart, has been most gratifying. From scholarships, to instructional support, to innovative programs, The Chapman Foundation has served the Monterey Peninsula with enviable distinction since 1983, and I am proud to have played a small part in that effort."

- Craig Beller

"As the incoming Executive Director, I am looking forward to continuing the wonderful work that my predecessor has accomplished over his tenure. I am excited to represent the Chapman Foundation and to support all the schools and institutions in the Monterey Peninsula that receive a grant from our Foundation. I believe that fostering a formal education, in general, leads to a better quality of life in people. The Chapman Foundation has contributed to this goal for several decades. I am proud and privileged to be part of this team."

- Alejandro Hogan

As York celebrates our 65th year, we are extremely grateful to Mrs. Chapman for her foresight to support students on the Monterey Peninsula and to all who have supported our students over these many years.



**THE WILLIAM
MCCASKEY
CHAPMAN
AND ADALINE
DINSMORE
CHAPMAN
FOUNDATION**

By Michelle Lange, Assistant
Director of Philanthropy,
Operations, Grants &
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Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts allow donors to remember and honor friends and loved ones who have passed away. donors who have made memorial gifts are listed following the name(s) of the person honored.

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DR. PEGGY DOWNES BASKIN

Kristine Edmunds

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JOANNE DOYLE

Lynda Baldauf '82 and Lasse Baldauf

Mitchell Green '75

Kelly Ramirez '99 and Marcus Pearson
for opening doors

PHILIP FREY

Merideth Frey '03 and Melvin Irizarry-Gelpi

RAYMOND AND LILLIAN GULARTE

Dr. Nicholas Gualarte '02 and Mrs. Nadira Gualarte

LYMAN HAMILTON

Nancy and Bill Doolittle

Kristine Edmunds

Rich Hamilton and Debra Schadeck

Nicholas Sturch

KYLAN JONES-HUFFMAN '90

Penny Jones

Jesus Torres '91

HENRY LITTLEFIELD

Mila Vasser '87

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Carol Lowrey

CONNOR MCCARTHY '98

Eric Peterson '98

VICTOR MEYER

Robert Meyer '69 and Kathleen Harner

NICHOLAS NELL '95

Wilbur Lee '95 and Cordelia Lee

TEX RYAN '69

Robert Meyer '69 and Kathleen Harner

NATALIE ROSE SANFORD '19

Pamela Clemens

Cammy and Tim Torgenrud

WINFIELD SINCLAIR '71

Craig Sinclair '69 and Deborah Sinclair

TINKER STOLICH

Analynn and David Patterson

JAMES VALENTINE

Nicholas Sturch

FRAU CHRISTINA VASVARY

Mitchell Green '75

KAREN WEITZMAN '81

Dagmar and James Huffman

In Memoriam

Peggy Downes Baskin

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Peggy Downes Baskin, PhD (1930-2023), whose support and dedication were integral to the history and success of York School. Fostering a relationship with York for over 45 years, Peggy served on the York Board of Trustees 2006-2013 (then named Trustee Emerita), was a parent and grandparent of alumni, (her daughter, Cammy Torgenrud, was a longtime York faculty member), and was married to former Head of School, Chuck Downes, with whom she shared a deep commitment to diversity in education. Later, Peggy and her late husband Jack Baskin honored Chuck's legacy through their long-term and generous support of York's scholarship program. Over the course of their lifetime, Peggy and Jack contributed more than one million dollars to York, including the establishment of the Peggy Downes Baskin Scholarship Endowment. We are grateful for the profoundly positive impact Peggy had on York and the larger community.



Lyman Hamilton

We are saddened to share that Lyman C. Hamilton, Jr. passed away on November 18, 2023 at age 97. Lyman served York School as a trustee from 2002-2014 and—along with his wife, Beverly—was a member of the Constance H. Bishop Society thanks to the establishment of the Beverly and Lyman Hamilton Scholarship. Throughout his life, Lyman gave over \$350,000 in support of York's mission: a belief shared by his son, current Board Treasurer, Rich Hamilton; daughter-in-law and York volunteer, Debra Schadeck; and grandson, Evan Hamilton '17. We celebrate Lyman's life and thank him and his wife Beverly for their vital contributions to York School.

By Maia Thielen,
Communications & Marketing
Manager, Service Learning
Coordinator

Share a Moment...

Share a Lifetime

Each month, our donors receive a "Share a Moment" message highlighting some of the wonderful events and activities happening at York. Monthly donors receive updates no matter the size of the donation! Why set up a recurring donation to York's Annual Fund? Just take it from our generous alumni . . .

"York was a terrific place for me and a place of possibilities for anyone. The whole attitude of the school is positive and hard-working. York remains serious about its commitment to excellence and their priorities are in the right place. I set up a monthly donation, so I don't have to think about it. I get a good feeling looking back on my impact over the years. You don't realize that a seemingly small monthly gift can do so much good."

Sean O'Rourke '92

"York is a big part of becoming comfortable with who you are. It allowed me to learn from and with different people. Getting a scholarship during my time at York meant I got to go to a better college and get a better job. I am very happy with the way my life turned out, certainly in part due to York's education."

Suzy Peng '01

By Anna Faith,
Assistant Director of
Philanthropy, Annual
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Share a Moment...

"Last week, all York students dispersed across the Monterey Peninsula for their class retreats! 8th graders kayaked at Moss Landing, 9th graders explored local history on Cannery Row, and 10th graders got a peek at the marine life at Salinas River State Beach. As for the 11th and 12th graders? They had time to bond, play, and relax together at two iconic local beaches: Carmel Beach and Andrew Molera State Park in Big Sur!"



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Welcome, New Trustees



We welcome *Cheryl Heyermann* to the York Board of Trustees as we say farewell to her twin sons, Alex and Tyler '24, who graduated in May. Listed in the top 1% of real estate brokers worldwide, Cheryl brings invaluable real estate, project management, and residential design expertise to York. She also serves on the All Saints Day School Building and Grounds committee.



Jenny Kanter is a parent to current York student Ayden '27, and has lived in Monterey County since 2016. A Stanford and Harvard graduate, Jenny brings experience from her impressive career which spans from immunology research, to healthcare consulting, to finance, to professional development. She looks forward to bringing these skills to serve York, and we are excited to have her guidance as a Trustee.



Current York parent to Garrett Webster '26, project manager and patent attorney *Tom Webster* came to Monterey with his family in 2022 from the Bay Area, where he has cultivated strong relationships with clients like major technology companies, start-ups, and venture capitalists. With the Webster family's appreciation for York's nurturing community and strong academics, we are proud to have him on our team.



Robert Weil brings strong business acumen and strategic thinking to the York Board from his experience in start-ups, company sales, marketing, property acquisition and management, and housing development. Parent to current students Ryan '28 and Chloe '29, Robert has already jumped in behind-the-scenes to assist with the development of York's AgTech Program, grant writing, and marketing and enrollment strategy. Welcome, Robert!

Farewell, Exiting Trustees



Amy Grames served one term on the York Board of Trustees, was a member of the Diversity and Philanthropy Committees, and was particularly instrumental in the execution of the first annual Diversity Initiative Dinner. An experienced leader in the nonprofit sector, and current President and CEO of the Central Coast YMCA, we are grateful for Amy's contributions to York and wish her the best in her next endeavors.



Joining the York Board of Trustees in 2018, *Debbie Hale* served as the Chair of the Committee on Trustees during her two terms. As the Executive Director of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, she brought a plethora of expertise and commitment to York from her career in planning and transportation, and we thank her for her time spent as a Trustee, and the energy she devoted to the School.

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