



2019/20

Annual Report to the Community



2019/20

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HEAD OF SCHOOL

From the Board President

Dear Forsyth Community,

My husband Adam and I began our journey at Forsyth many years ago when we first enrolled our daughter Reagan in Pre-Kindergarten. With a growing love for and commitment to Forsyth, I have enjoyed serving in various volunteer capacities, including Board President for the 2019/20 school year.

Looking back to the 2019/20 school year, we remember “normal.” The school year began with excitement, enthusiasm, and a focus on our Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) accreditation. Forsyth welcomed the ISACS Accreditation Visiting Team to campus in October. Self-Study Co-Chairs **Meredith Harris** and **Mary McCormack** led the Faculty Steering Committee that included **Sharon Anibal**, **Jill Dorgan**, **John McGinley**, **Chris Thomas**, and **Susan Zareh**. Thank you for your leadership and hard work. The quality of the final report is a testament to the time and energy expended by the entire faculty and staff. I am especially pleased to report that Forsyth received full reaccreditation.

Special thanks to **Austin Hasek** and **Bryan Nicholson**, Forsyth Annual Fund Co-Chairs, for leading our community-wide effort to achieve our annual fundraising goal. Additional thanks to **Jagu Anadkat** and **Sarah Plumb**, Forsyth Family Organization (FFO) Co-Chairs, for their leadership. FFO events like the Fall Picnic, Forsyth Golf Classic, Trivia Night, and apparel sales help build and sustain a strong community. I cannot wait for these family activities and events to become part of the fabric of our community once again.

I want to offer my sincerest thanks to outgoing Trustees **Emily Coen**, **Joy Gebhardt**, **Eric Gilbert**, **Stephanie Hosler**, and **Dan Theodoro**, as well as my warmest welcome to incoming Trustees **Scott Baier**, **James Kolker**, and **Adia Wingfield**.

Throughout the second semester, the Board of Trustees worked closely with **Dan Hildebrand**, Head of School, to develop a new strategic plan for Forsyth. Special thanks to **Dan Martinez**, **Sheyda Namazie-Kummer**, and **Dan Theodoro** for serving as Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs, and to **Jen Pelc** and **Susan Zareh** for their leadership of the faculty and staff through the Strategic Design Team. You'll find more information about Forsyth's new mission, vision, values, and strategic priorities within this report.

By the end of the school year, we found ourselves using new words like “coronavirus” and “pandemic” in virtually every conversation, and Forsyth found itself navigating the unknown waters of distance learning. The administration quickly established the Falcon Fund for Emergency Financial Aid to assist families affected by the pandemic. I am truly thankful for how our community came together to support our students, families, and each other.

Sincerely,



Kelly Richert
BOARD PRESIDENT



KELLY, REAGAN (GRADE 5), AND ADAM RICHERT

2019/20 Honor Roll

Forsyth is grateful to honor individuals, families, and foundations who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to the school through their ongoing philanthropic support. They are members of the Honor Roll in perpetuity to recognize their leadership in giving to Forsyth.

PLATINUM

\$500,000+

Michelle Trulaske
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GOLD

\$250,000–\$499,999

Anonymous
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SILVER

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Mr. Jerry Clinton*
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Lynn & Joey Danis
Joan* & Rand Dankner
JiaMin & Mike Dierberg
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Valerie Ratts & Matt Gornet
Diedre & Michael Gray
Cathy Faris & Jim Guyol
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Kim & Brendan Johnson
Bethany Gasparovic & Rob Klahr

Amy & Bill Koman
Karen & Mont Levy
Mary & Jim Moog
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Diane Compardo & Ron Wienstroer
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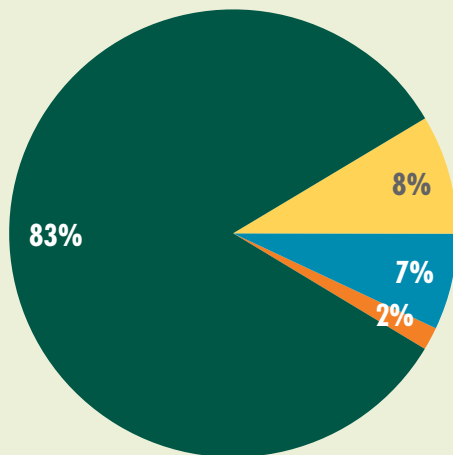


KEY *Deceased | New Member



2019/20

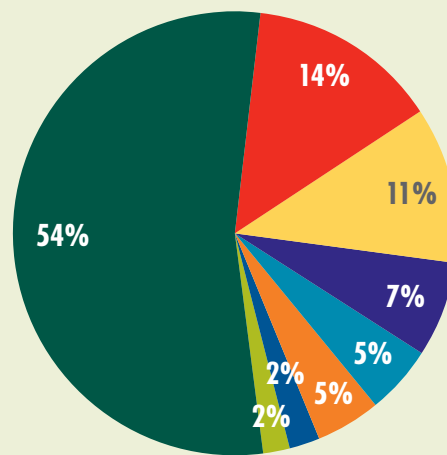
Forsyth Financials



INCOME

- Tuition & Fees
- Summer Discovery & Auxiliary Programs
- Development*
- Other

ENROLLMENT: 369



EXPENSES

- Salaries & Benefits
- Management
- Financial Aid
- Educational Supplies & Technology
- Development
- Other
- Campus Maintenance
- Summer Discovery & Auxiliary Programs

* Includes 50% of the net proceeds from the biennial Forsyth Auction



2019/20

Forsyth Annual Fund

\$405,000
RAISED

100% BOARD PARTICIPATION

95% FACULTY & STAFF PARTICIPATION

89% PARENT PARTICIPATION



Annual Giving Co-Chairs

Austin Hasek & Bryan Nicholson

Class Captains

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Jagu Anadkat | Teresa Krah |
| Farrell Crowley | Matt MacEwan |
| Alissa Duel | Ranjana Morgan |
| Courtney Gable | Heather Padratzik |
| Kellie Geraghty | Sarah Plumb |
| Amy Gill | Heather Rynasiewicz |
| Ashley Kemper | Pam Schlichter |
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LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

\$10,000+

- Anonymous
- Paric Corporation
- Eriko & Anthony Pope

DUNBAR SOCIETY

\$7,500–\$9,999

- Anonymous

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\$5,000–\$7,499

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- Diedre & Michael Gray
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1961 SOCIETY \$2,500–\$4,999

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Nikki & Erik Eaves
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Eva & Kristin Hurst
Michele Gardner & Nick Kappas
Liz & Tom Kissell
Sheyda Namazie-Kummer & Terry Kummer
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Trish & Dan Martinez
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KEY ♥ Past Parent



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KEY *Grandchild(ren)*

2020 Falcon Fund

FOR EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted many Forsyth families. As a result, the Board of Trustees established the Falcon Fund for Emergency Financial Aid to provide additional assistance to families for the 2020/21 school year. Many generous parents and grandparents, alumni families, faculty, and friends answered the call and raised \$64,000.

Anonymous

Meredith Malone & Scott Baier

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Mr. & Mrs. Larry Borowiak ♥,

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♥ Grandparent
Grandchild(ren)

2019/20

Endowment Funds

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NICHOLAS AARON AITKEN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

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10 Years of Creativity

NICHOLAS AARON AITKEN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The 2019/20 school year marked the 10th Annual Nicholas Aaron Aitken Artist-in-Residence Program. Tamara and Bart Aitken created the program in memory of their beloved son, Nicholas. Since it was established in 2010, more than 500 students have participated in the program, led by Art Teacher Ellen Gomez DeFilippo. Donors, parents, and former artists came together in the fall of 2019 for a celebration at the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum.

- 2010 | **Catherine Magel:** *Confluence*
- 2011 | **Ron Fondaw:** *Teeterak*
- 2012 | **Cindy Tower:** *Seeing Ourselves*
- 2013 | **Gina Alvarez:** *Made by Hand*
- 2014 | **Sarah Paulsen & Cameron Fuller:** *My Inner Hero*
- 2015 | **Carrie Becker:** *It's a Small World*
- 2016 | **Tom Reed:** *Sunrise to Sunset*
- 2017 | **Norleen Nosri:** *Communita*
- 2018 | **Kevin McCoy:** *Our World, Our Eyes*
- 2019 | **Margaret Keller:** *The Rainbow Colors of Life Project*





2019/20

Tributes & Memorials

IN HONOR OF JOY GEBHARDT

Ellen S. Sheffield ♥

IN HONOR OF DIEDRE & MICHAEL GRAY

Ellen S. Sheffield ♥

IN HONOR OF EMMA & MIRIAM KLAHR

Mrs. Carol Klahr ♥

IN HONOR OF AMELIA TOLCH

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hopkins ♥

IN HONOR OF SOLOMON & LEVI WELLEN

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IN MEMORY OF JAMES BARRETT, JR.

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IN MEMORY OF FAYE SIEGEL

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Mitch Turner, *Major Brands*

Jennifer Williams,

St. Louis Closet Company

Matt Williams, *TKO DJs*

Forsyth Family Organization

Box Tops for Education

Charleston Wrap

Dewey's Pizza

Kendra Scott LLC

Parker's Table

Matching Gift Companies

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Bank of America Matching Gifts Program

Bayer Fund

Emerson Electric Company

Energizer Matching Gifts Program

Express Scripts Foundation

GSK-GlaxoSmithKline Foundation

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Grandchild(ren)

2019/20

Forsyth Family Organization

The Forsyth Family Organization's mission is to enhance the classroom experience for students and teachers, make people feel welcome and appreciated, create a sense of community for all Forsyth families, and raise funds for school needs.



CO-PRESIDENTS

Jagu Anadkat
Sarah Plumb

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Admission Open House

Bethany Kutz
Abigail Sharp

Book Fair

Mary Felker
Sarah Plumb
Jen Silva

Celebration of Cultures Potluck

Debora Granemann e Silva
Anna Leavey
Sabrena Ssewamala
Adia Wingfield
Helena Wu

Faculty & Staff Appreciation

Robbin Dean
Xiumin Martin

Faculty & Staff Lunches

Limor Golan
Sheyda Namazie-Kummer

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Amy Gill
Kerrin Kowach

Golf Classic

Justin Harris
Scott Thomas

Grand Friends Day

Ellen Borowiak
Becca Medler

Green & White Day

Tim Froehlich
Hope Jernagan
Mike Macheca

I Heart Reading Day

Megan Berkes
Jenni Boyd

New Family Ice Cream Social

Joy Beuc
Amy Garriga
Shirley Joo

School Supplies

Brittany Marquardt
Heather Padratzik

Trivia Night

Dave Cooperstein
Butler Miller
Sherrie Sims

Valentine's Dance

Nicole Plair
Pam Schlichter

ROOM PARENTS

Pre-Kindergarten

Julie Allman
Emma Ginder
Sabrena Ssewamala
Shawna Williams

Junior-Kindergarten

Katie Dimit
Erin Hasek
Kathy Nicholson
Rachel Horan

Senior-Kindergarten

Tymesha Buckner-Dobyns
Adam Sandberg
Michael Quillin

Grade 1

Dan Boccabella
Allan Caprola
Adam White

Grade 2

Chrishina Crawford-Hill
Melissa Leuthardt
Nicole Simon

Grade 3

Farrell Crowley
Angie Hagee
Kerrin Kowach
Mary Mason

Grade 4

Maggie Desai
Kelly Edwards
Ashley Kemper
Carmen Ubarri

Grade 5

Melissa Carter
Angie Hagee
Mai McLaughlin
Heather Padratzik

Grade 6

Sara Gilbert
LisaMarie Lozon
Kathy Nicholson
Betsy Stockmann

Grade 6 Graduation Party

Melissa Carter
Courtney Gable
Shirley Joo
Kirsten Myers
Cory Smallwood
Betsy Stockmann

2019 Forsyth Golf Classic

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
FOREST PARK GOLF COURSE**



The 2019 Forsyth Golf Classic, presented by PARIC, raised more than \$23,000—the highest ever! Proceeds provide scholarships for more than 60 students to participate in sports programs.

Parents, grandparents, students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of Forsyth came together to enjoy the beautiful fall day. New this year, kids enjoyed golf games on the practice green.

CO-CHAIRS

Justin Harris
Scott Thomas

1ST PLACE

Allison Flynn-Engelsmann
Shawn Jasper
Michael McLaughlin
Mike Robben

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

Gene Krahle

2ND PLACE

John Jochum
E.G. Neise
Michael O'Neill
Matt Rohm

Thank you to both teams for donating their prize winnings back to Forsyth.

LONGEST DRIVE

Rich Dredge



EVENT SPONSORS

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EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Grace Butler
Kendra Downs
Debbie & Dan Hildebrand
Angie Hagee
DeAnn Pomatto
Michael Stewart
Shelley Stone
Chris Thomas
Max Thomas

2020 Forsyth Trivia Night

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
FORSYTH SCHOOL RAND CENTER**

More than 200 members of the Forsyth community went *Back to the Future* at the Forsyth Trivia Night! Guests were greeted outside by Marty McFly and his time-traveling DeLorean before they stepped inside the Hill Valley High School dance, *Enchantment Under the Sea*. The event raised more than \$10,000 for the Family Forsyth Organization.

CO-CHAIRS

Butler Miller
Sherrie Sims
Dave Cooperstein, Emeritus

FIRST PLACE

Laura & Jon Giokas, Diedre & Michael Gray, Anita & Kit Hagerman, Stephanie & Matthew Hosler, Victoria & Scott Thomas

The first-place team ALSO took home the award for best costumes and table decorations!



SECOND PLACE

Barry Duel, Angie & Dave Hagee, Mary & John Mason, Kelly & Adam Richert

THIRD PLACE

Meredith Malone & Scott Baier, Robyn LeBoeuf & Dan Boccabella, Dan Giammar, Allison Kite, Matthew Lambdin, Stacy & Edmund Sumner, Nathan Swanson, Lori Hilton-White & Adam White

EVENT SPONSORS

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Cooperstein Family
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Herschend Family
Kissell Family
Michael Musgrave-Perkins and the Citizens of Hill Valley
Ami Newman
PGAV Destinations
Rynasiewicz Family
Eric Winters

EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Bob Becker
Jenna Becker
Jennifer Brinkmeier
Grace Cooperstein, FS '19
Nat Dohr
Spencer Dohr, FS '14
Sherea Dunlap
Megan Flaskamper
Story Kummer, FS '19
Lyndsie Schultz

2019/20 Curriculum Highlights



PRE-KINDERGARTEN students performed on the big stage for Grand Friends Day for the very first time.

JUNIOR-KINDERGARTEN students participated in their first African Dance unit in PE with Diádié Bathily, the artistic director and founder of Afriky Lolo.

SENIOR-KINDERGARTEN students challenged themselves to try something new, overcome obstacles, build their confidence, and grow their skills through a series of weekly ice skating field trips.

GRADE 1 students visited “Argentina’s Niños” at The Magic House as the culmination of the grade’s in-depth study of Argentina. The Grade 1 curriculum explores what life is like as a child in different countries around the world. The interdisciplinary units incorporate social studies, mapping, language arts, visual arts, and more.

GRADE 2 students walked to the Kennedy Forest Savanna in Forest Park for a Voyager Science field trip with Mrs. Sharon Anibal and Mrs. Christine Torlina.



2019/20 Faculty & Staff Anniversaries

30 Years

Donna Militello, *Senior-Kindergarten*

25 Years

Patti Duffy, *Lunch & Hospitality*

Christine Torlina, *Lower School Science*

20 Years

Susan Zareh, *Grade 6*

15 Years

Betsy Bender, *Office Assistant, Co-Director of Extended Day*

Jamie Paradise, *Grade 6*

10 Years

Loretta Broyles-Ewing, *Receptionist*

Rick Downs, *Grade 1*

Justin Harris, *Athletic Director*

John McGinley, *Grade 5*

Sherée Sodipo, *Senior-Kindergarten*

5 Years

Sharon Anibal, *Upper School Science*

Malorie Arredondo, *Pre-Kindergarten, Summer Discovery*

Dana Lenzen, *Grade 5*

Jen Ulsas, *Grade 3*

GRADE 3 students performed an assembly developed in conjunction with the Endangered Wolf Center, the grade's community service project partner organization.

GRADE 4 students performed their very first full-length play in conjunction with their study of the American Revolution. Grade 4 teachers revamped and reintroduced an updated social studies unit on the Civil War.

GRADE 5 students participated in a two-day archaeology immersion with the Center for American Archeology to culminate a two-week archaeology unit led by Mr. Dan Hildebrand.

GRADE 6 students, supported by the Go Green Forsyth Committee for Sustainability, led the school to collect a total of more than 800 pounds of plastic caps and lids to be recycled and exchanged for three benches and one toddler table for Forsyth as part of the Green Tree Plastics ABC Partnership program.

Geography Bee Champion: Fawwaz Chohan

Geography Bee Runner-up: Martin Miller

Spelling Bee Champion: Jerry Chang

Spelling Bee Runner-up: Lucas Parietti



Strategic Plan

Forsyth School engaged and partnered with Greenwich Leadership Partners, November 2019–October 2020, to develop a new Strategic Plan for the institution, including an updated mission, vision, values, and strategic priorities. The Strategic Plan was approved and adopted by the Forsyth School Board of Trustees in December 2020.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE & DESIGN TEAM

Sheyda Namazie-Kummer,
Committee Co-Chair

Dan Martinez, *Committee Co-Chair*

Dan Theodoro, *Committee Co-Chair*

Jen Pelc, Pre-Kindergarten,
Design Team Co-Chair

Susan Zareh, Grade 6,
Design Team Co-Chair

Hillary Elfenbein

Tim Froehlich

James Kolker

Matt MacEwan

Mark Rynasiewicz

Amber Simpson

Sharon Anibal, *Upper School Science*

Dan Hildebrand, *Head of School*

Jason Hooper, *Lower School*

Division Director

Lauren Kistner, *Marketing &
Communications Manager*

Charley Martin, *Upper School
Division Director*

Cristina Rapp, *Learning Specialist*

Anne Simmons, *Grade 2*

Chris Thomas, *Music*



MISSION & VISION

Forsyth School fosters a spirit of curiosity and joy, empowering children to pursue challenges with confidence.

At Forsyth, our talented and caring faculty encourage students to explore and question, enabling them to learn deeply. Each child's unique identity is known, celebrated, and nurtured by our supportive community. The results are profound: children take risks, pursue challenges, and find joy in learning. The experience is enriched by Forsyth's unique campus, location, and a shared commitment to the natural world.

VALUES

At Forsyth, our community values are the essential beliefs that describe our culture and characterize what we uphold:

- We create an environment that encourages children to develop the confidence, courage, and resilience to persevere and embrace challenges in a continually evolving world.
- We celebrate each individual's unique identity and ensure a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community to which all belong.
- We practice kindness and compassion in our interactions with each other, our community, and the natural world.
- We believe curiosity is the foundation for inquiry, innovation, and creativity. We encourage questioning in our search for knowledge, understanding, and excellence.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1

Ensure that the curriculum aligns closely with the mission, vision, values, and philosophy of Forsyth School.

- Define the essential capabilities and skills a Forsyth learner will develop and ensure that curricular modifications focus on the development of these critical capabilities and skills.
- Rethink teaching and classroom spaces to maximize meaningful opportunities for student collaboration and teamwork. Conduct a new master planning process that incorporates this revised vision for teaching spaces.
- Reimagine the daily schedule and yearly calendar to serve our students better.
- Develop a technology plan that integrates with the curriculum and the philosophy of the school.
- Continue to build an understanding of and interactions with our local communities and the natural environment to model good citizenship for Forsyth students.
- Explore additional ways to engage and educate families as essential partners in their children's success.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2

Ensure the desired Forsyth School experience is achieved by increasing the opportunities for faculty, staff, and leadership collaboration and professional development to promote learning and growth.

- Define and clarify responsibilities for all faculty and staff, including the professional expectation that all employees embrace the Forsyth mission, vision, and values.
- Provide additional opportunities for professional development and collaboration.
- Reassess the existing team-teaching model of instruction and the scheduling of specials to ensure curricular continuity, streamline the number of transitions in the daily schedule, and optimize the student experience.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3

Bolster efforts to build a thriving, diverse, equitable community culture at Forsyth School.

- Commit to implementing inclusive, equitable, and sustainable practices that attract, enroll, welcome, and retain diverse students, families, faculty, staff, and administrators.
- Commit to professional development that prepares faculty to teach a diverse student body.
- Continue to revise the curriculum to include a growing array of perspectives, cultures, backgrounds, and racial/ethnic groups.
- Continue to ensure that financial aid enables students from a variety of economic backgrounds to attend Forsyth.
- Provide time and space for our community to come together on a consistent basis.



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2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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