

Annual Report to the Community



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#### **EX-OFFICIO**

Dan Hildebrand HEAD OF SCHOOL

# From the Board President

Dear Forsyth Families and Friends,

The 2020/21 school year was a year unlike any other! We were challenged to navigate an entire school year during a pandemic—and I want to thank you for the many ways you supported our students, faculty, and staff. We all adapted to a new way of doing school; classes were held on-campus, online, and a hybrid combination of the two. We learned skills like resilience, independence, and responsibility. We gathered virtually as a community and shifted many events outside. We even held our first outdoor graduation in which my daughter, Reagan, and the Class of 2021 celebrated their accomplishments on the Sport Court in June.

We could not have maintained the health and safety of our community and conducted a successful school year without the leadership of our Head of School, **Dan Hildebrand**, who retired in June 2021. During his tenure, Dan led Forsyth through the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) re-accreditation process, the launch of our new Eyas Program, and a strategic design process to clarify our mission, vision, and values. We are grateful for his dedication and wish him well in his retirement. Following a national search, we announced **Rob Butler** as the new Head of School, beginning July 1, 2021. Rob came to Forsyth from University Liggett School in Michigan and returned to St. Louis with 20 years of experience as a teacher, coach, and administrator.

Under the steady leadership of Co-Presidents Jagu Anadkat and Mary Felker, the Forsyth Family Organization brought our community together virtually for a Turkey Trot 5K and an adult Wine Tasting. Our fabulous and creative Auction Co-Chairs, Kate Pollmann and Pam Schlichter, helped Forsyth raise more than \$250,000 for financial aid with our first-ever virtual auction. Finally, our dedicated Annual Fund Co-Chairs, **Angie Hagee** and **Bryan Nicholson**, together with our Class Captains, led a successful campaign that raised \$379,000. Thank you for your efforts.

June 30, 2021, marked the end of my term as President of the Forsyth School Board of Trustees. It has been an honor to serve, and I wish Jon Giokas well as he succeeds me as our new President. I want to thank outgoing trustees Dave Cooperstein and Keith Wolkoff, who served Forsyth generously with their time and talent. And best wishes to our new trustees, **Mont Levy** and **Amber Simpson**.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the entire Forsyth community. The strength and compassion exhibited by every member of our community during these trying times are only part of what makes Forsyth a special place.

Sincerely.

Kelly Richert **BOARD PRESIDENT** 

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KELLY, REAGAN (GRADE 5), AND ADAM RICHERT

# 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 Mr. W. Grant Williams III,

Williams Family Charitable Foundation Michelle Williams

#### **GOLD** \$250,000-\$499,999

Anonymous Steve Trulaske The Walbrandt Family

#### **SILVER** \$100,000-\$249,999

Anonymous (2) Tamara & Bart Aitken Julie & Todd Baur

Nancy Reynolds & Dwyer Brown

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Emily Gallop Coen & Matt Coen

Lynn & Joey Danis Joan & Rand Dankner JiaMin & Mike Dierberg Jenny & Troy Duncan Alice & Leigh Gerdine

Valerie Ratts & Matt Gornet

Diedre & Michael Gray

Cathy Faris & Jim Guyol

Susie & Bill Hizar

Linda & Jesse Hunter

Kim & Brendan Johnson

Bethany Gasparovic & Rob Klahr

Amy & Bill Koman Karen & Mont Levy Mary & Jim Moog Jackie & Stephe Rand Mary & Dan Riew Susan & Michael Scully Mary Beth & Allen Soffer Mary Ann & Andy Srenco Sheila & Ted Stegeman Diane Compardo & Ron Wienstroer Susan & Felix Williams

#### **BRONZE** \$50,000-\$99,999

Anonymous (6)

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Maggie & Jason Desai

The Dierberg Educational Foundation Essman Family Charitable Foundation

Lisa & Rob Forsyth Sandy & Darrel Fry Patty & Carey Hannum Gail & Steve Hochberg Stephanie & Matthew Hosler

George Hruza Luciann Hruza

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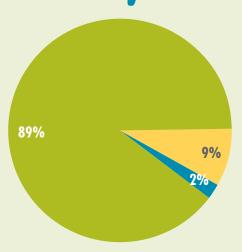
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**KEY New Member** 





# Forsyth Financials



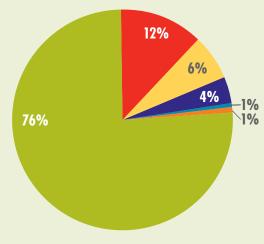




Development\*

Summer Discovery & Auxiliary Programs

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 360 students** 



#### **EXPENSES**

- Salaries & Benefits
- Financial Aid
- Instructional Supplies & Technology
- Campus Maintenance
- Development
- Summer Discovery & Auxiliary Programs

# Forsyth Annual Fund



**IMPACT ON OUR** STUDENTS, TEACHERS & CURRICULUM Every year, Annual Fund support sustains Forsyth's one-of-a-kind educational experience and bridges the gap between the cost of tuition and the actual cost to educate each child. We are grateful for the leadership of our Annual Fund Co-Chairs and Class Captains and for the generosity of our school community.





**Annual Fund Co-Chairs** Angie Hagee & Bryan Nicholson

#### **Class Captains**

Liz Berra Austin Hasek Zack Borowiak Ashley Kemper Teresa Krahl Farrell Crowley Kendra Downs Ranjana Morgan Alissa Duel Heather Padratzik Sarah Plumb Kellie Geraghty Adam Simon Amy Gill Sabrena Ssewamala Angie Hagee Lori Hilton White Ian Hagemann





#### **LEADERSHIP CIRCLE** \$10,000+

Anonymous Diedre & Michael Gray Ashley & John Kemper Paric Corporation Eriko & Anthony Pope

#### **DUNBAR SOCIETY** \$7,500-\$9,999

Lauren & David Baumstark

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#### **GREEN & WHITE CLUB** \$1,000-\$1,499

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KEY ♥ Past Parent





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Madeline Suffian

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Jean & Ray Watsek

Deborah White Lomax ♥ &

Michael Lomax

Julia Wilkins Kohrmann & Rob Kohrmann

Susan & Eric Zareh ♡

**KEY** ★ Current Parent

♥ Past Parent

Grandchild(ren)





# 2020/21 Endowment Funds

### ANN F. BABINGTON ENDOWMENT FOR FINANCIAL AID

Anonymous
Ann & Tom Babington
Emily Clayton, FS '99
Jennifer & Steven Collier
Cathy Faris & Jim Guyol ♥
Tal Barak-Manela & Asaf Manela ♥
Barbara & Patrick Murphy ♥
DeAnn & Mike Pomatto
Lyndsie & Michael Schultz
Norleen Nosri & Chris Sharp ♥
Sarah Soffer, FS '02
Sandy Lux & Mitch Turner ♥

### FALCON FUND FOR EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID

Susan Volkan & Michael Diamond ♥
Amy Garriga & Scott Shafman
Sharon & Seth Strope

### MORGAN ENGINEERING & SCIENCE FUND

Adriana Montano & Sahin Ozdemir

#### NICHOLAS AARON AITKEN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Tamara & Bart Aitken ♡ Paul Aitken Sandra Aitken Dorothy & Gerald Andriole ♥ Martha & David Dahm ♡ Agnes Gioconda & Paul Davis ♡ Glenda Dunn ♥, Katherine, FS '07, Julia, FS '10 & Sarah, FS '10 Myers Ellen & James Esther Linda Hulyk Terri Goslin-Jones & Bob Jones, Arch Coal, Inc. Jackie Kantor Phyllis & David Kim ♡ Catherine & Birch M. Mullins Elizabeth Parker Mary Beth & Allen Soffer ♡ Mary Ann & Andy Srenco ♡ Nancy & Addison Thomas ♥ Elizabeth Tocco

#### YOUNG NATURALIST FUND

Mackenzie & Justin Purdy





2020/21

### **Tributes & Memorials**

#### IN HONOR OF OUR TEACHERS

Maggie & Jason Desai Courtney & Ryan Gable

#### IN HONOR OF OUR GRADE 3 TEACHERS: RYAN HOWARD, REGINA STONE, **JEN ULSAS**

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hopkins ♥

#### IN HONOR OF MATTHEW ROYCE

Mr. & Mrs. Robert O. Little 🕶

#### IN HONOR OF LEVI & SOLOMON WELLEN

Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Wellen 🕶

#### IN MEMORY OF LINDA PROVOW

Mary Beth & Allen Soffer ♡

## In-Kind Contributions

Courtney & Scott Leiendecker Stacy & Edmund Sumner, Sumner One Mitch Turner, Major Brands Amy & Jason Wellen Jennifer Williams, St. Louis Closet Company Matt Williams, TKO DJs

## Matching Gifts

Anheuser-Busch Foundation Bank of America Matching Gift Program Bayer Fund Express Scripts

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# Forsyth Family Organization

Charleston Wrap Kendra Scott LLC My Hot Lunchbox Parker's Table

KEY ♥ Past Parent **♥** Grandparent

Grandchild(ren)





# Forsyth Family Organization

The mission of the Forsyth Family Organization (FFO) 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** Jagruti Anadkat Mary Felker

#### **ROOM PARENTS**

#### **Evas Program**

Allison Cohn Rosemary Nazaruk Betsy Toney

#### **Pre-Kindergarten**

Beth Ackerman Erin Knese Stacy Sumner Jeannette Wong-Siegel

#### **Junior-Kindergarten**

Julie Allman Jennifer Boyd Anne Offner Betsy Stockmann

#### Senior-Kindergarten

Emily Boyd Katie Dimit Kathy Nicholson Molly Zemianek

#### Grade 1

Stephanie Aiello Jessica Conway Liz Kissell Kate Pollmann

#### Grade 2

Dan Boccabella Allan Caprola Nathan Swanson Adam White

#### Grade 3

Melissa Leuthardt Trish Martinez Nicole Simon

#### Grade 4

Farrell Crowley Angie Hagee Abigail Sharp

#### Grade 5

Robbin Dean Maggie Desai Ashley Kemper Carmen Ubarri

#### Grade 6

Melissa Carter Amber Cooper Linda Hunter

#### **Grade 6 Graduation Party**

Sundari Balan Mimi Baumstark Farrell Crowley Alissa Duel Allison Engelsmann Tracey Guthrie Jennifer Kingston Trish Martinez Norleen Nosri Hitpreet Raheja Kav Turner Yan Yin

# Turkey Trot Run/Walk November 20-30, 2020









#### **CO-CHAIRS**

Jamie Bargfeldt, FS '99 Liz Kissell

More than 280 members of the Forsyth School community participated in a virtual 1-mile or 5K Run/Walk. All participants received an event t-shirt, and prizes were awarded to the top runners:

#### Overall Men's 1-Mile:

Tom Kissell, 5:59

#### Overall Women's 1-Mile:

Kristin Veldhuizen, 8:33

#### Overall Men's 5K:

Seth Hawkins, 20:32

#### **Overall Women's 5K:**

Alicia Williams, 24:20

# Virtual Wine Tasting FEBRUARY 13, 2021

#### **CO-CHAIRS**

Iagu & Milan Anadkat

Jagu and Milan Anadkat guided Forsyth parents, grandparents, and adult alumni through a virtual trip to France with wine tastings from Bordeaux and a curated charcuterie tray from Parker's Table. This special event that raised more than \$1,000 for the FFO!

# Virtual Auction: Forsyth Together FRIDAY, 2021

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 15th biennial Forsyth Auction was celebrated virtually with families and small watch parties at home. Forsyth's first-ever virtual auction event raised more than \$250,000 to support Forsyth's Financial Aid Program.

Forsyth Together would not have been possible without our creative Auction Co-Chairs, Kate & Dan Pollmann and Pam & Andy Schlichter. Their enthusiasm, commitment, flexibility, and determination helped Forsyth successfully navigate a virtual format and bring the school community together.

The special evening included curated party boxes featuring dinner by Gerard Craft's Niche Food Group. The online program provided a behind-the-scenes look at life on campus and interviews with students, teachers, and parents. Auctioneer Shannon Mays led an exciting Live Auction and Paddle Raise, followed by an after-party with DJ Roe.

New this year, the Forsyth hosted a student Dance-A-Thon fundraiser on Green & White Day in place of the "Uniquely Forsyth" category featuring class projects and one-of-a-kind experiences.

#### **AUCTION CO-CHAIRS**

Kate & Dan Pollmann Pam & Andy Schlichter

#### **COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS**

#### **Dance-A-Thon**

Liz Berra, Mary Felker

#### **Event Experience**

Camille Brooks

#### **Live & Silent Auctions**

Allie Cohn, Jessica Herschend

#### **Sign-Up Parties**

Jessica Conway, Erin Hasek

#### **Spirit Committee**

Cameron Conway, Courtney Leiendecker

#### **Uniquely Forsyth**

Heather Padratzik, Abigail Sharp

#### **GROUP GIFT CO-CHAIRS**

#### **Doctors Gift**

Andrea & Ian Hagemann

#### **Finance Gift**

Kelly Richert, Heather Rynasiewicz

#### **Lawyers Gift**

Stephanie Hosler, Jennifer Kingston

### SPONSORS & UNDERWRITERS

#### \$10,000

Create a Loop

#### \$5,000

Berra Family Charitable Foundation Varsity Tutors

#### \$2,500

Mike & Diedre Gray

#### \$1,000

Amy Gill, *Arbonne*Anonymous
Sagun & Manu Goyal
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Heather & Mark Rynasiewicz

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Kate & Dan Pollmann, happyMedium

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Mitch Turner, Major Brands





#### **SIGN-UP PARTY HOSTS** Bags, Brats, & Beer

**Jessica & Cameron Conway** Erin & Austin Hasek Lillian & Adam Sandberg

#### **Bocce Ball Party**

Rachel & John Horan Kathy & Bryan Nicholson

#### Pickle Ball Party

Stephanie & Jeff Aiello Iagu & Milan Anadkat Courtney & Ryan Gable Diedre & Mike Gray

#### **Ultimate Dads Night**

Dan Boccabella Allan Caprola Nathan Swanson Adam White

#### **Winter Lugu**

**Jessica & Cameron Conway** Sarah Plumb & Tim Froehlich Kate & Dan Pollman

#### **SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

#### Logo Design

Jake Houvenagle, Dan Pollman *happyMedium* 

#### **Printed Materials**

Stacy & Edmund Sumner, SumnerOne

#### **Emcee & Auctioneer**

Shannon Mays, Raising Paddles

#### **Event & Video Production**

Joey Goone, Neil Goone, Utopia Experience

#### **Pre-Party & After-Party Videos**

Rick Downs Anya Drozdov Diedre & Mike Gray Justin Harris Chris Thomas Matt Williams, TKO DJs

#### **FACULTY & STAFF TICKET UNDERWRITERS**

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# New & Notable

Forsyth launched its successful **new Eyas Program for ages 2–3** in the newly renovated "Falcon's Nest" (formerly the stand-alone Science Center) adjacent to the Fillmore Playground. The program was named after the Forsyth Falcons school mascot. An eyas is a very young falcon that is learning to fly!

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, **Forsyth implemented a unique hybrid learning model** for the start of the school year that made headlines—including the front page of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*! The hybrid plan consisted of full-time, on-campus learning for students in Eyas through Senior-Kindergarten and alternating half-days on-campus for students in Grades 1–6. In addition, Forsyth installed several semi-permanent open-air tents in the Big Backyard to serve as outdoor classroom spaces for Grades 1–6.

In lieu of their traditional fall and spring camping trips, **Grade 6 went canoeing and rappelling** on the Mississippi and Meramec Rivers with Big Muddy Adventures.

In celebration of National Engineers Week, **all students received an "Engineering at Home" kit** sponsored by the Morgan Engineering & Science Fund. Each kit included building supplies and an "Engineering at Home" choice board with 30 projects for students to design and create.

Forsyth hosted its **first-ever student Dance-A-Thon**, sponsored by Create a Loop, on Green & White Day to support 2021 Virtual Auction: *Forsyth Together*. Each grade completed the 30-minute Dance-A-Thon, which raised more than \$10,000 for the Financial Aid Program.

Grade 4 invited families to gather in the front yard of Last House for a casual **Celebration of Learning** where students shared their memory maps and portfolios.

Senior-Kindergarten students learned to play three songs on the xylophone and mini-piano: "Hot Cross Buns"; "Rain, Rain, Go Away"; and "Mary Had a Little Lamb". Each class showcased their progress at an open-house style Pianos on the Patio performance for faculty, staff, and fellow students in the Williams Walled Garden.

For their sustainability project, **Grade 6 created a Forsyth School Arbor Walk and website**. After thoroughly researching and carefully selecting the different species of trees to include, the students developed a webpage and QR code for each species, plus a digital map of the entire Arbor Walk experience. Custom aluminum tags with the species name and its QR code are mounted on small boulders or ground stakes at the base of each tree along the walk.





## Congratulations, Susan Zareh

Susan Zareh, Grade 6, won the 2021 Saint Louis Science Center and Carol B. and Jerome T. Loeb Prize for Excellence in Teaching Science and Mathematics.





## Bon Voyage and Best Wishes, Dan Hildebrand

On June 30, 2021, Dan Hildebrand retired as Head of Forsyth School. Dan served Forsyth for three years and led the school through a re-accreditation process, the launch of the new Eyas Program for ages 2–3, and a strategic design process. His consideration of the health and safety of every member of the school community led to Forsyth's innovative teaching models for distance, hybrid, and on-campus learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for Dan's leadership and dedication during these extraordinary times. We wish him all the best in his retirement!



## **Faculty** & Staff Anniversaries

#### **30 YEARS**

Shelley Stone, Physical Education

#### 20 YEARS

Ray Watsek, Facilities

#### **15 YEARS**

Judy Taylor, *Grade 1* 

#### **10 YEARS**

Ryan Howard, Grade 3 Michael Mitchell, Director of Facilities Jen Pelc, Pre-Kindergarten Kristin Veldhuizen, Grade 4

#### **5 YEARS**

Trish Foster. School Nurse Sarah Harrington, *Spanish* Helen Kouvelis, School Nurse Melissa Pillot, *Library* Chris Thomas, Music





# Alumni Reunions FOR THE CLASSES OF 2014 & 2015

In May, we invited the Forsyth School Class of 2015 (Senior Class of 2021!) to campus to celebrate their high school graduation and enjoy a quick trip down memory lane! The students reconnected with their teachers and each other on the Sport Court, toured Gerdine House, and explore the new Fillmore Playground. Congratulations and best wishes to these alums as they turn the page to a new chapter and head to college!

And in June, we finally welcomed the Forsyth School Class of 2014 (Senior Class of 2020!) back to campus after the COVID-19 pandemic delayed their planned reunion last summer. We were so happy to provide a time and place for these young alums to reconnect after their freshman year of college.

Congratulations to the members of the Forsyth School Classes of 2014 and 2015 who matriculated to the following distinguished schools:

Amherst College

Boston College

Bucknell University

Case Western University

Clemson

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Colorado State

Dartmouth College

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Oxford College of Emory University

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Santa Clara University

Skidmore College

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University of Notre Dame

University of Southern California

University of Texas

University of Vermont

University of Washington

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Vanderbilt University

Wake Forest University

Washington University in St. Louis

Yale University



# Congratulations, Class of 2021

Congratulations to the Forsyth School Class of 2021 on their excellent secondary school selections: Grant Baumstark, MICDS
Reid Carter, John Burroughs
Lexi Cooper, MICDS
Margot Crowley, MICDS
lan Dredge, John Burroughs
Ari Duel, John Burroughs
Frankie Dunn, John Burroughs
Flynn Engelsmann, John Burroughs
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Jonas Marquardt, Crossroads
Nayeli Martinez, Wydown Middle
Thayer McLaughlin, MICDS

Gus Moore, John Burroughs
Max Padratzik, MICDS
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Reagan Richert, John Burroughs
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Sadie Small, MICDS
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