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2018-2019 GASTON DAY SCHOOL FUND ANNUAL REPORT



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Thanks to your generous gifts to the Gaston Day School Fund and the 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign, Gaston Day continues to deliver a superior education while maintaining a balanced budget. Your gifts made it possible for students and staff to enjoy another successful year in and out of the classroom ... imagining, designing and creating.



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The theme throughout Gaston Day this year was “**IMAGINE, DESIGN, CREATE**” as the school celebrated the successful completion of the 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign and the new playground, science labs, and creative spaces, encouraging students to take their ideas and run with them.

Every day, in countless ways, students could be found putting their imaginations to work, developing plans, collaborating with their friends and classmates,

and producing creative, original work, whether in the arts, sciences, mathematics, history, or English and foreign languages.

MAKING IT POSSIBLE

Your gifts to the 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign, as well as the **Gaston Day School Fund, The Spartan Athletic Club, and The Theatre Guild**, helped make all of this inventive and creative learning possible.





YOUR IMPACT

What is the impact of your gift to the Gaston Day School Fund? It is **POWERFUL**. Powerful because your gift helps retain the best teachers. Powerful because it supports the best education for our students and your children. Powerful because it sustains and builds Gaston Day School. We are grateful.

Richard E. Rankin



Dr. Richard E. Rankin
The Anderson Davis Warlick Head of School

Dr. Rankin is a GDS '75 Alum and a published author, avid writer and respected historian. A former VP at Queens University in Charlotte, he is currently in his 19th year as Head of School. Dr. Rankin welcomes your comments and questions.

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Through your generous gifts to the 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign, you helped further the **SUSTAINABILITY** of our academic programs, our facilities, and the school's long-term financial health. With \$2 million dollars raised for projects like the new science labs and lower school playground, and \$4.1 million raised for endowment, we have re-confirmed Gaston Day School's place as one of the finest independent day schools in the region.



Laurie C. Ness
Chairman, Board of Trustees, 2017-2019

One of the finest independent day schools in the region.

SHARING the success stories of our students and alumni is one of the favorite parts of my job, but their successes are only possible because our Spartan community generously lifts up every one of our students daily. When you – our parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty members and community leaders - share your time, resources, and encouragement with our students, their young minds and spirits are given the chance to become what we all envision . . . young adults with bright futures who are ready to share their talents and abilities with the world. On their behalf, thank you!



Patricia Rudisill, Director of Development & Alumni Relations

Lifts up every ONE of our students daily.

GROWTH is everywhere at Gaston Day! Our enrollment grew by 40 students this year, and we expect to have more than 500 students on campus this fall. We've grown the capabilities in our science and engineering space, we've won more national/regional awards in art and writing, and we've become more competitive in athletics. As Charlotte continues to spill across the river we should expect nothing but growth for the future!



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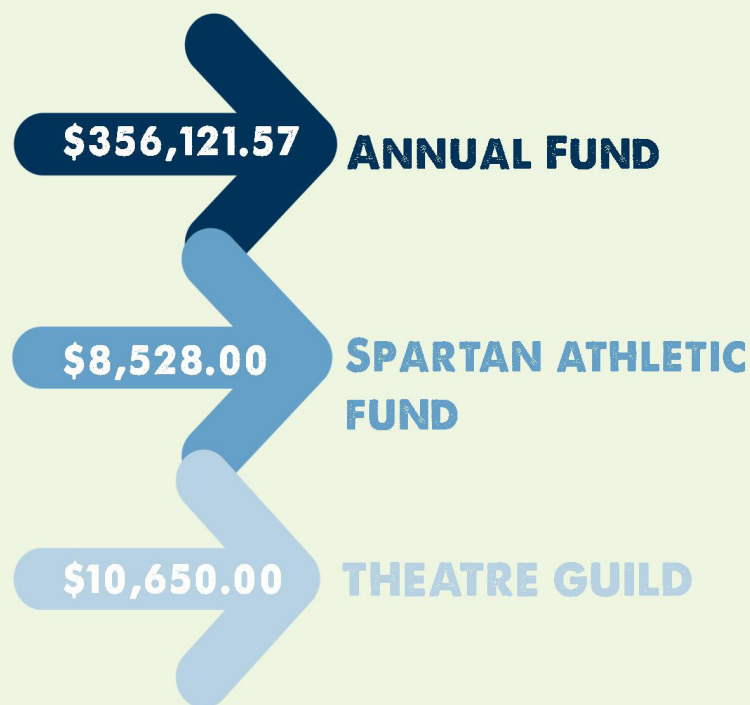
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