MESSAGE FROM THE FACULTY CHAIR/HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Community,

It is an honor to write this after my first year as Head of School. As I look back on the year, I am in awe of how much we accomplished together. As a community committed to the transformative power of Waldorf Education, we came together—parents, educators, friends, stakeholders to honor and build on the incredible work of those who founded and those who have tended and grown our school for over 50 years.

I am filled with gratitude for the dedication and care I see every day in our extraordinary faculty and staff, and I feel truly fortunate to work in such a vibrant community. Our students continue to inspire our daily work with their creativity, curiosity, and joyful engagement in learning.

As was reported at our annual Community Meeting, WWS is on fiscal solid ground and we continue to refine and strengthen our operational practices and sustainability. We have formalized many of our campus security measures in consultation with experts and we continue to make improvements to enhance our facilities.

The Good Food Lunch Program (which we might as well call Excellent Food!) kicked off the year with a healthy, wholesome start—a true testament to the dedication of a parent-led initiative. This program embodies the engagement we value so deeply: from greens grown and harvested by our third-grade gardeners, to eighth graders helping prepare and serve the pizza, to parents volunteering in support of the effort.

Throughout the year, it was my pleasure to get to know so many of you through community events like the delightful contra dance and potluck, the deeply connected solstice gathering, various coffees and parent meetings, the fun and fabulous gala, and many more. I am honored to be a part of this rich and vibrant community and I treasure so many of the moments I experienced with you all during the 24–25 school year.

Student retention and enrollment in the upper grades is on many of our minds and there were several initiatives throughout the year to help shape the way we move into the future. We were fortunate to have parents willing to share their perspective and expertise as we strive to better understand the experience of our current and prospective families and how we meet the community's needs.

As we listened to the feedback from our faculty and parents, the idea crystallized to shift to a Grades 7–12 Upper School model so that every middle and high school student can experience awe in their daily learning and have increasing agency as they progress through their journey at WWS. Our stated goals to broaden course offerings and student engagement, strengthen our educational support program, and allow our teachers to shine inspired us to dive into the exciting work of restructuring and reworking our program to better fit the students of today.

The generosity of our community has been a constant source of inspiration this year. From the lively energy of Bazaar preparations to the excitement of the event itself, from the dedicated service of kitchen volunteers to the tireless leadership of the Parent Family Organization, so many have stepped forward to support our school in meaningful ways. Equally vital is the financial generosity that sustains the heart of a Waldorf education—tuition alone does not cover the full cost of our programs, and the willingness of families and friends to contribute ensures that every student can thrive. This year, we were humbled by the outpouring of gifts, which not only met but exceeded our goals, reflecting a community that is deeply committed to nurturing curiosity, creativity, and learning for all our students.

As we look ahead, we are energized by the possibilities that lie before us—new opportunities for exploration, growth, and connection—and we are excited to continue building a vibrant, thriving community together in the year to come.

Sincerely,

Margery Bank
Faculty Chair/Head of School

Happy back to school to all of you!

This past school year was full of change, and we continue to evolve and adapt in ways big and small. I am so excited to share some of the highlights of what we've accomplished this year.

New Head of School

Margery Bank hit the ground sprinting as she stepped into the role of Head of School. She established herself as a true leader and great communicator and has helped us navigate the many changes we have driven over the year, many of which are listed below.

School Lunch

We are so lucky to have our school lunch program back and stronger than ever. Special thank you to Jesse Travis for spearheading this effort, and Eron Picus for coming back to be Chef extraordinaire. Many others deserve thanks for volunteering to work in the kitchen, helping pilot the program at the end of last year and keeping everything running. We have seen great participation, delicious food while being prudent in our management of the program for the school. Hooray!

Upper School Change

The upper school transition—updating our curriculum to bring student and parent feedback into grades 7–12 that strengthens this pivotal period of education with additional choice, better educational support and a pedagogical model that meets our kids where they are in this complicated day in age in this complicated city! Read more on our website...

Administrative Updates

We have spent a lot of time this past year focusing on updating our systems for finance and HR, and these efforts are paying big dividends as the school has much better capability to manage our needs.

Continued Focus on Strategic Plan and Mission

Our strategic plan remains our guiding focus. This plan, created two years ago, highlights four pillars of focus for our school—Academic Development & Excellence, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging, Organizational & Community Engagement, and Financial Sustainability. As that work takes shape, the TC will continue to report out on progress and push to complete the objectives of the plan.

Lastly, I want to extend my gratitude to the school community for trusting me as the TC chair for the past two years. I will be stepping aside this fall to welcome Kate Mueller, a 6th grade parent (2025–2026), and exceptional school leader as the nominee for the TC chair. I also want to thank everyone who volunteers their time to help out at the school, in all different capacities. Being active in the school community takes time and focus, when I know most of us consistently run short on those things, but giving back adds so much to this community and will pay you back as well in better knowing and experiencing the wonder of this school and the amazing, unique things it brings to our children.

Best wishes for a wonderful school year!

James Wise

James Wise
Trustees Council Chair

LETTER FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

The 2024–2025 school year was embodied with yet another year of exciting projects and strategic progress. As the Business Office, we had a central role in supporting the school's initiatives throughout the year. This report provides an overview of key developments and projects that shaped the past academic year. Please note that these numbers reflect an unaudited report. A full audited report will be made available upon request.

Key Projects and Initiatives

Financial Assistance

Our commitment to providing access to quality education for all students remained a cornerstone of our mission. In the 2024–2025 school year, we dedicated substantial resources to our financial aid program, resulting in approximately 42% of our students receiving assistance. This support is crucial in maintaining a diverse and vibrant student body.

Revenue Diversification

Our strategy for revenue diversification remains a key focus. Our financial advisor, Merrill Lynch, created an in Endowment that aligns with our values and mission. Having such a fund is integral to streamlining our financial goals and achieving these results.

Student Support Programs

Building on the success of past initiatives, our student support programs continued to enhance the educational experience for our students. Offerings such as our expanded Education Support with Early childhood and Upper school personnel, continued subsidized bus transportation, lunch program, and afternoon school programs.

Cash Position

Following the significant capital expenditure for our new gym in the prior year, a key priority during the 2024–2025 school year was strategically maintaining our cash position. Through diligent financial management, we made steady progress with our Financial Advisor, strengthening the school's long-term stability.

Challenges and Operational Results

While we celebrate our achievements, we also acknowledge the continued challenges faced in the past years, particularly the risks posed by flat enrollment, inflationary pressures, and derived financial challenges in the current political climate. We maintained a continual review of existing and potential revenue streams, and financial reserves to enable WWS to offer enhanced programs. Looking ahead, it remains essential that we have a healthy student enrollment and continue to meet our fundraising goals each year.

Conclusion

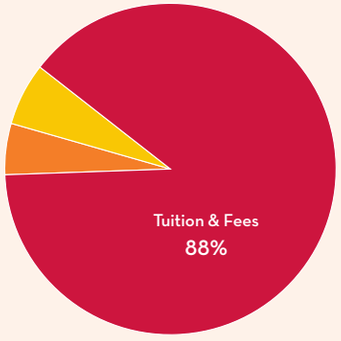
The 2024–2025 school year was another year of significant progress of realignment and dedication within our school administration. We remain committed to transparency and responsible financial stewardship. We extend heartfelt appreciation to all staff, past and present, for their unwavering contributions. As we begin the 2025–2026 academic year, we look forward to building on this success and embracing the exciting developments that await us.

Chiedza Mazonde
Business Manager

OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES

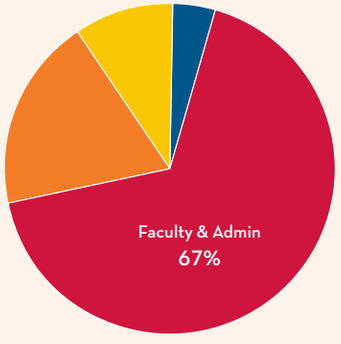
REVENUE

Tuition	$ 9,169,069	88%
Fundraising	$ 492,083	5%
Other Income	$ 749,526	7%
Total Revenue	**$10,410,679**	



EXPENSES

Faculty & Admin	$ 7,363,709	67%
Financial Aid	$ 2,028,654	18%
Facilities	$ 1,167,213	11%
Programs	$ 469,387	4%
Total Expenses	**$11,028,962**	
Deficit	**($ 618,283)**	



Note: The above financial statements were prepared prior to the annual audit.

MESSAGE FROM THE PFO EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Parent/Family Organization (PFO) Executive Team is grateful for the generous involvement of families throughout the 2024–25 school year. Whether through your contributions of time, talents, treasure, and ideas, your involvement enriches the WWS experience for all of our children!

Entrusted with the PFO budget, the Executive Team is proud to have accomplished so much last year. Here's a look at our year:

- Created and coordinated another successful **Fall Bazaar**, with strong attendance, significant funds raised, and many delighted children. All sales increased from the prior year, reflecting the support and engagement of all families. This beloved tradition comes to life thanks to the dedication, creativity, and hands-on help of our community.
- Planned and hosted a **Pi(e) Night** to share the Waldorf teaching approach in math with parents across the school.
- Hosted a **Game Night** with more than 60 families coming together for fun and community at school in January.
- Provided opportunities for parents and families to connect by helping **produce school-wide events**, hosting **Craft & Conversation sessions**, encouraging class captains to plan **social opportunities for classes**, and volunteering to help Chef Eron's kitchen team produce **nutritious and delicious lunches**!
- Hosted **four open PFO meetings**.
- **Recognized the dedication of faculty and staff** at the Faculty Appreciation Lunch and with other gestures of gratitude throughout the year.
- Continued operation of the **WWS Gear Shop**, selling gently used donated outdoor gear to other WWS families at reduced prices, with all proceeds supporting the OneFund.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

The following is a list of individuals whose gifts of time and talent served the advancement efforts of Washington Waldorf School during the 2023–24 school year. The school's continued growth and community strength depends on such committed, energetic, and generous individuals.

PFO EXECUTIVE TEAM

Drew Sample
Kellye Quirk
Erica Mutschler

Fall Bazaar Chair - Jesse Travis
New Families Chair - Patricia Casbas
Faculty Appreciation Chair - Jenia Beer
Craft & Conversation Chair - Tarina Szemzo
Grandparents Day Chair - Madelaine Johnston

PFO CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Seedlings - Maria Alonso
Apple Blossoms - Simone Anderson
Cherry Blossoms - Augusta MacQueen
Songbirds - Sindhuja Surapaneni
Sunflowers - Jennifer Borders
Waldorf in the Woods - Augusta MacQueen
Grade 1 - Jenia Beer
Grade 2 - Jesse Travis
Grade 3 - Jenia Beer
Grade 5 - Aimiee Duncan
Grade 6 - Lindsey Simpson
Grade 7 - Chris Carlton
Grade 8 - Jen Liebreich
Grade 9 - Sylvia Szankay
Grade 10 - Melissa Wilets
Grade 11 - Sarah Langham
Grade 12 - Sarah Vakkur

CLASS CAPTAINS

Seedlings - Maria Alonso
Apple Blossom - Sarah Wester
Cherry Blossom - Erica Mutschler & Helina Tedla
Songbirds - Erica Mutschler & Esther Probst
Sunflowers - Jennifer Borders
Waldorf in the Woods - Sarah Deckard
Grade 1 - Sarah Deckard & Patricia Casbas
Grade 2 - Tarina Szemzo, Maria Alonso, & Raquel Jalili
Grade 3 - Jenia Beer
Grade 4 - Kate Sandstrom & Madeline Johnston
Grade 5 - Jesse Travis
Grade 6 - Lindsey Simpson
Grade 7 - Tanis Delgado & Elsa Gomez
Grade 8 - Katie Fox & Laurelle Lo

Help Shape the WWS Community

Whether you have a few hours or want to dive deeper, there's a place for you in the Parent/Family Organization. From leading a one-time event to joining the executive team, every role strengthens our vibrant school life.

Reach out to us: pfoexec@washingtonwaldorf.org

Why get involved?

- **Be in the know and stay connected to what's happening at WWS**
- **Show your children that their education matters**
- **Build meaningful relationships with other families**
- **Share your talents—organizing, crafting, communicating, or simply spreading joy!**

Every family's time makes a difference. Let's find the right way for you to contribute.

Festivals & Events

Fall Bazaar Contributions to the One Fund

BAZAAR COORDINATORS

Maria Alonso
Marlies Analbers
Samrawit Aragie
Dawn Beckman
Jenia Beer
Bronwen Brown
Vanessa Chang
Hannah Cook
Sarah Deckard
Nancy and Rob Doyle
Erica Girvin
Trevor Goodyear
Torie Gorges
Dulce Govea Aguilar
Shelly Hackman
Dave Hanson
Kate Hedges
Sarah Heirman
Madelaine Johnston
Remy Jokhoe
Russell Kramer
CJ Leonard
Cara Llewellyn
Laurelle Lo
Bonnie McClelland
Tamara Minor
Maria Monteverde-Jackson
Susan Peckham
Eron Picus
Esther Probst
Ramu Pyreddy
Taylor Raifsnider
Jennifer Robinson
Cindy Rupert
Marlene Sandhu
Joy Shchupak
Sindhu Surapaneni
David Talbot
Jesse Travis
Jana VanderGoot
Melissa Wilets
Miki Yoshimura
Zsófia Zsiros

The Washington Waldorf School's 2024 Fall Bazaar continued the event's long tradition of uniting the community to produce one of the premiere fall events in the area. The Bazaar had something to offer everyone—crafts and activities, music, delicious food, and shopping galore.

Children were delighted to decorate candles with beeswax shapes and tiny treasures collected from nature, create beautiful suncatchers from sea glass beads, and paint colorful designs on hoops stretched with silk. Our talented student artists decorated shining young faces and hands with intricate artistic designs.

The youngest children were further enchanted by a classroom transformed into a winter wonderland in the Crystal Cave, entertained by marionette and story time shows produced by our Children's Garden faculty, and delighted by the chance to earn a small treasure by catapulting a ball over the wall at the Castle Catapult.

Children had the chance to do their very own shopping for treasures in the Enchantment Shop, and adults did their seasonal shopping at a varied selection of artisan vendors in the John and Mary Brauer Gym. Musical performances accompanied a delicious lunch from Chef Eron's Bistro along with the gourmet selection of treats in the Patisserie. The day was truly a feast for all the senses!

The Fall Bazaar raised a gross total of $66,000 for the school's One Fund.

Dear Friends,

The rate of change that we have been experiencing in the world has been matched within the walls of our Washington Waldorf School. When change surrounds us, it can be a balm to root into our community, and we continued to do that this year. We began the year with our Welcome back picnic and potluck, and continued to anchor the calendar with festivals and opportunities for our community to come together.

The theme of our 2024–2025 One Fund continued to be "One Community, Building Together." Each year in the Development Office, we set strategic goals that are voted on and adopted by the Development Committee and Trustees Council. This process keeps us accountable to the shared desires and vision for our community.

This year, our goals were as follows:

Introduce the Washington Waldorf community to our new Head of School, Margery Bank
In September 2024, Washington Waldorf School hosted a lead donor event that included past Trustees to allow the community to begin to get to know Margery, and hear more about her vision for the school. In addition, we continued our tradition of regular coffee and tea mornings for the whole community to meet with Margery. These conversations continued throughout the year, and provided opportunities for deeper discussion about key initiatives and curriculum highlights at our school.

Maintain and slightly increase cash flow from fundraising at the level of $800,000
Donors to the Room to Move campaign continue to pay their pledges, and the school also runs an annual campaign (One Fund) for operating expenses and financial aid, in addition to some smaller restricted funds. This year, the One Fund had a goal to raise $425,000, which was exceeded. We did not quite reach a total of $800,000 between all initiatives combined, but we got very close!

Continue and increase reliance and recognition of volunteers, on the Parents/Family Organization, the Development Committee and the Trustee Council. Develop a stronger volunteer organization to work with the Gala, including broad and visible support from the Trustee Council.
Our volunteer turnout was strong this year, and we continue to be grateful for the enthusiastic energy and support of our volunteers and volunteer leadership. Highlights include the Fall Bazaar (as always), the incredible work done by the Gala Committee at our April 26, 2025 Gala, and initiatives and events planned by the Parent Organization. The school acknowledged our volunteers at an end of year Volunteer Appreciation breakfast, but the gratitude extends year round.

Engage the Alums community through annual Reunions, local events, and improving the current Alum presence online.
The school continued to engage alum through quarterly email newsletters, and the much anticipated winter Alum Basketball game. We also hosted multiple alum on campus to speak to current students, and we were honored to have Brian Spitulnik ('01) as our Class of 2025 Graduation speaker. In January 2025, recent alums came back to campus for lunch and to speak to current students about the college experience. We look forward to hosting and planning the 2026 Alum Reunion, and encourage classes in reunion years to put the date on their calendar for Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Strengthen the Development Office infrastructure.
This is a continuing goal, but we were thrilled to welcome Dykeem Cervantes (part-time Database Coordinator) and Erika Bryant-Northcutt (Assistant Director of Development and Events) to our team this year! Both have continued to professionalize our operations, with Dykeem ensuring that our gifts are processed and acknowledged in a timely manner, and Erika putting her extra spin and flair into our events.

Continue to nurture and build a culture of philanthropy at WWS by emphasizing participation and by celebrating and stewarding major gift and leadership supporters through the school.
We are grateful for the generosity of so many in our community this year. This goal takes us back to the overall theme of our *One Fund—One Community, Building Together*. Philanthropy unites us around our common goals, and allows us to build a school and community that belongs to all of us. We ended the year with 100% Trustee participation, 100% College participation, 62% Faculty participation, and more than 70% Current Parent participation. Each gift makes a difference, and goes towards improving the educational experience of each Student and Faculty member at our school.

This was my last year at Washington Waldorf School. It was an honor and privilege to work on behalf of the school for the last four years. I am most proud of the completion of the Room to Move campaign and John and Mary Brauer Gym, as well as how we worked towards increasing the overall culture of philanthropy at Washington Waldorf School. Behind the scenes, we did a lot of database improvements to help our infrastructure and reporting run more smoothly and efficiently.

In my last full Faculty meeting, I talked about how the school's success belongs to all of us. Fundraising, in its most simple meaning, is everyone giving what they can to a cause they feel passionately about. When we all give what we can to our school, we succeed together. I wish continued growth and success for the Washington Waldorf School, and I look forward to cheering you all on.

With Gratitude,

Stephanie Hanson
Director of Development and Alum Relations

YOUR IMPACT

2024–2025 ONE FUND BY THE NUMBERS

Need Based aid for
42% students,
averaging $18,250 per student

Giving equals **6%** of the operating budget
an average of **$1,835 per student**

Over
500 gifts

$490,000
contributed to the operational budget

The One Fund
Supporting Every Student, Every Day

At the Washington Waldorf School, tuition covers most—but not all—of the cost of a Waldorf education. For FY24, that goal was **$450,000**, with additional funds raised through pledge payments to the *Room to Move Campaign*.

Because of the One Fund and our community's generosity, WWS is able to keep tuition one of the **lowest of any independent school in the DC metro area**. A robust giving program allows us to make Waldorf education more accessible while still delivering the highest quality. Importantly, we also live our mission by providing **generous financial aid to 42% of our families**.

Every dollar contributed to the *One Fund* goes directly into the operating budget—first to close the gap between tuition revenue and school expenses, and then to expand opportunities for our students and teachers. By raising personal giving and encouraging strong parent participation, we ensure that tuition remains accessible, that financial aid remains generous, and that every student continues to benefit from the unique gifts of a Waldorf education.

These three commitments—**a strong culture of giving, careful financial stewardship, and accessibility through financial aid**—work together to align our development efforts, fiscal responsibility, and our mission: *to cultivate students' capacity to think clearly, feel compassionately, and act purposefully by providing a developmentally appropriate curriculum that integrates academic, artistic, and practical skills within an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.*

Leadership Giving Circle

IMAGINATION CIRCLE
$25,000+
Burns Family Charitable Fund
J. Frank and Susan S. Brown Family Fund

IMPACT CIRCLE
$15,000–$24,999
Anonymous
Elsa Gomez and Andres Echeverri
Allison Fultz and Steve Langer
Maria Monteverde-Jackson and Jon Jackson
Kate Mueller and Mike Gibson
Rebeccah and Eric Sensenbrenner
Laurelle Lo and David Talbot

VISIONARY CIRCLE
$10,000–$14,999
Anonymous
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Jennifer and Rob Liebreich
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Jennifer Robinson and Eben Kaplan
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Sarah and Shay Wester

RED-TAILED HAWKS CIRCLE
$5,000–$9,999
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Chrissie and Lex Sant
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1969 FOUNDER'S CIRCLE
$1,969–$4,999
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Jenny Swift
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Anne and Tom Wotring

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$1,000–$1,968
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Archway Pet
Barb and John Bancroft
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Kathryn and Peter Colosi
Kate and Roddy Cruz
Zeina Chouman and Houssam El Eid
William And Nancy Foster
Tania Delgado and Franz Gerner
Jimell Greene
Camilla Lake
Nadia Langer
Hannah Losman and Drew Sample
Shannon Dominick and Jorge Mariscal
Greg Mueller and Patty Deuster
Rocio Gomez Botero and Felipe Munoz Gomez
Samantha Cohen and Douglas Rosenbloom
Sandy Spring Bank
Colette and Michael Silver
Debbie and Chuck Spitulnik
Pat and Michael Stevens

2024/25 ONE FUND DONORS

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Anthroposophical Society
Greater Washington DC Branch
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Adrienne Gallo and Aaron Bruner
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Leni Hunter and Alistair Henry
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Patricia King Jackson
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Michael Lieberman
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Abel Smith
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FRIEND
$250–$499

American Family Insurance
AstraZeneca
Maria Banda and
Jonathan Beauchamp
Cully and Sara Brownson
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Erika Bryant-Northcutt
Mariana Gutierrez and Carlos Burgos
Iryna Carlson and Timothy Carlson
Elizabeth Zwicker and
Christopher Carlton
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Enrique Gallego
Anya Bartlett and David Clissold
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Ashwini Deshpande and
Christopher Goldman
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Kimiko and Phillip Lighty
Kate Losman
Bonnie McClelland and
Wade Morefield
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Dileep and Natasha Nair
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Politics and Prose
Max Silver
Steve Smith and J. Lee Newell
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Miki Yoshimura and Kazuo Tase
Ulrike Thorn and Rodney Thorn
Zsofia Zsiros and
Michiel van Aarnhem

WWS SPIRIT CLUB
UP TO $249

A Child's Dream
Monica Judge and Matt Aborn
Sven Abow
Elise Adelmann
Redeit Alemu Admassie and
Tigistu Adamu Ashengo
Leonard Alcala
Maria Chafetz and Shane Alcock
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Zara and Miles Amoore
Anonymous Anonymous
Kathleen Baker and David Plevan
Kaylyn Bancroft
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Jenia and Sebastian Beer
Patricia Reber and Alexander Belida
Joy Belluzzi
Bird Smiles Orthodontics
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Summer Renault-Steele and
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Bluestone Lane
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Bronwen Brown
Aryadne and Joshua Bryant
Barbara Buchman and John Verleun
Edward Buckley and
Margaret Gennaro, MD
Natalia Sanchez Capron and
Seth Capron
Lisa Catalone-Castro and
Rodolfo Castro
Amanda McGuire and
Alejandro Cerdas
Eddie Chang
Jenni Chaves and Gregory Willits
Melissa Chávez
Clay Cafe Studios

Clear Skies Meadery
Katie Colby-Newton
Hannah Cook
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Kevin and Andrea Daney
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Jess Gottlieb
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Ann Greene and Fiorella Magani
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Phyllis and Greg Greer
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Marie-Christine and Mark Hoover
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Bill Merkel
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Stacey Helberg
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Juliana Burbano and Isaac Montes
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Neilson
Jules Ngangmeni
Luna Oliveira
Laura Gaensly and Daniel Ortega
Catherine Padley
Pam K. Bambini Children's Boutique
Trina Parker
Sarah Heirman and Eron Picus
Pink Moon
Mariana Baez Ponce and
Thor Morales
Marlies and Marcos Poplawski Ribeiro
Praline Bakery & Bistro
Bernard Probst and
Esther M. Probst
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Kellye and Eric Quirk
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In Honor of Barbara Bancroft for her dedication to teaching our two daughters through elementary and high school and Stephanie Hanson for her skill and determination in raising funds for the construction of the gymnasium.
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A WALDORF FAIRY TALE

Once upon a time, on a cool spring evening in the heart of Washington, DC, our community gathered for a night of wonder. On Saturday, April 26, 2025, the historic National Union Building was transformed into a place of magic and merriment for the Washington Waldorf School Gala. Beneath twinkling lights and surrounded by laughter, joy, and generosity, we celebrated not just a gala, but a living story.

And what a tale it was! Thanks to the open hearts of our community, the evening raised an estimated $146,678 net to support Financial Aid at Washington Waldorf School.

Like any true fairy tale, our story was filled with magic-makers and heroes. To those who "Raised a Paddle" and those who gave to our silent and live auctions—thank you. Each bid was more than a number; it was a wish cast for the future of our students, a promise that the story of Washington Waldorf School will continue to unfold.

A special thank you also to Barb Bancroft, whose moving speech touched our hearts and reminded us why our community's story matters so deeply. Your words were a lantern in the night, illuminating both our mission and our hope for the future.

To our and to the Gala Committee: Simone Anderson, Jennifer Borders, Aimee Duncan, and Zsofia Zsoros; who dreamed up an enchanting experience that will extend the spirit of the gala long after the last candle was blown out. To Sarah Wester, our Gala Preview Coordinator, whose vision and generosity expanded the accessibility of the Gala, we are deeply grateful.

And finally, to every parent, grandparent, and friend who gave so generously—you are the fairy stewards of this tale. You have granted wishes, opened doors, and ensured the accessibility of a Waldorf education for our children.

May we continue to write this story together, guided by kindness, fueled by hope, and certain that the brightest chapters are yet to come.

GALA BY THE NUMBERS

Guests
149

Raise the Paddle
$109,269

Auction & Buy-in Parties
$60,857

Together, these efforts have a direct and lasting impact—helping us provide meaningful financial aid, supporting our faculty, and enhancing the experience of every student.

Thank you for being part of this generous and spirited community. You make it possible.

Through multiple income streams, this year's Gala raised vital funds that help us meet the needs of our diverse community. We're thrilled to share these results:

Ticket Sales, Underwriting, Sponsorships
$30,000+

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Raise the Paddle
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Silent Auction and Buy-In Parties
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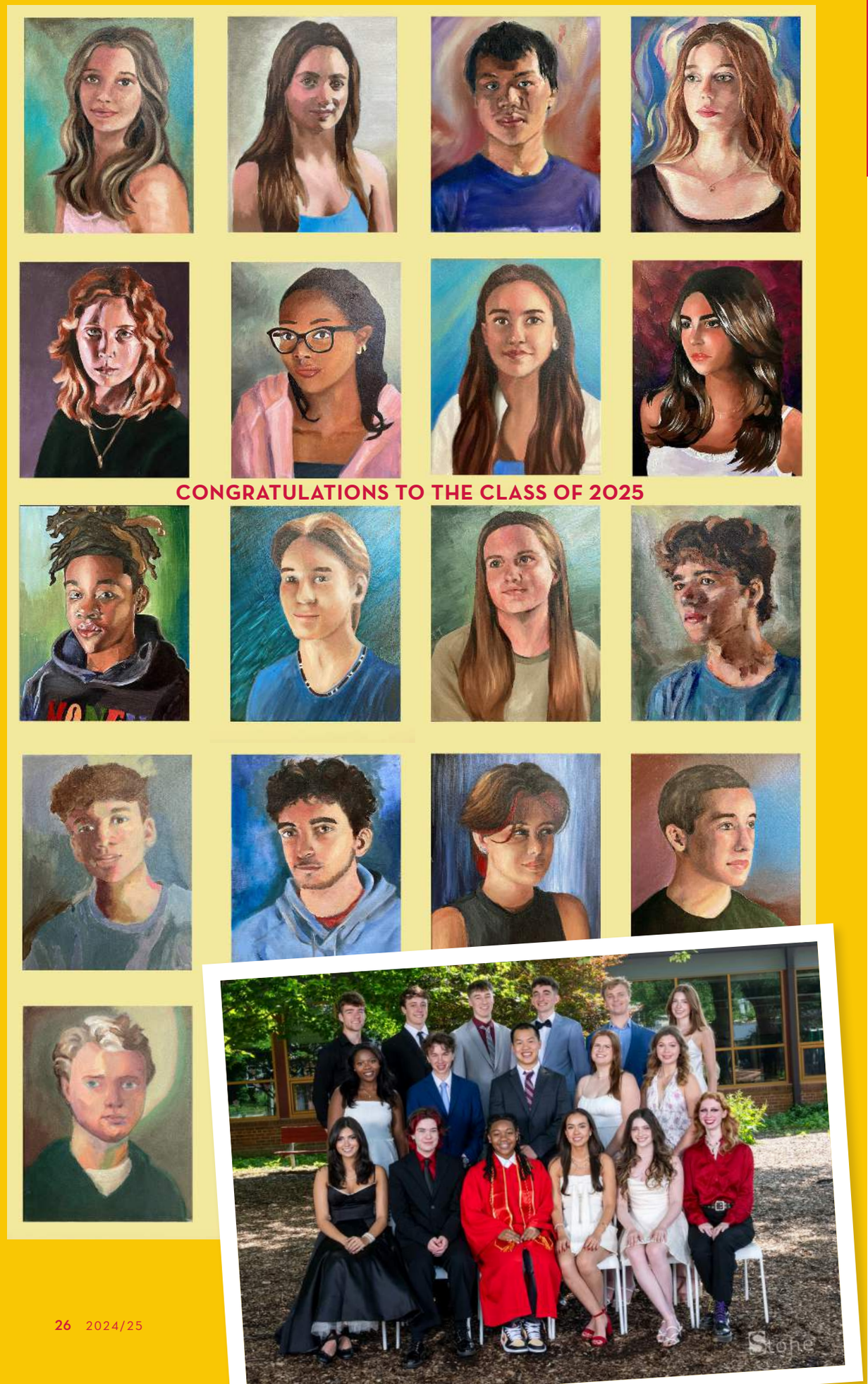
BARBARA BANCROFT

an excerpt from her gala speech

"This kind of learning takes time. There is no short path, no short-cut straight to concepts. So, we start very early, asking our youngest students to explore through all their senses, learning to use their physical instrument to change the outer world. Sweeping with a broom, knitting with sticks, singing in harmony, stepping in rhythm. Nothing new here. We all want to make an impression. Even the family dog needs to change the world, judging from all the chewed-up furniture. But it's easy to forget that any technology we engage in, also works back into us, changing and shaping our living selves. So, Waldorf education starts with primitive tools. The broom teaches our muscles coordination. The knitting needles awaken order in our thinking, etc. The aim is to make us more deeply human.

Such is the aim of Waldorf education…to sin and atone! To evoke discovery of the bigger picture. To bring observable phenomena into focus, inject the catalytic questions and make space for discovery. It is a rich, slow, joyful, growth enhancing, humbling and emboldening learning process. And central to its mission is the role of Art. Art provides the arena for discovery, for innovation, for building intention, commitment and resolve. For forging inner attention—which for so many of us is just a slender thread—into a four-lane highway linking us inwardly with the world our senses perceive. We are not meant to be held as puppets on strings of distraction, ruled by happiness and the ever-present desire for entertainment. Our school offers an antidote to the dissipating, self-alienating forces that surround us today."



Alum News

Here is what we did for alums last year

This year, we deepened our connections with Washington Waldorf alumni through meaningful events and thoughtful traditions.

NEW ALUM WINTER PACKAGES
We sent care packages to our newest alum—many in their first year of college—filled with a beeswax candle, a WWS mug with a knitted cover, hot chocolate, and tea. Their first-grade buddies contributed handmade candles and heartfelt cards, adding warmth and encouragement from home.

ALUM BASKETBALL GAME
In December, over 100 alumni, families, and friends gathered for this spirited annual tradition. With firepits, a food truck, festive beverages, and a lively basketball game, the event brought our community together in celebration.

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS
Recognizing the important role alum play in the life of our school, we appointed a trustee dedicated to alum engagement. This role focuses on encouraging alums to participate more actively in school life and development efforts.

QUARTERLY ALUMNI NEWSLETTER
To stay connected year-round, we launched a quarterly newsletter that shares updates, spotlights alums, and highlights opportunities for involvement.

Our alums remain a vital part of the WWS story, and we are grateful for the ways they continue to enrich our community.

Have an update to share or new contact information? We'd love to hear from you. Please email alumni@washingtonwaldorf.org and send us your news of awards or honors, new family members, scholarships, travels and adventures, jobs or milestones.

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Alum Basketball Game
December 19th, 2025

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