

GRATITUDE REPORT

2024-2025



WE ARE
TRAIL-
BLAZERS!

THE *girls'*
SCHOOL
OF AUSTIN

LETTER FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Girls' School of Austin Community,

This year, we became Trailblazers.

The 2024–2025 school year marked a pivotal moment in the life of The Girls' School of Austin—Year one of our 2024–2030 Strategic Plan, “The Journey Forward.” In this first year, we took the first bold steps down a new path with intention, courage, and clarity of purpose.

Every day on our campus, I am reminded of the unique magic that defines GSA. You see it in the confidence with which our girls speak their minds and the curiosity they bring to the classroom. This environment doesn't happen by accident. Our incredible community fuels it with the collective gifts of time, resources, and commitment. Our annual Gratitude Report is a celebration of that shared investment, and I am honored to share how your generosity came to life this past year.

As we embarked on Year 1 of our Strategic Plan, our focus was clear: to build an educational experience that boldly prepares our girls for the world they will inherit. Because of your support, we didn't just maintain our standards this year—we elevated them, beginning at the heart of the GSA experience: the classroom. We intentionally wove Futures Thinking and 21st Century Skills directly into Middle School Advisory and student wellness programming. In addition, we established the Lower School Science teacher position to bring continuity to the Science curriculum and hone our students' scientific thinking abilities. Behind the scenes, our teaching faculty immersed themselves in a semester-long curriculum mapping exercise in preparation for the re-accreditation process.

By integrating new learning technologies and modern tools, we are teaching our girls not just what to think, but how to navigate, adapt, and lead in an increasingly complex world.

Providing this forward-thinking education requires looking far beyond the current school year to ensure our physical environment supports our ambitions. To that end, this past year was marked by historic steps to secure GSA's future, including negotiating the acquisition of the adjacent half-acre property to eventually expand our campus footprint. Coupled with enhanced campus security and rigorous long-term financial planning, we are ensuring that our physical and organizational foundations remain as resilient as our students.



Yet, true sustainability goes beyond acreage and infrastructure; it is built on community trust. This year, we committed ourselves to listening to our community and streamlining our operations. Through our Climate and Culture Study, we looked honestly at how we can better support all our families and foster belonging for both students and adults. Simultaneously, we overhauled our internal operations—from enrollment and tuition management systems to improved communications—to work toward a smoother, better connected experience for every GSA family.

What makes me proudest about these trailblazing milestones is that none of them were achieved in isolation. Every curriculum map drawn, safety measure implemented, and square foot of potential growth was made possible because you chose to invest in the power of a girls' education.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your unwavering belief in the Girls' School of Austin as we take the Journey Forward.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca Yacono". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rebecca" being more prominent than the last name "Yacono".

Rebecca Yacono
Head of School



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Dear Girls' School of Austin Community,

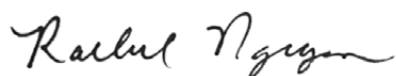
When I step back and look at this school, I see the same joy and expectation that our family felt almost twenty years ago. The girls still believe, without hesitation, that their ideas matter and that there is a place for them in this world. This is not an accident. It is the result of years of deliberate choices—and a community that has never stopped making them.

I have the privilege of serving GSA from the Board level, which means my job is not to tend the daily fire but to make sure the conditions exist for it to keep burning. This year, that meant asking hard questions about who we are, where we are going, and whether our structure, our resources, and our resolve are equal to our ambitions. The answer, I am proud to report, is yes!

Under Rebecca Yacono's leadership, the GSA launched Year 1 of the Strategic Plan—not as a list of objectives, goals, and tactics, but as a living commitment. Her vision is reshaping what learning looks like here: Futures Thinking and 21st Century Skills are now woven into our curriculum, our social-emotional programming, and our Middle School Advisory; preparing our girls not just for the next grade, but for the world they will actually inherit. The Board's role has been to build the organizational foundation worthy of that vision and that work is well underway.

This school has always been defined by the people who refuse to let it be anything less than extraordinary. That is you.

With deepest gratitude,



Rachel Nguyen
Board Chair, The Girls' School of Austin



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ABOUT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL OF AUSTIN

OUR MISSION

The Girls' School of Austin provides an academically challenging education for girls in a community that fosters creative learning and personal excellence. Our mission is to develop confident young women who lead intellectually vibrant and fulfilling lives.



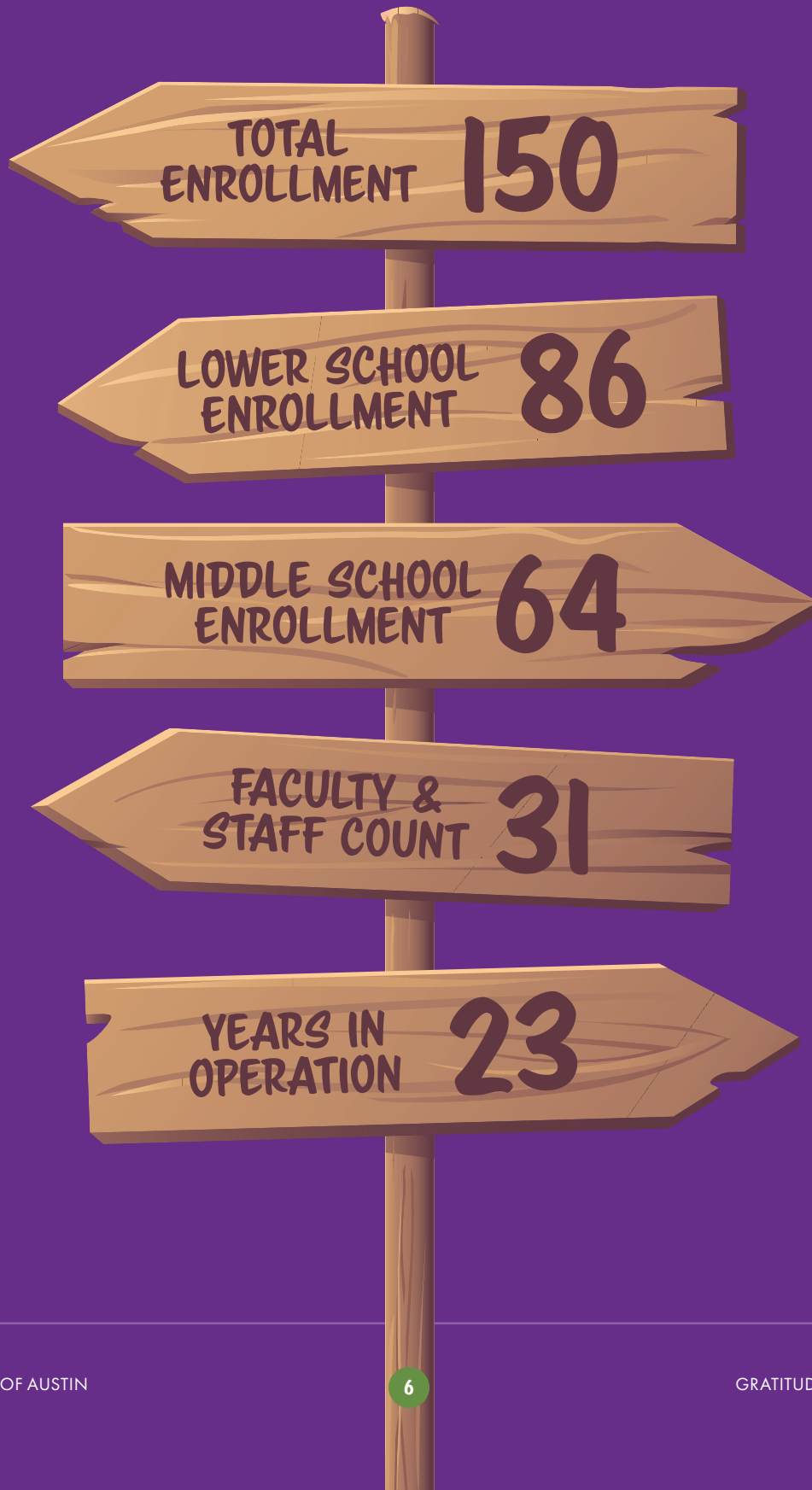
OUR COMMUNITY

- is respectful, inclusive, and supportive.
- celebrates the efforts and achievements of hardworking students.
- thrives under the guidance of dedicated, inspiring teachers.

WE BELIEVE

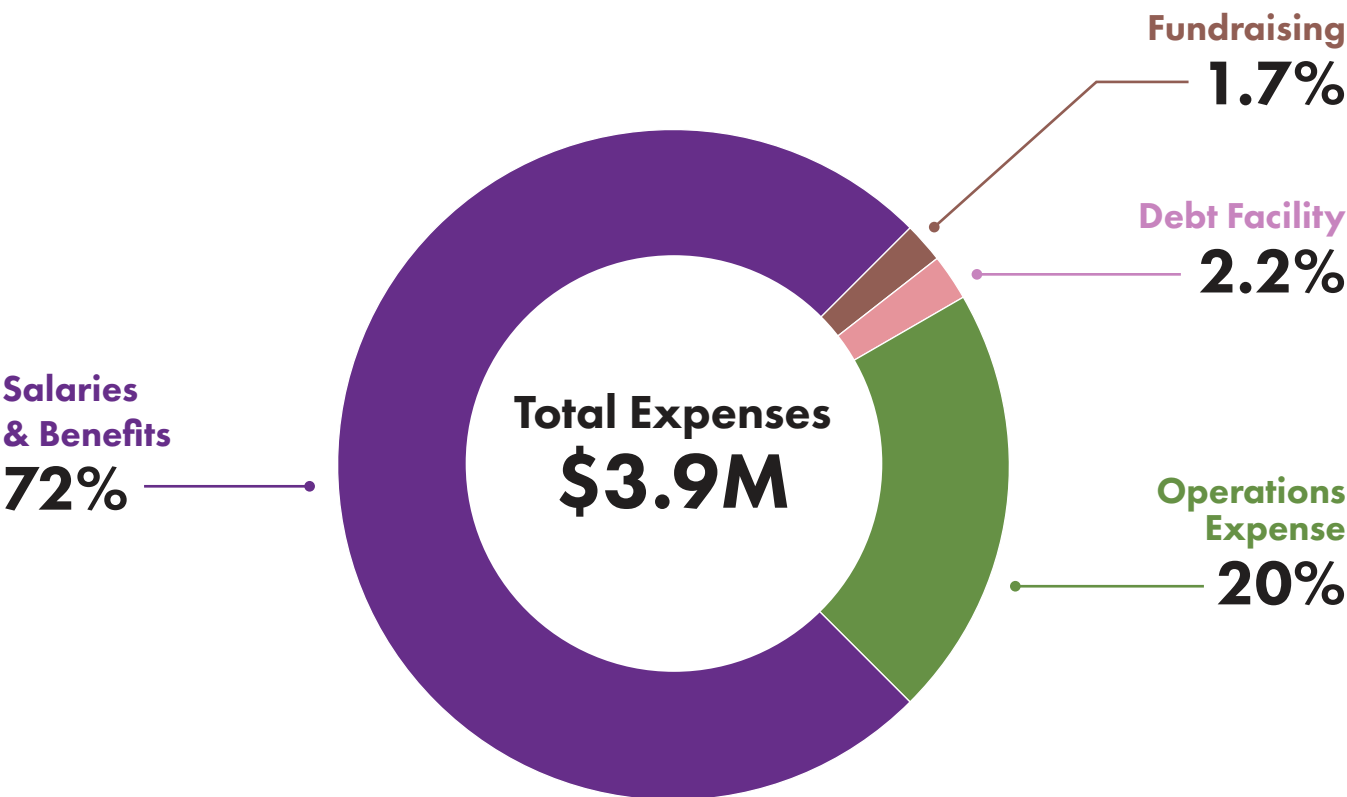
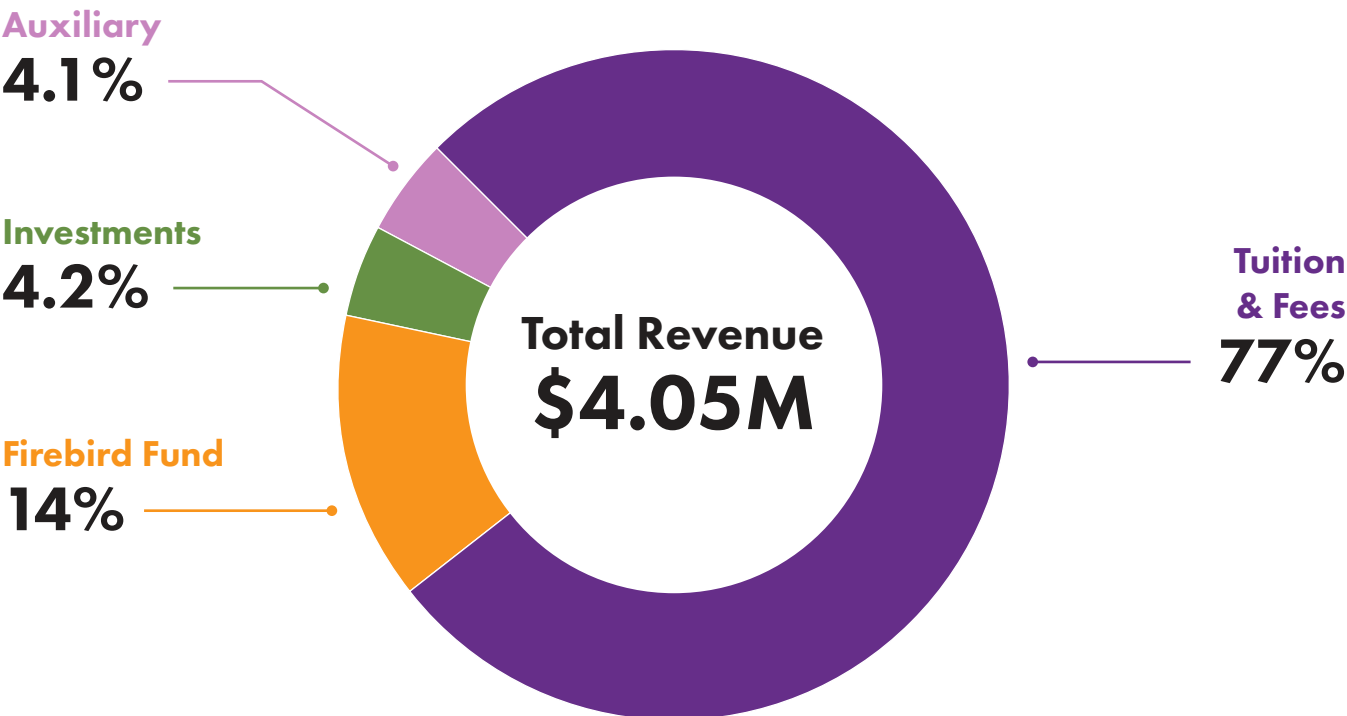
- curiosity, creativity, diversity, and a willingness to take risks advance intellectual growth.
- a well-rounded education provides the foundation for scholarly and personal pursuits.
- service to others and self-awareness are essential to the learning experience.

2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2024-2025



FUNDRAISING OVERVIEW



FIREBIRD FUND

Parent / Board Participation

98/100%

Amount Raised

\$300K



SPRING GALA

Amount Raised

\$267K



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Girls' School of Austin is incredibly grateful for our dedicated community of volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without your invaluable support and commitment. Your time, energy, and passion make our many community building events possible, creating enriching experiences that deeply impact our families and students. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we recognize your contributions. Thank you for being an essential part of our school!

Kristin Angulo Hurley	Heather Golm	Jamie Murdock
Peter Boumenot	Austin Hagerty	Soraiya Nagree
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Cary Devore	Brittany Johansen	Emily Reed
Meera de Mel	Katherine Johnson	Jennifer Rhodes
Natasha De Masi	Dixie Kimble	Maryelaine Sotos
Jacquelyn Einaugler	Laura Lit	Carly Spaly
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Crystal Farmer	Sean McMillan	Emily Tucker
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SELF-PORTRAIT SHOW COMMITTEE

Angela Crall	Kate Murdoch
Lillian Henson	Jo O'Keefe
Brittany Johansen	Jamie Stevens
Katherine Johnson	Emily Tucker
Dixie Kimble	Amanda Wagner
Laura Lit	Daniel Willard
Jamie Murdoch	

GALA COMMITTEE

Kimberly Famighetti, Co-Chair	Noemi Jimenez
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TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Mark Richards	Cammie Thomson
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BOOK FAIR COMMITTEE

Johnny Heiselberg	Elizabeth Rizzo
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GRANDPARENTS/GRAND-FRIENDS DAY COMMITTEE

Kristin Angulo Hurley	Jo O'Keefe
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FIREBIRD FUND CLASS AGENTS

Kindergarten: Lauren and Brad Heffern

First Grade: Noemi Jimenez and Prashanth Magadi

Second Grade: Laura and Noah Lit

Third Grade: Emily and Robbie Reed

Fourth Grade: Brigid Finley and Peter Boumenot

Fifth Grade: Laura and James Young

Sixth Grade: Cary and Huide Devore

Seventh Grade: Kim and Ryan Davis

Eighth Grade: Annie-Laurie Grabiell and Arthur Furman

EVENTS 2024-2025





CLASS OF 2025



GRADUATING CLASS

Quinn Collins

Bailey Murdock

Kaisa Tristan

Emilia Furman

Anishka Ramanujam

Elsa Wiebrand

Maia Mejia

Norah (Nori) Rendon

Greta Wishnow

Lila Michaelis

Margaret Riels

Iris Wishnow



CLASS OF 2025

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Scholastic Regional Art Awards:

3 Silver Keys, 2 Honorable Mentions

All-Region Middle School Orchestra:

2 Musicians selected

Scholastic Regional Writing Awards:

1 Silver, 6 Honorable Mentions

National Spanish Exam:

1 Gold, 1 Silver, 8 Honorable Mentions



MATRICULATION

Anderson High School

Austin High School

Liberal Arts & Science Academy (LASA)

McCallum High School

Fine Arts Academy (FAA)

McCallum High School

St. Andrew's Episcopal School

St. Stephen's Episcopal School

Westlake High School

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