



Columbus Academy



# BEHIND every gift is a story

We are grateful for the opportunity to share this Donor Impact Report for the 2022-23 school year. Every gift to Columbus Academy tells a story of confidence, kindness and promise for the future. It is our honor to share these stories of philanthropy with you.







## A Year of Wonderful Surprises—the Joy of Giving

Every year, hundreds of donors support our faculty, staff and students in ways that are personally meaningful for them. It is particularly special when donors share the inspirational stories behind their donations.

One such example is out-of-town alumnus **Dr. Barron Hall '85**, who notes his annual gifts in honor of Academy memories and people. One year's gift was in honor of the CA alumni faculty members; another honoring Coaches Stahl and MacMullan; and yet another listing all of his lower school teachers.

In December 2022, we were thrilled to thank Barron for his generously renewed annual gift, this time in honor of Coach Anne Horton's retirement and her impact on our field hockey and lacrosse programs. Eight days later, an identical gift came through online, which we assumed was a bank snafu, so we contacted Barron immediately. He confirmed it was a different gift — designated to support the Arts — and he mysteriously replied there would be more coming... but shared no more.

Two additional surprise gifts arrived in the following weeks, catapulting Barron to being one of the top alumni donors for the year! These gifts were graciously noted in honor of his father's encouragement of his education, and in memory of his classmate Billy Gardner '85 who passed after a tragic accident.

When asked what prompted these astonishing gifts, Barron replied, "One word — family. My CA family was there for me through all twelve years, the good, the bad, and the ugly; the faculty, staff and fellow students are still special to me...the environment allowed me to grow, with guidance and caring to steer the way. It was a major foundation piece in my pyramid

of life that has led me to happiness and success." Thank you Barron and the many other donors who share your special stories each year.

Would the spring semester compare to the excitement of December? We are thrilled to say that the 25 hours of All Day 4 CA surely did! A challenge was put forth to our community for more than 1,000 Vikings to join in with a gift of any size during the event, and a record-smashing **1,119 Vikings from 45 states and 7 other countries** showed their Academy pride. Incredible!

To our **alumni donors**: Thank you for your remembrance of your alma mater. For every teacher, coach, classmate and friend who saw the potential in you, challenged you, was there with a high-five or a shoulder to lean on, you showed your dedication and appreciation on that important day.

What can we say about our **dedicated volunteers and parent donors**? Your enthusiasm is infectious! From the smiles and honks in the car lines, the visits into the office to share in the excitement of refreshing your phone screens, and everyone's incredible generosity of spirit, THANK YOU!

What an invaluable feeling it is to know that there are so many **grandparents, extended family members and friends** around the world! Your kindness and support show that our special school has a strong foundation that extends well beyond our local community. We appreciate you!

And to our **faculty and staff**: you showed yet another way you are dedicated to our mission of instilling a lifelong love of learning and encouraging personal best. Thank you for all you do.



"It was 12 years of a close, extended family on a country campus of over 200 acres. There are so many teachers, staff, students, and classmates that I can still fondly recall a half century later... I want to share my success with CA to help further the development of individuals who are fortunate enough to spend any amount of their formal education years on this beautiful campus."

- Dr. Barron Hall '85, Board Certified Veterinary Dentist™ Animal Dental Clinic

# Endowment Gifts Sustain the Academy Experience: *Class of 1971 and the Krumm Family*

A healthy endowment is the cornerstone of a successful independent school; gifts to the endowment support a variety of initiatives, such as faculty professional development and student tuition assistance. **We are honored to share that donors contributed to 22 different endowed funds this past school year.**

The school's second-largest endowment expenditure is faculty salaries, and particularly Honorary Chairs, the first of which was established in 1984. Bestowing the designation of Honorary Chair is a time-honored model implemented at Columbus Academy in the same vein as in the collegiate setting to recognize excellent teaching and deep contributions to the institution. These Honorary Chairs are nominated by members of the faculty and staff, selected by the Leadership Team and agreed upon by the Board of Trustees.

At their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion, members of the Class of 1971 were particularly moved during their memorial service to recall classmates who have passed, and most poignant was the devastating loss of one classmate just before graduation. In the months following the reunion gathering, the class gift committee – consisting of Jeff Janata, Mike Crane, Robert McNamara, John Phillips and Bill Williams – began the admirable task of raising \$1M to establish a new Honorary Chair. We are thrilled to share that the class has eclipsed this amount in current gifts and future estate commitments to establish the **Class of 1971 Honorary Chair and Fund for Social and Emotional Health in Memory of Bobby Greentree '71**.

This Honorary Chair will recognize and reward those “unsung heroes” on the faculty and staff whom kids seek out for support, guidance, mentorship and a “safe space” to be themselves. By establishing this Honorary Chair, the Class of 1971 is making visible an exceptional educator who advocates for students. This designation will bring vital attention to the efforts being made by members of the faculty or staff – in any division – who maximize the social, emotional and behavioral outcomes for their students.

We are pleased to announce that the first recipient of this new Honorary Chair is upper school history teacher Gerardina Garita. Scan the QR code to see the full list of our Honorary Chairs and learn more about Ms. Garita.



*Read more about this special story in the next issue of the school's magazine later this year.*



*Class of 1971 50<sup>th</sup> reunion gathering in the fall of 2022*

The largest individual gift to the endowment this past year was a spectacular boost to the **Krumm Family Scholarship Fund**, originally seeded in 1986, thanks to the foresight and generosity of alumnus Tally Krumm '59 and his wife Midge.

The Krumm family has been involved in the life of the school at an exemplary level over the decades since Tally's commencement. Tally was a member (and subsequent President) of the Alumni Board, as well as a member and President of the Board of Trustees. A humble gentleman, we were so very pleased that Tally accepted the school's highest honor of Distinguished Alumnus in 1999. Midge also served in a volunteer leadership role as the President of the Mothers' Association of Columbus Academy (now PACA) during their sons' (Eric '88 and Jason '90) tenure in school.

For nearly four decades, the proceeds from the Krumm Family Scholarship Fund have been supporting two students each school year with tuition assistance. Thanks to this surprise additional investment, the fund can now support three or four students each year depending on financial need.

When asked what inspired this generous gift, Tally shared, “There really isn't a story per se... the Academy managed to overcome my sometimes reluctant scholarship and sent me on my way if not as a finished product then at least one with the tools to become more finished. I am grateful for that. We are equally grateful that twenty years later the Academy fashioned the same outcomes for our two sons.”

Our great thanks to the Krumm family for ensuring that **every Academy student** benefits from an enriched educational experience that comes from engaging with a breadth of classmates' perspectives and experiences.

“I have long believed that talent is more evenly distributed across the population than opportunity. Scholarships can help even the imbalance. We hope – and trust – you will use our ‘opportunity’ scholarship fund well and wisely to narrow that gap.”

- *Tahlman (Tally) Krumm Jr. '59*

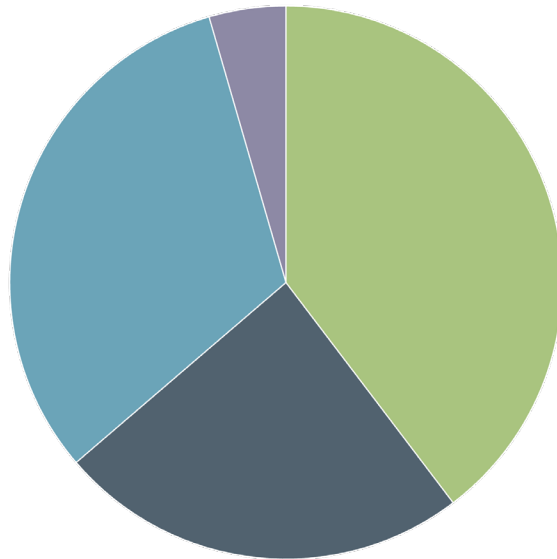




# Thank you

## Total Philanthropic Gifts Received 2022-23

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- Annual Fund  
\$1,588,288
- Building Projects  
\$964,170
- Growing the Endowment  
\$1,272,977
- Special Initiatives  
\$179,925

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**\$4,005,360**

*Cash received from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.*

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### Annual Fund

Each year, gifts to the Annual Fund provide the flexibility needed to support all areas of the school: visual and performing **arts**, **athletics** teams and physical education, **curricular innovation**, **faculty** support, and student **tuition assistance**. Annual Fund gifts also allow for the flexibility to say “yes” to opportunities that present themselves throughout the year.

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### Gifts for building projects

Forty former players and their families came together to support **enhancements to the field hockey and lacrosse field** space in honor of Coach Anne Horton’s retirement. Additionally, while our recent campus-wide building projects have been completed, pledges are still being fulfilled for the **athletics expansion** and renovation. We are pleased to note that the estate gift from Paul S. Schoedinger, Class of 1916 (the largest estate gift received in the school’s history), continues to provide funds each year to bolster the maintenance budget.

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### Gifts to grow the endowment

Growth of the school’s endowment is vitally important, and in addition to the **Class of 1971** and **Krumm family** gifts touched upon inside, many other endowment gifts were received. The members of the **Class of 1972** established a scholarship fund in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion; dozens of friends and family came together to create the **Jack Madison ’21 Memorial Fund**; and scholarship pledges are being fulfilled by members of the Classes of **1968, 1969, 1970 and 1994**. As with the Krumm family, other families also infused their existing **student tuition assistance** and **professional development** funds in the endowment. Others chose to simply make unrestricted endowment gifts.

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### Special initiatives

Special initiatives include those funds raised through events such as the 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Golf Outing** for tuition assistance and PACA’s **Charlie David Dinner** for athletics. Donors have also contributed to support special student programs, including 45 families who contributed to the annual **Chinese New Year** celebration, the continuation of the **LeaderShape** program in the Upper School, and several donations that covered **incidental costs** such as school trips and AP exam fees, ensuring access for every student to fully participate in the Academy experience.