THE STORY OF LAURENCE SCHOOL

Annual Report 2014 - 2015

LAURENCE SCHOOL

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From: The Head of School

A Story of Gratitude

Dear Laurence Friends and Family,

Each fall, I have the privilege of sharing the story of Laurence's academic year as a way to say "thank you" and express my gratitude to all of the dedicated and generous current and alumni families who make up our close-knit, caring community.

Laurence's achievements during the 2014-2015 academic year not only reflect the dedication of our hard-working students, teachers, staff, and administrators, but also the enviable commitment and support of Laurence's parents, grandparents and friends. I am truly grateful to the many parents who volunteered their time and talents to support Laurence, from planning our Spring Event and Parent Association fundraising events to serving on the Board of Trustees to organizing our Parent Education series and school snack program.

It is also my honor, on behalf of the Laurence students and staff, to thank each and every member of the Laurence community for their inspiring philanthropy, which made it possible for our school to continue expanding and growing our academic and enrichment programs and state-of-the-art campus, as well as attract and retain talented staff and faculty.

This school year, we explored the power of story through our Character Education theme, "What Is the Story?" Understanding ourselves and our world through storytelling is one of humankind's oldest traditions and one which we continue to rely on in our day-to-day lives.

Laurence's students connected with each other, their families, community, sister schools, and academic studies by learning, understanding, and telling their stories. I watched with admiration and excitement as the children explored friendship and respect, teamwork, thankfulness, originality, creativity, and risk-taking, while expanding their perspectives of our interconnected world and learning how scientific and technological innovation can change the story of individual lives, society, and our planet.

This year was also the conclusion of our stories with long-time, beloved Associate Head of School/Principal, Gary Stern, and treasured kindergarten teacher, Karen Beskid. I am so grateful to both Mr. Stern and Mrs. Beskid for their dedication to Laurence during their tenures and for their friendship. We will miss them dearly.

And while we closed these chapters, we also began several new exciting ones. We started a competitive Math Club, expanded students' ability to integrate traditional art forms and digital tools to create interactive social studies, robotics, and visual story-telling projects, formed new ties with Harvey Mudd College and its President, Maria Klawe, to enhance our ever-evolving STEAM program, and so much more. We also had an incredible year in terms of admissions and Sixth Grade matriculation.

It is with great joy and deep appreciation that I share highlights from Laurence's 2014-2015 academic year.

With warm regards and immense gratitude,

Lauren Wolke,
Head of School

From: **Our Founders**

The 21st century has accelerated technology in education by leaps and bounds, and the 2014-2015 school year was no exception. When we founded Laurence School in 1953, we did so knowing that change is inevitable and with an eye toward the future. For this reason, our approach to education has always been to combine tradition with innovation.

We value all of the new technologies available to educators as a means for expanding classroom resources, the academic curriculum, deep thinking, discovery, and a joy for learning. We continue to seek out and identify opportunities for growth in educating the "Total Child," while continuing to emphasize Laurence's character education curriculum in order to instill in our students the virtues of responsibility, concern for others, respect, and hard work – all of which are essential elements for success.

This year, we continued to look toward the future of the school's physical campus, acquiring a new property. We are grateful to all of our Laurence families for their participation and support in these endeavors.

We are so pleased that this school year was another great success and are thrilled to have contributed to helping Laurence students learn the skills they need to be successful and happy in our ever-changing world. They are the future!

Marvin Jacobson
Founding Director

Lynn Jacobson
Co-Founder & Educational Consultant

Academic Report:

Year in Review

Each year, Laurence's Administrative Team and talented faculty and staff come together to grow our school's innovative academic, character education, and experiential learning programs into new curricular ideations grounded in the school's philosophy of educating the "Total Child."

During the 2014-2015 school year, we continued to integrate all areas of learning, helping our students prepare for the future by understanding subjects and problem-solving from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

From: **The Principal**

I had the delightfully wonderful opportunity to "hit the ground running" in joining the Laurence team in June when I was able to experience the 2015 Summer Camp. These four weeks allowed me to see the excellent Laurence teaching team and staff in action. The positive energy, the total commitment to children, and the joyful pursuit of academics, sports, crafts, and pure summer fun abounded at every turn. From sports to cooking to coding and musical productions, the myriad activities gave me just a hint of Laurence's school-year program. To witness the excitement and engagement of the students showed me firsthand why Laurence continues to be the magical garden that it is.

Paul Mastin
Principal

This year, we expanded opportunities for upper division students to learn skills in applied mathematics in our Math Club and grew our language arts curriculum as part of the 2014-2015 Character Education theme, "What Is the Story?" Students explored their values, identities, families, and communities through writing, literature, song writing, and dramatic performances.

Additionally, Laurence further expanded integration of art into the STEAM program, and emphasized 21st century skills and topics, including entrepreneurship, architecture, and environmental education. The Administrative Team is incredibly proud of Laurence students' accomplishments for the 2014-2015 school year.

Awards & Achievements

National WordMasters Challenge
Highest Honors: Four fourth and fifth grade students achieved perfect scores (only 116 out of 41,000 national participants accomplished this feat).

Fourth Place: Each of the fourth and fifth grade teams placed fourth place out of 352 schools.

Top Ten: Laurence was the only school to have two grade level teams place in the top ten.

ERB Results
More than 80% of third, fourth, and fifth grade students scored 95% or higher on the ERBs.

Young Students Talent Search Exam sponsored by John Hopkins University and the Center for Talented Youth
More than 86% of fourth and fifth grade students and 75% of third grade students qualified for this honor.

National Math Olympiad
One of our fourth grade students was a National Winner of this five month, five contest competition, achieving a perfect score.

Culver City Math Olympiad
Our boys team won first place.

One of our fourth grade students won the individual first place spot.

Orange County Math Circle Thanksgiving Tournament
Three of our fourth grade students placed first, third and fourth in the fourth grade individual competition.

Orange County Math Circle All Girls Tournament
One of our students won first place for the fourth grade competition.

21st Century Education

"STEAM crosses traditional academic, social, and gender lines, bringing different personality types together in a collaborative process. Every kid can be successful in a program like this. Every kid fits."

— Christine Eaves, Academic Technology Coordinator

As our world continues to change at a rapid pace, Laurence's curriculum continues to evolve to help students prepare for success in the 21st century. Through our innovative and cross-curricular programs, Laurence students learn traditional academics, as well as a broad spectrum of digital and technological skills, analytical reasoning, collaboration, and a deep appreciation for how science and engineering can change the way we live.

STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math

SCIENCE

This school year, we expanded our edible garden program, partnering with Farmscape, the largest urban farming venture in California. First and second grade students learned biology, earth science, and sustainability through the lifecycle of the garden. Laurence also launched an exciting partnership with Harvey Mudd College and its President, Dr. Maria Klawe, who spoke to parents and then visited students in science, math, and technology classes.

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

Technology and engineering are tightly integrated throughout the STEAM curriculum. From robotics projects to the fourth grade aqueduct challenge, in which students became engineers and built models to transport water to urban areas, Laurence strives to teach students to think in ways that will help them grow into individuals who know they can improve our world.

ART

One stunning example of this year's expanded integration of art and technology is the fourth grade California mission project. Students reviewed architectural plans and then used Google SketchUp to create 3-D digital models of their missions, which required an understanding of geometry, dimensions, and scope. They also painted their missions and built models, to which they attached Arduino programmable circuit boards, turning their physical artwork into interactive display pieces with LED lights and sound recordings. They also used HyperStudio, an online multi-media tool, to showcase their historical research, allowing them to tell the stories of their missions through writing, graphic design, videos, and recordings.

MATH

Laurence expanded its math program this year with Math Club for fourth and fifth grade students. The club met weekly, exploring geometry, algebraic thinking, and more through problem-solving activities that incorporated 3-D figures, numerical puzzles, and logic conundrums. Math Club participants competed throughout the city and nationally, bringing home multiple first place prizes and more.

Our teachers continued to grow their knowledge of the Singapore Math method, supported by faculty members, whose roles were refocused to provide coaching to both teachers and students. Beginning in Kindergarten, students learn to solve math problems using multiple strategies and real-world applications for a deeper understanding of math concepts. And this year, we also delved further into problem solving techniques with the addition of the Math Champ Challenge.

"Inventing something through science or engineering is art."

— Christine Eaves, Academic Technology Coordinator

"I'm always trying to make science more relevant to the kids. We want them to understand how technology helps us in day-to-day ways and how they can use science to create solutions."

— Aimee Manalastas, Science Specialist

"We want our students to learn to be thinkers and problem-solvers, not simply know how to do long-division. We want them to be able to apply strategies to solve problems in the real world using mathematical reasoning."

— Jennifer Kovacs, Math Specialist

Kids' Court

This year's sixth grade class brought originality and humor to the trial of **The County of Geneva v. Dr. Frank N. Stein** in Laurence's award-winning Kids' Court Program, developed by Head of School, Lauren Wolke, J.D. Students not only learned about the legal system and improved their analytical skills, but breathed life into their characters and presentation of "courtroom" evidence. The students' legal arguments also provoked lively debate amongst the younger students, who served as jurors and citizen observers.

Innovative Programs

21st Century Education

At Laurence, we take pride in the originality and creativity of our academic and enrichment programs. We believe it is vital to provide children with many different ways to engage positively with the curriculum in order to create life-long, passionate learners.

Entrepreneurship

Innovators and entrepreneurs are a driving force in today's world. Because children are incredibly imaginative, the elementary school years are a wonderful time to teach them about entrepreneurship. At Laurence, students have many opportunities to get hands-on business experience, while learning about economics, marketing, and design.

Fourth Grade Boomtown
Fourth grade students brought California's Gold Rush era to life, developing goods and services to support mining town life. They learned about economics and developed their language arts skills, writing stories for the Boomtown newspaper and developing business presentations. The fourth grade businesses included a bank, café, general store, hotel, and bookstore.

Fifth Grade Farmers' Market
Each year, our fifth grade class runs a farmers' market at Open House, benefitting Laurence's edible garden and our two African sister schools. The students created products from our edible garden and up-cycled materials, analyzed raw material costs, and filmed commercials.

Enrichment Programs
Tired of carrying around a jacket, only to find that it is lost when you most need it? This year, students solved this problem by inventing the "jackpack" in an after-school enrichment class taught by Laurence parent, Hilary Genga. Students learned about product design, business planning, and advertising while inventing a jacket with a backpack attached.

"Boomtown teaches students 21st century skills in entrepreneurship by developing businesses through working with partners, deciding on fair prices for their products and services, and discussing the best way to sell them to make a profit. It also encourages students to think 'outside the box' by creating unique businesses that fit the time period." — Sharon Green & Kim Milman, Fourth Grade Teachers

Global Perspectives

It is increasingly important for today's children to understand different cultures, which is why Laurence works to integrate global education throughout our curriculum. Below are highlights of the 2014-2015 global education program.

Community Studies
By the time Laurence students graduate, they have "traveled" through America and across the world, including China, Japan, Mexico, Israel, and Africa, learning about those countries' histories, traditions, and cultures.

Community studies are integrated into social studies, performing and visual arts, field trips, and more. As part of the first grade's unit about China, for example, students took a virtual walking tour of Beijing, compared and contrasted life in Beijing and Los Angeles, created murals of both cities, and created blueprints and built models representing their visions of Beijing 100 years from now.

World Stories
As part of this year's character education program, fifth grade students, who studied African countries, read a traditional folktale about the origin of stories and then wrote and performed a dramatic interpretation. Laurence also hosted guest speakers, including parents and grandparents, who shared their cultural perspectives about Thailand, Greece, Belgium, Guatemala, Uganda and Sudan.

Laurence grandmother of Avery and Alex S. and documentary photographer, Paola Gianturco, spoke to our students in a special Library presentation about Guatemalan culture and her book, *¡VIVA COLORES!*, which profiles individuals shaping Guatemala's future.

Art & Architecture
Third grade students drew important landmarks in Great Britain and fifth grade students made pillows imprinted with wood block images modeled after traditional African designs. First and second grade students also studied architecture, drawing and making models of great international buildings, including the Eiffel Tower and the Parthenon.

Global Faire
Students showcased their globally inspired works of art at this year's Global Faire & Art Show, the school's spring Open House event. Laurence parents generously donated their time and cooking talents to share delicious family dishes for our Global Tasting.

Represent the L

Character Education

Our Represent the "L" character education program stands for the lessons in life, learning, and leadership that students gain during their years at Laurence, which help them form a strong foundation as empathetic, kind citizens who care deeply about their community and their world.

During the 2014-2015 school year, Laurence harnessed the power of narrative to teach students about the importance of respect, acceptance, and compassion through the theme, **"What Is the Story?"** Students also studied award-winning literature, emphasizing the value of originality and creativity, and learned original songs written by Laurence music specialist, Emily Dale, with a little help from the students, who wrote some of their own verses.

The power of story also helped our children learn important character lessons, including:

Perseverance
Our first grade class learned the story of a blind man who climbed Mount Everest. They also attended a special presentation by Laurence parents - one of whom is blind and the other who is a mountain climber - about overcoming challenges.

Environmental Awareness
Students studied environmental themes through the story of a young boy who spreads his garden throughout a dark, gray city.

Community-Building

Our students also built their sense of belonging to our Laurence community through events including the **Brotherhood** performances, **Buddy Program**, and **Grand Buddies' Day.** At this year's community-building events, students explored concepts of globalism, peace, mentorship, and friendship.

Service Learning

One of our most important traditions at Laurence is teaching students compassion through meaningful opportunities to participate in school-wide and grade-level community service projects, participation in student government and by sharing and celebrating these projects at our **Red, White, Blue & Green Assemblies** with our **"Making A Difference"** awards.

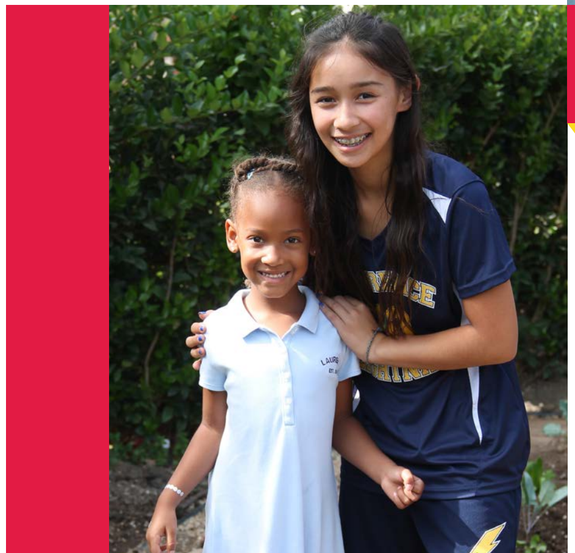
Laurence provides annual support for the following organizations through events such as **Super Service Sunday** and the Student Council's **"Buck-a-Bagel Drive": L.A. Family Housing; Lowman School; Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley;** and the **Interfaith Food Pantry.** Students also led numerous other community service projects, including:

The second grade class baked and sold cookies to raise money for Nepal after a devastating earthquake.

A student led a letter writing campaign to the tobacco companies because he wanted to clean up our air.

A kindergartener asked friends to donate to the school's **Jacobson Legacy Scholarship Endowment Fund** instead of giving her birthday presents.

At Laurence, we are truly proud of the many ways our students practice making a difference.



Upper Division Musical: ***Beauty and the Beast***

Visual Arts

Our visual arts program is an integral part of Laurence's curriculum. Not only does it foster creativity, but it also supports learning by providing children with a tangible means of interacting with academic lessons and expressing themselves. This year, we expanded opportunities for students to integrate technology with traditional mediums, including through digital photography.

The Arts

Lower Division Play: ***Charlotte's Web***

Music & Performing Arts

Laurence continued to grow its performing arts program this year, and between chorus, orchestra, musicals, song writing, dance, and a multitude of singing and performance assemblies, our students had many opportunities to express themselves artistically while building confidence by getting up on stage.

First through third grade students performed spectacularly in *Charlotte's Web*, while fourth through sixth grade students stunned audiences in musical productions of ***Beauty and the Beast.***

"Our play and musical choices reflected our 'What Is the Story?' character education theme this year. Their stories teach the importance of appreciating uniqueness and understanding who someone is on the inside."

— Whitney Stange, Director of Performing Arts & After School Enrichment

"As a coaching staff, we coach not only to win, but to play hard, play fair, and to never quit! We teach our athletes that we play, not for the name on the back of our jersey, but for the lightning bolt on the front."

— Coach Bernard Redmond, Athletic Director

Sports & Athletics

Teamwork, dedication, self-discipline, and resiliency – these are just several of the important character-building qualities Laurence students gained from our inclusive sports program this year. At Laurence, we believe that participation in sports is an integral part of children's social and emotional development, and therefore a key element to educating the "Total Child." Our athletic program caters to all students – from competitive athletes to beginners to students who just like to get out and play with classmates. We also instill in our students the importance of physical exercise as a key aspect of health.

Upper division sports teams included girls' basketball, soccer, and volleyball and boys' basketball, soccer, flag football, and baseball, while physical education classes in kindergarten through sixth grades helped students build motor skills, balance, body awareness, and basic sports skills.

"Students who participate in sports at Laurence learn so much more than the games they play. Our athletes learn respect – respect for coaches, opponents, officials and respect for one another. Without question, that's what makes my job as a coach so rewarding."

— Rebekah Wagner, Volleyball Coach and Communications Manager

Parent Association

Message from the President

The Laurence School Parent Association is delighted to report that 2014-2105 was another tremendously successful year for our community. Not only did our fundraising efforts exceed our goals, but we are also so grateful for the high level of participation of our entire parent body. Your efforts to continue and enhance the vision of Laurence have enriched the educational experience for Laurence students and parents alike.

The school year kicked off with two beloved fundraising events, our **Holiday Boutique** and **Golf Tournament.** These events raised significant funds for our school and provided wonderful community building opportunities for our guests and volunteers. The new year brought the return of our highly successful and ever popular "**It's A Party**" and "**Faculty Adventures**" fundraisers. These events provided priceless opportunities to come together, outside of the school setting, and build lasting friendships and memories. Our year culminated with our Annual Event, "**Saturday Night Lights,**" where once again our Lightning Field was utterly transformed for a magical evening under the stars. Overall these events raised more than $275,000 for the school.

In addition to fundraising, the PA is deeply committed to enriching the whole community, including the broader community beyond our walls. Our Community Service, Global Garden, Library and UNICEF committees implemented meaningful programs and events that promote developing a global perspective through giving, outreach and hands-on learning experiences.

I'd also like to extend a special thanks to our Hot Lunch, Snack Bar and multiple Hospitality event committees for their dedication. We greatly appreciate the creativity and thoughtfulness with which all these events are planned and executed. Indeed, you are an integral part of the overall success of all our community and fundraising events.

From these committees and the many more that make up the Parent Association, I want to thank ALL our parent volunteers who make the **Story of Laurence** richer every day!

Kelly Bock
President, Parent Association

Parent Education

At Laurence, we believe it is essential that teachers, administrators, and parents are partners in educating the "Total Child." The 2014-2105 Parent Education Series included another fantastic line-up of experts to further this important collaboration between school and home:

- Dr. Robin Berman, psychiatrist and author of *Permission to Parent: How to Raise Your Child with Love and Limits*
- Dr. Scott Cohen, pediatrician and Laurence dad
- Dr. Maria Klawe, computer scientist and president of Harvey Mudd College
- Dr. Dan Siegel, psychiatric expert and author of *The Whole-Brain Child, 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind, Survive Everyday Parenting Struggles, and Help Your Family Thrive*
- Tony Wagner, author of *Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World* and *Most Likely to Succeed: Preparing our Kids for the Innovation Era*

Parent Association Committee Chairs

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Allison Donovan, **Secretary**
Ann Garrett, **Ex-Officio**

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Lainie Handelman Zuckerman
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Karen Silver
Carpool
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Alicia Driscoll
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Chad Harris
Trevor Roth
Global Garden
Natalie Bennett
Aaron Joshua
Kern Konwiser
Golf
Sharon Barber
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Catriona Gosselaar
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Allison Grimmett
Jen Lerner
Sharon Barber
Hot Lunch
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Beth Callaghan
Kim Malin
Birthday Books
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Risa Chapnick
Gina Cruz
Staff Appreciation
Ariel Margolis
Michelle Posen
Anne Zimmerman
Staff Meetings
Iris Lifrak
Elycia Rubin
Sweetheart Dance
Jen Lerner
Terry Mitchell
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Jill Lasky

The Ball at the Beach Sweetheart Dance

Holiday Boutique

Parent Association

SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Annual Event

… truly grateful for the parent volunteers

Last year's Annual Event, "Saturday Night Lights," was sensational. Laurence's Lightning Field was transformed into an elegant, but casual, food and music festival. Comedians – and parents – **Julie Bowen** and **Carlos Mencia** cracked up the crowd and pumped up bids at the live auction, and then parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends rocked out to superstar performances by parents, **Gavin Rossdale** and his band Bush, **Paul Stanley**, and then, **Dave Grohl** and his band the Foo Fighters.

Our second 150-yard dash quickly raised funds to rebuild our sport court, and a moving video produced by alumni parent **Steve Kroopnick** about families who benefited from Laurence's scholarship program helped raise $35,000 to build the Jacobson Legacy Scholarship Endowment. From the live and silent auction donations to the time and talent dedicated to this event to the generosity of the Laurence community, everyone at our school is truly grateful for the parent volunteers who made this year's spring event a huge success. Laurence's administration, faculty, and staff would also like to specially thank sixth grade parent **Barb Held** for seven years of amazing event production – not only for fundraisers, but also for many of Laurence's community events.

who made this year's annual event a huge success.

Golf Tournament

This year's Golf Tournament was another great success! We are so grateful to everyone involved for bringing together our Laurence community for this fun day of friendly competition and for their generosity.

Chairs
Sharon Barber
Jim Hliboki
Dana Garfin
David Garfin
Gene Lerner
Craig Strong
Stacey Tanenbaum

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The Strong Family
imt/EMC2
(The Kranitz Family)

White Sponsor
Barclays

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The Frank Family
The Lee Family –
Jason, Yvonne, Grace & Maya
Michael & Iris Lifrak
Stanislawski & Harrison

Thank you to those generous families and businesses who contributed goods and services for our event, gift bags, prizes and raffle:

Sharon and Shaun Barber
Barclays
Kelly and Jonathan Bock
Jessica Sacks-Davimos
First Republic Bank
Freshlunches
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Barb and Randy Held
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Amanda and Craig Katz
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Molly and Ray Panepinto
Alexis and Bill Richards
Roger Dunn Golf Shop
Ray Romano
Barry Sacks
Lisa and P.J. Shapiro
Tara and Craig Strong
Maia and Richard Suckle
Stacey and Lawrence Tanenbaum
Valencia Country Club
Elise Doganieri & Bertram van Munster
Western Bagel
Tony Yanow

"It's A Party"

We'd like to thank all of the families who hosted a party this year – your generosity and enthusiasm is inspiring!

Sescie Antin
Kym Bye & Dan Appel
Jennifer Axen
Natalie Bennett
Kelly Bock
Wendy Sankey & David Boice
The Callaghan Family
Natalie Carbunaru
The Chapnick Family
Lindsay Chelsom
Liz Shatner Clement & Andrew Clement
Elise Doganieri
The Ehrlich Family
Jenny Feldon
Hilary Genga
Michelle Gertz
Sandy Gonor
Amy & Jeff Gorin
The Grohl Family
The Herriott Family
Andi & Greg Hrncir
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Lacey Kahane
Nathan Kahane
Elycia Rubin Kaplan
Molly & Brian Kirk
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Jack Levy
Amy Ortner & David Mandell
Dina Marks
Laurie McCarthy
Amy & Carlos Mencia
Hilary Misiano
The Mitchell Family
The Pease Family
Julie Bowen & Scott Phillips
Michelle & Louis Posen
Pam Reims
Steffi Rukavina
The Satenberg Family
Heidi Segal
Lisa Shapiro
Melissa & Sohail Shayfer
The Silver Family
Liz Skulsky
Julie Stillwell
Maia Suckle
The Wild Family
Karen O'Brien & Jo Willems
Tony & Amy Yanow
Lainie & Jay Zuckerman

Graduates

The Class of 2015

Lowell Bagley
Sophia Beck
Jordan Becker
Lexie Ben-Meir
Riley Bock
Laina Bolton
Quinn Callaghan
Josh Diaz
Destiny Gebbia
Emery Genga
Avery Gillette
Adeline Grimmett
Tanisha Gunby
Jolie Held
Lucy Ingold
Jake Joel
Grant Kaplan
Jennifer Kaplan
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Marley Yanow
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Sixth Grade Teachers
Michelle Morris
Gina Rifkin

Middle School Acceptances

At Laurence, we continue to proudly matriculate our graduates to some of the finest, most selective independent schools in the Los Angeles area. We have excellent, long-standing relationships with the secondary schools and work collaboratively with our families to find the "right" school for our graduates, so that they will thrive in their next school environment. The class of 2015 will be attending the following schools: Archer, Brentwood, Buckley, Campbell Hall, Harvard-Westlake, Marlborough, Milken, MUSE, New Roads, Oakwood, Sierra Canyon, Viewpoint, and Waverly.

This year's graduates also received multiple acceptances from the following schools:

Campbell Hall 31
Harvard-Westlake 15
Sierra Canyon 8
Viewpoint 6
Oakwood 6
Buckley 5
Marlborough 4
Milken 3
Archer 3
Brentwood 2

Graduation Day

On June 4, 2015, 37 Laurence School students received diplomas at our 62nd annual 6th grade graduation ceremony. As has become a tradition at Laurence, each student spoke about a fellow classmate, sharing compliments and cherished memories that lent a funny and touching tone to the ceremony. It was a truly memorable occasion for our families, administration, faculty, and staff, and we wish our graduates the very best of luck in middle school and beyond.

This year, Laurence also graduated two very important members of our community – the talented and dedicated Associate Head of School/Principal, Gary Stern, who took on a new career opportunity, and beloved kindergarten teacher, Karen Beskid, who retired after 32 wonderful years at Laurence. We will always remember their contributions to our school and hold them dear in our hearts.

Alumni Updates

BRIAN KRIEGLER ('91) graduated from UCLA with a Ph.D. and a Master's of Science degree in Statistics and from Claremont McKenna College with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Mathematics/Economics. He is a Managing Director in the Los Angeles office of Econ One Research, an economic consulting firm, and provides expert testimony in litigation matters involving civil rights, Medicare fraud, and employment. Brian attended Campbell Hall after graduating from Laurence and currently lives in Los Angeles with his wife and two children.

JILLIAN RESSLER ('00) graduated from Harvard-Westlake, and then went on to receive a Bachelor's degree from Brown University and a Master's from Harvard Business School. She founded Spruce & Co, a new consumer goods start-up that makes plant-based cleaning wipes.

YOSEPHA GREENFIELD ('01) attended Harvard-Westlake and graduated from Yale University, where she was captain of the basketball team. Yosepha is now part-owner and Vice President of Marketing of InGenius Prep, a company started by her cousin and a Yale Law School student that helps students from the United States, China, and Korea gain admission into the finest undergraduate programs, medical schools, law schools, and MBA programs in the country. InGenius Prep has a very successful and unique method, and is expanding operations into the Middle East and India.

EMILY DILLON (DAVIS-WILLIAMS) ('02) attended the Otis School of Design where she received her Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree, and is now attending UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs for her Master's of Social Welfare and Pupil Personnel Services Credential. This past summer, she worked at Neighbors Acting Together Helping All in Pasadena, which provides after-school and summer programs for underserved youth. Prior to starting her master's program, she worked at the Downtown Women's Center, providing vocational education to homeless women through the center's social enterprise program.

SARAH KRINSKY ('02) graduated from Yale University in 2012 (*summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*) and is in her third year of Rabbinic School at the Jewish Theological seminary in New York. She is serving as a Rabbinic intern at Temple Sholom Synagogue in Greenwich, Connecticut and resides in Manhattan.

ERIN WARD ('02) is an Operations Manager at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where she oversees a dozen of the center's outpatient practices, including over 100 physicians and staff in the internal medicine, endocrinology, and urology departments. She received a Master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University, where she focused on social medical sciences and healthcare management. She received her undergraduate degree from UCLA, where she majored in Psychology and minored in Genetics. During her time at UCLA, she was the director of a non-profit focused on fundraising for pediatric HIV, which raised more than $500,000 annually for global AIDS organizations.

We are happy that our alumni community continues to grow! Attendance was up at this year's reunion, where former Laurence students had lunch with teachers and caught up with friends on the Field of Dreams.

Laurence Alumni Reunion 2015

DALLAS WEXLER ('02) began a Master's of Fine Arts program in Scenography at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in London this fall, after spending three years working at Laurence, where she worked in the Performing Arts department. Dallas attended Campbell Hall and received her undergraduate degree in Scenic Design from the California Institute of the Arts.

JONATHAN WOLKE ('04) graduated from USC with a Bachelor's of Science degree from the Price School of Public Policy. He currently works at Emmett Ochs Investments, a private real estate investment company, and lives in Santa Monica.

ARASH AMIGHI ('05) attended Viewpoint School after graduating from Laurence, and earned his Bachelor's degree from UCLA. He then spent two years researching in the field of immunology and is now attending the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

HANNAH KRINSKY ('05) graduated from the University of Pennsylvania last May with a joint B.A. (*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa) and Master's degree in Criminology. She received the award for the top Master's student thesis and had the privilege of speaking at graduation. She is currently working as a Clinical Research Coordinator at a psychiatry laboratory at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

MICHAEL SAFFRON ('05) graduated from Harvey Mudd College in May 2015 with a degree in computer science. Last summer, he completed an internship at Google, and this fall, he will be starting a full time position with a law firm in Mountain View as a patent engineer. He then plans to attend law school to eventually become a patent attorney. Last year, Michael was the Student Body President at Harvey Mudd.

BEN SAUNDERS ('05) graduated *magna cum laude* this past May from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, with honors for his senior thesis. He is currently pursuing data analytics training with Mu Sigma in Bangalore, India, and will later be joining Mu Sigma's San Francisco Bay Area office as a consultant.

BECKY WOLKE ('05) graduated from Emory University this past spring with a degree in Psychology, and moved to New York where she is working at Viacom doing social media marketing.

TREVEN GOLDSMITH ('07) has declared a double major in Business and Psychology at USC and is on the Dean's List. He is also Treasurer of USC Phi Delta Theta. He co-founded and sits on the Board of Directors of a private charitable foundation, which supports those with developmental and physical challenges, and is employed at a national consulting firm, which partners Fortune 500 companies with major charitable organizations.

KEARNEY THOMPSON ('07) has been working as head of wardrobe with Pronto Pictures, a production company based in San Francisco. She recently directed and produced two music videos and a short horror film. Kearney also has a thriving photography business.

JORDAN ROWE ('08) is in his sophomore year at the NYU Film School. This past summer he was an intern at both Haven Entertainment and Mad Chance Productions, while also working for the ArcLight Theaters.

DANIEL SAFFRON ('08) is a sophomore at the University of Michigan, in the honors program, studying computer science and applied mathematics.

RACHEL AND ZACH SAUNDERS ('08) are returning for their second years at Syracuse University and the University of Chicago, respectively, and will resume their ongoing competition as to whose school has the worst weather.

JACQLYN BLATTEIS ('09) graduated from Harvard-Westlake last fall and is now attending Brown University. This past summer, Jacqlyn worked at UCLA assisting graduate students researching brain scans.

DANIELLE BRODY ('09) graduated from Harvard-Westlake School *cum laude* after being inducted into the French and Spanish Honor Societies. She is now in her freshman year at Columbia University.

ISABELLE LESH ('09) graduated from Harvard-Westlake with National Merit commendation and is now a freshman at Emory University.

MAYAN LOPEZ ('09) graduated with distinction from Campbell Hall last spring and is now attending Columbia College Chicago, where she is focusing on her passions for both improvisational theater and acting.

PAULINA VOKULICH ('09) graduated from The Buckley School this past spring and was presented with the Isabelle Buckley Award for "consistently maintaining a superior level of academic performance," demonstrated by both "excellent grades and an obvious love of learning through exploration." Paulina was also thrilled to work at Laurence Summer Camp as a CIT for her eighth year in a row and misses her kindergarten friends now that she is a freshman at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

GRETA PASQUA ('10) is a member of The Buckley School's award winning a cappella group, "The Monotones," and starred in Buckley's spring production of *Godspell*. Greta was one of four vocalists accepted into the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' highly coveted Grammy Camp this past summer and performed at the El Rey Theater in Hollywood. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and President of Buckley's Ambassador program.

SABRINA BLATTEIS ('11) attends Harvard-Westlake, where she plays volleyball on the varsity team. This past summer, Sabrina was a volunteer counselor at Camp Harmony, which provides homeless and impoverished children with a fun and safe overnight camping experience.

ERIC GOMEZ ('11) is a junior at the Brentwood School, where he plays varsity tennis. He is interested in political science and traveled to Washington D.C. to represent Brentwood School at the Student Diversity Leadership Conference in 2014. This year, he will be traveling with a group of school leaders to Cuba.

HUDSON BLATTEIS ('14) attends Harvard-Westlake, and plays goalie for both Harvard-Westlake and club soccer teams. Last summer, Hudson was a CIT at Laurence Summer Camp and we were thrilled to see him back on campus!

EMMA POVEDA ('14) enjoyed her first year at Harvard-Westlake, where she participated on the girls tennis team, performed in the school musical, *42nd Street*, and choreographed and danced in two performances for Contemporary Dance 2 Workshop. Recently, Emma's pre-algebra "Dare to Compare" project was one of only a handful selected by her teacher to be featured in his article for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics middle school journal. Emma was accepted to the Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institute's Creative Writing program and spent two weeks in June living on the campus while taking classes.

WILLIAM SIMON ('14) is in his second year at The Buckley School and was quarterback of the seventh grade football team last year. He is a Boy Scout, a drummer, and plays saxophone in the school band. Last year, he also spearheaded a fundraising campaign called Project Tariro, which raised thousands of dollars to support the children of Hwange Main Camp School in Zimbabwe. He also co-owns Jazz Hands, a car wash/detail service that comes to your home; it has been very successful.

Do you have alumni information to share with us? Please email us at alumni@laurenceschool.com or visit our website laurenceschool.com/alumni.

Laurence graduates have attended the following colleges and universities:

American University, Amherst College, Barnard College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brandeis University, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, Cal Arts, Cal Poly Pomona, Champlain College, Chapman University, Clarkson University, Colby College, College of the Holy Cross, Columbia College Chicago, Columbia University, Cornell University, Duke University, Emerson College, Emory University, Fordham University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Indiana University, Lafayette College, Loyola University New Orleans, Miami University of Ohio, New York University, Northwestern University, Oberlin College, Otis College of Art and Design, Princeton University, Reed College, Rhode Island School of Design, Smith College, Stanford University, Syracuse University, Texas Christian University, Tulane University, University of Arizona, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UCLA, UCLA Law, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, University of Colorado, University of Michigan, University of Toronto, Vanderbilt University, Villanova University, Washington University in St. Louis, Wesleyan University, Yale University, and Yale Law.

From the Board of Trustees

A Story of Community

Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, Laurence's "What Is the Story?" character education theme gave context and meaning to the many ways we engaged with each other as a community at Laurence. So, what IS the story?

First, the excellence of our faculty and the outstanding leadership of our administration is evident in the many successes we shared throughout the year. From the incredible number of admissions applications we received to the matriculation statistics of our 6th graders, the story is that Laurence provides one of the best independent educations in Los Angeles. Head of School Lauren Wolke and her 2014-2015 team of Gary Stern, Liz Silverman, Shawn Shahmiri, our founders Lynn and Marvin Jacobson, and the entire faculty and staff of Laurence School are to be commended for the education and care of our children and for their stewardship of the school.

Second, it is incumbent upon the Board of Trustees to work closely with the administration, teachers, and staff to ensure the continued success of Laurence and support the administration's goals in finance, advancement, and strategic planning. The story of 2014-2015 is one of growth, as we completed the acquisition of additional property to expand the school's footprint on Woodman Avenue. We now have the exciting task of developing this property and the corner retail property purchased two years ago for the expansion of programming, facilities, classrooms, and more.

The Board's story is also one of change as we say goodbye to Jennifer Saunders, who served us faithfully for many years and played a vital role in Laurence's growth during her tenure. I am very grateful for Jennifer's mentoring and friendship to me during our years on the Board together. I am very pleased, however, to welcome Julie Bowen and Michael Lifrak to the Board beginning in the 2015-2016 school year.

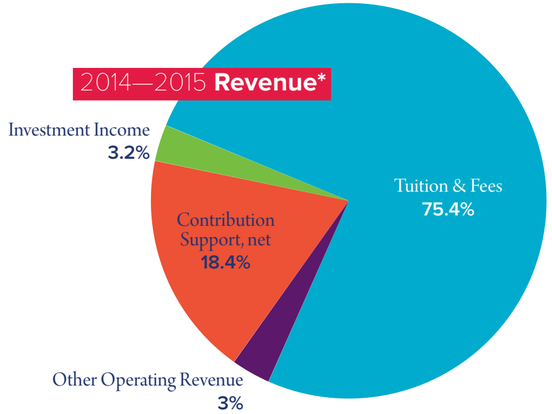
Third, Laurence had another record-setting year in Annual Fund giving and participation. With the generous commitment of our parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, alumni parents, and even some of our young alumni, we once again raised over $800,000 with 97% parent body participation. It is evident in the commitment and generosity of our community, that Laurence's story is connecting to all of us in meaningful ways and proving to be an inspiration to each of us.

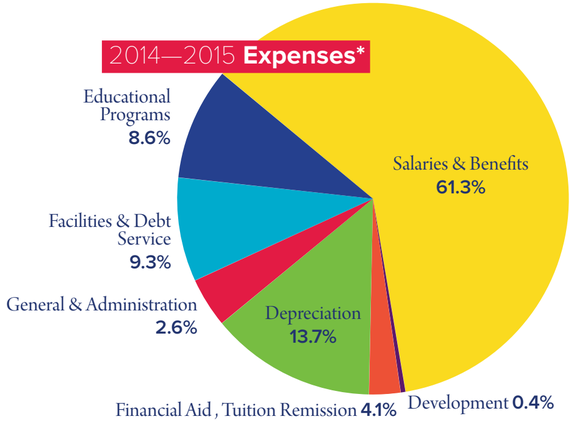
This year, we asked, "What Is the Story?" and all of you, who give of yourselves for the benefit of others, answered resoundingly that we are truly a community that cares immensely about the success of our children and Laurence. A heartfelt thank you to all of the donors whose names appear on this year's honor roll of giving, and to all of our incredible parent volunteers for giving their time to lead the Annual Fund campaign, serve on the Parent Association, and plan our Annual Event, to name a few of their many initiatives.

The story is that Laurence is doing incredibly well, our kids are thriving, our community is vibrant, engaged, and generous and that our children are beneficiaries of all the big and small things each of you do every day to tell our story.

Sincerely,

Randy Grimmett
Chair, Board of Trustees





*Unaudited Projections

Annual Fund Campaign

Laurence School's incredible academic and enrichment programs are a reflection of the generosity and support of our community, from parents to grandparents to alumni families to faculty and staff. This year, our goal was to continue to break past fundraising records to improve our school's exceptional facilities and programs.

We are thrilled to announce that, for the second year in a row, Annual Fund giving reached more than $800,000 with 97% participation from Laurence families and 100% participation from our faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees. We cannot say it enough, but we are eternally grateful for everyone who gave to Laurence this year and in past years. We also want to extend a special "thank you" to P.J. Shapiro and Nikki Joel, who generously donated their time, energy, and passion by chairing the Annual Fund Committee for the third year in a row.

Additionally, we offer our deepest gratitude to the members of the 2014-2015 Annual Fund Phone-A-Thon Committee for their volunteerism and dedication:

Cary Biren
Jill Biren ('83)
Lesley Boone Teng
Andrew Bunnin
Donna Tetreault
Brandon Chapnick
Risa Chapnick
Erin Dolkart
Bill Frank
Doug Frank
Dana Garfin
Jennifer Horan
Brandt Joel
Nikki Joel
Amy Ortner
Beth Pontrelli
Hadley Rierson
Jenny Roth ('86)
P.J. Shapiro
Susan Sherman
Wayne Sherman
Adam Smith
Lisa Stone
Billy Tencza

Annual Fund Expenditures

The spirit of philanthropy amongst the Laurence community allows our school to continue providing the highest quality education, with low student-to-faculty ratios, state-of-the-art technology, talented and highly educated faculty and administrators, as well as diverse enrichment programs that expand the children's experience to include robust performing arts and athletics programs. The 2014-2015 Annual Fund giving enabled Laurence to:

- Renovate and upgrade our outdoor Sport Court to provide additional space for Laurence Lightning home games and practice
- Renovate and upgrade the "Imagination Station," formerly the "Block Room"
- Classroom renovations, upgrades and improvements throughout the campus, including new carpets, desk chairs, and whiteboards
- Renovate and improve our Music Room, including upgrades to the performance stage and storage space
- Purchase 50 Ukuleles for student use
- Provide extensive professional development for faculty to help keep them on the forefront of educational instruction
- Provide full and partial financial aid to numerous families
- Purchase 12 Macbook Air laptops for faculty use
- Purchase a GoPro Hero4 camera for faculty and student use, as well as for events
- Purchase a professional camera and high-quality camera lens for school events
- Purchase 3 Hovercam Solo 8 document cameras for classroom instruction
- Purchase technology software and equipment for a multitude of classroom projects, electives, and after-school classes, including:
  - Chibitronics kits
  - Flipbookits materials
  - LEGO robotics parts
  - MaKey MaKey kits
  - Osmo game systems
  - Minecraft Edu software
  - Hyperstudio
  - Arduino circuitry kits and related electronics components for 4th Grade California Mission Projects

ANNUAL FUND
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$25,000+
Anonymous
Monica and Bryan Zuriff

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$15,000 - $24,999
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LIGHTNING CIRCLE
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Kymberly Marciano-Strauss and Evan Strauss
Kendall and Scott Watson

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Eugenia Kuzmina and William Block
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Liz Shatner Clement and Andrew Clement
Dana Kasha-Cohen and Randy Cohen
Shannon and Paul Derby
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Chris DeWolfe
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Wendy Sankey and David Boice
Lesley Boone Teng
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Natalie and Rafael Carbunaru
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Erin and Scott Cohen
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Lorraine and Bill Dahlinger
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Jessica and Sam Puathasnanon
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Hadley and Lee Rierson
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Chia Chiang and Brent Sokol
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Elise Doganieri and Bertram van Munster
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Amy Israel and R.D. Robb
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$25,000+
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  Max & Jack Shapiro

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Sharyn and Walter Gertz
  Jordan '13 & Spencer Gertz
Ronnie and Stan Goldberg
  Georgia & Kate Goldberg
Rhoda Goodman
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Norma Greenburg
  Madison & Dylan Frank
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  Dean Cohen
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  Stella Dolkart
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Maurice Levy
  James, Jack, & Jude Levy
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  Luke '13 & Bennett '15 Markinson
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  Lindsay Koss '90
  Zoe & Sadie Roth
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  Jake '15 & Ryan Silver
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  Ronan & Bodhi Lifrak
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  Aaron '13 & Mica '15 Pessin
Edith Robb
  Zoe Robb
Brenda and Howard Rosin
  Luke '13 & Bennett '15 Markinson
Cindy and Don Ross
  Oliver & Baxter Chelsom
Iris Sheldon
  Riley Russell '15
Andrea and Ron Sandler
  Riley '14 & Dylan Sandler

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Emily Dale
Christine Eaves
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Schuyler Schwimer
Jesse Servin
Shawn Shahmiri
Melanie Sherwood
Liz Silverman
Sondra Soldati
Carlos Soto
Kelly Spinks
Whitney Stange
Gary Stern
Sandy Stone
Julia Strull
William Tobar
Rebekah Wagner
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JACOBSON LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Laurence School puts a high value on diversity and equality, and, currently, provides full and partial financial aid scholarships to numerous families out of its operating budget. In 2013, our founders, Marvin and Lynn Jacobson, established the Jacobson Legacy Scholarship Endowment to guarantee that Laurence will always be able to afford these scholarships. Gifts to the endowment support this important goal by growing the fund value to the point where it will be self-supporting. We are grateful to our community for its support of our scholarship program for deserving students and families.

Anonymous
Sescie and Jonathan Antin
Tamara and Peter Ashjian
Magdalena and Adrian Ashkenazy
Susan and Linda Bagley
Michelle and Dee Baker
Mary and Anthony Basich
Debbie and Karl Becker
Frank Sanchez and Brad Bessey
Jill ('83) and Cary Biren
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Zina and Steven Block
Kelly and Jonathan Bock
Esteela and Stefan Boedeker
Danielle and Kevin Brenner
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Amy and Corey Bronson
Beth and Steve Callaghan
Natalie and Rafael Carbunaru
Risa and Brandon Chapnick
Liz Shatner Clement and Andrew Clement
Gina and R.J. Cruz
Lorraine and Bill Dahlinger
Shannon and Paul Derby
Timothy Dietenhofer
Allison and Chris Donovan
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Jesus Elias
Marlon Espino
Laura Putney and Jamie Feldman
Leah Corselli-Felisan and Stephen Felisan
Heather and Bill Frank
Andrea and Doug Frank
Li and Toby Gad
Tracey Sylvester Garnett and David Garnett
Rena and Rob Golenberg
Catriona and Mark-Paul Gosselaar
Jordyn and Dave Grohl
Barb and Randy Held
Tracy Gitnick Herriott and Stuart Herriott
Hildi Snodgrass and Jim Hliboki
Esra and Brian Hudson
Joanna and David Itzikman
Lynn and Marvin Jacobson
Janine and Chris Jones
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Beth and Mark Kaplan
Jack Kaplan
Elycia Rubin-Kaplan and Brad Kaplan
Jihoon and Steve Kim
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Yvonne and Jason Lee
Amy Ortner and David Mandell
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Wendy and Doc McGhee
Perri and Jeff Melnick
Terry and Sean Mitchell
Molly and Ray Panepinto
Gisele and Steven Paul
Jo and David Pessin
Julie Bowen and Scott Phillips
Rochelle and Greg Poland
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Jana Winograde Sandler and Todd Sandler
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Michelle Logan-Stern and Gary Stern
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Melissa Walkes and Rich Vokulich
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Kathleen and Kevin Ward
Kendall and Scott Watson
Cindy and Robert Wexler
Michelle and Wellesley Wild
Meredith Williams ('91)
Laurie and Michael Wolke
Anne and Dean Zimmerman

We make every effort to publish accurate information. If we inadvertently made an error, please accept our apologies and contact the Development Office at (818) 782-4001.

TRINKA MICOL BAGGETTA ENDOWMENT FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Trinka Micol Baggetta Endowment was established in memory of this beautiful, talented young, woman who was a part of the Laurence School family for many years, to honor her love of the arts and her remarkable life.

Anonymous
Judith Acampora
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Joyce Prescott
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Linda Reitner
Melissa Reitner
Erin Reitner Harris
Katherine Rodgers
Janice and Gil Ross
Sarah and Shawn Shahmiri
Melanie Sherwood
Liz and David Skulsky
Cynthia Stefenoni
Michelle Logan-Stern and Gary Stern
Sandy Stone
Stacey and Lawrence Tanenbaum
Melissa Walkes and Rich Vokulich
Rebekah Wagner
Diana Webster
Lois and Carl Weinberg
Dan Wexler
Wendy Wolin
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Lainie and Jay Zuckerman

*Denotes Multiple Years of Giving

LIFETIME GIVING

Laurence's state-of-the-art facilities and campus, which has grown from one acre to five over the past decade, is a result of the incredible generosity of Laurence's families. We would like to thank the extraordinary giving of past families whose gifts changed the physical face of our school. We are forever grateful.

LEGACY CIRCLE
$100,000 +
The Bedrosian Family
Angela and Daniel Blatteis
Cean Chaffin and David Fincher
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS

GREENER GREATER LAURENCE

The Greener Greater Laurence Capital Campaign raised funds to build the Lightning Field, our state-of-the-art, multi-purpose athletic field. With the support of the Laurence community, this dream became a reality, and with it, came increased outdoor learning possibilities, enhanced physical education opportunities, and a beautiful green space to unite our campus.

FOUNDER'S CIRCLE
$250,000+
Harvey Foundation
Loretta and Victor Kaufman
Marina Berti and Stephen Prough
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UP TO $9,999
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS

LEAD THE WAY

Laurence's Lead the Way Capital Campaign was established to support the school's acquisition and development of property adjacent to the school's campus, extending our presence to the corner intersection of Woodman Ave. and Victory Blvd., as part of the long-term master planning efforts of our Administrative Team and Board of Trustees. This year, we expanded the campaign to include the purchase and future development of the apartment building on Woodman, which currently breaks up our campus. These purchases and development plans will finally allow us to strategically resolve some of our most pressing campus facilities issues, as well as to ensure Laurence's readiness to meet the growing needs of its students and educational programs. Lead the Way is the most ambitious capital campaign in the school's history. We are grateful to the donors listed below for their passion for Laurence and tremendous generosity in supporting these goals.

Phase I

- Improve security of campus perimeter
- Reduce commercial activity next to campus
- Increase parking capacity
- Enhance campus visibility and curb appeal
- Expand green space/gardens
- Expand opportunities for parent and family attendance at and participation in school events

— Phase 1 Goal —
$3 Million
$1.6m raised — $1.4m needed

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
$100,000 - $249,999
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Mission Statement

Laurence endeavors to develop the unique abilities and potential of each of its students in a diverse, inclusive and supportive learning community, where rich traditions and an innovative curriculum foster educational excellence and joy in learning, pride in oneself, integrity, mutual respect and a commitment to the "Total Child."

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