



# Dedham Country Day School

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025





***“I’m grateful to spend my days at DCD, where our curriculum, people, and structure all give students what they need to thrive.”***

—Allison Webster, Head of School

## A Message from Allison Webster, Head of School and Morgen Peck, Board of Trustees President

Dear Friends of DCD,

We are delighted to share the 2024–2025 Annual Report of Giving for Dedham Country Day School.

This has been an inspiring year at DCD. We watched our students stretch themselves—intellectually, emotionally, and athletically—guided by an extraordinary faculty who model curiosity and resilience. We saw families come together in countless ways, affirming that DCD's greatest strength is our community. And we witnessed, in tangible form, what happens when vision meets commitment: the new theater taking shape on campus is more than a building project—it is an expression of our mission and the goals of our most recent strategic plan.

DCD is thriving because of the generosity of our friends and families. Thanks to your support, we reached the \$15 million goal of the Together Campaign—the largest in the school's history—which made possible the new Lower School Science Room and now the theater. This achievement was followed by a record-breaking Annual Fund, which fuels our educational model every day.

As you read this Annual Report, we invite you to look beyond the numbers. Each contribution reflects connections strengthened, values reinforced, and a shared belief that education should be both challenging and joyful. Your trust and partnership make this possible.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and trustees, thank you for helping us strengthen DCD for today and tomorrow.

With gratitude,



Allison D. Webster  
Head of School



Morgen Peck  
President, Board of Trustees



## Our Mission

**PROVIDES** to each child a unique educational balance of challenging academics, arts, and athletics.

**EMBRACES** an inclusive interdependent community of students, teachers, and parents that fosters trust and encourages children to take risks.

**CREATES** independent, resilient, lifelong learners through engaging, developmentally based teaching designed to meet varied learning styles.

**INSPIRES** students to become caring, ethical members of the larger world by emphasizing thoughtful citizenship and respect for self and others.

# Welcome New Faculty and Staff 2025-2026



## Jamie Akrivellis

*Kindergarten Teacher*

Jamie joins DCD from William Lancaster School in Salem, NH where since 2017 she taught 1st grade. Prior to this role, Jamie taught kindergarten and 1st grade at Waterboro Elementary School in Maine and taught 2nd grade at The American School

of Madrid in Spain. In addition to extensive classroom experience, Jamie has worked as a reading tutor and has volunteered extensively with Lazarus House in Lawrence, MA. She earned both her M.Ed. in elementary education and B.S. in family studies from UNH.



## Amy Catlin

*Main Office Receptionist and Admissions Assistant*

For the last five years, Amy has served as Enrollment Coordinator at Carolina Friends School in Durham, NC, where she has managed the enrollment processes of the school's 500 PreK - Gr 12 students. She holds

additional experience in office management having worked at Family Promise Metrowest in Natick and as a library paraprofessional and administrative assistant in Natick Public Schools and with TERCC. Amy's additional work experience includes co-founding Hannah's Bandanas, a home-based business producing headwear for chemotherapy patients, and working as a freelance production assistant. She earned her BA in government from Connecticut College.



## Jessica Cohen

*Executive Director, Horizons Program*

For the last 20 years, Jessica has held leadership roles in various non-profit spaces, most recently as Director of Annual Giving at Horizons for Homeless Children. At DOVE Inc., an emergency shelter for victims of domestic

violence, she served as Director of Development after 11 years as the organization's Director of Residential Services. At The Second Step in Newton, she worked as an afterschool teacher; child and family services coordinator; and director of the Imagine Mentor Program where she created and ran a volunteer mentor program, matching children who had faced domestic violence with college students in the community. Jessica holds a BA in psychology, family services and children from Pine Manor College.



## Ariana Viola

*Middle School Math Teacher*

Ariana joins the middle school as a math teacher and grade 7 advisor; she comes to DCD from Rocky Hill Country Day School in East Greenwich, RI where she taught middle and upper school math. Prior to this appointment, Ariana taught middle school math in two Rhode Island public middle schools and has worked as a private math tutor for 10 years. In addition to her teaching, Ariana has been well-engaged in her previous school environments, serving as the middle school service learning coordinator, peer tutoring program coordinator, advisor to the ASL club, and school theater choreographer. She earned her B.A. in secondary education mathematics with middle school endorsement from Rhode Island College and her M.Ed. in global perspectives: teaching, curriculum and learning environments from Boston College, where she also completed research on service learning in the math classroom.

# Familiar Faces in New or Expanded Roles

After five years partnered with Flik Dining Services, DCD has transitioned back to an “in-house” kitchen model, but with the incredible skills of several members of our former FLIK team. Chef Tey Plange will continue to oversee the operation with support from Jean Honore, First Chef, and Werley Pacombe, Dishwasher/Utility Worker. Additionally, Karen McPherson will continue in her role as Food Service and Catering Coordinator.



**Tey Plange**  
*Chef*



**Jean Honore**  
*First Chef*



**Werley Pacombe**  
*Dishwasher/  
Utility Worker*



**Karen McPherson**  
*Food Service  
and Catering  
Coordinator*

## Welcome New Board Member and PA President 2025-2026



**Nicole Solimini**

Nicole Solimini, PhD, is a cancer biologist and scientific leader with nearly two decades of experience advancing cancer research and translational medicine. She serves as Scientific Director of the David Liposarcoma Research Initiative at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where she oversees a multi-institutional research program, directs collaborative teams, and works to translate discoveries into new therapies for patients. Throughout her career, Nicole has managed diverse research portfolios, mentored scientists and students, and spoken at national and international conferences on innovative approaches to cancer treatment.

At DCD, Nicole has been an active volunteer for more than eight years, serving as an Annual Fund Ambassador, Class Parent, Library Volunteer, Admissions Volunteer, Chair of the Community Outreach Committee, and sits on the Advancement Committee. She has also spoken at the All-School Assembly to celebrate the International Day of Women and Girls in Science and participated in numerous school functions. Nicole and her husband, Mark, live in Milton with their twin sons, Tyler (DCD '27) and Mason (DCD '27). Nicole earned a B.S. in Biochemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Ph.D. in Cell and Developmental Biology from Harvard Medical School.



**Brian Blackman, Parent Association President**

Brian K. Blackman serves as the Chief Information Officer and Senior Director for Mass General Brigham Digital Clinical Systems at Mass General Hospital. He collaborates closely with senior leadership to develop and implement innovative digital strategies that align with the organization's vision for advancing healthcare through technology.

Outside of his professional achievements, Brian has a deep commitment to community involvement. In addition to serving as the President of the Dedham Country Day School Parent Association, Brian is an active member of the board of SIM Boston, where he has played a crucial role in expanding strategic partnerships that benefit both the organization and the broader technology community.

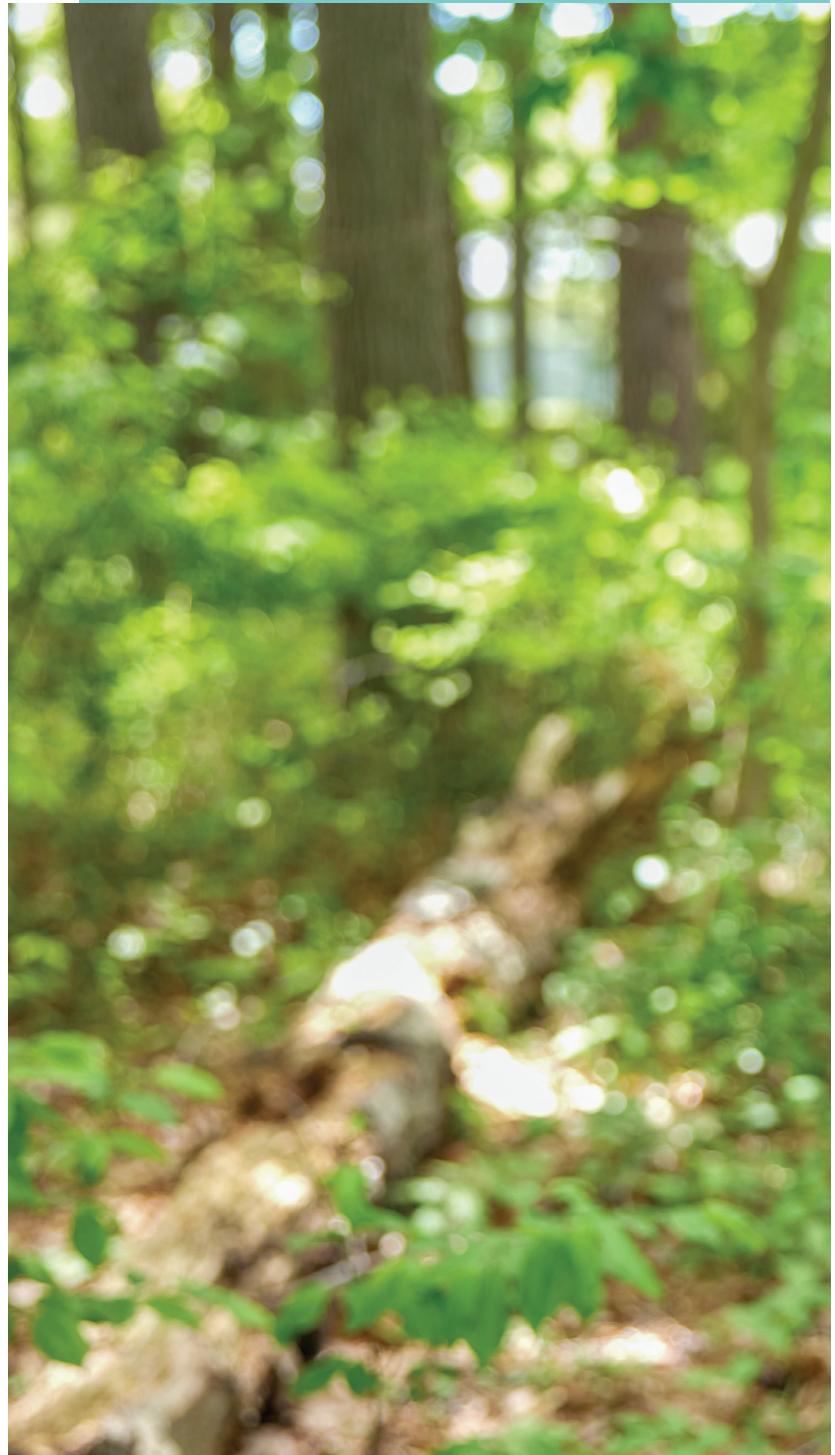
Balancing his professional and community commitments, Brian is a devoted family man, married to his wife Lisa and proud father of two boys, Brendan (DCD '26) and Ethan (DCD '32). He enjoys spending quality time with his family, fostering their interests and passions while enjoying various activities together. Brian's dedication to leadership, mentorship, and community service reflects his belief in the importance of education and the positive impact it can have on future generations.

Brian holds a Master of Science in Leadership with a focus on Healthcare Management and Project Management from Northeastern University. He also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Biology from UMass Boston. Brian continues to further his education and is currently enrolled in a doctoral program for health sciences.

# Annual Report of Giving

WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT YOU WITH OUR ANNUAL REPORT OF GIVING FOR 2024-2025. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR COMMUNITY OF PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, ALUMNI, FACULTY, TRUSTEES, AND FRIENDS WHO DEMONSTRATED THEIR COMMITMENT TO DCD WITH GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL.

THIS REPORT CELEBRATES THE HUNDREDS OF GIFTS WE RECEIVED BETWEEN JULY 1, 2024 AND JUNE 30, 2025 THAT HELPED SUSTAIN A MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.





## Letter from Charles Rudnick, Chief Advancement Officer

Dear Members of the DCD Community,



This fall, the familiar soundtrack of DCD—children laughing on the playground, teachers guiding lessons and offering encouragement, music filling assemblies—is joined by a new melody: the steady hum of backhoes, drills, and trucks. Those construction sounds mark

the early stages of our new theater, a space that will soon connect generations of DCD students, families, and alumni in shared performances, celebrations, and community gatherings.

That sense of building—both literally and figuratively—has carried forward on the momentum of a remarkable 2024–25 school year: enrollment was full, our academic program was thriving, and our community came together in meaningful ways, including the unforgettable Annual Meeting where we announced the successful completion of the Together Campaign.

None of this progress would be possible without you. By making DCD a philanthropic priority, you affirm your belief in our mission and in the extraordinary faculty and staff who bring it to life each day.

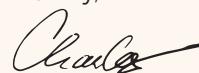
Together, we are constructing more than buildings—we are strengthening connections and showing deep commitment to the values that define DCD. Some highlights from this past year include:

- ▶ **Our Together Capital Campaign** reached its **\$15 million goal**—the largest in DCD's history—funding the new Lower School Science Room and allowing us to break ground on the theater.
- ▶ **DCD's Annual Fund** achieved **\$725,000**, our highest ever, with **95% participation** from current parents.
- ▶ **Giving Day** rallied **120 donors** to raise **\$65,000** (including challenge matches) during the Olympics.
- ▶ **Faculty and staff** achieved **100% participation** in the Annual Fund for the **15th consecutive year**—a powerful show of dedication.
- ▶ **8th Grade parents** created an **endowed fund of \$50,000** in honor of the Class of 2025.

More than 70 parents served as Annual Fund and 8th Grade Gift Ambassadors this year, and countless more helped strengthen our community in other ways. Whether volunteering on campus, serving on committees, offering kindness, or stretching to meet our philanthropic goals, your actions build the ties that make DCD so special.

On behalf of everyone at DCD, thank you for your unwavering support and for being such an essential part of the DCD family.

Warmly,



Charles Rudnick  
Chief Advancement Officer

### 2024-2025 Annual Fund Giving By Constituency

ALUMNI



**\$68,554**

BUSINESSES, FOUNDATIONS,  
MATCHING GIFTS



**\$57,258**

CURRENT AND PAST  
FACULTY AND STAFF



**\$37,948**

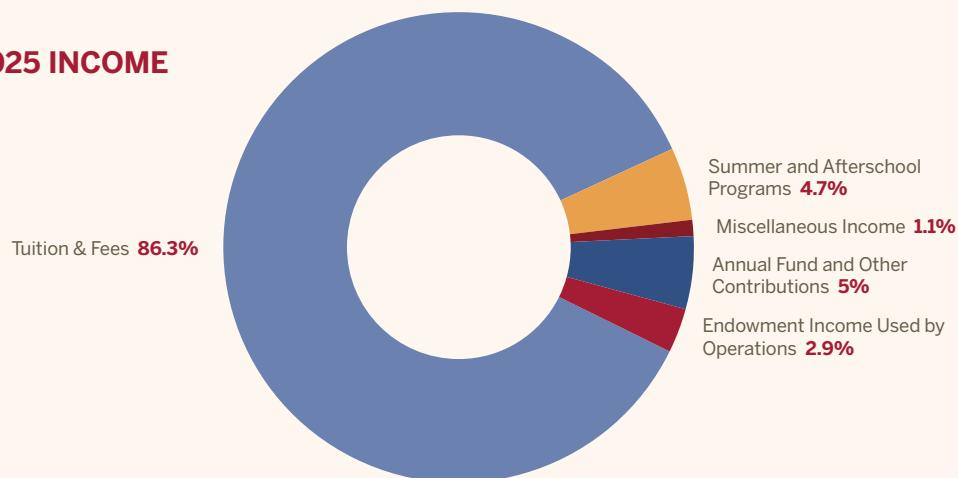
TRUSTEES



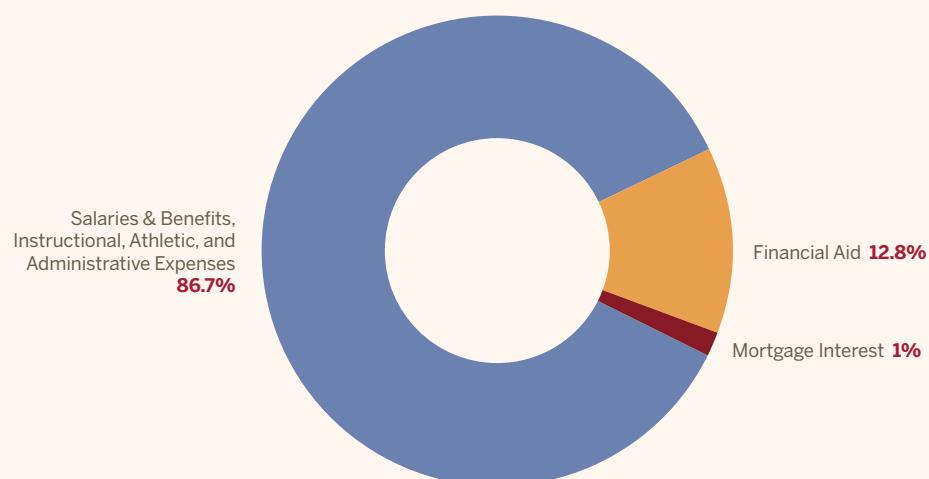
**\$168,824**

## 2024-2025 Operating Statement

### 2024-2025 INCOME



### 2024-2025 EXPENSES



#### CURRENT PARENTS



**\$411,670**

#### PAST PARENTS



**\$160,636**

#### GRANDPARENTS



**\$95,963**

#### FRIENDS



**\$340**

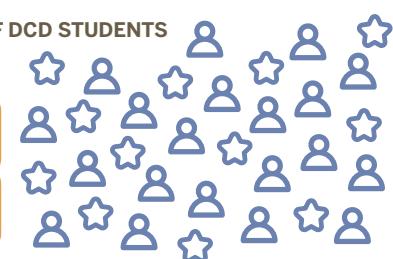
# DCD By The Numbers

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED  
FOR ANNUAL FUND



NUMBER OF DCD STUDENTS

**308**



TOTAL AMOUNT INVESTED  
IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**\$2,080,616**



AMOUNT RAISED BY  
GIFTS UNDER \$100

**\$10,179**

**\$15,300,000**

TOTAL RAISED BY THE DCD TOGETHER CAMPAIGN

## 2024-2025 ANNUAL FUND PARTICIPATION

BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES

**100%**

ANNUAL FUND  
AMBASSADORS

**100%**

FACULTY  
AND STAFF

**100%**

CURRENT  
PARENTS

**95%**

## WHY IS REACHING 100% PARTICIPATION IMPORTANT?

A community that has a high participation rate among parents is a clear indicator of widespread commitment to our underlying mission. Any gift no matter the size makes an impact.



**28** PERCENTAGE  
OF STUDENTS  
WHO RECEIVED  
FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE

**44** MOST  
CONSECUTIVE  
YEARS OF  
INDIVIDUAL  
DONOR GIVING

NUMBER OF  
FIRST-TIME  
DONORS  
**86**

NUMBER OF  
FIELD TRIPS  
MADE POSSIBLE  
BY THE DCD  
ANNUAL FUND  
**26**

## Annual Fund Leadership Giving

### Hewins Society 50,000+

Mo Lackenbauer and Morgen Peck

### Willow Tree Circle 25,000-49,999

Elena Boiardi and Nicholas Ferenc

Doug Watson and Susan Hunter ^▲▲

### Bell Tower Society 15,000-24,999

Patrick and Amy Carney ^

Ray and Tina Clark

Ashley and Linda Shih ^▲

### Centennial Club 10,000-14,999

Daniela and Justin Bakes

John and Larisa Connors

Mark and Nicole Solimini ^

Maisa Badawy and Walter Garbacik

Henry Kara ^

Stephen and Lucy Tshuka ^▲

Andrew Chen and Cynthia Hang

Jake and Katie McDonnell ^▲

### Founders Circle 5,000-9,999

Ed Anderson and Linda Cabot ^

Chris and Seneca Francione ^

Stuart and Marie Nagode ^▲

Anonymous (2)

Jake and Liz Grossman

Daniel and Jennifer O'Brien

James and Beth Bisson ^▲

Debbie and Jeff Harrison ^▲

David and Renee Plastino ^

Jack and Trish Brennan ^

Jocelyn Hess

Rosemary Spillane

Curt Burmeister and Suzanne Ibbeken ^▲

Lisa Hooe '79 ^

Nick Steffey ^

Chris '94 and Whitney Cheever ^▲

Lyle and Michelle Knight ^▲

Frank and Mandy Susi ^

Benjamin and Breana Cole

Po-Shun Lee and Amy Yang

Yanni Tsipis and Kristin Kara '91 ^

Chris and Julie Cox ^

Gloria Leon ^

Fang and May Zhao

Sascha Demmerle and Christine Marc

Erin and Josh Levy

Mark and Erin Epker '86 ^▲▲

Onnie and Katie Mayshak

### President's Roundtable 2,500 - 4,999

Gavin Andrews and Lance Rachelefsky

Neal Doyle and Jessica Brennan ^

Kathryn Novicki '85 ^▲

Max and Beth Bardeen

Patrick Duffy and Blakely Plaster

Gray and Mary Kay Parker

Elliot Beale and Jody Wright

Ben and Jackie Duggan

Jonathan and Caitlin Reisman ^

Ned and Sandy Bigelow ^▲▲

Eric Fireman and Clair Windsor ^

Jameson and Rachel Rigoli

Zach and Liz Blume ^▲

Steve and Lauren Gogolak ^

Michael and Laurel Schnitman ^

Devareaux and Shaquanna Brown ^

Matt and Sheila Hiatt ^▲

Cait and Steve Siebenmorgen

Tom Burke and Katie Wakeley ^▲

Kristin Hunter-Thomson '95 and Malin

James and Patricia Tyng

Dana Chamberlain and Carolyn Flynn '89 ^

Pinsky ^▲▲

Ty and Ronit Velde

Jeff and Erica Cohen ^

Brian and Sara King ^

Patrick Waldron and Jennifer Kay

Kevin and Jamie Connors ^

Emily '93 and Adam McDaniel ^▲

Mike and Lindsay Wands ^

Kyle and Danielle Davidson

David and Tara McDonald ^

Shawn Ye and Tracy Lin

Brian and Jessica Dlugasch

Eric and Min Young McInerney

Paul Dieffenbach and Suzana Zorca

Philip and Deborah Dorman

Robert Naparstek and Lisa Bisaccia

### 1903 Society 1,903 - 2,499

Don and Barbara Accetta ^

Yuan Huang and Xinyi Liu

Gretchen and Steve Siy

Alessandro and Elena Biffi

Hailee Jacobson and Robert McGettigan

Allison Webster and Andrew Stromberg ^▲

Dana Chamberlain and Carolyn Flynn '89 ^

Jason Korb and Eva Krauss

Robert and Kathryn Windsor ^

Michael and Kate Cocchi ^

James and Mary McLaughlin

Charlie '51 and Rosie Woodard

Jeff and Katie Fishbone

Scott and Melissa Murphy ^

Alina and Eric Worth

Patrick and Katie Garvey

Jay and Marilyn Sarles

Michael Henderson and Gwen Hyland

Elisabeth and Robert Shea

*Consecutive Years Giving: ^5-9 years ^▲10+ years ^▲▲30+ years*

## Annual Fund Leaders

On behalf of the many parents who joined us in serving as Annual Fund Ambassadors during the 2024-25 school year, we want to express our gratitude for your strong support for DCD.

For us, serving as parent co-chairs of the Annual Fund is really a labor of love: we know that every dollar raised helps close the “gap” between tuition revenue and the actual cost of a DCD education. The funds go directly to providing the incredible experiences, amazing faculty & staff, and beautiful campus that create the DCD “magic”. This is not discretionary spending: it’s part of the budget the school depends on.

We are deeply indebted to the partnership over the past two years of Walter Garbacik and Maisa Badawy, who served with us as parent co-chairs and were inspirational leaders. And we are excited to welcome Josh and Erin Levy, who are joining us as co-chairs in the third year of our two-year term!

Thank you for continuing to make DCD a philanthropic priority, as we strive to meet our ambitious 2025-26 goals of \$750,000 and 100% parent participation!

Best wishes,

### **Chris and Julie Cox**

Parents of Madelyn, Grade 5, David, and Trey (Pre-K)  
2025-26 Annual Fund Co-Chairs



The Cox family.

We’re thrilled to serve as Co-Chairs of the Annual Fund this year. Our son Lucas started at DCD in Pre-K and is now in Kindergarten. Like many five-year-olds, he doesn’t share too many details

when we ask about his day (“I don’t remember” is usually the answer!). Thankfully, the photos and updates from his teachers have shown us just how much he’s learning, exploring, and having fun! Seeing Lucas thrive has made us even more excited for our younger son, Ethan, to hopefully join the DCD community next year.

The kind of growth we’ve witnessed in just a short time doesn’t happen by accident, it’s nurtured by the incredible teachers, programs and experiences that make DCD so special. The Annual Fund is what helps bring all of that to life. It gives our teachers the resources they need, keeps opportunities open for our kids in the classroom on the fields and in the arts and ensures that DCD continues to feel like a vibrant, carrying community we all chose. Participation from families, no matter the size of the gift, shows that we are all in this together, supporting the school we love.

This year, our goal is 100% parent participation. Every gift, at every level, makes a difference and strengthens the legacy of DCD for our children and for future families. We hope you’ll join us in making the Annual Fund a priority and giving in a way that feels meaningful to you.

We’re so grateful to be walking this journey alongside you and can’t wait for all that this year holds.

### **Erin and Josh Levy**

Parents of Lucas, Kindergarten  
2025-26 Annual Fund Co-Chairs



The Levy family.

## Thank you 2024-2025 Annual Fund Ambassadors

### **Annual Fund Co-Chairs**

Maisa Badawy and Walter Garbacik  
Chris and Julie Cox

### **Annual Fund Ambassadors**

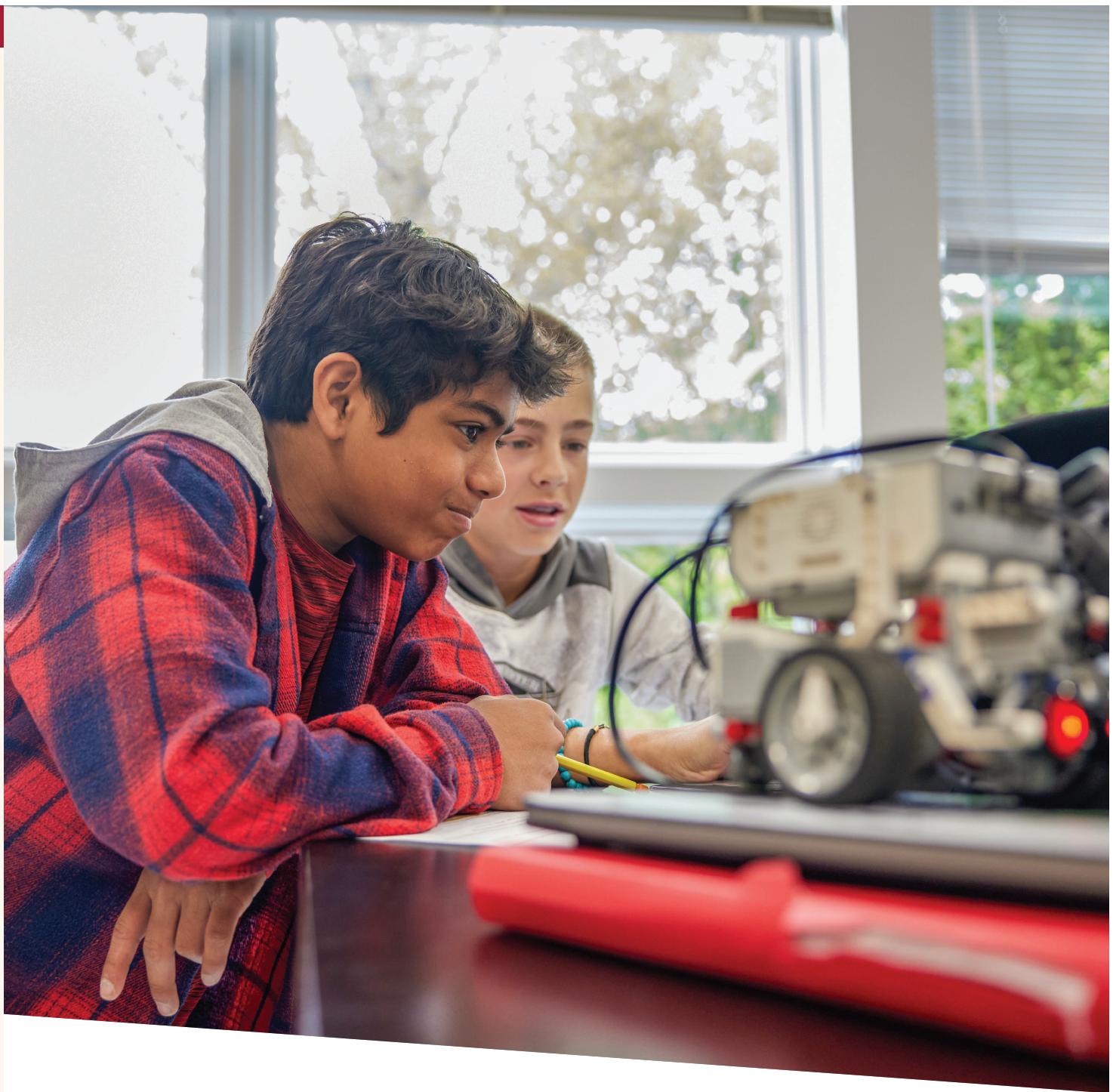
Brian Blackman and Lisa Palmer  
Laurence Bloom and Stephanie Pearl  
Matthew and Jennifer Breitling  
Danielle Carty '02 and Daniel Jean-Pierre  
Marissa '99 and Stefan Cautino  
Dana Chamberlain and Carolyn Flynn '89

India Clark and Max Gitlen

Erica and Jeff Cohen  
Nancy Collins and Tara Paulauskas  
Sascha Demmerle and Christine Marc  
Chris and Seneca Francione  
Michelle and Rick Freniere  
Allen Hwang and Supriya Rao  
Michael Henderson and Gwen Hyland  
Yanni Tsipis and Kristin Kara '91  
Bonnie and Dong Kong  
Drew and Tera Kull

Mo Lackenbauer and Morgen Peck

Liz and Vincent '95 Marino  
Katie and Jake McDonnell  
David and Yulia Perlman  
Katie and Nicholas Philippi  
Caitlin and Jon Reisman  
Jameson and Rachel Rigoli  
Wendy and Henry Scarisbrick  
Mark and Nicole Solimini  
Amy and David Starmer



***“Throughout all of our time at DCD, we have evolved into stronger, smarter, and wiser people.”***

—Dash Claflin, Class of 2025

## Current Parent Annual Fund Giving

Anonymous (4)  
Rafael Acevedo and Keilah Santana-Acevedo ^  
Bharat and Sweta Agrawal ^  
Kenny Allen and Sharon Perkins-Allen ^ ^  
Ivy Alphonse-Crean and Jared Crean  
Gavin Andrews and Lance Rachelefsky  
Daniel Costa and Kim Ariyabuddhiphongs  
Paul Audhya and Ivana Filipovic Audhya ^  
Maisa Badawy and Walter Garbacik  
Chris Baird  
Daniela and Justin Bakes  
Dan Burch and Tricia Balatico Burch ^  
Nicole Barbuto and Kimberly Pelletreau ^  
Ellie Baron and Sara deBethune  
Dr. Tanya Basu and Dr. Vishal Kuchaculla  
Charlie Baumeister ^ ^  
Elliot Beale and Jody Wright  
Gary Belizaire and Ange Bresca ^  
Alessandro and Elena Biffi  
Matt Biondolillo and Erin Gilmore  
Brian Blackman and Lisa Palmer ^  
Kevin Cantz and Tamara Blake-Cantz ^  
Laurence Bloom and Stephanie Pearl ^  
Zach and Liz Blume ^ ^  
Garrett and Sarah Bockenek  
Elena Boiardi and Nicholas Ferenc  
Marco Bonilla Millan and Veronica Seanez Madrid  
Matthew and Jennifer Breitling ^  
Neal Doyle and Jessica Brennan ^  
Jeff Briggs and Katie Forde  
Devareaux and Shaquanna Brown ^  
Wesley Buckmire and Tamika Estwick Buckmire  
Matt Campagna and Kat Laiter  
Daniel Jean-Pierre and Danielle Cantz '02  
Patrick and Amy Carney ^  
Julie and Dottie Catlin ^  
Stefan and Marissa Cautino '99  
Chris '94 and Whitney Cheever  
Andrew Chen and Cynthia Hang  
Matthew and Maygan Cianflone ^  
Will and Siobhan Claflin ^ ^  
Max Gitlen and India Clark  
Rachel and Zack Clarke ^  
Michael and Kate Cocchi ^  
Jeff and Erica Cohen ^  
Benjamin and Breana Cole  
Nancy Collins and Tara Paulauskas  
Kevin and Jamie Connors ^  
Chris and Julie Cox ^  
Kyle and Danielle Davidson



Archie Dean and Kristie Gillooly Dean '02  
Paul-Johan Jean and Carmen DeMarco  
Paul Dieffenbach and Suzana Zorca  
Brian and Jessica Dlugasch  
Philip and Deborah Dorman  
Jed and Margaret Dorschimer ^  
Kelly Dubeau Smydra and David Smydra  
Patrick Duffy and Blakely Plaster  
Ben and Jackie Duggan  
Michelle Farrell-White and Thomas White  
Donna Felix  
Christal Fenton-Fortes and Robert Fortes  
Eric Fireman and Clair Windsor ^  
Jeff and Katie Fishbone  
Carolyn Flynn '89 and Dana Chamberlain  
Chris and Seneca Francione ^  
Rick and Michelle Freniere ^ ^  
Patrick and Katie Garvey  
Steve and Lauren Gogolak ^  
Geoff Gouvalaris and Megan Whelan ^  
Jonathan and Katherine Gray  
Lisa Greenfield and Daniel van Ackere  
Jake and Liz Grossman  
Ning Guan and Yin Jiang  
Brian and Camille Harrison ^  
Katie Hawkom  
Chuan He and Zhongchen Shen  
Alexia and Matthew Heenan  
Michael Henderson and Gwen Hyland  
Teddy and Bernadette Hickman-Maynard ^  
Mark and Dibby Hooker ^  
Sarah Hoyo and Chris Miller  
Yuan Huang and Xinyi Liu  
Aaron and Jayme Huber  
Mark and Rebecca Irving  
Hailee Jacobson and Robert McGettigan  
Claire Jaeger  
Ralph Jaeger  
Navin Jain and Ami Popat-Jain  
David Jellinek and Sarah Spitz  
Pascal Jeudi and Esther Louis-Jeudi  
Peng Jia and Yi Zou  
Haixuan Jin and Chao Zhang  
Yanni Tsipis and Kristin Kara '91  
Patrick Waldron and Jennifer Kay  
Jonathan '93 and Kristen Keith  
Joe and Kelly Kennedy ^ ^  
Keith and Marisa Kenney  
Jessica and Peter Kim  
Brian and Sara King ^  
Rich and Catherine Knapp  
Dong and Bonnie Kong  
James Kopecky  
William Kopitke and Laureen Wood ^  
Jason Korb and Eva Krauss  
Justin and Danielle Kreger ^  
Drew and Tera Kull  
Mo Lackenbauer and Morgen Peck ^  
Amy LaMontagne and Michelle Werner  
Adam and Annmarie Landry ^ ^  
Michael and Sarah Lane  
Benjamin Leander and Cassandra Perry  
Kerry Wu and Jane Lee  
Ai Ling and Michael Lee  
Erin and Josh Levy  
David Pompilio and Crystal Lin  
Nanshi Sha and Nan Lin  
Shawn Ye and Tracy Lin

Stephen and Tiffany Macauley  
Adam and Kathryn Malpocher  
Vincent and Liz Marino^  
Trammel Martin and Amy Small^  
Jose Martinez and Erika Reynoso  
Corey and Kristine Matthews^  
Todd and Banu Mattuchio^  
Hunt and Erin Mayo  
Onnie and Katie Mayshak  
David and Tara McDonald^  
Jake and Katie McDonnell^  
Eric and Min Young McInerney  
Greg and Tanya Milette  
Jonnathan Mordan and Sarae Morales  
Joseph and Emily Morgan^  
Scott and Melissa Murphy^  
Keith and Christy Nemeskal^  
Nate and Karen Newburg  
Nghi Nguyen and Kim Vu  
Kathryn Novicki '85^  
Daniel and Jennifer O'Brien  
Ezzard and Michelle O'Neil-Turner  
Adrian and Susan Orr  
Evan and Katie Ouellette^  
Stephen and Casey Owen  
Jonathan Pape and Emily Peloquin-Pape  
Brian and Hasel Patel^

Sara Payton-Stone^  
David Pedersen and  
Deb Accetta Pedersen '93^  
David and Yulia Perlman^  
Chad and Rebecca Perrone  
Nicholas and Kathryn Philippi  
David and Renee Plastino^  
Alex and Tracy Porteleki^  
Charles-Henri and Elizabeth Raindre  
Rohin Rajan and Ritu Valiyil^  
Joao and Brenda Reginatto  
John Skolfield and Laura Reis  
Jonathan and Caitlin Reisman^  
Brad and Carrie Rendall  
David and Lynn Renninger  
Jameson and Rachel Rigoli  
Aidan and Katherine Riordan^  
Dave Ulrich and Margaret Robertson^  
Michael Saia and Megan Rothwell  
Saia '97^  
Katie and Matt Sawatzky  
Tom and Jessica Sawyer^  
Henry and Wendy Scarisbrick  
Adam Schneier and  
Jennifer Abrams Schneier '93  
Michael and Laurel Schnitman^  
Chirag Shah and Stephanie Schulte^  
Bobby and Liz Shea

Ashley and Linda Shih ^  
Cait and Steve Siebenmorgen  
Peter Siy and Sarah Touse  
Brian and Carrie Smith  
Mark and Nicole Solimini^  
Benny and Gayathri Sorensen^  
Amy and David Starmer^  
Matthew Stone^  
Douglas and Danielle Sumi  
Frank and Mandy Susi^  
Alan and Holly Symmes^  
Mary and Nathaniel Thomas  
Jonathan and Stephanie Tilley  
Jorge Torres and Emily Oates Torres '93^  
Stephen and Lucy Tshuka^  
Taylor and Liz Tyng  
Ty and Ronit Velde  
Nate and Liz Vinton  
Mike and Lindsay Wands^  
Ammara and Colyn Watkins  
Steve and Sarah Weatherhead^  
Brittany and Joshua Weber  
Alina and Eric Worth  
Aaron and Cherina Wright  
Po-Shun Lee and Amy Yang  
Fang and May Zhao  
Jacqueline and Josh Zweig



Consecutive Years Giving: ^ 5-9 years   ^ 10+ years   ^ 30+ years



***“Everyone has each other’s backs at DCD. We all care for each other and everyone has a bond.”***

—Lily Baumeister, Class of 2025

## Past Parent Giving

Anonymous (3)  
Don and Barbara Accetta^  
Linda Allen^  
Ed Anderson and Linda Cabot^  
Robert Aranow and Patricia Profeta^▲▲  
Maxwell and Beth Bardeen  
Tom and Denise Beaudoin  
Ned and Sandy Bigelow^▲▲  
Robert Naparstek and Lisa Bisaccia  
Jake and Barbara Brown  
James Carey and Mary Burchenal  
Tom Burke and Katie Wakely^▲  
Lev and Cathy Byrd^  
John and Lisa Capone^  
Bill Chamberlin^▲▲  
Nevin and Kristine Chittkara^▲  
Mike and Kristen Cloonan^▲  
Stephen and Katie Keally Cochran '82  
John and Larisa Connors  
Melissa Crowe and Joseph Cuccinelli  
Annette and Patrix Delva

Bob and Patty Dempsey^▲  
Catherine Doucette^▲▲  
Jim and Andrea Dufort^  
Sandra Einsel and Keith McCown  
Mark and Erin Epker '86^▲▲  
The Falkson Family  
Sam and Gerry Gray^  
Julie S Hagan  
Debbie and Jeff Harrison^▲  
Matt and Sheila Hiatt^▲  
Christopher Holden  
Bill and Pam Holding^▲  
Rick and Diane Hooker  
Chester and Alyson Kelley-Hedgepeth^▲  
Curt Burmeister and Suzanne Ibbeken^▲  
Lyle and Michelle Knight^▲  
Rob and Weezie Lawrence^▲▲  
Ned and Janet Lawson^▲  
Diane C Lewis  
Emilie and Adam Liebhoff^▲  
Marjorie Lyon^▲

Barbara Millen^▲  
Marshall Felix and Gwenn Miller^▲  
Bill and Lynne Morrison  
Stuart and Marie Nagode^▲  
George and Diana Nicholson  
Sharon Porter  
Margot Pyle^▲▲  
Walter and Judy Quinlisk^▲  
Bob and Hilary Rochelle  
Buck and Jane Rothwell^▲  
Dana and Janice Rowan  
Mark and Barbie Shaughnessy  
Kathy and Ross Sherbrooke^▲  
Bill and Lynne Stevenson  
Scott and Donna Swanson  
Charlene Tate  
Bob and Ellen Volpe^▲  
Elizabeth Ward  
Douglas Watson and Susan Hunter^▲  
Ned and Elise Watts^▲  
Larry and Nancy Zoller



Consecutive Years Giving: ^ 5-9 years   ^▲ 10+ years   ^▲▲ 30+ years

## Alumni Giving by Decade

### 1940s

Alfred Bigelow '43 <sup>▲▲▲</sup>  
John Bigelow '46  
Louisa Perkins Porter '46  
Toby Baker '47 <sup>▲</sup>

### 1950s

Martha Damon Marshall '51  
Charlie Woodard '51  
Henry Batchelder '52  
John Woodard '52  
Ted Russell '53 <sup>▲</sup>  
Maudie Canham Shanley '54  
Edith Stebbins Sweeney '54  
Terry Cunningham Malooman '55  
Anne Russell Wild '55  
Katy Hamlin Zappala '55  
Hope Lincoln Baker '56  
Colin Canham '57  
Roger Cheever '57  
Liz Valsam Hunter '57  
Jenny Hamlin Russell '57 <sup>▲</sup>  
Frances Thorndike '58  
Linda Mixter Woodard '58  
Ceilee Wood Beacham '59

### 1960s

Bob Frazee '62  
Hilly Hamlin '62 <sup>▲▲</sup>

### 1970s

Janet Barker '63  
Heather Smith Collins '64  
Ed Howland '64  
George Motley '64  
Louise C Riemer '65  
Chris Grant '66  
Cilla Bercovici '67  
Nick Grant '68  
Jeff Barker '69  
Betsy Bucklin Reddy '69 <sup>▲▲▲</sup>

### 1980s

Jim Bride '80

### 1990s

Melissa Brown Bride '80  
Stephen Cochran '80  
Melinda Gray Kerslake '80  
Maryann Morley '80  
Stuart Pyle '80 <sup>▲</sup>  
Will Ross '80 <sup>▲</sup>  
Charles Berwick '81 <sup>▲</sup>  
Char Joslin '81 <sup>▲</sup>  
Katie Keally Cochran '82  
Jen Sherbrooke Palmer '82  
Sam Pierce '82  
Stephen LaRonde '83  
Erica Indelicato Wood '83  
Kathryn Novicki '85 <sup>▲▲</sup>  
Erin Keith Epker '86 <sup>▲▲▲</sup>  
Laura Keally Heywood '86  
Kevin Meagher '86 <sup>▲▲</sup>  
Christina Novicki '86  
Lee Mumford Peterson '86 <sup>▲▲</sup>  
Jen Bigelow Williams '86  
Jen Cabot Breslin '87  
Edie Carey '88 <sup>▲</sup>  
Tricia Crowley '88 <sup>▲▲▲</sup>  
Carolyn Flynn '89 <sup>▲</sup>

### 2000s

Danielle Canty '02  
Kristie Gillooly Dean '02  
Chris Mercurio '02 <sup>▲▲</sup>  
Brendon Mills '02  
Daniel Naparstek '03  
Ben White '05  
Andrew Beaudoin '07 <sup>▲</sup>  
Cassie Goode '07  
Traylor White '07  
Mickey Alperin '09

### 2010s

Lindsey Quinlisk '13 <sup>▲▲</sup>  
Jack Shaughnessy '13  
Julia Cochran '14  
Holden Corcoran '14 <sup>▲▲</sup>  
Sara Falkson '14  
Tess Huckaby '14  
Madeleine Jordan '14  
Kate Shaughnessy '15  
Christopher Capone '16  
Matt Capone '16  
Charlotte Jordan '16  
Alfie Rudnick '16 <sup>▲</sup>  
Connor Smith '16 <sup>▲</sup>  
Charlie Volpe '16 <sup>▲</sup>  
Alex Burmeister '17  
Chris Ahn '18  
Julia Capone '18  
Audrey Volpe '18 <sup>▲</sup>  
Ella Miller '19  
Elizabeth Nicholson '19  
Natalie Rudnick '19  
Charlotte Ward '19

### 2020s

Abby Rochelle '20  
Neil Burmeister '21  
Trevor Smith '21  
Jessie Ward '21  
Susannah Ward '21  
Maisie Gronemeyer '22 <sup>▲</sup>  
Gavin Joyce '22  
Laurel Fireman '24  
Iyla Francione '24  
Meredith Freniere '24  
Avery Ouellette '24  
Lucas Lackenbauer '26





# Calling All Alumni

## We Want to Hear From You!

Let us know what's happening in your lives! From schools, to passions, to work and family, your DCD community would love to hear from you! Scan the QR code or email [knovicki@dcds.net](mailto:knovicki@dcds.net) to fill us in, or to share the accomplishments of one of your fellow alums!



Consecutive Years Giving: ▲ 5-9 years ▲▲ 10+ years ▲▲▲ 30+ years



***“It’s a warm community. I felt welcomed in, immediately.”***

—David Shih, Class of 2025

## Current and Former Faculty and Staff Giving

Anonymous	Laura Foody^	Laura Martinez	Megan Rothwell Saia '97^▲
Carl Abrahamson	Elaine Gage^▲	Maura McCarthy^	Alex Sands
Abby Ackerman	Ruth Gow	Katie McDonough	Bob Santry
Erin Albert^	Gerry Gray^	Meghan McFarland	Kevin Coakley and
Autumn Andrade-de León	Charles Rudnick	Karen McPherson^	Pamela Senese^▲
Jennifer Baker	Julie Hagan^▲▲	Dan Miller^	Kathy Sherbrooke
Nancy Barre	Bo Harrington	Scott Miller^	Sue Sherman^▲
Joanna J Bemis	Camille Harrison^	Laurie Mills	Sue Shirley
Nate Buffum	Kate Hawkom	Marie Nagode^▲	Alyssa Sinclair
Amy Carney^	Erica Howe	Marcus Nelson	Kyle Sminkey^
Julia Cavan	Colleen Hultgren^▲	Kathryn Novicki '85^▲	Valerie Snow^
Stephanie Chiari^▲	Mark and Lexi Jackson^▲	Katie Ouellette^▲	Caroline Swan^▲▲
Trelane Clark	Kelli Kaelin^	Hasel Patel^	Nick Thacher
Lucy Connor	Lisa Kaplan^	Sara Payton-Stone^	Rob Thacher^▲
Ivy Alphonse-Crean	Kelly Kennedy^▲	Jim Pinola^	Taylor and Liz Tyng
Sarah Crofts^▲	Haris Kuljancic^	Cheryl Price	Jeffrey Velez
Kristine Crugnale	Bob LeGendre^	Pete Rapelye	Deb White
Kristie Gillooly Dean '02	Brenda Leith	Sarah Raslowsky	Jen Williams
Diane Carter Duggan^▲	Adam and Emilie Liebhoff^	Katy Richardson^▲	Kitt Wilson
Rick and Betsy Edie	Maeve Lien^	Kyle Ritland	Charlie Woodard '51
Bini Egertson^	Elizabeth Lisciandra	Bob and Hilary Rochelle	Nancy Zoller
Karen Eutemey^	Tiffany Macauley	Buck and Jane Rothwell^▲	
Marge Farquharson^▲	Mary Ellen Maloney^▲	Charles Rudnick	

## Current and Past Grandparent Giving

Anonymous (3)	Bill and Barbara Gilmore	Martha Marshall '51^▲	Patricia and Thomas Shea
Don and Barbara Accetta^	Mazzie Gogolak^	Barbara McKenna	Gretchen and Steve Siy
Jodie Bakes	Wayne and Roxy Gray	Thomas and Frances	Gay and Arch Smith
Eresvita and Ferdinand	Edward and Ellen Griffin^	McKinnon^	David and Martha Smydra
Balatico^	Louis Grossman	James and Mary McLaughlin	Jeff Smith and Rebecca Sokol
Robert and Randee Blume^	Julie Hagan^▲▲	Therese Minton	Rosemary Spillane
Jack and Trish Brennan^	Jocelyn Hess	Jim and Joyce O'Leary	Nick Steffey^
Alice and Colin Canham '57	Rosalie Hughes^	Marie O'Riordan	Skip and Lucy Stinson^
Jane and Roger Cheever '57	Henry Kara^	Muffy Oates	Edward and Ann Sullivan
The Morgan Palmer	Elizabeth Kaufman	Judy Ouellette^▲	Nick and Sally Thacher^▲
Foundation^▲	Robert and Carole Kay	Gray and Mary Kay Parker	Judith Tsipis
Ray and Tina Clark	Liza Keogh	Louise Paulauskas	Jim and Patricia Tyng
Donald and Patricia Cole	Whit and Ruthie Knapp	Eric and Jane Philippi	David and Patricia Ulrich^▲
Tom and Joann Cox	Amy and Alan Kono	Jane Plastino	Fred and Debbie Vautour
Dekkers and Barbara Davidson	David and Susan Lawrence	Nancy G Plummer	Mary Ann Vinton^
Gilda and Keith Domingue	Jennie and Ming Lee	Josef Porteleki and	Lloyd and Heidi Wands^
Jane Doyle^	Gloria Leon^	Martha Niebanck^	Mary Whynot
Gene and Karen Flynn^▲	Sheila Macauley	Sharon Porter	Robert and Kathryn Windsor^
Walter and Patricia Garbacik	Melody Mackenzie and	Buck and Jane Rothwell^▲	Jeff and Linda Young^
Gail Garlick	Philip Gitlen	Mitchell Rudnick^▲	Emil and Cornelia Zorca
Lee and Stephen Gifford	Suzanne Malpocher	Bill and Maria Ryan	
Cindy Gillooly	Vinny and Betty Marino^	Jay and Marilyn Sarles	

Consecutive Years Giving: ^ 5-9 years   ^▲ 10+ years   ^▲▲ 30+ years

## Birthday Book Donors

Donors to DCD's Birthday Book Program celebrate their child's birthday by making a gift to the library.

Daniela and Justin Bakes  
Alessandro and Elena Biffi  
Garrett and Sarah Bockenek  
Brian Blackman and Lisa Palmer<sup>▲</sup>  
Matthew and Maygan Cianflone<sup>▲</sup>  
Danielle and Dekkers Davidson  
Paul Dieffenbach and Suzana Zorca  
Janice and Alan Drew  
Benjamin and Jacqueline Duggan  
Chris and Seneca Francione<sup>▲</sup>  
Camille and Brian Harrison  
Chuan He and Zhongchen Shen  
Gwen Hyland and Michael Henderson  
Navin Jain and Ami Popat-Jain  
Aaron and Jayme Huber  
Peng Jia and Yi Zou  
Kristin Kara and Yanni Tsipis  
Jennifer Kay and Patrick Waldron  
Erin and Joshua Levy  
Stephen and Tiffany Macauley  
Katie and Jake McDonnell  
Emily and Joseph Morgan  
Morgen Peck and Mo Lackenbauer  
Renee and David Plastino  
Brenda and Joao Reginatto  
Margaret Robertson and Dave Ulrich  
Jessica and Tom Sawyer  
Adam and Jennifer Schneier  
Liz and Bobby Shea  
Peter Siy and Sarah Touse  
Kelly Dubeau Smydra and David Smydra  
Alan and Holly Symmes<sup>▲</sup>  
Lindsay and Michael Wands  
Kitt and Bennett Wilson

## Gifts to Restricted Funds

### DCD Endowment

Bill Youngs

### Duncan Adsit Pyle Endowment Fund

Margot Pyle<sup>▲▲</sup>

### General Financial Aid

Riza Rosales

Dominique Saint-Louis and Kirby Bradley

Ellen and Jack Tretter<sup>▲</sup>

### Head's Innovation Fund

Laurence Bloom and Stephanie Pearl<sup>▲</sup>

Benjamin and Jacqueline Duggan

Katie and Matt Sawatzky

Frank and Mandy Susi<sup>▲</sup>

### Herrick Fund for Professional Enrichment

Charles Berwick '81<sup>▲</sup>

Thaddeus Herrick '74 and Linda Ebaugh

### McDonnell Family Fund for Financial Aid

Jake and Katie McDonnell<sup>▲▲</sup>

### Patrick M. Tynan Scholarship Fund

Charles Berwick '81<sup>▲</sup>

Emily Tynan McDaniel '93

Cate Tynan O'Dwyer '90

Jenny Hamlin Russell '57<sup>▲</sup>

### Susan Lowell Wales Dineen Endowment Fund

Amy Lowell

Ted Wales '68 and Grace Murphy

### Susanna Lea Klebenov Fund

Charles Berwick '81<sup>▲</sup>

Will Klebenov '83<sup>▲▲</sup>

### The James M. Bower Professional Development Fund

Betty and Vinny Marino

### The Mimi Harrington Fund to Support Literacy and Reading in Muggles

Christopher Ahn '18

Peter Gow

Maisie Gronemeyer '22<sup>▲</sup>

Monica Kucich

### Tim Jackson '58 Financial Assistance Fund

Ned and Sandy Bigelow<sup>▲▲▲</sup>

Sam Bigelow '91

Suzanne Campbell '93

Luke Rosen and Sally Jackson '92

Emily Tynan McDaniel '93

Phyllis Jackson Mills '47

Cate Tynan O'Dwyer '90

Ann Vershbow and Chuck Beitz

## Donor Profile

### The Clarke Family

DCD Current Parents

#### How did you find your way to DCD, and how long have you been here?

We had never really planned on an independent school for elementary school, but when the time came for our oldest son to start Kindergarten, we realized we needed to pivot. DCD was one of only a few schools we visited, and we knew almost immediately that we could see ourselves a part of the community. While it met all our educational priorities – academics, arts, outdoor exploration – what struck us most was the sense of connection. We are now in our 4th year and we're grateful that this connection has only deepened.



Clarke family

#### What has the experience meant for your family?

In a world where children often feel pressured to grow up too quickly, our boys have been able to thrive in an environment that truly supports their development. We've watched them grow more confident, independent, and eager to start each school day — but most importantly, they feel at home. This is undoubtedly what we cherish most. From the way every faculty member welcomes us each day, to the friendships our whole family has built over just four years, we have all benefited from the shared sense of connection that we felt from those early days at DCD.

#### Why do you choose to support DCD philanthropically?

One of the things we value about DCD is the genuine partnership between families and the school—each relies on the other to thrive. Recognizing that tuition alone cannot fully support the nurturing environment our children thrive in, we see giving back as an essential way to honor the dedication of the faculty and invest in our children's growth. For us, supporting DCD through both philanthropy and volunteering, isn't just about helping the school - it's about being fully present and engaged in the community.

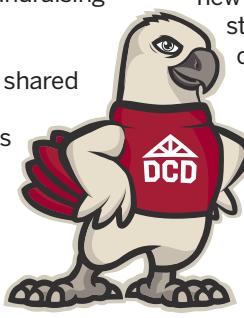
#### Is there any particular impact of your giving that is especially important or meaningful?

Knowing that our contributions directly elevate the educational experience for our children—through enhanced classroom resources, innovative programming, improved campus facilities, and opening the door to other meaningful opportunities—is deeply rewarding. We believe it is important to support a community that prioritizes education and development. Our goal is to help create a stronger, more enriching environment not only for our children but for their peers as well, ensuring that DCD continues to have a lasting, positive impact on future generations.

# The Annual Fund, Endowment and Major Gifts *What's the difference?*

Making a charitable gift is a very personal decision. Understanding the differences between gifts to the Annual Fund, the Endowment, and the Major Gifts will help you determine the impact you want to have on the people and spaces at DCD that are most important to you.

**In FY25, Dedham Country Day proudly concluded the Together Campaign**, the largest fundraising effort in the school's history, raising an extraordinary \$15 million. This historic achievement not only transformed our shared spaces and created a dedicated Lower School Science Room, but also includes the new reimagined theater, which is currently under construction. Once complete, our reimagined theater will serve as an inspiring space for performing arts, a stage for our



public speaking traditions, and a gathering place that celebrates the spirit of our community.

With this milestone reached, **DCD is shifting to a major gifts model** that emphasizes support for specific initiatives including the endowment, planned giving, construction and campus renewal. These areas ensure that the school can continue to pursue new ideas, secure long-term financial stability, and steward the inspiring spaces where our community comes together to learn, perform, and connect.

At the same time, **the Annual Fund remains at the heart of DCD's philanthropy**, providing the essential support that sustains the daily excellence of our students, faculty, and programs. Together, these avenues of giving allow our community to both meet immediate needs and secure the school's future.

## Annual Fund

**Annual Fund gifts** have a direct and immediate impact on all aspects of DCD and support academics, athletics, arts, financial aid, facilities and campus life. It is not usually invested for the long term but is used to meet current priorities, usually in the same fiscal year that DCD receives it. Additionally, the Annual Fund provides the flexibility to respond quickly to new opportunities and unexpected needs.

### "CHECKING ACCOUNT"



EVERY FISCAL YEAR  
(JULY 1- JUNE 30)



Small Gifts  
Making  
Large Impacts

### Expenses Not Covered by Student Tuition



### FINANCIAL AID

STAFFING

ONLINE  
LEARNING  
RESOURCES



### SHORT TERM

### IMMEDIATE NEEDS



# Endowment

**Endowed gifts** are a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. Each year, a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the fund's purpose, and any earnings in excess of this distribution are used to build the fund's market value. An endowed fund can grow and provide support for its designated purpose in perpetuity. When you give to an endowment fund that already exists, you create a permanent legacy of support for DCD.

## "SAVINGS ACCOUNT"



INVESTMENT

Needs to Increase  
with the Growth  
of the School



BUFFER

## LASTING SECURITY

8TH GRADE GIFT

Stability During  
Uncertain Times

LEGACY GIVING  
Bequests

## LONG-TERM



Faculty Enrichment



CAPITAL  
ENHANCEMENTS



## FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

# Major Gifts

Building on the success of the Together Campaign, DCD is now embracing a major gifts model that looks beyond a single campaign. Major gifts will focus on three strategic priorities: **strengthening the Endowment** to provide long-term financial stability, **expanding the Head's Innovation Fund** to support emerging opportunities and bold ideas for faculty and staff, and **continuing investment in capital renewal** to ensure our facilities reflect the excellence of our programs.

## GENERATIONAL IMPACT



BUILDING ON SUCCESS



LEADERSHIP  
SUPPORT

Reimagined Spaces

Foundation for  
the Future



## LEGACY GIVING

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Seed Funding for  
Opportunities



## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

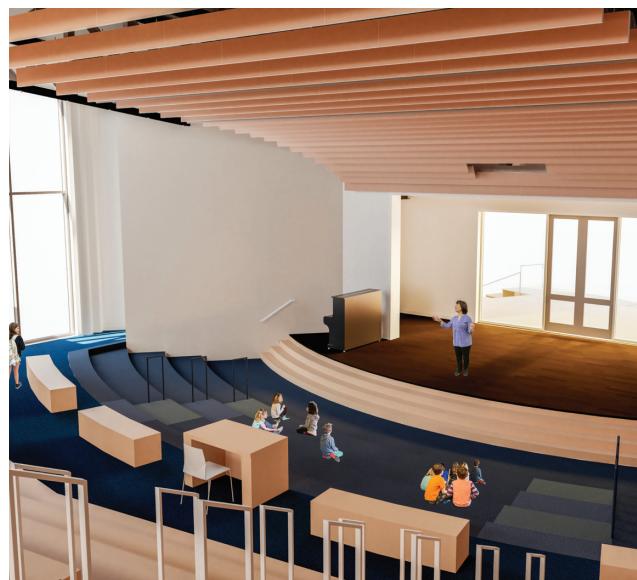
# TOGETHER

**The 2024-2025 school year marked the successful completion of DCD's Together Capital Campaign, a transformative and unifying effort that brought the DCD community together in support of the school's long-term vision.**

Raising over \$15 million—the largest fundraising achievement in DCD's history—the campaign was fueled by the generosity of parents, alumni, grandparents, faculty, and friends. Launched to advance the goals of the 2019 Strategic Plan, the campaign focused on enhancing learning and gathering spaces for students, culminating in the opening of a new Lower School Science Room and the groundbreaking of a state-of-the-art theater that will serve as both a performance space and community centerpiece.

Despite the challenges of a global pandemic, the community's dedication never wavered, and the campaign celebrated several historic milestones, including the school's largest individual gift and bequest. Thanks to the leadership of the Campaign Steering Committee and the support of so many, the Together Campaign has left a lasting legacy that will benefit future generations at DCD.

To read more about this incredible achievement and explore a full retrospective of the Together Campaign, scan the QR code.





From the demolition of the beloved Lowell Center, to blueprints and planning, to groundbreaking and construction, DCD students have a front-row seat to the creation of our new theater.

## TOGETHER TIMELINE

### 2019-2020

Responding to the new Strategic Plan, the capital campaign officially begins, with the goal of transforming DCD's gathering spaces. Despite the unexpected pandemic, the campaign surpassed its first year goal.



### 2020-2021

New methods of community connections are explored in response to the pandemic, and the campaign is officially branded as the Together Campaign, emphasizing unity and collective action.



### 2021-2022

In response to a historic gift of \$3 million (the largest in DCD's history), construction begins early on the new Lower School Science Room.



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# TOGETHER

## Take a Bow...

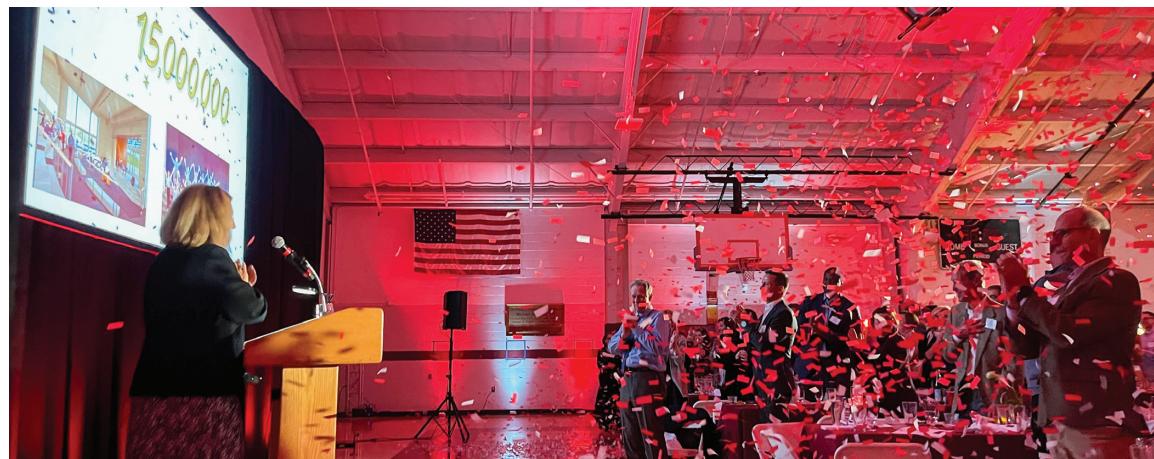
In May of 2025, the DCD community came together for a heartfelt celebration honoring the Lowell Center before its transformation into a new theater. Families, alumni, faculty, and friends gathered to share memories and reflect on the Lowell Center's deep impact. Speakers included Head of School Allison Webster, alumnus Sam Bigelow '91, and past Head Sonia Valentine, each recalling moments of growth, creativity, and connection. Highlights included musical performances, a surprise "11th Play" directed by Elisa Sidoli, and a final DCD rainstorm led by longtime and recently-retired science teacher Sue Shirley. Though the building will change, its spirit of community lives on.

## ...and Set the Stage

In the Summer of 2025, construction officially began on the DCD's new theater. DCD Summer Campers and Horizons students were present to watch the demolition unfold, and as the old curtain fell, the new theater soon began to take shape. Steel beams arrived, a new foundation was constructed, and as the school year began, student groups toured the construction site, learning all about how the building process would unfold. Looking ahead, we can't wait to see our new gathering space take shape.

## Our Impact TOGETHER

Thank you to our Together Campaign donors whose generosity and vision have transformed DCD's campus and strengthened our community for generations to come. Scan the QR code to view a full list of the many members of our community who came together to support DCD's largest campaign effort in history.





Thank you to our incredible DCD community of families, students, faculty and staff, and alumni for coming Together to celebrate our beloved Lowell Center and lay the foundation for what comes next.

## TOGETHER TIMELINE *Continued*

### 2022-2023

Campaign momentum continues with the opening of the new

Lower School Science Room, the formation of the Crocker Challenge, and the receipt of the school's largest-ever bequest of \$1 million.



### 2023-2024

A celebratory event at The 'Quin in Boston marks the launch of the campaign's public phase, and a special dinner is held to honor key contributors. In August of 2024, the Together Campaign achieved its \$15 million goal.



### 2024-2025

The DCD community comes together in a night of celebration at the Annual Meeting, marking the official completion of the Together Campaign. In the spring, a special event was held to honor the Lowell Center, and ground was broken on the new theater.



## Memorial and Honorary Gifts

### In Memory of William Armstrong Oates, Jr.

Jorge Torres and Emily Oates Torres '93 ^

### In Memory of Chip Barker '65

Louise C Riemer '65

### In Memory of James M. Bower

Vinny and Betty Marino ^

### In Memory of Jane Hamlin Bragdon '29

Jenny Hamlin Russell '57 ^

### In Memory of Margaret Chase (P'86, P'88)

Edie Carey '88 and Matt Fitzsimmons ^

### In Memory of Jack Connors

Robert Aranow and Patricia Profeta ^▲▲  
Pearl/Bloom Family

### In Memory of Mimi Harrington

Peter Gow ^

### In Memory of Tim Jackson '58

Ned and Sandy Bigelow ^▲▲  
Emily '93 and Adam McDaniel ^▲  
Brendan and Cate Tynan O'Dwyer '90

### In Memory of Roy Kelley

Dana and Janice Rowan

### In Memory of Ralph Lowell '35 (P'62, P'65, P'68)

Amy Lowell '68

### In Memory of Slade Mills

Phyllis Jackson Mills '47

### In Honor of Bette Novicki (P'78, P'85, P'86)

Susan '78 and John Kirk ^▲

### In Memory of Janine Saint-Louis (P'78, P'80)

Riza Rosales

### In Memory of my brother, Gus Thorndike '56, Sandy Dwinell '58, Tom Woodard '59 and Timmy Jackson '58, who taught me about friendship.

Fuff Thorndike '58

### In Memory of Patrick M. Tynan

Emily '93 and Adam McDaniel ^▲

Brendan and Cate Tynan O'Dwyer '90

## Bellringers

Gifts of \$25.00 or more from alumni who are 25 years old or younger

Anonymous

Christopher Ahn '18

Neil Burmeister '21

Matt Capone '16

Christopher Capone '16

Julia Capone '18

Julia Cochran '14

Holden Corcoran '14 ^▲▲

Sara Falkson '14

Laurel Fireman '24

Iyla Francione '24

Meredith Freniere '24

Maisie Gronemeyer '22 ^

Tess Huckaby '14

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Connor Smith '16 ^

Trevor Smith '21

Audrey Volpe '18 ^

Charlie Volpe '16 ^

Susannah Ward '21

Jessie Ward '21

Carly Ward '19

## Friends Giving

Maureen Alphonse-Charles

Brandi Booker

Tia Diaz-Balart

Betsy Edie

Andrew Farquharson ^▲

Amy Gerson

Francis Kelliher

Brian and Kristina Macauley

Michael McPherson

Mervan Osborne

Lisa M. Pizzi

Scarlett Pizzi

Grayson Pizzi

Joel Sherman ^▲

Scudder Sinclair ^▲

Elizabeth Slavinsky

## Matching Gifts, Foundations, Organizations, and Trusts

American Endowment Foundation  
American Family Insurance  
Angel Foundation  
Arch W. Shaw Foundation  
Bank of America  
Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston  
Dedham Savings  
Fidelity Charitable  
Fidelity Non-Profit Management Foundation  
Gilbane Family Foundation  
Google  
IBM Matching Gifts Program  
Illinois Tool Works  
Johnson and Johnson  
Loomis, Sayles & Company  
Manulife  
McKinsey & Company  
Nelson Mead Fund  
New Hampshire Charitable Foundation  
New York Life  
Rhode Island Foundation  
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The Booth-Bricker Fund  
Toast Inc.  
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## Thank you 2024-2025 8th Grade Gift Ambassadors!

Evan and Katie Ouellette, Co-Chairs  
Lucy and Stephen Tshuka, Co-Chairs  
Kenny Allen and Sharon Perkins-Allen  
Liz and Zach Blume  
Siobhan and Will Claflin  
Kate and Michael Cocchi  
Kathryn Novicki '85  
Alex and Tracy Portelecki  
Ronit and Ty Velde  
Bharat and Sweta Agrawal  
Ashley and Linda Shih

## 8th Grade Parent Gift Supports Endowment & Marks Time at DCD with Clock

A longstanding tradition at DCD, the 8th Grade Parent Gift is a special way for the parents of each graduating class to leave a legacy in honor of their children, while providing the opportunity to say "thank you" to DCD's faculty, staff, and administrators for the many ways they have cared for, prepared, and guided our children over time.

While the 8th Grade Parent Gift has taken on different forms in the past, for the last several years it has been dedicated to supporting DCD's endowment. Beginning with the Class of 2023, parent donations have been used to create endowed funds that help DCD's long-term financial stability, support strategic priorities such as financial assistance and faculty salaries, and help moderate tuition increases. Parents of the Class of 2026 will be the fourth grade to participate in the recent endowment drive, and will be commemorated along with the other classes with engraved bricks by the legacy DCD School Bell.

Anonymous (2)  
Bharat and Sweta Agrawal  
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Perkins-Allen  
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The Class of 2025

## Class of 2025 Secondary School Selections

Leila Acevedo	Noble and Greenough	Owen Murphy	Beaver Country Day School
Kimaya Agrawal	Noble and Greenough	Natalie Orr	Newton Country Day School
Kenzo Allen	Beaver Country Day School	Maren Ouellette	Noble and Greenough
Mae Barbuto Pelletreau	Tabor Academy	Nick Porteleki	Brimmer and May School
Lily Baumeister	Milton Academy	Jake Rendall	Westwood High School
Avery Blume	Middlesex School	Hadley Riordan	Middlesex School
Dashiell Claflin	The Rivers School	Madison Schneier	Beaver Country Day School
Ella Cocchi	Milton Academy	Weslie Schnitman	Tabor Academy
Brooks Dorsheimer	Tabor Academy	Dylan Shah	Middlesex School
Amir Ghobbeh	Brookline High School	David Shih	Milton Academy
Jasper Guan	Xaverian Brothers High School	Sam Singer	Thayer Academy
Jack Hawkom	Needham High School	Shakthi Sorensen	Dana Hall School
Hatcher Keith	Tabor Academy	Lindy Tshuka	Westwood High School
Lily Kopitke	Newton Country Day School	Keira Velde	Thayer Academy
Aly Lief	Beaver Country Day School	Stella Wiesel	Tabor Academy
Jenna Mashali	Dover Sherborn High School	Isabella Wright	Thayer Academy
Camila Matos	Beacon Academy	Avery Wright	The Rivers School
Ella Mattuchio	Buckingham Browne and Nichols		



## The Annual Fund in Action: *Transformative Experiences Beyond the Classroom*

**When you give to the Annual Fund, you're not just supporting programs, you're creating transformative experiences that shape our students for life.**

Each year, your generosity carries middle schoolers beyond the classroom and into the wider world, where lessons are lived, not just taught. Last year, DCD invested over \$124,000 in field trips, a powerful commitment made possible by the Annual Fund.

In Grade 6, students spend three days at the Farm School in Athol, MA, working alongside classmates to milk cows, harvest vegetables, and cook meals together. Living and working on a real farm teaches them about sustainability, hard work, and community.

In Grade 7, the adventure continues at Pinkham Notch in New Hampshire. As they hike snowy trails, sharpen their survival skills, and study local wildlife, students explore the natural world and grow as teammates and leaders.

By Grade 8, students travel to Washington, D.C., where their civics curriculum comes alive through visits to the Capitol, Library of Congress, national monuments, and museums. Seeing the real-world applications of their work in the Facing History and Ourselves class, students gain a deeper understanding of history, justice, and the responsibilities of citizenship.

These experiences bring curriculum to life and build independence. And none of it would be possible without the DCD Annual Fund.

**Your gift doesn't just support trips. It opens doors, fuels growth, and ensures every student has access to these life-changing opportunities. Thank you for investing in their journey.**



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This year, we're looking for three interns to support the work of the Advancement Office, the Lower School, the Horizons Program, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and other possibilities. To be considered, a student must be at least a rising high school sophomore and no older than a rising college junior.

Applicants should be a DCD graduate or have attended DCD for at least three years. Please scan the QR code to apply.



**Applications are due May 1, 2026.**

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