

ANNUAL REPORT



Artist: Saige Shoup '24

A Letter from the Executive Director and the Board Chair

Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Supporters,



Amanda Herlihy

The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities is a unique institution that provides arts education to students and teachers across the state. While this is a public school, many of the activities that make the Governor's School so special may not be financially accessible to all students. That's where you come in. YOUR donations have provided the support needed to offer these opportunities to students to continue pursuing their art without any barriers. As you will see in this report, the Governor's School community worked hard to be able to provide:

- Financial assistance to **37%** of the students for meal plans, headshots, yearbooks, prom, and graduation supplies.
- **65** guest artist visits.
- Competition entry fees, awards, and audition-related costs.
- Professional development opportunities for teachers.
- Building and equipment upgrades, new technology.



Terry Grayson-Caprio

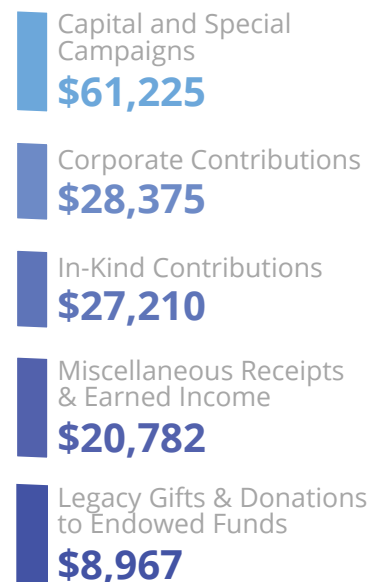
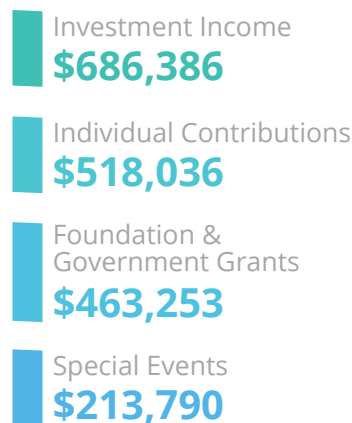
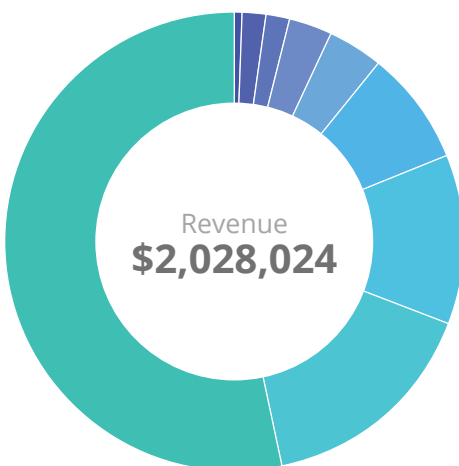
Knowing that people like you think about others speaks volumes about your kindness and compassion. It is YOU who truly make a difference in the lives of these young people and the state of South Carolina. Thank you.

We're excited to share the annual report for the 2022-2023 school year.

With Gratitude,

Amanda Herlihy
Executive Director

Terry Grayson-Caprio
Board Chair



A Letter From the School's President



As I look back on this amazing school year, I marvel at the many accomplishments that have occurred among the entire Governor's School community. Our work has embodied our theme—Many Paths, One Community: Govie Unity—to the extent that it has truly become representative of us in ways that I could have never imagined.

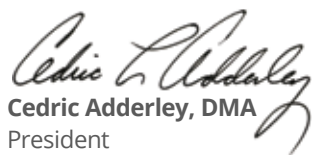
When we opened the fall semester, I recall a level of energy and enthusiasm that was unlike past years. As the weeks turned to months and now a full academic year, we have stepped beyond the unspoken boundaries of what an arts school in South Carolina "should" be and made the transition to the arts school of the future. Now, it is clear that we have made a full commitment to being on the cutting edge of what is most important for delivering a holistic arts education.

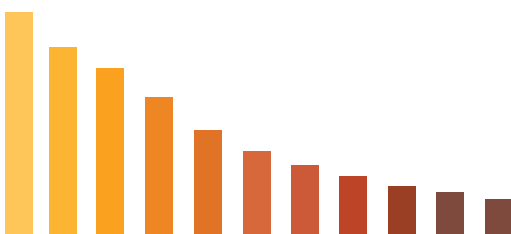
I have no doubts that the depth and breadth of our work will continue to build upon our already excellent level of achievement and will redefine what a world-class education can be in 2023 and beyond. This work is a true testament to the strengths of our students, the quality of our programs, and the commitment of every employee within our ranks. As no words can do justice for our impressive record of student achievement that has been accomplished this year, our theme will most certainly guide us into next year.

The generosity of our donors has been critical in helping each of our students and all of our programs succeed. Support for our outreach programs have brought arts experiences to under-resourced counties throughout the entire state, which some, might not have been possible without this assistance. You stepped up to help pay for food costs for 37% of students to reduce the burden on families.












On behalf of our students, faculty, staff, and the board of directors, I deeply thank you for your ongoing support and your continued commitment to the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.

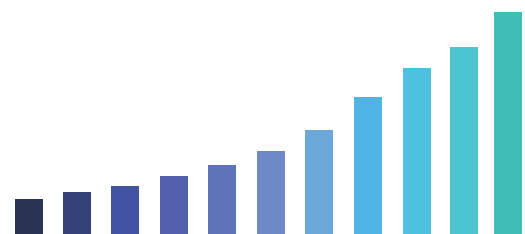
Sincerely,


Cedric Adderley, DMA
 President














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\$1,780,015

 School Support: Outreach \$892,163	 School Support: Capital Expenses \$45,842
 School Support: Student Financial Support \$227,564	 School Support: Department Support \$41,374
 Foundation Expenses: Fundraising \$172,607	 School Support: Guest Artists \$32,250
 School Support: Program Administration \$158,454	 School Support: Advocacy \$24,208
 Foundation Expenses: Administration \$103,730	 School Support: Public Relations Department \$1,700
 School Support: Other Direct Financial Asst. \$80,123	



Expenses by Nature
\$1,780,015

 Meal Plans and & Miscellaneous Support \$717,835	 Information Technology \$51,529
 Contract & Professional Fees \$412,921	 Capital Expenses \$46,864
 Payroll Expenses \$244,843	 Marketing & Promotions \$12,330
 Meetings and Fundraising \$130,314	 Occupancy \$11,440
 Travel \$82,563	 Insurance \$10,075
 Office Expenses \$59,301	

Your Impact at Work

Through individuals, corporations, and foundations, the Governor's School Foundation is able to support the School through three main pillars: Access, Outreach, and Excellence. Pillars are used to symbolize strength, stability and support. We're thankful to everyone who contributed to the Foundation, you are truly the pillars that provide quality arts education across the state.

ACCESS

Approximately **37%** of our students who attended the residential high school program and **30%** of students that attended the summer programs required some type of financial assistance, which cost **\$223,000** last school year. Thanks to you, we were able to provide this critical support.

Your generosity also provides assistance for students to attend the prom, purchase a yearbook, secure a spot in college, and travel to auditions. These opportunities would otherwise not have been possible.

"Please pass along our family's thanks. I've said many times that for my child the Governor's School has been a "life-saving" experience. For in the years before their time there, in addition to the hurdles of their previous school system being one plagued with violence, underfunding, unchecked bullying, etc., their passion for art was dying, and without this "way out", I can't say I know what would have happened. Going into senior year being able to look ahead towards college without as much of a burden on finances may possibly open even more doors. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

GOVIE PARENT



OUTREACH

AND STATEWIDE IMPACT

Your donations not only support our students but also provide teachers from across the state an opportunity for professional development. This fall, drama faculty Anne Tromsness led a movement and improvisation retreat where participating teachers learned a series of drama strategies, explored scripts through improvisation techniques, and utilized movement to harness character. Your support helped reach additional communities and expand the statewide reach of the Governor's School. Thank you to all who have donated to our outreach programs, a vital part of the Governor's School's mission.

Read what our participants had to say about the experience:

"New ideas, perspectives, and strategies I can use immediately in class. I'm re-energized."

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL TEACHER

"This workshop provided me with specific exercises and texts that I can use with my students in areas that are uncomfortable for my students: improvisation and embodying/physicalizing characters. I now have strategies I can confidently use to support their artistic growth and learning in these areas!"

TEACHER RETREAT PARTICIPANT

Thanks to your support, the outreach department provided over **657** experiences for more than **161,831** individuals in **42** counties.

EXCELLENCE

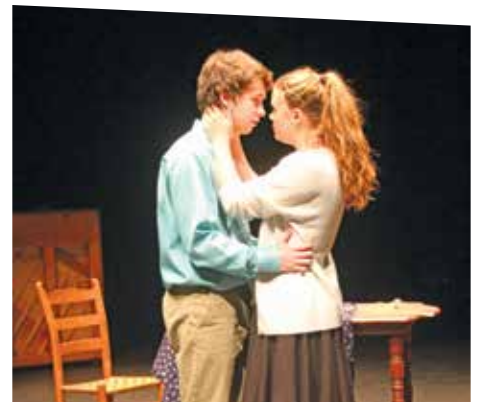
It's through the help of generous donors such as you, that we continue to maintain a high level of artistic and academic excellence that is integral to the education at the Governor's School. Because of your support, **65** guest artists were able to visit campus and collaborate with our faculty and students.

"Guest artists provide students with professional examples of how to make art from people at the forefront of their field. With the generous support of the foundation, our students have spoken with sculptors, animators, photographers, museum professionals, painters and more. The students have found these invaluable experiences to be inspiring."

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL TEACHER

"The Governor's School gives students incredible opportunities to grow and excel, opportunities that they would otherwise never have. As a board member, I see up close the impact this has in the lives of our students and the greater impact for our state. That is why I personally support the School by giving to the SCGSAH Foundation."

CHAD PROSSER, GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR



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"When asked WHY I donate to the Foundation I find myself asking an even more important question—Why would I not? The Foundation is dedicated to the needs of students attending the school by providing direct financial assistance for students in the form of meal plans, scholarships for off-campus trips, basic needs such as formal wear for a performance or a warm winter coat, and even monetary assistance with purchasing a prom outfit, again I ask why would I not? The Foundation provides funding for arts education in some of the under-resourced counties in the state so that more students have access to the arts. Funding is also provided for expenses when state funding has been exhausted for performance venues, transportation, and capital projects such as new dance flooring and upgraded performance lighting systems. Funds also provide fees and travel for world class artists that provide Master Classes for student instruction, and again I ask why would I not? "

– Longtime Foundation Donor