

ACADEMY



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Annual

Report



Dear Academy Hill Community,

It is my pleasure to present to you the school's Annual Report for the 2022-2023 academic year.

To provide a brief introduction to those of you who may not know me, our family has been a part of this wonderful community for four years. During this time our two sons, Thomas and Carter, have had an outstanding experience with the talented and caring faculty who cheer for and challenge them every day. Having spent fifteen years teaching middle and high school history at private schools in Connecticut, and then more than five years fundraising in higher education, I recognize that the strong foundation our children build while at Academy Hill will serve them well for years to come. I trust that you and your families are keenly aware of this as well.

My wife, Kari, and I are grateful for the transformative experience that our children are having at Academy Hill; as a result, it is important for us to give back however we can - as advocates, volunteers, and as donors. As we begin our new school year, I hope that you will join us by:

- sharing with your friends and neighbors the many things that make the school so special
- encouraging others to consider AHS for their children
- attending the various events and programs that celebrate our students' many accomplishments
- joining 100% of our amazing faculty by supporting the Annual Fund with your philanthropy

In doing so you will enable Academy Hill to continue its mission to develop tomorrow's visionaries, innovators, and leaders.

I hope that you all have a restful, enjoyable summer. Thank you so much for all that you do to support your children, and the exceptional AHS faculty and staff.

All the best,

Dave Kayiatos
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Father of Thomas '28 and Carter '30

Letter from the Head of School



Dear Academy Hill Family,

It has become clear to me in my brief time at Academy Hill, and you have heard me say it many times, that when you are here, you are family. My wife Anya and I continue to embrace our AHS family and love our community of small classes, care, rigorous curriculum, and most importantly, expert instruction. Our fantastic teachers are a significant driver of your student's success.

Another major driver of impact at AHS is The Annual Fund, which contributes directly to the mission of our school through financial gifts that support outstanding instruction in a safe, loving environment.

It is our hope that you are able to join the 100% of Academy Hill faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees, in supporting The Annual Fund with a contribution today. The contributions of 100% of our faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees, is a testament to the commitment we see and feel every day. Your children's teachers have demonstrated through their own donations that they are committed to the continued success of the school and fulfillment of our mission.

As an Academy Hill parent, I now know why families have entrusted Academy Hill with supporting children to reach their full potential. Thank you for recognizing our Academy Hill Family and its mission with your generosity.

With gratitude,

Zach Verriden P'28, '30, '32



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Mission Statement

Academy Hill emphasizes progression without limits through enriched curriculum that celebrates differences, nourishes creative thought and critical inquiry, and cultivates authentic learning, leading to the success of our students. Our goal is to develop tomorrow's visionaries, innovators, and leaders.



Statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Academy Hill School has been engaged in diversity work since our founding. We recognize diversity alone does not lead to inclusion, and we are committed to taking active steps to create an environment in which the identities and cultural backgrounds of our families, students, and employees are valued and respected.

At Academy Hill we believe that diversity, equity and inclusion are essential to achieving educational and academic excellence, and that students' learning experiences are enriched by the diversity of the curriculum, student body, and adult community. Academy Hill is committed to creating an inclusive and equitable community in which all individuals can participate in and contribute to the life of the school, regardless of race, gender, class, religion, sexual orientation, or any other aspect of their identity. We are actively working to gain a deeper understanding of difference and how we honor it in our daily lives at school.

As a NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) member school, we believe in and subscribe to the Association's Principles of Good Practice as they concern Equity and Justice.

Our School History

The Academy Hill Center (known originally as The Ames Hill Center for Gifted Children, Inc.) began in 1979. The Center was founded by a group of parents and professionals dedicated to providing enrichment classes for intellectually gifted children in the greater Springfield, Massachusetts, area. At that time, parents were driving children to Worcester, MA, for similar programs. Saturday and summer classes were held from 1979 - 1981 at the MacDuffie School for Girls in Springfield. In December of 1981, Wilbraham and Monson Academy invited The Center to merge with them and move to the Academy's campus in Wilbraham. A year later, The Center was renamed The Academy Hill Center for Gifted Children. Mary Crist was named executive director of the Center.

Well-known for its popular Saturday and summer classes, The Academy Hill Center was often encouraged to open a day school for the gifted. This step was taken in September 1986. The opening day enrollment of 51 grew to 55 by the end of the year. Classes were held in two buildings on the Wilbraham and Monson Academy campus. Members of our first kindergarten class graduated from the school in June 1993.

Academy Hill Center for Gifted Children was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in July 1988. Mary Crist became the first head of school. Its classes continued to meet on the Wilbraham and Monson Academy campus.

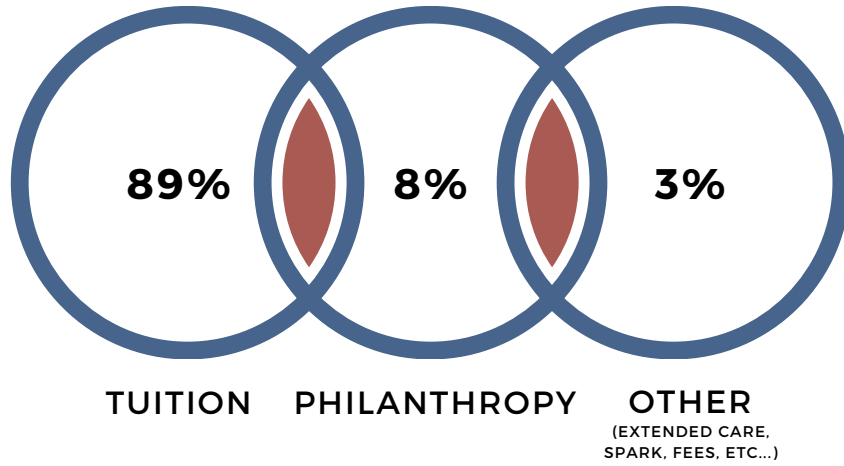
In 1993, the Board of Trustees of Academy Hill School voted to return to the original site on the fourteen-acre MacDuffie School campus in Springfield. After several years on the MacDuffie campus, the board determined that the school's long-term goals could be better met by purchasing a larger building, which was done in the year 2000. The 2000-2001 school year opened in our new facility, located on Liberty Street in Springfield. In 2003 the Board of Trustees approved the extension of grade levels to include a middle school component. Seventh grade was added in September 2004, followed by the opening of the eighth grade in 2005. In 2013 - 2014, the Board of Trustees voted to add an early learner (pre-kindergarten) classroom to our program.

In 2018 the Board of Trustees made the decision to no longer include the term "gifted" in our mission. AHS maintains its commitment to challenging each student individually and fostering a culture of intellectual curiosity and excellence. Furthermore, in 2022 the Board of Trustees reaffirmed our commitment to individual students by adopting a Statement of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

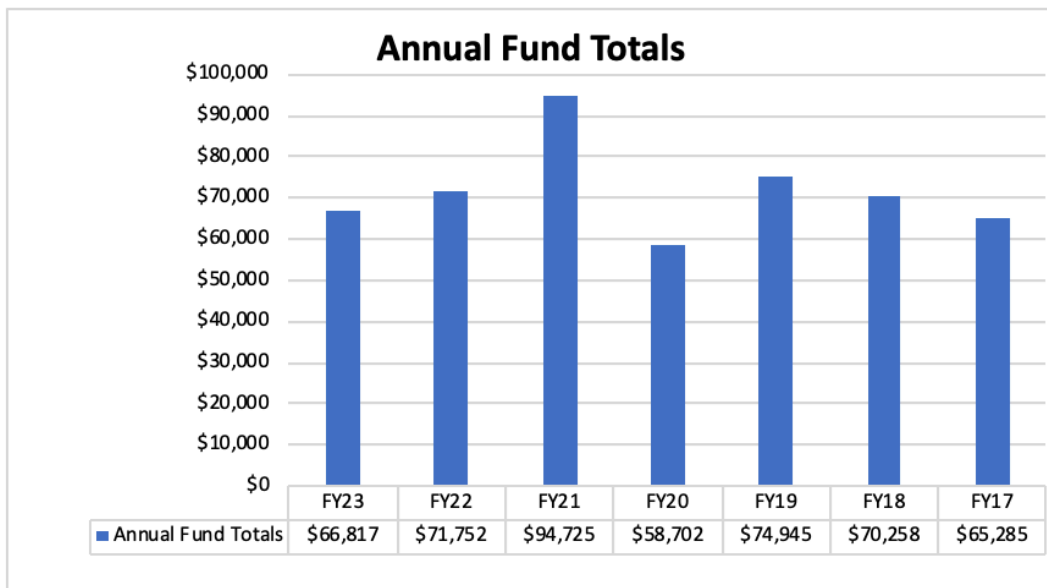
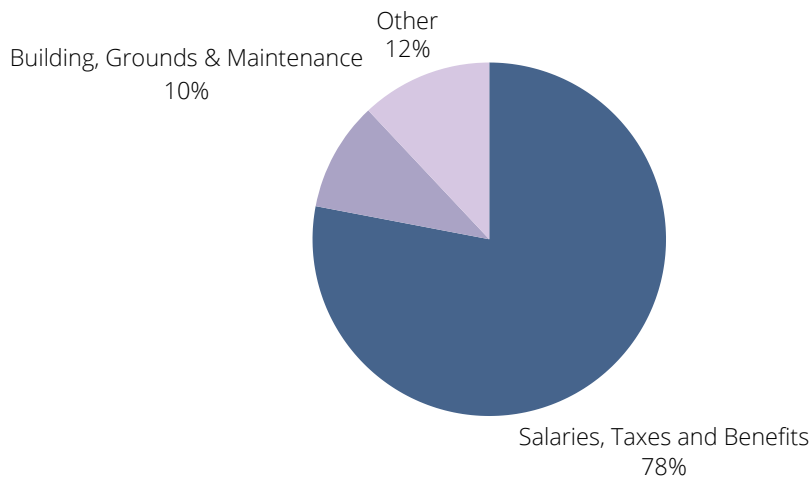
Our enrollment currently sits at nearly 80 students in pre-kindergarten through grade eight. Academy Hill welcomed its first student from an alumna in 2019.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,322,862



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,340,525





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Total Endowment - \$175,759



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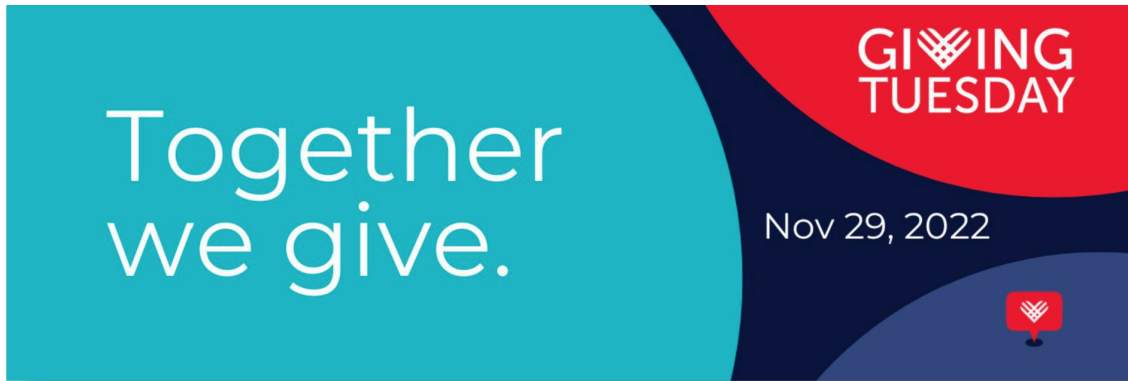
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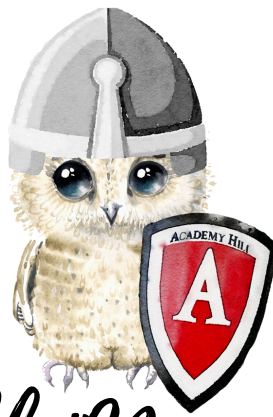
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Thanks to your contributions, we were able to enhance our Physical Education program by acquiring new equipment.

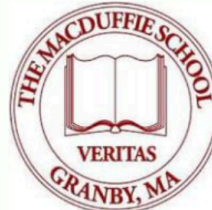
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Matching Gifts

Academy Hill School received \$1,500 in matching employee contributions last year from organizations like MassMutual and New York Life. Please check with your employer to see if a matching gift program is an employee benefit that is available to you.



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