A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Since the first summer program was launched in 1980, the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities has delivered world-class training to talented young artists from every socioeconomic background and region of the state. Every year, hundreds of students arrive on campus full of curiosity and passion. When they leave a couple of weeks or a couple of years later, they are more capable, more self-aware, more discerning versions of their former selves.

The Governor’s School Foundation has served as a partner to the school from the beginning, raising public and private dollars to change young lives through the transformative power of the arts. We do this by improving access to the school for students who need financial assistance, investing in the school’s efforts to provide arts education in underserved counties, and funding special initiatives such as guest artist programs that bring professional creators to South Carolina to teach master classes.

Because of your generosity, last school year we provided financial assistance to 32% of our residential student population, delivered the arts programming to partners and schools in 33 counties, brought 30 guest artists to campus, raised funds to upgrade the school’s dance floors, and supported the new film studies initiative.

The Governor’s School continues to serve as an accessible launching pad for young artists because of you. Thank you for helping to fuel the school’s mission.

Sincerely,

Cedric Adderley, DMA
President

A Letter From the School’s President

I’ve always taken pride in the uniqueness of each school year and the ways in which it was vastly different from those that preceded it. This year, I’ve expressed a great deal of pride in our return to a sense of “normal” and how we were able to re-establish our work in providing an intensive arts education for our students and supporting teachers throughout the state. It has been an exceptional period of growth for the entire Governor’s School community and the broad range of accomplishment reflects the high level of excellence that we’ve been able to achieve under some very challenging circumstances.

The strength of our student body continues with extraordinary accomplishments in the arts with graduating seniors earning millions of dollars in scholarships to colleges, universities, and conservatories throughout the world. Honors bestowed upon the Class of 2022 include three YoungArts competition finalists, two semifinalists for U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, and one student being named the inaugural Youth Poet Laureate of Rock Hill. Their academic accolades were equally impressive with test scores well above the state and national averages on AP exams, AP courses taken, the SAT, and ACT. Our 97 talented seniors have been recognized throughout the state, regionally, and nationally with 42 inductees into the National Honor Society and 15 named as Academic Achievement Award Scholars.

Our outreach department continues to grow and provide learning experiences on campus and throughout the state. We expanded our partnership with the SC After School Alliance and initiated work with Arts Grow SC to increase the impact on reading literacy and arts education in nearly a dozen counties. You can read about both of these programs on page 4 of this report.

We have once again been honored by the South Carolina Arts Commission with ABC School Certification through the Arts in Basic Curriculum Project. Having successfully demonstrated the ways in which the arts inspire creativity, define culture, and make connections for students throughout our programs, we were also designated as an ABC Lab School to assist the agency in developing other arts-intensive public schools throughout the state of South Carolina.

We are no longer looking back at what we have overcome, but are instead focused on the future and poised to continue raising the bar for artistic and academic excellence. It is through the help of generous donors such as you that we continue to be successful in achieving our mission in providing the most meaningful arts experiences right here in South Carolina.

As always, in a time of significantly increased student need, we remain grateful to you for supporting the Governor’s School community. On behalf of our students, employees, and board of directors, we thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Cedric Adderley, DMA
President

Revenue $2,058,092

| Foundation & Government Grants | $1,099,708 |
| Legacy Gifts & Donations to Endowed Funds | $326,530 |
| Endowment Returns released to support programs | $246,104 |
| Special Events | $163,539 |
| Individual Contributions | $79,623 |
| Capital and Special Campaigns | $62,886 |
| Corporate Contributions | $38,509 |
| In-Kind Contributions | $30,151 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts & Earned Income | $11,042 |

Expenses by Function $1,472,336

| School Support: Outreach | $354,606 |
| School Support: Student Financial Support | $186,279 |
| School Support: Capital Expenses | $175,450 |
| School Support: Program Administration | $155,734 |
| School Support: Public Relations Department | $137,372 |
| In-Kind Contributions | $797,366 |
| Corporate Contributions | $37,679 |
| Capital Gifts | $87,697 |
| Special Events: Guest Artists | $49,246 |
| Special Events: Advocacy | $24,208 |
| Special Events: Public Relations Department | $2,378 |

Expenses by Nature $1,472,336

| Current Expenses: Administration | $444,535 |
| Current Expenses: Educational Programs | $307,133 |
| Current Expenses: Sponsored Programs | $303,196 |
| Current Expenses: General Support | $106,912 |
| Current Expenses: Marketing & Fundraising | $92,203 |
| Capital Expenses: Buildings & Equipment | $87,697 |
| Capital Expenses: Technology | $83,141 |
| Capital Expenses: Furniture & Fixtures | $15,399 |
| Capital Expenses: Other | $13,517 |
| Capital Expenses: Endowment & Donor Relations | $9,398 |
| Capital Expenses: Other | $9,205 |
Access

Thanks to your support, the Governor’s School Foundation can ensure that financial needs are not a barrier for those students accepted to the school. We do this by providing financial support for meal plans as well as other needs unique to an arts high school such as formal attire, headshots, or contest entry fees. Approximately 32% of students who attend the Governor’s School program and 20% of students that attend the summer programs need financial support for meal plans which cost $188,279 last school year. Your generous support made it possible for these students to attend the summer programs needed.

Outreach

The outreach department continues to grow and increase access to high-quality arts education statewide. Thanks to your support, the department provided over 1029 experiences for more than 85,985 students in 34 counties.

Last school year, the department utilized a grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission to expand the reach of their Spark program from two to four counties – Williamsburg, Florence, Calhoun, and Richland.

The Spark program takes elementary drama techniques into third grade classrooms to support children who are struggling to meet reading benchmarks. Approximately, 1,505 elementary school students were served this year, and the department plans to expand to 30 schools over the next three years.

The outreach department also partnered with the Governor’s School Afterschool Alliance to create after-school programs in 29 counties. The Governor’s School’s afterschool programs are designed to fire up a passion for the arts and help children think like artists. This partnership will have a far-reaching impact on the state’s afterschool programs that play a critical role in keeping kids engaged in learning beyond the school day.

Excellence

Your support helped bring over 30 guest artists to campus this year. These unique artistic opportunities are the cornerstone of the Governor’s School’s education and elevate the school’s learning environment to make our one-of-a-kind arts community possible. Guest artists work directly with students and collaborate with faculty within each of the five arts disciplines. Many of the guest artists that visited campus last school year were former Goosite’s themselves. Guest artists included author Tony Jensen; fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz; dancer, choreographer, and lecturer Carolyn Bolton; violinist Shannon Thomas Trent; and gallery director and artist Reming Markel.

This spring, the Governor’s School campus was turned into a film set for the Spark program from two to four counties – Charleston, Florence, Myrtle Beach, and Greenville.

Without your help I would not be here. The experiences I have had have been life changing! Life reinventing. Please continue to bless others with your generosity so that someone else may thrive, grow, and lead to love art more.

- drama student, class of 2022

- creative writing student, class of 2022

- Thanks to your support the foundation provided $1,192,417 to the school last year.

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It is because of your donations that I am able to learn and grow, and continue down the path I’ve decided to walk. I’m sincerely grateful.”
- creative writing student, class of 2023

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