



# THE PARISH POST

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The Parish School's  
**40th  
Anniversary**

Ryan's  
**THANKFUL GARDEN**

Making a difference  
in the lives of our neighbors:  
**2023 SOCKTOBER  
& TOY DRIVE**

**ANNUAL REPORT**





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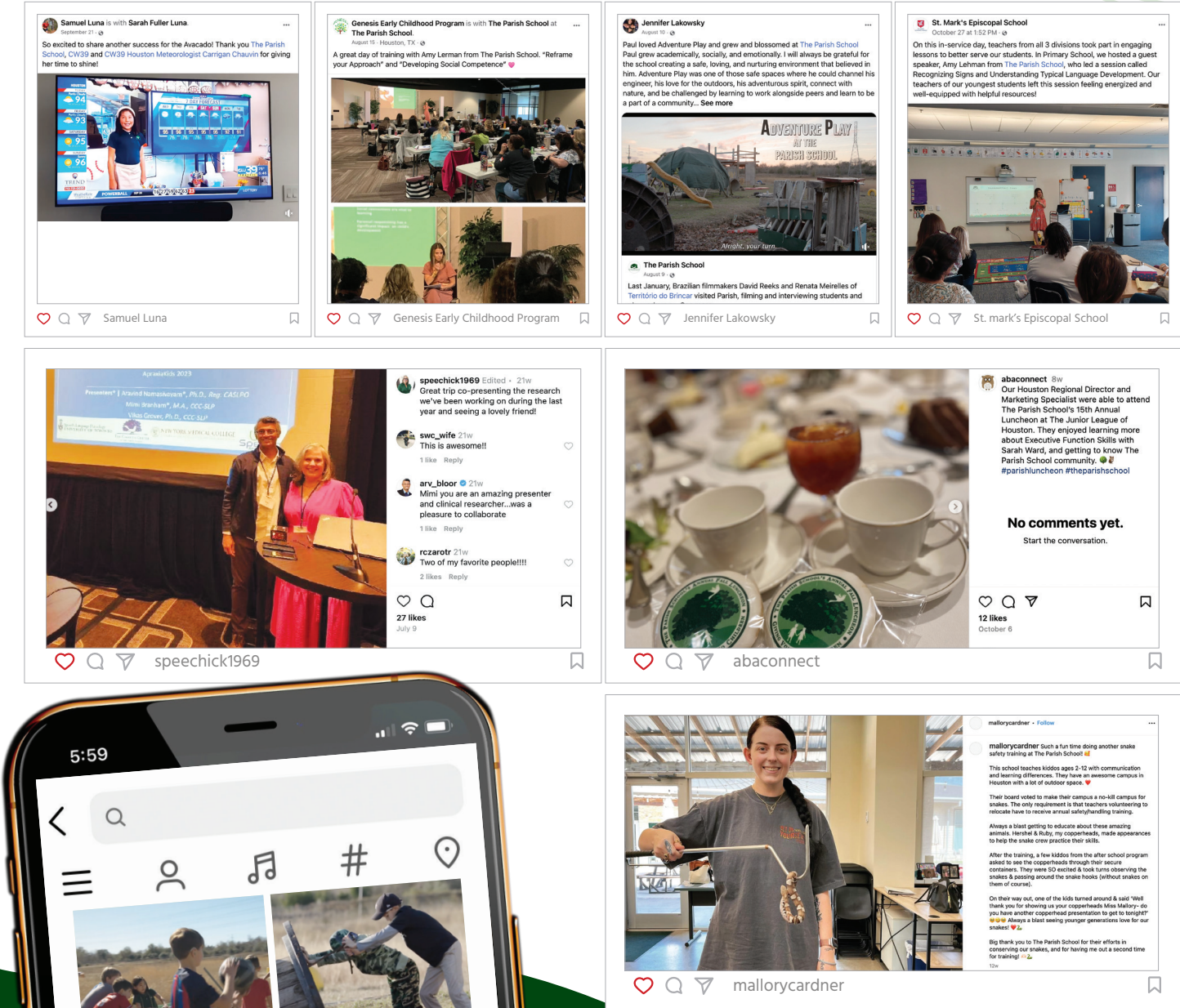
# Our Mission

The Parish School exists to empower children who have communication delays and learning differences to thrive through whole-child education, innovative therapy and access to nature.

The Parish Post is printed twice a year and is published by The Parish School for students, parents, alumni and friends. For information or questions regarding The Parish Post, please contact the Advancement Office: advancement@parishschool.org

# CHECK IT OUT

**#TheParishSchool**  
We love to see what our families and supporters are up to! Use the hashtag above on social media to share your favorite Parish moments and photos with us. Photos may be published here in the Parish Post!





# LETTER

From the Head of School  
Anne Powers



DEAR PARISH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

The 2023-24 school year is a special one for The Parish School. This year, we celebrate our 40th anniversary of empowering children who have communication delays and learning differences to thrive through whole-child education, innovative therapy and access to nature. During these past few months, I have found myself reflecting on what Robbin Parish, our founder, would think about how far The Parish School has come in our 40-year history. Despite growing from serving 6 students in a converted house to now being able to educate over 140 students annually on our beautiful 17-acre campus, so much of Robbin's vision remains the same. We continue to educate the whole child in a small class ratio with dedicated and experienced educators. We celebrate the fact that we are one of very few schools in the country to have a speech language pathologist as a lead educator in our youngest classes where we know early intervention is key and can have its greatest impact. Nurturing the love of being outdoors and exploring in nature continues to be an integral component of our program as both Robbin and Margaret Noecker, a beloved former Head of School and the first Parish School teacher, found value and placed a priority on incorporating nature-based experiences during the school day. They encouraged the kids to get dirty and learn through multi-sensory experiences. They understood what research has proven over and over again, that access to nature helps build communication skills, sparks curiosity and offers our diverse students unique ways to learn. Most importantly, true to our founding vision, we continue to hold the unwavering belief that every child has the potential to excel. Robbin's vision and all the hard work of those she invited into her dream, have created a legacy of hope, belonging, and transformational growth. More than anything, I know how proud both Robbin and Margaret would be of our students, past and present, and all they have accomplished.

As you may have guessed, this year has been full of celebrations. On the 40th day of school in October, we gathered the entire school to sing "Happy Birthday" to Parish and enjoyed cupcakes before lunch! We are looking forward to honoring the 40th anniversary at our upcoming Gala in February and we would like for all our former families, staff and alumni to save the date for the Might Oak Bash. We are excited to bring it back this year on Saturday, April 20 on the Parish campus. More details will follow in the new year.

This issue of The Parish Post is dedicated to reflecting on the 40 years of The Parish School. I hope you take some time to read the stories provided by current and former staff and our alumni; they are a treasure. Perhaps you have your own Parish story to tell us. Feel free to reach out to our Advancement Office at [advancement@parishschool.org](mailto:advancement@parishschool.org) to share.

As we look forward to the school's next 40 years, I am excited and grateful to have the opportunity to continue Robbin's legacy while bringing new and innovative ideas to the classroom and to our community as a whole. The Parish School will continue to transform the lives of children and inspire lifelong learners. We will continue to empower children to discover and grow their strengths, affirming their uniqueness. The Parish School will continue to be a safe place for students to find their voice because every person has the right to communicate and connect — to tell their story and to share their feelings.

BEST,

*Anne*  
Head of School

## Ryan's THANKFUL GARDEN

Named in honor of Parish alumnus Ryan Begnaud, who tragically passed away in October 2022, the school renovated and renamed its community garden "Ryan's Thankful Garden." On Friday, December 15, 2023, our school students, Parish staff, board members, loyal supporters of the Margaret Noecker Nature Center and friends and family of the Begnaud family came together to officially dedicate the garden with a grand ribbon cutting ceremony.

It was a bittersweet moment for the Begnaud family. The Parish School is honored to be the recipient of the outpouring of love for Ryan and his family and to be able to memorialize this young man with this garden that will serve generations of Parish students to come.

The garden plays an integral role in the school's Nature Studies curriculum program within their Elementary classes. Guided by The Junior Master Gardening curriculum, students actively participate in planting and managing the gardens during their class sessions. They even sell their produce when the time comes! The revitalized space encompasses 10 container beds, providing each elementary class with a dedicated gardening area. Additionally, a pergola was installed to provide shade, an outdoor sink and workspace, and versatile storage/seating benches were incorporated into the space.

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"Ryan's Thankful Garden means so much to our family. The dedication was very special for us all. It was sad for us in a lot of ways, but we were truly touched & we will never forget it. We look forward to seeing students enjoy the garden for many years to come. We are truly honored by everything The Parish School has done to honor Ryan's memory."

- Bailey Begnaud



IF YOU HAVE AN ALUMNI STORY TO SHARE, PLEASE CONTACT [ADVANCEMENT@PARISHSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:ADVANCEMENT@PARISHSCHOOL.ORG).



## SAVE THE DATES

**Adult Ed  
Childhood Apraxia with  
Nancy Kaufman**  
January 11, 2024

**Adult Ed  
Summer Camp 101**  
January 18, 2024

**31st Annual Gala**  
February 3, 2024

**Pastries with Parents  
and Lunch with Littles**  
March 1, 2024

**Life After Parish**  
March 21, 2024

**Spring Family Garden Day**  
March 23, 2024

**Mighty Oak Bash  
Alumni Family Event**  
April 20, 2024

**Camp Acorn Begins**  
June 4, 2024





## Community Donates 148 Packages of Socks to Sole Loved For Socktober

This October, Parish students wanted to show that even a small act of love, such as donating a pair of socks, could make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless. While researching the needs of the homeless community, The Primary Community Service Club learned that socks are the items least donated to homeless shelters. With that in mind, our students asked their peers to bring new socks to morning carpool. After three days, the club collected 148 packages of socks — approximately 700 pairs of socks. They researched the options for where they could donate the socks, and chose Sole Loved, a local charity that delivers new and gently used tennis shoes to children.



## 2024 Summer Programs

Registration Opens January 23, 2024

Visit [parishschool.org/summer](https://parishschool.org/summer) for more information or to register.



## The Parish School TOY DRIVE

Elementary SLP Miri Tusing organized a heartwarming initiative at Parish, rallying students, families, and staff to spread joy and compassion in the community. Together, their collective effort resulted in a remarkable donation of over 150 toys to Kids Meals Houston. The toy drive aimed not only to teach our students the essence of generosity but also to encourage empathy and consideration for others. Through this experience, our student's fostered expressive language skills by prompting discussions on the types of toys they wish to purchase and whom they envision as the recipients of these heartfelt gifts. It's about nurturing compassion while enhancing communication—making a difference in the lives of others and in our own hearts.



# Fall Family Garden Day

Our incredible team of families and staff joined us for Fall Family Garden Day! The new plants that were added to the school gardens bring so much joy to campus. All the hard work is truly appreciated!



# Name That Road

Suri Noorian Blvd will be the name of The Parish School's campus circle for the 2023-24 school-year! Congratulations to Suri and family for winning the bid for Name That Road in this year's Cyber Auction.



# Grandparent Garden Day

The first Grandparents' Garden Day of the year was a great turnout! Thank you to all the grandparent volunteers who came to help weed, prune, and plant. Our campus is already looking so much better Scan the QR code to watch a video from the garden day.



# Walk For Apraxia

Congratulations to the Houston Walk for Apraxia on a very successful walk this year. More than \$16,000 was raised to support children with childhood apraxia of speech while honoring 20 Apraxia Stars! We were honored to host this wonderful event and to share our campus with this amazing community.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the event and The Carruth Center for being a Platinum Sponsor!



# Astros Teacher Treasure

Gus and Emmy of the Astros class enjoyed their Teacher Treasure at the Astros game! Both students enjoyed eating French fries, chicken tenders and pretzels, and they even got to pick out a special souvenir of their choice from the team store! Gus and Emmy loved the one-on-one time with the Astros teaching team while rooting for the Astros! This was definitely a day hey will all remember forever.



# Fall Festival

Thank you to all the families who joined us this year for the Fall Festival. Over 250 members of our Parish community were on campus to enjoy each other's company, the autumn weather, and the fun and games.



# Jill Wood on Fox 26

Jill Wood, Director of Adventure Play at The Parish School, was featured on @fox26houston to discuss the significance of recess for children. She highlighted the efforts of an organization she co-founded, Free Play Houston, advocated for the reinstatement of recess for certain HISD students this academic year.



# Groundbreaking Research

Carruth Center clinic director, Mimi Branham, along with Dr. Aravind Namasivayam (University of Toronto) and Dr. Vikas Grover(NY Medical College), were excited to present the final results of their groundbreaking research on the Kaufman-Speech to Language Protocol (K-SLP) at the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association convention in Boston in November. Thank you to all the Carruth Center SLPs and families who participated in this research study!

# Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

To end our Hispanic Heritage Month Spirit Week, a few of our elementary teachers hosted a "Celebration on the Plaza." This fun celebration included a history of Hispanic Heritage Month, a Parade of Flags, along with tasting of traditional Hispanic foods, music and dancing.



# Halloween Poetry Reading

We enjoyed a special treat this Halloween season as the upper elementary classes read Halloween poems and sang *The Purple People Eater!* Great job, Astros, Kangaroos, Owls, and Olympians!



# First Day of School

It was all smiles on Tuesday, August 15 as we welcomed students and families back to campus for the beginning of the 2023-24 school year at The Parish School.





# 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

1983-2023

## THE PARISH SCHOOL

The Parish School has been proudly celebrating its 40th anniversary this school year. For four decades, Parish has been dedicated to empowering children who have communication delays and learning differences to thrive through whole-child education, innovative therapy and access to nature.

From simple beginnings, The Parish School has grown into a renowned institution that has positively impacted the lives of countless children and their families. Founded on the belief that every child deserves an exceptional education tailored to their unique needs, the school has been a pioneer in the field of special education.

Students, staff, and board members joined together on Wednesday, October 11, the 40th day of the school year, to celebrate this milestone. The 40th-anniversary celebration was a joyous occasion, featuring singing, dancing, and a cake and cupcakes, symbolizing the sweet success of the school's journey.

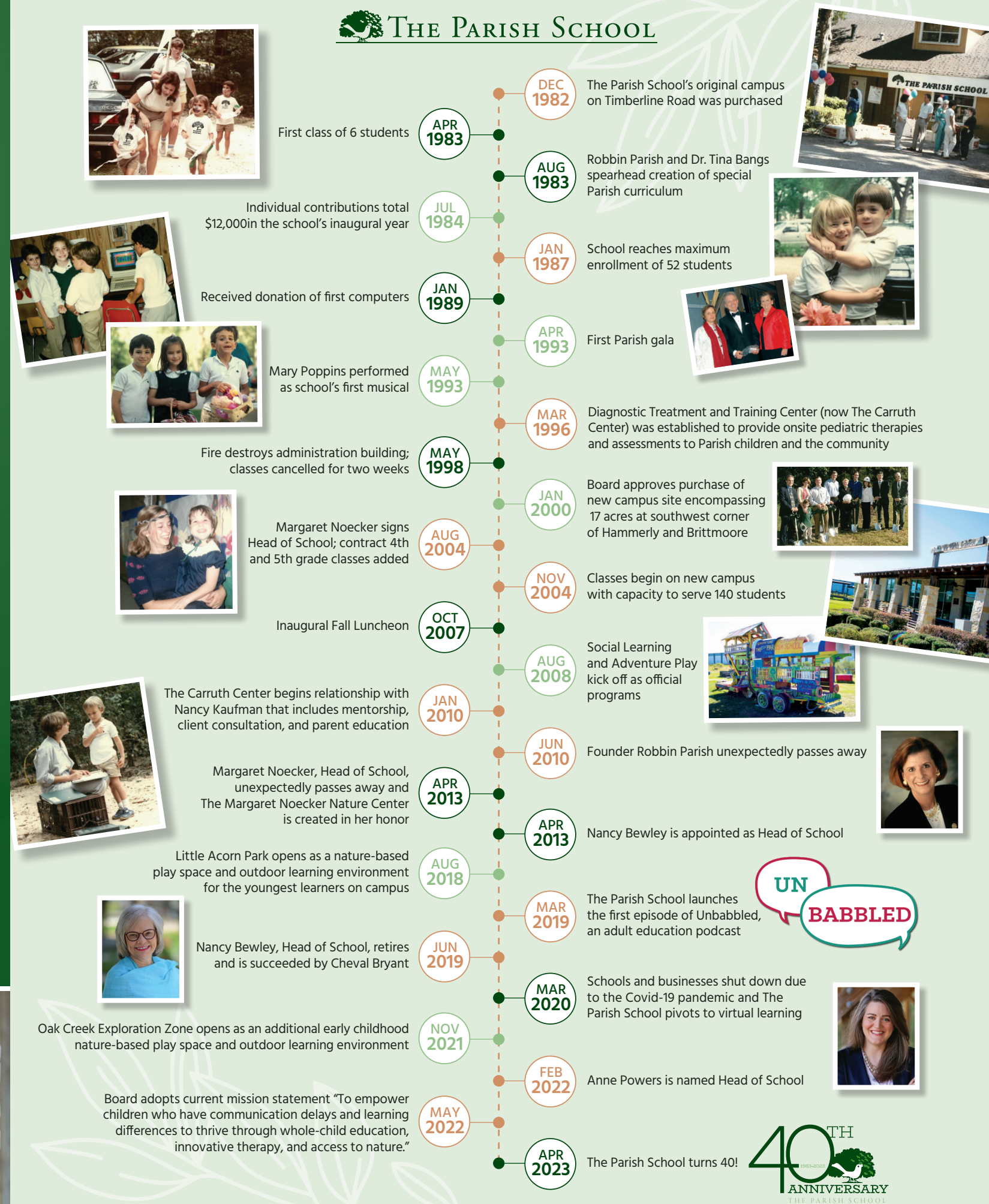
As a community, everyone came together to celebrate the incredible strides made in the realm of special education over the past four decades. "At The Parish School, we are not just marking 40 years of existence, we are celebrating 40 years of transformation, growth, and the unwavering belief that every child has the potential to excel," said Anne Powers, Head of School at The Parish School. "Our commitment to nurturing the unique strengths of each child, combined with innovative therapy and the beauty of nature, has been the driving force behind our success. We look forward to the next 40 years of continuing this journey and impacting even more young lives positively."

The Parish School extends its gratitude to all those who have been part of this remarkable journey, from the school's founder, Robbin Parish, to the dedicated staff, supportive parents, and the wider community. This celebration is not just a reflection of the past but a testament to the bright future that lies ahead.

This issue, we reached out to longstanding members of the Parish community, inviting them to share their favorite memories with us and we've compiled a collection of both lighthearted and treasured moments. Additionally, we asked former Parish students to participate, asking them to provide their favorite memories as well as updates on their current endeavors. We hope you enjoy these cherished memories as we look forward to the next 40 years of The Parish School.



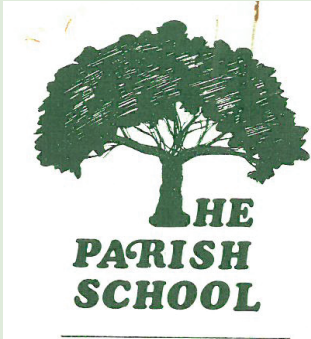
## THE PARISH SCHOOL





A Letter From

# Robbin Parish



ANNOUNCING  
OPENING OF  
THE PARISH SCHOOL

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I announce the MARCH 1983 opening of THE PARISH SCHOOL. The School, a non profit organization, will offer an experience based program to preschool, kindergarten (1983), first (1984) and second (1985) grade youngsters who have average to above average abilities but, for one reason or another, have difficulty succeeding in the regular classroom.

The School, located on one and one-half wooded acres in Spring Branch, is in a country setting which will encourage exploration and discovery of the natural environment. Nature trails, vegetable gardens and flower gardens will stimulate existing knowledge and provide a basis for learning through doing.

An individual educational plan will be developed for every child based on assessment of needs. Small classes ( no more than ten children) will provide the opportunity to share learning experiences under the guidance and direction of certified teachers.

Enrollment will be limited. Testing is required to determine strengths and weaknesses in learning abilities prior to admittance.

Enclosed please find an information profile for your perusal. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact me at 467-3911.

ROBBIN PARISH, M.A.,CCC  
DIRECTOR

# Alumni Memories



**HANNAH GORE**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2013-2016

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** Musical chairs - so fun and I won! And being wrapped up was so silly and I loved that. I also loved my time there 2013-16, it was an amazing community. :D

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I have been going to middle school at SBMS in 7TH GRADE!! (Spring Branch Middle School), and I have more lovable teachers! I have good friends and I wish I could come to Parish to visit everyone. And over the summer, I went to Italy! The gelato was amazing, and so was the trip.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** I have great memories from Parish of the teachers and other students I met there.



**COOPER GRUESCHOW**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2012-2015

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** I was terrified of fire alarms. Nancy Mosley dressed me up as a firefighter and allowed me to pull the fire alarm. After that I was able to survive fire alarms with no issue!

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I'm in 8th grade in Naperville, IL. I participate in band, chorus, cross country, and track. I am on the high honor roll and taking honors geometry.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** Parish taught me how to speak despite my early challenges. It gave me an early connection to nature.



**AARON RABER**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2015-2022

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** In 2018 Ms. Libby's Campers class went on a field trip to an assisted living facility. They got to tour the property, see Ms. Terry's mom's apartment there, and even do a chair-exercise class with some residents. It was a really special and impactful experience to see how the elderly residents and young children brought so much joy to each other.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** Aaron is in fifth grade at a mainstream private school in Cypress. He stays busy with taekwondo and Cub Scouts.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** Aaron loved his seven years at Parish. It is such a special place that celebrated his strengths and met him where he was.



**OM KULKARNI**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2009-2011

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** It was the first school he ever loved going to!! Before that he had been going to 2 Montessori schools and a church school since age 2.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** Om is a senior in Seven Lakes High School, a public school in Katy TX , and will be going to college in Fall 2024 with Major in Political science.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** His love for learning began at The Parish School. Parish provided us with the tools we needed to nurture his love for learning.



# Alumni Memories



**TRISTAN MASON**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2007-2009

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** My teacher Mrs. Jennifer and attending birthday parties of classmates almost every weekend.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I play football and participate in power lifting at Coffeyville Junior College.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** I became much more vocal and learned to express myself.

**BRITTANY COSTER**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2000-2005

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** Playing with my friends and having amazing teachers.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I worked with children for awhile as a assistant teacher and now I work at a indoor playground as a Playground Attendant.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** Parish really helped me accept my disabilities and it made a huge impact with my learning and being social. I don't think I'd be where I am socially without Parish's help.



**PATRICK ATTWELL**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 1998-2001

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** My favorite memories were the teachers. One in particular was Ms. Gwen. She was amazing and always so sweet. I also fondly remember the plays we did each year.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** After leaving Parish, I attended Joy School and St. Stephens. I have Bachelors in Accounting from Concordia University Texas and a Masters in Aviation Management from Purdue University. I currently work for FedEx Express in the Aircraft Technical Publications department in Memphis, Tennessee.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** Parish gave a very young me the skills I needed to succeed at the time.



**BRENDAN OLDHAM**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2014-2017

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** My favorite memory from Parish School was the Adventure Play place, with the zip line and the areas where I got to mess around with my creativity.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** Nowadays, I'm doing better than I used to socially by far, I've learned things about the world, I'm 13 and in the 8th grade, and I'm a very musical person in terms of hobbies. I sing as a bass in the school choir, I play the piano in my school's jazz band, and I play guitar as another hobby.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** Palt taught me social skills that were the foundation for me now, and though they were basic, they helped me in ways that I didn't expect them to.



**CHRISTIAN BIGGS**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2010-2014

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** Playing imaginary games at Adventure Play. Miss Jill and her staff..., playing games, hanging out in nature, making friends, building projects with my AP buddies all were my favorite part about Parish.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I am a senior at Stratford High School, and I love tech projects, and am looking at a career in trades. I've taken most of my electives in business and electrical tech, and hope one day to own my own company. After graduation, I plan on joining the US Marines and being trained in Aviation Mechanics, Electrical Systems, or Intel.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** It helped me make my first friends and taught me the most basic academic things, which greatly helped me in older grades. Christian's mom, Leslie Biggs, added: Christian and our whole family made friendships that lasted a lifetime. The friends and families and teachers we met at Parish formed a support system that set Christian on a path for success. It was such a relief to be in such a supportive community these early elementary formative years, and to have these friends to walk through life together. We still keep in touch with our Parish family and community.



**MOLLY MILLER**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2000-2005

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** My favorite memory is probably the spring musical and performing with my dad.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I'm 30 years old now soon to be 31 and I'm currently volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House in the medical center providing snacks to the families who are staying there.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** The Parish School brought me out of my shell with my art skills, performing in high school and sharing my passion and social skills with people.



**MAYA DUNA**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 1996-2001

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** Educational field trips and fun community events with my classmates and their families.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I have been married to my husband, Derek, for almost 5 years, and we have a baby boy. We live here in Houston, where I am working as a Program Coordinator in the Texas Medical Center for clinical research projects.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** Parish provided me a safe and nurturing environment to learn in a way that fit my needs, all while being able to learn from other kids with unique experiences. Being a shy student, the small classes provided a very tight-knit community where I felt comfortable socializing and connecting with other classmates and teachers.



**TIM TRANSOU**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2013-2018

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** Santa came to visit my class and me when I was a Seal with Miss Stephanie! Adventure Play... and all the friends I made...Elias, Sam, Jack, Joshua and SO many more!

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I am now an animator (stop motion). I am fourteen years old and in 7th Grade at St. Mark Lutheran School. Oh yes, I am taller than my parents...almost 5'10".

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** I made good friends and still see them on occasion. I see one of my best friends from Parish, Jack Tallent, the most! I am comfortable speaking in front of people (thank you. Miss Dawn, Miss Stephanie, Miss Amy, Miss Jennifer, Miss Caralou, Miss Alexis, Miss Katherine, Miss Terri, and so many more), and I learned how to express myself creatively...and have fun in school!



# Alumni Memories



**NOAH HAYES**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2001-2019



**LORIEN WOLTER**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2011-2019



**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** Camp Acorn

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I am in the 10th grade now at Clear Springs High School. My grades are good and I also recently joined the Concert Choir.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** I enjoyed attending many summers at Camp Acorn. It helped me to continue learning even during the summer. It also helped me strengthen my language skills at a very early age. Ms. Dawn was a great teacher when I was in PreK 3.



**JENNIFER ZIEBEN MARTINEZ**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 1986-1990



**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** One of my favorite memories was when we created a western movie(?) for our teacher Susan who was out on medical leave. She did so much for us, it felt great to be able to let her know she was missed and appreciated. Also, that time we got to meet Joe Scruggs who was a favorite among us 2nd graders.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I am married with an 8 year old girl and 11 year old boy and live in Austin, TX.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** The Parish School showed me what it felt like to be a part of a unique and accepting community where I was not thought of as “dumb”. Parish not only provided me with an education but also educated and included my family in the process. Parish lifted me up through Robbin Parish’s vision and who she hired to create such a special and safe familial learning environment. I will never be able to articulate the impact it had on my life but carry it with me daily.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** My name is Lorien Wolter. I started going to The Parish School at the age of 4 and graduated at the age of 12. One of my favorite memories of The Parish School is when my parents would attend parent education events at night. I called this “Parish School at Night.” Some of the teachers would be there and they let us play outside. It was really fun to hang out with my friends at school after dark.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I am a sophomore at Memorial Private School. I am serving as Vice President of the Captain Edward Weyman Society Children of the American Revolution and as Chaplain for the San Jacinto Chapter Children of the Republic of Texas. I am also on the Memorial Private School news team.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** I had trouble communicating when I was little. My parents told me that I only repeated back what was said to me. That is called echolalia. The Parish School helped me find my voice.



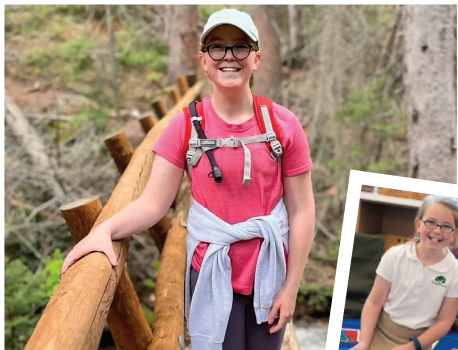
**MARIN THOMASON**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2014-2017



**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** When it would rain, everyone would put their ponchos or rain jackets and rain boots on and splash around in the huge water filled ditch.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I go to the Grace School and I am in the 8th grade. I enjoy playing tennis and I also love acting and photography.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** It taught me to develop my communication skills, and it also helped teach me to make friends.



**KATHERINE ALLEN**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2006-2017



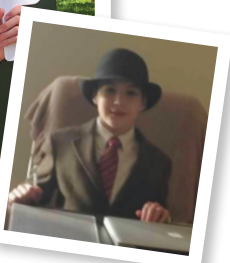
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** My favorite Parish School memory is of the service puppy, Flight. Heather Hillery, my classroom speech therapist, was training Flight to be a service dog. I remember going on walks outside with Heather and Flight. I helped to train Flight by telling her commands. I would ask Heather for permission to pet and love on Flight. She loved when I rubbed on her ears, and, sometimes, she would give me kisses. I practiced reading out loud to Flight. She would sit right next to me and lay her head on my lap as I read my books. Flight made me feel calm which helped me to complete my work. I miss her very much.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I am 18 turning 19 in December. I am an active swimmer and I swim year round. Currently, I am working on academic work, volunteer work, and 5k workouts and training with Meagan Rosales at Wings for Learning. I continue speech therapy with Heather Hillery via Zoom. I am in a group called Roots and Shoots with Heather Hillery and Jessica Brock where we explore the Houston community and do volunteer work. I attend Roots and Shoots meetings and events with Alonzo, Kiera, Megan, Will, and Lily. These are some friends that are also Parish alumni. Finally, I am active at my church where I attend youth and discipleship groups.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** It impacted my life because I had a hard time focusing and being able to be in a small class helped me be less distracted. I needed help with my speech language, and math. I loved Parish a lot.



**TREY BRYANT**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2009-2016



**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** My favorite memory is when Trey was Principal for the Day.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** Trey is a senior at Stratford High School. He plays trombone in the band. He has been accepted to Sam Houston State University and will be majoring in history and education. He will be living on campus and plans to join the band.

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** Parish gave Trey the educational and personal foundation needed to mainstream into public school and other activities. It also fostered his love of music, which has been such an important part of his journey. Everyone at Parish saw the best in Trey, as well as his potential, and taught us to do the same. We are forever grateful!



**ALESSANDRA TUCKER**  
ATTENDED PARISH: 2017-2020



**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARISH MEMORY?** All the fun learning drama with Ms. Terry.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A SHORT LIFE UPDATE?** I’m currently in 5th grade at Nottingham Elementary in the SBISD Spiral program (GT), in student council, and enjoy participating in all different theater groups. I love performing on stage!

**HOW DID PARISH MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?** Parish helped me with social thinking, learning to be part of a group and following the group plan. Parish also taught me to be my own advocate and to have courage to share my ideas.



# The Parish Staff MEMORIES

## ANN NEYLAND-HURT, MA, CCC-SLP

Parish Board Member  
Speech-Language Pathologist



When Parish began in 1983, I was a young Speech-Language Pathologist seeing youngsters at Briarwood. I was observing and understanding more about how children learned and how their skills emerged. Professionally, Houston was growing and a young SLP named Robbin Parish created a wonderful school for children who were struggling with developing language. Paths crossed and SLPs and educators shared ideas.

So, in some ways, I was involved just a bit with Parish from the beginning. In private practice, it was wonderful to have resources for youngsters who needed daily intervention. I joined the Parish Board in 2000. It has been a wonderful opportunity to be on a Board which is so active and works so well together. The amount of effort and energy the Board puts forth is astounding.

One of my greatest memories is seeing children in preschool and then watching them become wonderful young adults, and sometimes dancing at their weddings. I have seen first-hand the value of early intervention. I remember the move to the Hammerly campus. I watched the beginnings of the Margaret Noecker Nature Center. The curriculum grew, programs emerged, professionals shared ideas, and children developed. What a wonderful 40 years.

## DAWN REINARZ, MS, CCC-SLP

Speech-Language Pathologist



I started working at The Parish School in 1993. Hired by Robbin Parish, I began my journey that summer with 10 boys and I still remember those boys after all these years. That summer I fell in love with my job. On “the old campus” we didn’t have an Early Childhood Educator or an Occupational Therapist that pushed into our classrooms. We didn’t have Student and Family support. It was just me and my assistant in a classroom the size of Krissy’s art room. We made it work, but to say we’ve grown since then is an understatement.

That fall I taught a Level 1-2 (Preprimary) class alongside Karen Dickerson (who later served as The Director of Carruth Center). After teaching that level for 3 years, my husband and I moved to Ohio. I missed Parish terribly and when I found out we were moving back to Houston, I immediately called Margret Noecker and asked if I could come back. Thankfully there was a teaching position in Level A-1 (Preschool)

so I joined the Boomerang Club and returned to Parish. Once my daughter was born I decided to take a less demanding position as the Speech-Pathology Coordinator.

As the new campus was nearing completion, it was decided we would restructure the administrative roles and titles. I was asked to be the Director of The Carruth Center. I discovered administration was not my calling and headed back to the classroom to teach Emerging Language. I loved working with the “babies” and Dawn’s Ducks were around for several years until I wanted a new challenge. When a position in Pre Primary opened up, I jumped at the chance to work with that age group again. Dawn’s Ducks changed to Dawn’s Dinosaurs and I haven’t looked back.

With the move to the new campus, I saw and continue to see so many changes. The Parish School is nothing if not always moving forward, striving to give our students every opportunity, latest program or strategy. I have seen the implementation of The Creative Curriculum in early childhood as well as the implementation of Social Thinking across the entire campus. I have seen an Early Childhood Educator added to the services our students receive and then an occupational therapist too. We have implemented Nurtured Heart and then Conscious Discipline. We developed our Tiers of support. We have outstanding playgrounds whereas our students once played on a dirt playground with no fall zones, no grass and not a lot of loose parts. It was half the size of our current Oak Creek Exploration Zone and it would never pass daycare inspection today. I’ve seen the Diagnostic Treatment and Training Center go from a tiny house on the corner with a handful of clients to a thriving community resource with services we had not even thought of including an endowment by the Carruth family.

But as exciting as all these changes have been to watch, I also hold many fond memories of our time on Timberline and in the early years on Hammerly. I miss former students and co-workers, mentors and friends. I remember the days we were small enough to take a school-wide field trip to the Oil Ranch each fall. I remember when Robbin turned 50 and they arranged for some local firefighters to arrive on a fire truck. Working at Parish has always been an adventure!

The memories have been incredible and the changes are inspiring, but what I value the most is that we have never lost our vision. Our mission has always been clear and true to the one Robbin shared with me 30 years ago. That’s why I’m still here.



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- DAWN REINARZ, MS, CCC-SLP

## RENEE ATTAWAY, M.S., CCC-SLP

I have worked at The Parish School for 23 years. After coming to Parish as a graduate student in 1999 and completing my master’s degree in 2000, I began my CFY at Parish teaching Pre-Primary. I taught in Early Childhood for 8 years while serving various roles as an individual therapist, Fast Forward Coordinator, Speech Pathology Coordinator and acted as Director of Camp Acorn for 4 years. With the encouragement of Margaret Noecker, I was given the opportunity to create and direct the Social Learning Program in 2008. We provided group social cognitive therapy for children and teens, while integrating Social Thinking® into the elementary and early childhood classrooms. In addition, I founded and continue to direct Camp Social Superheroes & Camp Connect. I currently serve as a Social Learning consultant.

Over the last 23 years, I have experienced so many amazing moments at The Parish School. It is so hard to pick a favorite. From Margaret’s cackling laugh, to our hilarious road trips to conferences and all of the awesome students, I have loved this place so dearly. If I had to pick one, I would say it was the year we had the retreat at Camp Allen. Terri telling scary stories, crazy bonding activities and all the highly competitive games have stayed with me. I remember the laughter and the realization that we were a family. Although people have left and moved on over the years, the staff remains a close family with a passion for our mission.

Parish has thrived in those 23 years. We have grown from a small school in portable buildings to a big school on a gorgeous campus. One of my biggest concerns during the move was that we would lose the closeness of the students and staff and that we would leave behind some of the “out of the box” ideas that made up the school’s fun and creative culture. However, the Margaret Noecker Nature Center, Adventure Play Program and the focus on outdoor learning demonstrate the continued creativeness of The Parish School. Our staff still feels like a family.

As the education field has changed, we have grown with it. The school has embraced both traditional Parish values, but also kept an open perspective toward new research findings, educational trends, and therapy strategies to help our students succeed. This has been a major area of growth in the school. Early on, we tended to stick well to our roots, but not seek out as many new ideas. Now, the staff actively seeks new ideas to educate our students to the highest level possible. Our educators and therapists now have impressive levels of experience, education and training. They receive the highest level professional education on various topics from social emotional learning to apraxia.

I believe this desire for excellence and providing the highest education and therapy possible, along with retaining the soul and personality of The Parish School from the beginning is part of why so many of us will never be able to leave Parish behind. It is a part of our very identity and we will forever find it to feel like home.



## NANCY BEWLEY, MAT, CCC-SLP

I began at The Parish School in June of 1997 and worked at Parish for twenty-one years in multiple roles including early childhood classroom speech-language pathologist, Speech-Language Coordinator, Principal, and Head of School.

After 21 years, there are thousands of beautiful memories to choose from; however, the one that comes to mind is when Robbin Parish uttered, “You are hired.” That was the start of it all for me.

Successful organizations experience change and growth, and Parish School is no exception. From my perspective, the decision in 2002 to add upper elementary classes was pivotal in taking The Parish School to the next level. Space was at a premium on the original campus and we had outgrown those old portable buildings, but we made it work in preparation for the move to the new larger campus in November 2004. Leading up to the move to the new campus was great fun as faculty, staff, and students were involved in the design of the campus and its buildings. So many ideas, so many decisions, so many meetings! We did this, of course, as “teamwork” together under the leadership of Robbin Parish and Margaret Noecker.

Relocating to the new and expanded campus was a labor of love as we all rolled up our sleeves to pitch in packing and moving. Almost instantly, we were reaching more children and their families. Soon, programs like Social Thinking and Adventure Play enhanced the school curriculum for all age groups. Through the Margaret Noecker Nature Center, the outdoor learning component was expanded and is still growing. The Carruth Center grew its programs as well. These changes and many more have contributed to the school’s significant growth over the past twenty years.

On a humorous note, The Parish School has always embraced the creatures of our earth. When I arrived in 1997, there were two beloved resident cats (Slim and Midnight). Over the years, there have been bunnies, dogs, classroom fish, lizards, geckos, hissing cockroaches, and I am sure a bird or two! And now I am happy to know The Parish School has resident goats! What is next, a Parish School Piglet, perhaps?

Happy 40th Anniversary Parish School, you are forever in my heart!



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- NANCY BEWLEY





NANCY MOSLEY

I started at The Parish School in December 1992 and have been here for 31 years. From 1992-2006, I was a paraeducator in Emerging Language, Preschool, Pre-Primary and Primary, as well as the PE teacher and Summer Camp Coordinator. In 2007, I moved into the front office as an Administrative Manager.

I started working at The Parish School on the old campus, which included a house for the Administrative Office and double wide trailers for the classrooms. Robbin Parish started talking about buying property and building a new campus and she would discuss her dream and vision of the new school with the staff BUT she wanted to know what OUR vision was. At one of our staff retreats, we were asked to draw up a “sample” classroom with everything we would want in it. We were told to “dream big”! It was so fun and exciting being able to be a part of something so special. Robbin’s dream came true and she built the new campus, an amazing school for children with language and learning differences.

I have worked at the Parish School for over thirty years and love every minute of it. The best part of my job is watching our children grow and thrive. I witness children who do not have the communication skills when they begin at Parish, leave here with the language skills and confidence to advocate for themselves and be leaders. The entire staff at Parish works and teaches them to be the best they can be. I am fortunate to live in the community and am able to stay in touch with some of the students whether it be running into them at sporting events, school activities or even the grocery store. It is always fun catching up with them. On occasion, my kids that became teachers have taught my “Parish school kids” in high school. Seeing the confident young adults they have become tells you how amazing the Parish School really is.

Nancy Mosley



TERRI GARTH

When I started at The Parish School in 1989, I was a parent with a child in desperate need of help and the school, though in its early childhood, was simply an amazing place. The Parish School literally saved our lives and totally transformed our family. I began working at Parish thirty-three years ago as a parent and I never really left. Over the years I have seen it mature and blossom through some crazy teenage years, transformative twenties, stable thirties and now into full-blown adulthood, a mighty oak indeed.

I started the drama program at Parish in 1990 during its late childhood. Back in those days we only had music with Patsy Potter and P.E. with Stan the Man Barlow and Nancy Mosley as extra-curricular activities. We added art a year or two later when Robbin Parish and Amy Hammett were in line to pick up some art supplies. Coincidentally, Mitch Pengra was also in line for supplies, and they all had a great conversation, I think he was hired on the spot. The greatest pick up ever!

A few years later, Holy Spirit school or church donated enough books to start our own library and I was asked to serve as the first Parish librarian. When asked how we started our library, Robbin used to look up and smile and say, “The Holy Spirit provided.”

As we grew, we gradually added a full- time librarian, Jill Wood, then a music therapist, Julie Evans and a full time P.E./Technology teacher Laurie Breimayer. This group formed the first full-time extra-curricular team which Margaret later changed to Intra-Curricular Arts team (ICAT ) as she believed so wholeheartedly that arts should be fully integrated into the school’s curriculum. This group served together for about 8 years and really solidified the ICAT program, now known as the Arts and Sciences. Margaret Noecker knew we were a very special

team, and she was right, we were honored to be awarded The Golden Oak Award in 2010.

I have so many wonderful memories from my years at Parish. So many of them surround the original musicals that our team still writes and collaborates on. We had a student once who had selective mutism and he began opening up and speaking out loud in his last year with us. We gave him a solo in the musical and he sang “I have the power to speak” in front of about three hundred people. We had told his mom about the solo, but she didn’t tell his dad, so when his dad heard him sing, he just broke down in tears, they were both crying their eyes out. I’m crying as I write this. Moments such as this happen now and again, and I could tell you story after story. But that’s it, seeing the transformation of these children and their families year after year keeps me coming back, it never ever gets old. The Parish School is a place for healing and hope and it’s not just the students, it can heal anyone, the staff and family too if you let it.

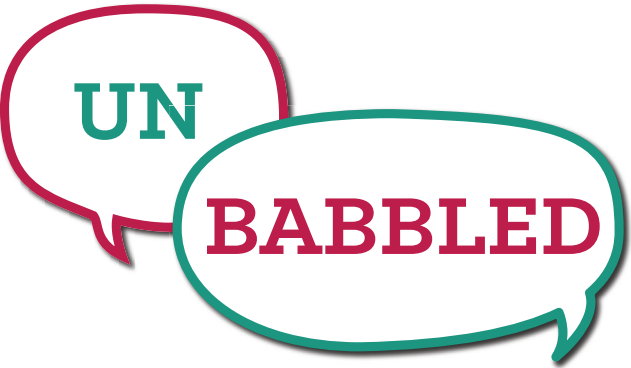
The Parish School has grown in so many ways over the past 40 years. Obviously one of the greatest changes is the actual campus. We moved to our current beautiful seventeen-acre campus. after a fire burned down the main building of our original Timberline campus in 1998.

As we enter our forties and I reflect upon these past years, I am filled with gratitude for all the people who have come and gone and given their precious loving gifts to our students, their families and to each one of us. The Parish School continues to transform the lives of children, their families and all of us through the belief that every voice matters and each of us has a unique talent to share. Robbin Parish envisioned little acorns growing into mighty oaks and in the fortieth year it’s time to celebrate.

I hope to see many of our former students, their families and as many former staff as are able to attend our revived spring Mighty Oak Bash, (MOB) event where we will celebrate our collective accomplishments at this fortieth celebration of The Parish School.

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- TERRI GARTH



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# Mardi Gras

The Parish School's 31st Annual Gala

FEBRUARY 3, 2023

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# The Mighty Oak Bash

By: Terri Garth  
with contributions by Mitch Pengra and Bailey Haidamous



The Mighty Oak Bash, (MOB) was an alumni reunion conceived following the move to the new Parish campus on Hammerly Blvd in 2004. The idea was to honor our alumni, students, and staff, and to celebrate the historic move to our new 17-acre campus. The event hoped to bring everyone back into the fold of The Parish School.

Several activities were planned for the current students and alumni to enjoy. One of the first MOB reunions included a scavenger hunt led by The Houston Arboretum and a fabulous splatter art activity led by alumni student Chrstopher Moore. The choir performed a song, and we had a great band from The Village School playing under the carpool pick up awning. The kids all danced with uninhibited joy; it was so much fun. Probably the most popular activity was the PVC marshmallow shooters! Marshmallows were shot out at lightning speed as children ran and ducked for cover. Even a few adults were caught up in the marshmallow melee! I'm pretty sure credit for the PVC shooters goes to our own Jeff Wallace.

As the years passed, we added clowns thanks to former Parish paraeducator Mary Whipple, also known as Charmaine the clown. Mary brought her clown friends who made balloon animals and painted faces and generally entertained the crowd. One year Mitch Pengra brought us the Ledbetter Band and a parade of Art Cars. I don't know how we did it, but we even had the Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile show up!

Some of us remember that Margaret and some Parish students buried a time capsule at one of the MOB events, but none of us remember

where it is! If anybody out there remembers please let us know, I think it's time to dig it up!

I remember that one year we made pages for an alumni Good News Book to celebrate the many accomplishments of our past students. And one year the Good News was placed on leaves attached to a tree in our lobby. It was so gratifying to see so many students leading such successful lives and to know that we all played a part in their journey. One year the Fertitta family gifted us with a beautiful gas grill for us to use at the event. Dads showed up in their BBQ aprons and provided all our food for the day. As with everything Parish, all hands were on deck to make this a great event for our community.

Following Margarets' passing in 2013 we had one last MOB reunion. The "D" team as our Advancement team was called back then decided we had too many events, and as a result our volunteers had become spread too thin. So, we narrowed our focus to just a couple of events per year and that the event in 2014 was to be our "final" MOB.

But, IT'S BACK! The Mighty Oak Bash is set to take place on Saturday, April 20th at The Parish School! Come and see how Parish has grown and let us see how you have grown too. We will celebrate forty years of Parish by welcoming back former students and their families, our wonderful former staff, and current students, staff, and families. We will share Good News, blasts from the past, and celebrate the future of The Parish School. Who knows, there might even be marshmallow shooters! So make your plans and grab your Parish School friends to join us on April 20th!



The 2024 Mighty Oak Bash is set to take place on Saturday, April 20th at The Parish School!





# THE 15TH ANNUAL “Giving Voice to Children” Luncheon

The 15th annual “Giving Voice to Children” Luncheon, held on October 5, 2023, raised more than \$82,000 to support children who have communication delays and learning differences. The luncheon, held annually to benefit The Parish School and its financial assistance fund, makes a Parish education possible for families who may otherwise be unable to afford this specialized learning environment. This year’s event was chaired by current Parish parents, Julie and Daniel Droog and alumni parents, Demi and Alex Jessett. More than 250 guests gathered at The Junior League of Houston to hear from keynote speaker Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC-SLP, a dedicated clinician and internationally recognized expert on executive function skills who presents seminars and workshops across the globe. Sarah presented “A New View on Executive Functioning” where she explored what executive skill interventions do and how they should be included at home and in school to support student’s executive function development for personal and academic success.

Guests turned out in support of award honorees Allison Feldman, MS, CCC-SLP and Jennifer Rose, MS, CCC-SLP of The Speech Garden, and Parish board member Laurie Gutierrez for their immense impacts in our community. Allison and Jennifer were honored with the Robbin Parish Award, named in memory of The Parish School’s founder, for dedicating their careers to working with children with motor speech, articulation, language, and social pragmatic communication disorders .Allison and Jennifer both spent a portion of their careers at Parish before moving into private practice and founding The Speech Garden.

Laurie was honored with the Golden Oak Award for her long-time and passionate work as a Parish Board member. She joined The Parish School’s Board of Trustees in 2010, was Chair of the board for five years and has served on multiple board committees. Additionally, Soccer Shots Houston, an engaging children’s soccer program with a focus

on character development and whose Empower program provides children with special needs an opportunity for social development, participation, confidence, and fun through the game of soccer, was honored with the Community Partner Award. They have been running programs at Parish since the fall of 2019.

Emotional testimonials by Alex Jessett and Julie and Daniel Droog, connected with guests in the room. Julie and Daniel shared their journey to Parish. “As we continued to adjust to the life of having a child with special needs, Arie’s neurologist told us about the programming at The Parish School as uniquely valuable and possibly a good fit for our precious little boy,” said Julie. Daniel added, “Parish has truly become Arie’s second home. It is still the sweetest joy when I drop Arie off at carpool each morning to witness him jump out of the car with a wave and always, and I mean always, run to his classroom!”

“We were all hoping that Parish would help our child become the dreaded word.....Normal. As I have matured, I have realized that there is no such thing as normal, and that every single one of us is perfectly imperfect. And that’s a good thing!,” said Alex. “Instead, what The Parish School does, is through love and care and a lot of therapy, Parish helps your child become the very best version of themselves,” Alex added. He spoke about his son, Carter, who is now attending Strake Jesuit and was in attendance. He pointed out Carter’s amazing growth and achievements through the time since Parish.



Sarah also recorded an episode of Unabbled. Scan this QR code to listen:



# The PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

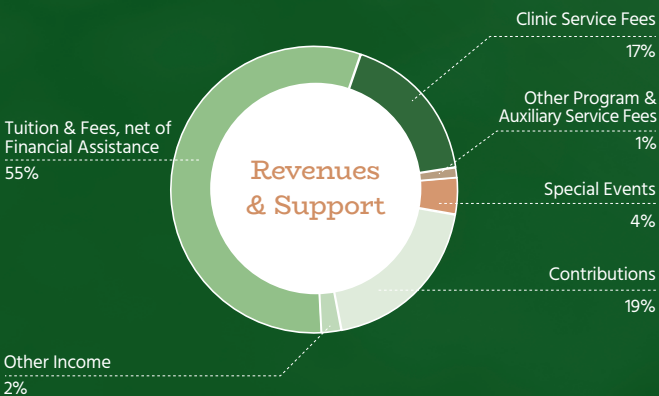
Publishing an annual report reminds each of us of how fortunate we are to have individuals and families who care so deeply about The Parish School. The hundreds of names on the following pages represent far more than a donation. All of the individuals listed have a specific reason — and perhaps even a personal story — that has motivated them to support our school financially. We continue to grow stronger every year because of the incredible support — beyond tuition dollars - we receive from our parents, grandparents, board members, alumni parents, alumni, faculty and staff, and friends. We are grateful and thank you for your support at all levels — whether it is \$1 or \$1 million, you make a tremendous difference in the lives of our Parish students.

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## The Parish Children’s School and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As of July 31, 2023

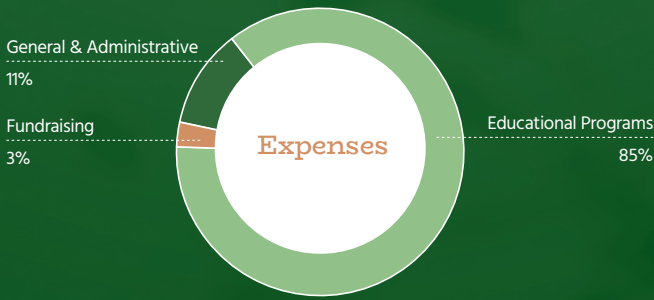
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,781,640
Property and Equipment	5,200,341
Other Assets	761,098
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 14,743,079</b>
<b>LIABILITY AND NET ASSETS</b>	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 223,413
Deferred Revenues	2,385,049
Notes Payable/Capital Lease Obligation	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 2,608,462</b>
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 10,650,594
With Donor Restrictions	1,484,023
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	-
Total Net Assets	\$ 12,134,617
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 14,743,079</b>



## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

As of July 31, 2023

<b>REVENUES AND SUPPORT</b>	
Tuition and Fees, net of financial assistance	\$ 4,860,345
Clinic Service Fees	1,514,038
Other Program & Auxiliary Service Fees	1,514,038
Contributions	1,691,193
Special Events	383,706
Other Income	243,366
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 8,770,424</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Educational Programs	6,742,993
General and Administrative	840,805
Fundraising	350,771
Total Expenses	7,934,569
Change in Net Assets	835,855
Net Assets, beginning of year	10,601,762
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 11,437,617</b>





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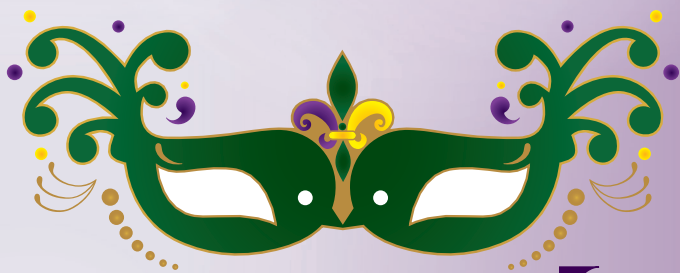
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