



A Message from the Director of Development

Greetings from NYA,

Each year, alumni, parents, students, grandparents, staff, faculty, and friends play a vital role in furthering NYA's mission through their gifts of time and resources to the Academy.

In the pages that follow, we gratefully acknowledge the hundreds of people who invested \$1,217,309 in the fiscal year 2021. This inspiring show of support helped us to bring students to campus for full-time, in-person learning safely in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and allowed faculty members to creatively adapt their teaching and learning in response to ever-changing global circumstances.

Even in a year unlike any other, NYA students found success in the classroom, on the playing field, in the studio, and in the lab. We are exceptionally grateful to every community member whose support—in the form of time, energy, connection, or philanthropy—made this experience possible. Thank you!

This Report of Gifts recognizes every graduate, parent, faculty and staff member, friend, grandparent, foundation, and every company that supported NYA in the 2020–2021 fiscal year.

With gratitude,

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Record Year for Giving to NYA

Giving to the Academy Fund Reaches \$297,097

The Academy Fund provides vital support for faculty, financial aid, student programming, the arts, athletics, campus improvements, and operations—making an immediate, tangible difference in the lives of NYA students.

Over \$230,000 in Gifts to the Endowment

At NYA, making an endowed gift is one of the most powerful ways to have a lasting impact. Endowment gifts support students, faculty, and programs, driving progress for centuries. Last fiscal year, over \$230,000 was contributed to endowed funds.

An endowment gift is a donation that is given with the intent to preserve the original value of the gift, and to grow it over time. The donated funds are held in perpetuity and invested, and only the income from the investment is used to fund an annual distribution. The annual distribution is spent according to the donor's wishes. Through this dedicated stream of income, an endowment gift ensures the stability of a scholarship, faculty support, or program forever. Due to the generosity of benefactors and strategic investment management, the Academy's endowment continues to grow.

NYA Soirée

In total, \$276,705 was raised at the 37th Annual NYA Soirée through the auction, corporate sponsorships, paddle raise, and gifts. These funds are being used to honor the dedication and excellence of the NYA faculty—investing in their professional development, providing added classroom resources, and broadening the educational opportunities available to NYA students.

Another Record-Breaking Year for Show Your Love

Your participation matters! During the Show Your Love giving challenge in March 2021, 564 members of the NYA community made gifts to help unlock a \$10,000 gift from Allen '60 and Vicki Bornheimer GP'31. Also during the campaign, James '98 and Courtney Anson '98 Garrett; Nathan Isaacson '06, Linc '75, Tara '04, and Chelsey '06 Merrill; Hugh Robbins '99 and the Gerritys—Peter '05, Henry '07, Lucy '09, and Charles '12 challenged young alumni (grads 2000–2020) to make a gift. Together, the alumni group offered \$8,000 if 80 young alumni made a gift. When the challenge ended, 89 young alumni had participated. Together, we shattered goals and raised \$69,928 for NYA!

Campus-Wide LED Conversion Spurred by Student Environmental Club

Together with their faculty advisor, the NYA Environmental Club works to increase awareness of environmental issues among the NYA community and encourage better stewardship of natural resources and the environment. In 2019, Environmental Club student leaders proposed a campus-wide conversion to LED lighting. LED technology consumes less power, reduces greenhouse and carbon dioxide emission, and generates less heat while also offering dramatic savings. In the fall of 2020, NYA received over \$23,000 in gifts to support a campus-wide conversion to LED lighting. Thanks to this generous support, all buildings on campus have made the switch from halogen and incandescent lighting to LED.

Opportunity & Excellence Fund Created to Help Students Succeed

Last year, NYA created the Opportunity and Excellence Fund to ensure students from every socioeconomic background can fully benefit from the transformative NYA experience. The Fund reduces financial barriers that might prevent students from accessing the range of activities and opportunities available at NYA, including support of academic tutoring, health service, need-based financial aid, participation in service projects, transportation, dining, activity fees, and emergency needs. More than \$15,000 in gifts to the Opportunity and Excellence Fund last year allowed our entire community to grow, learn, and thrive.

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Thank You Volunteers

NYA gains strength from the dedicated volunteers whose gifts of time and energy make a substantial contribution to the Academy. Each year, NYA is fortunate to benefit from alumni, parents, grandparents, students, trustees, and friends who volunteer thousands of hours collectively to enrich the NYA experience for all.

To learn how to get involved, contact Jennifer Richard at jrichard@nya.org.

NYA Historical Philanthropy

