



'Blazer Giving Update Spring 2022



Welcome!

Although much has changed over the course of the past 40 years, the heart and spirit of Fort Worth Academy continues to be the same. We are—and always will be—a FWAmily! Innovation, excellence, and collaboration drive us forward, and I'm excited to see where they will take us next.

As we near the end of another amazing school year, I am so thankful for what our 'Blazer Giving contributors have helped us achieve! If you'd like to support 'Blazer Giving, there is still time! You have until June 30 to show your love of FWA.

THE BEST EDUCATION BEGINS HERE



Thank you,

Shannon R. Elders

Who We Are

Fort Worth Academy is a K to 8th grade school that empowers young people to think critically, lead with empathy, and collaborate effectively, to become the innovators and problem solvers of tomorrow. Our students become self-aware, self-driven, courageous, confident, and creative Trailblazers.



What We Believe

Innovation, curiosity, and creativity are key components of continual growth. Children have a natural curiosity about the world around them which is developed through opportunities to question and challenge the status quo. Our innovative approach empowers children to be courageous and develop their own solutions to the problems and challenges they uncover.

Excellence is achieved when growth opportunities are met with resilience and grit. High expectations within an environment of integrity and respect inspire children to achieve their personal best. Learning from mistakes and embracing challenges cultivates an environment of excellence.

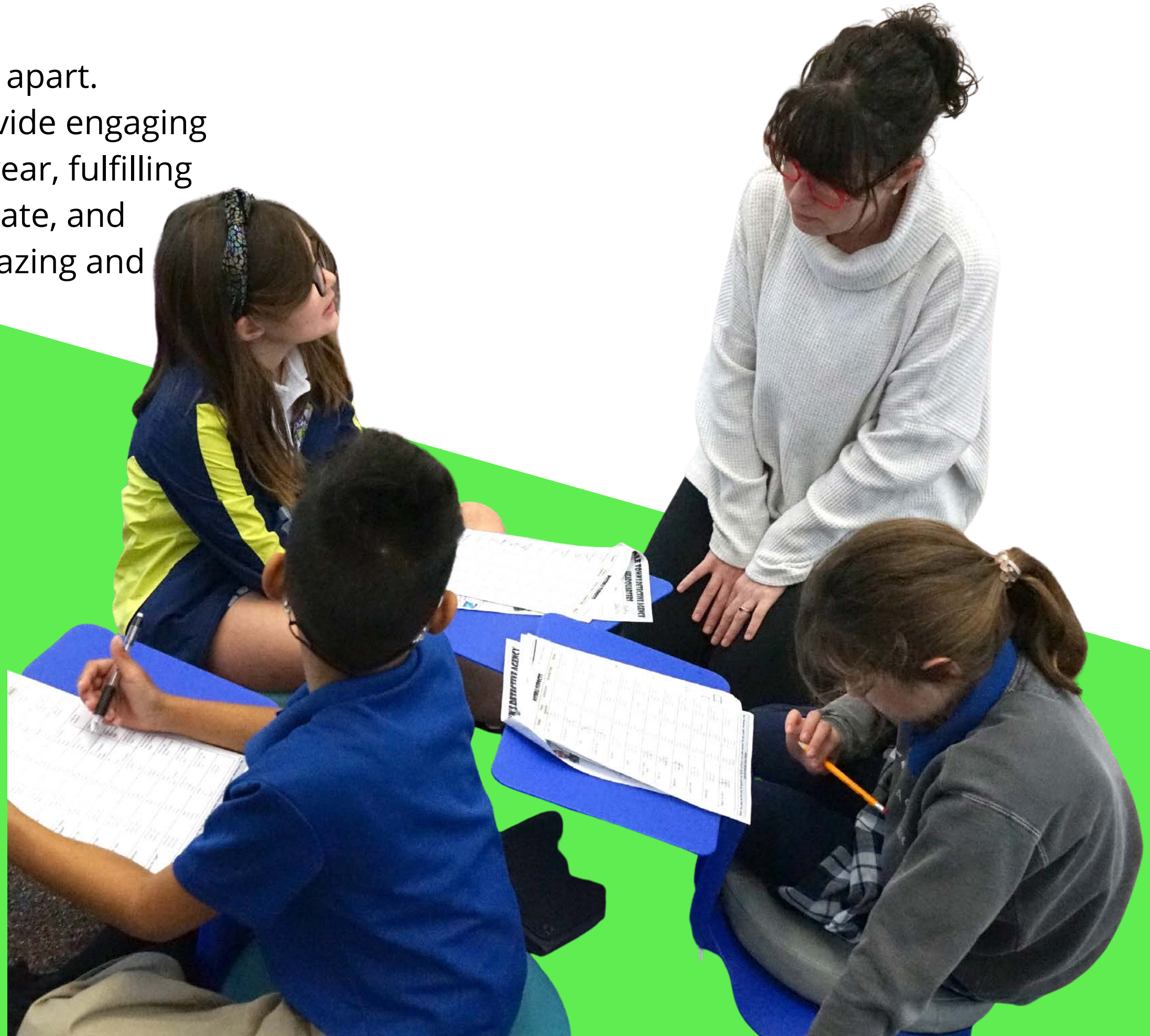
Collaboration is the ability to work together, share ideas, communicate effectively, and respect differences. Inclusivity and empathy form the foundation of a collaborative environment. The best outcomes are driven by diversity of opinions, talents, and ideas.

We Are Thankful

The generous support of our donors sets FWA apart. Contributions to 'Blazer Giving' allow us to provide engaging learning experiences to more students every year, fulfilling our mission to empower students to think, create, and innovate. We are grateful each day for our amazing and supportive community.

21-22 School Year Milestones

- 40th year anniversary
- New Middle School E.L.I. Electives (for a current total of 26)
- Completion of Project Blaze capital campaign and Middle School transformation
- 0 days closed due to illness outbreak



Your Impact

'Blazer Giving Annual Fund contributions ensure that students are learning in a hands-on, experiential environment. Our advanced academics, school-wide E.L.I. Initiative, and one-of-a-kind electives all receive financial support from 'Blazer Giving funds.

"You meet people with the same interests as yours, and you learn to collaborate together."

— Jackson Hawkins,
Rock Band student,
5th grade



"Early exposure to lessons in coding is important because it allows students to build on that knowledge as they progress at Fort Worth Academy."

— Dr. April Sawey,
Lower School Science Specialist



"It really helps you understand our world."

— E. Hamud,
Wild at FWA student,
8th grade



Giving and Getting Involved



Thank you to our 2021-2022 volunteers! Our volunteers help make it happen!

Parents' Club Executive Board:

President: Janie Hamud

Vice-President: Ann Shaw

Treasurer: Katey Stimek

Secretary: Leslie Mitchell

Extravaganza Co-Chairs:

Morgan Cooper

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Room Reps & 'Blazer Giving Ambassadors

Semi Ali, Marken Barker, Jennifer Butcher, Morgan Cooper, Bethany Handy, Lindsey Hartley, Susie Helm, Jackie Karrlson, Jaime Loke, Ann Shaw, Britt Stark, Emily Stephenson, Katey Stimek

With special thanks to:

Marissa Jaye, Jennifer Morris, and Bob and Louisa Tillson

Because of Your Generosity We Have...

\$163,833
IN
'BLAZER GIVING
CONTRIBUTIONS
SO FAR

Who Contributes?



HELP US REACH OUR **90%**
PARTICIPATION GOAL!



Students
who receive
financial aid.

28%

48%

Full-time
teachers
with advanced
degrees.

Maximum class size
with a **7:1** student
to teacher ratio.

15

100%

OF TEACHER AND STAFF
HAVE CONTRIBUTED

'Blazer Giving 21-22 Supporters

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If you have an edit to your name listing, please let us know by emailing MaryEmily Pardue, Director of Development, at mepardue@fwacademy.org.



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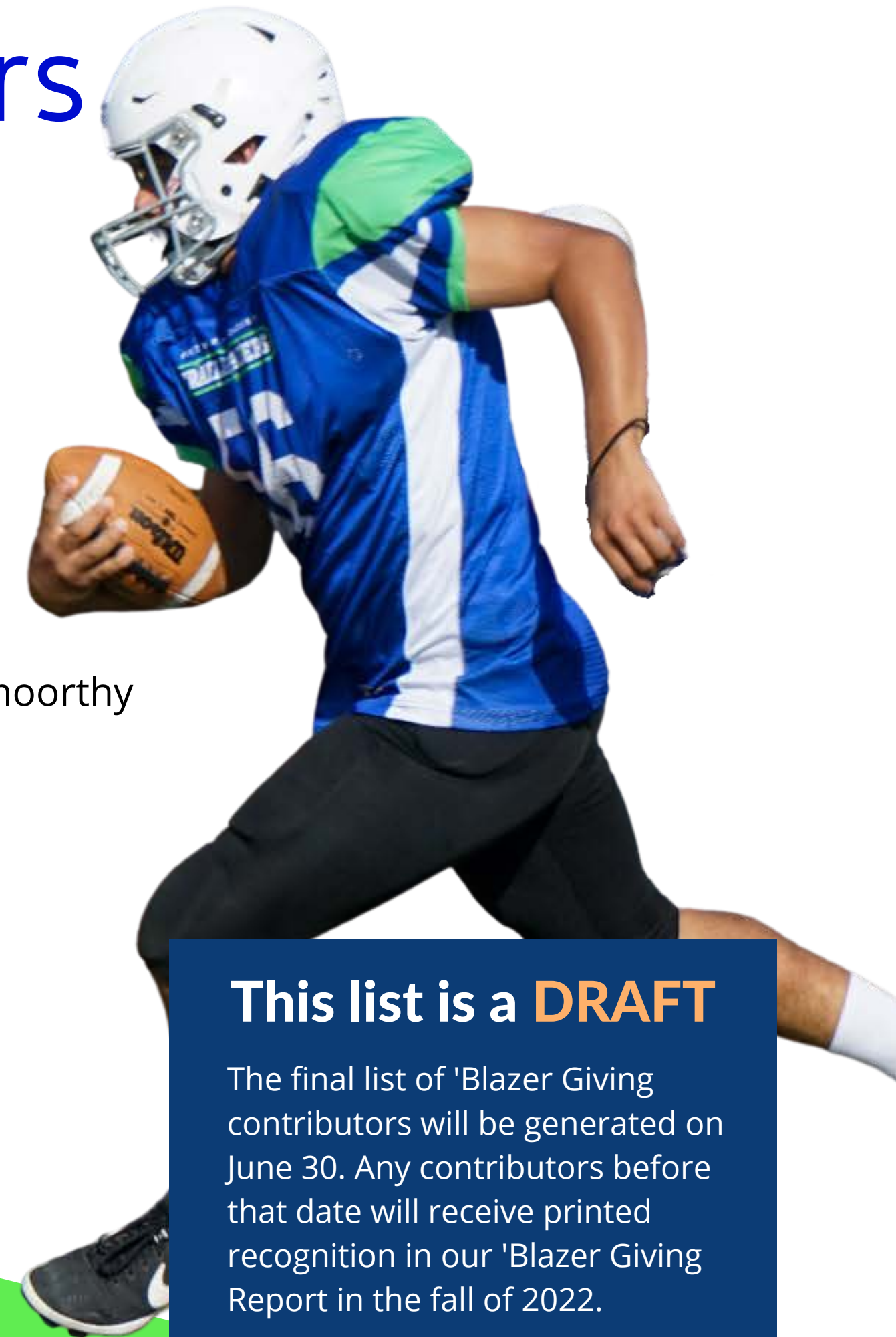


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Join the Effort. Make an Impact.

'BLAZER GIVING PROVIDES:

- An environment where the E.L.I. Initiative can thrive and excel.
- Small class sizes.
- Opportunities to explore innovative teaching methods and advanced learning.
- New electives that are unique, engaging, and foster curiosity.
- Educational opportunities for students beyond what tuition alone can provide.



THE FORT WORTH ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

(Back row, left to right) Shanda Ranelle, Board President; Azure Spanier, Secretary; Mo Sathyamoorthy, Andrew Hawkins, Vice Presidents; Semi Ali, Eve Shulman. (Seated, left to right) Mark Russell, Treasurer; Cheryle Hays; Doug Roberts. (Not pictured: Sue Anderson, Jami Kern, Peggy Smith-Barbaro, Jessica Hall Upchurch.)

Our Opportunities

LEADERSHIP DONORS

All Leadership Donors receive recognition in our Annual Report.

Philanthropist (\$25,000+)

Includes an invitation to the Leadership Society Reception; reserved parking space 2021-2022 school year; reserved seats at 8th grade graduation or Grandparents' Day.

Founder (\$10,000+)

Includes an invitation to the Leadership Society Reception; reserved parking space 2021-2022 school year; reserved seats at 8th grade graduation or Grandparents' Day.

Entrepreneur (\$5,000+)

Includes an invitation to the Leadership Society Reception; reserved seats at 8th grade graduation or Grandparents' Day.

Leader (\$2,500+)

Innovator (\$1,200+)

LOYALTY DONORS

All Loyalty Donors receive recognition in our Annual Report.

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Developer (\$500-\$999)

Ambassador (\$100-\$499)

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