A Note from Dean Kristi
WCS Chief Executive Officer

This Spring, we ended another school year and wished our graduating eighth graders well as they continue on to exciting new ventures. One of our biggest measures of success here at Wissahickon is our ability to provide students with quality options for high school, allowing them to choose a best-fit school. I am proud to report that 99% of our graduates will be attending a high school of choice this fall! You can see further details on their selections below. We know that these next four years will be just the start of many accomplishments to come.

When I spoke at graduation, I shared some words from my favorite poet, Mary Oliver. She wrote that “to pay attention, this is our endless and proper work.” I believe that. Paying attention—noticing—makes life much much better. When I take time to notice my world, other people, and myself—I find I am more curious, more delighted, and more forgiving. I am also better able to share my gratitude for others.

In this year’s Annual Report you will see all that WCS accomplished in this unique school year. You will also see a lengthy list of names: individuals who supported our work, gave us the tools to succeed, and made our community feel noticed and appreciated. We notice and appreciate every one of you, and I hope that this report will allow you to see how much of a difference you made to our community.

Thank you.

Dean Kristi

Onward and Upward

Congrats to the Class of ’22 on their high-school selections! An impressive 99% of 8th graders were accepted to a high-school of choice!

WCS teachers and guidance counselors work with our middle schoolers for several years to prepare them for and guide them through the often arduous high school admissions process seen today (its not like when we were kids!).

During any year, this would be an impressive feat, but after 18 months of remote learning and numerous other challenges the past couple of years, it is truly incredible. Way to go, ’22!

* A few graduating students moved out of the city upon graduation and are not included in the totals.
Mission

Wissahickon Charter School was planned around three essential elements:

1. An integrated environmental focus, recognizing the importance of service learning

2. Peace, conflict resolution, and community building as part of a prioritized social curriculum

3. An emphasis on family involvement at all levels of the school organization, with special emphasis on parents as partners in the learning experiences of their children

Our founders wrote that Wissahickon will provide a community of learning with an environmental focus that stimulates the child’s intellectual, social, and character development.

2021-2022 Report Card

Wissahickon Charter School & Wissahickon Foundation
Combined Revenue: $21,306,583

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Wissahickon Charter School & Wissahickon Foundation
Combined Fundraising Revenue: $473,124

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Wissahickon Charter School & Wissahickon Foundation
Combined Expenses: $19,490,808
Peace, Conflict Resolution, and Community Building

This year, we celebrated students’ identities with monthly “Our Culture is Beautiful” themes and Black History Month celebrations, had active Queer Straight Alliances at each campus, welcomed alumni to mentor our students, and continued to create an environment where kids are heard, valued, and protected.

Families as Partners

We continued to keep families as partners in their children’s education this year, even with the obstacles of social distancing. We held Zoom conferences and assemblies, checked-in with families with surveys and updates, and, when Covid guidance allowed it, we welcomed families into our building for our Extraordinary Women Seminar, in which students’ mothers and grandmothers spoke to the class.

Development Team

Exciting transitions are happening in WCS’s Development Department! Jane Walsh, former Development Associate, has moved into the Director of Development role! Jane is grateful to continue at WCS and play a larger role in advancing our school’s mission and impact.

Joining - or actually RETURNING to - our team is Kristy Hruska! Kristy served as a WCS fourth grade teacher from 2005–2007. Warm memories of Wissahickon never left Kristy, and she is thrilled to be back in a new role.

If you want to become more involved at WCS or just want to say hi, contact Jane at j.walsh@wissahickoncharter.org
Annual Contributions

Wissahickon Charter School and Wissahickon Foundation gratefully acknowledge the generous financial contributions made by our community of friends during the 2021-2022 school year. Your support makes our work possible, providing nearly 1000 Philadelphia school students in grades K–8 with a quality holistic education centered in environmental education. Your gift is felt by each and every one of us here at Wissahickon. We thank you!

$100,000 or above
Halle and David Adelman ★

$30,000 - $99,999
Jim and Mary Brown
Hamilton Family Charitable Trust
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$10,000 - $29,999
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Kate Svitkov Memorial Foundation
Peggy Chung Thrash Memorial Program
Michele Kreisler Rubenstein and David Rubenstein
United Scrap

$5,000 - $9,999
BMC Benefits Service
Jeff and Melissa Benjamin ★
Charter Choices
Clarence A. Rowell Trust through the PNC Charitable Trust Grant Review Committee
John E.F and Carol Corson ★
Ken and Sharon Kind
Leo Niessen Jr. Charitable Trust
McKenna Snyder LLC
Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP

Who Gives?

★ WCS or Foundation Board Member
❤ WCS Staff Member
🌿 WCS Parent or Grandparent
∞ Former Staff, Board Member, or Family

*Gifts made on Facebook or Instagram may not be reflected in this list
$500 - $999
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Susan and Alexander David
Tiffany Days-Harris
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Joan Reilly and Michael DiBerardinis
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Elizabeth Gemmill
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Nan Altman
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Rebecca Benarroch
Patrick Cobbs and Jodi Bornstein
Glenda Brakman
Julie Stapleton- carroll and Keith S. Carroll
Jimmy and Kellie Coleman
Betsy and Dan Crofts
John Emery and Guissou Dabiri
Ian Everbach
Mari-Carmen Farmer
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Susan Moran
Kathy Murray
Adrienne Oliphant
Sadzi Oliva
Patricia and James Pelkey
Everard K. Pinneo
Carol Pringle
Lucas and Shay Reitz
Irma Rodriguez and Jose Norat Rodriguez
Sheri Rogers
Sheila Santiago
Jennifer Scramlin
Andrew Sharp
Gregory and Stephanie Sherman
Julie Steiner
Lawrence Stevenson

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Susan Amsterdam
Greta Anderson
John and Jennifer Anderson
Charla and Nape Baker
Mary Carlton
Lucy Colman
Anika Vaughn-Cooke and Isaac Ewell
Steve and Rose Krasnow
Deborah Levin
Greg Giuliano and Kristi Littell
Heidi Niblack
Dan and Peg O’Shea
Peter Yeomans and Kate O’Shea
Lucas Hrabovsky and Jess Pastore
Jim Sause
Jonathan Smith
Anne Cook and Russ Troyer
Brad and Sharon Wong
Barbara and Jim Young
$100 to $249 (cont.)
Rainey Tisdale
David V. and Patricia A. Varholy
Jane and John Walsh
Ebony Staton Weidman
Ignatius and Julia Weekes
Martha White
Loretta and Tom Witt

Up to $99 (cont.)
Shawana Kirby
Anthony Lauzon
Justine Linneman
Leslie S. Leff
Gary and Harriet Mace
Jessica Mahoney
Haley McCormack
Peter and Judy McCoubrey
Anne McNichol
Lianna Meskun
Lauren Miller
Sarah Mohtes-Chan
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