



THE WILSON SCHOOL 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT









Our Mission

To prepare students for success in an ever-changing world, our exceptional educators combine classic and innovative methods within a warm, nurturing environment.

- an outstanding academic education
- an awareness of their creative abilities
- a respect for and value of differences in people and points of view
- a sense of responsibility for their personal and physical well-being

The Wilson School • Pre-Kindergarten — Sixth Grade



Reflections from the Head of School

Dear Friends of Wilson,

It is with immense pleasure and gratitude that I reflect on the 2016-2017 academic year at Wilson. This year marked the tenth anniversary of our ground-breaking Excellence Program, which supports the expansion of the library's collection, innovative programming for our students, and professional development for faculty. Conceived of and funded by beloved friends of the school. Hal and Catherine Faught, the program has made a significant impact on the lives of everyone in the Wilson community from students and their families, to the faculty.

At the time of its inception, the \$2 million donation from the Faughts was the largest of its kind gifted to an elementary school. Funded through an annual dollar-fordollar matching grant, the Excellence Program has enabled Wilson to form unique partnerships in the wider St. Louis community, including an exclusive writing partnership with Washington University, and collaborations with the Saint Louis Zoo and the Saint Louis Symphony.

This year, the Excellence Program funded visiting artists from Central Print Studio. the annual Civil Rights Trip, and visiting speaker Derrick Gay. Further, the program has helped to strengthen the social-emotional skills of students through curriculum on healthy relationships, self-esteem and managing emotional energy.

Another highlight of this year was the Art of Science Family Night, where our community came together for an evening of activities that incorporated Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM). An impressive collaboration our faculty engendered, this event came together in such a special way because of the opportunities afforded by the Excellence Program.

This year, like every other since 2006, when I look back over the school's achievements, it is impossible to name one that hasn't in some way, large or small been due to the Excellence Program and the generosity of this community to bring it to fruition. It is both humbling and exciting to think what the next ten years of the program will hold for the students, teachers and families of the Wilson community.

With gratitude,

Shad Jalknes



2017 Visiting Artist: Central Print Studo





Head of School



Report from the Board President

Dear Friends of Wilson,

What an exciting year at Wilson! With three children at Wilson - 5th grade (Connor), 3rd grade (Tyler), and pre-kindergarten (Evelyn) – our family has enjoyed the Wilson experience at every level.

One needs only to step into any classroom at Wilson to experience the nurturing environment, the exceptional education and the innovative integration of technology into the fabric of the curriculum. Yet, to me, it is the experiences that extend well beyond the classroom that make Wilson such a special place for our kids. For example, in 2016-2017 the sixth grade students took the theme of MYMAGO to the next level when they launched their own fundraising campaign for the Red Cross flood relief in May with their senior kindergarten buddies..

Another impressive example of the learning that goes beyond the textbooks at Wilson is the annual pre-kindergarten and fourth grade buddy project where the students work together to collect toys for Project ARK, to help make sure all of the children in our community receive a holiday gift.

If you ever want to truly experience for yourself the value of a Wilson education, just come to graduation to hear the sixth grade speeches. As the Board President for the last two years, it has been my extreme honor and privilege to give the diplomas to each graduate during the ceremony. The memories of their life-changing experiences, whether it was in Little Rock walking the path of the Little Rock Nine, or even what they learned from not giving up on a hard assignment, these moments they experienced here at Wilson, and their ability (at age 12) to reflect upon them are truly inspirational.

The Wilson experience came full circle for our family this spring when my husband's business partner gave our oldest son Connor a practice secondary school interview. After spending over an hour with Connor he said, "What an impressive young person...bright, articulate, engaging, confident, compassionate, open minded...literally gave me goosebumps to know that young people like this can shape the future of our country and our world."

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I think that sentiment about sums it up. Thank you to the Board of Trustees, Advisory Committee, Faculty and Administrators who came together to create a school environment that nurtures, challenges, inspires and prepares our children to soar as they leave the halls of Wilson for the next chapter of their educational adventure.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Woods 2016-2017 Board President





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---Amanda C., Current Parent







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PA

Book Fairs

PassiveFundraising:

Schnucks

Nights

Wilson Wear

PA Events and Activities

Book Fairs:

- Barnes & Noble **Book Fair**
- **Scholastic Book**
- **Used Book Sale**

Class Trips for 5th & 6th Grades **Cosmic Bowl**

Parent Coffees

Purposeful Parenting School Picnic

Speaker Series Event

Staff Appreciation: Birthday Gifts

- Conference Day Luncheons
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Wilson Family Sports Nights:

- Blues
- Cardinals
- St. Louis Football Club

Wilson Outreach Workshop

Wilson Wear:

- Fall and Spring Collections
- Lands' End Team Uniforms



Parent Dues

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Wilson Family Sports

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News & Notables of 2016-2017

Second Annual Alumni Achievement Awards

Founded by The Wilson Alumni Leadership Committee, the Alumni Achievement Awards recognize and honor the accomplishments of alumni who continue to bring pride and inspiration to the Wilson community through contributions to society, strong character, integrity, selflessness and empathy, community service and citizenship.

The awards were presented at the 34th Annual Thistle Auction by Steve Shepley, Wilson's Alumni Leadership Committee Chair, former trustee and Wilson alum.





MYMAGO 2016-2017: Wilson Students "Made Their Mark a Good One" through Showing Respect

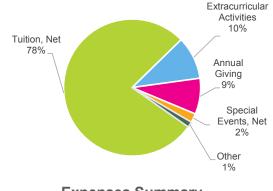


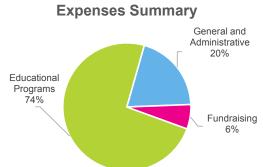
The Wilson School Financial Summary of Activities

Summary Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Revenues & Support		
Tuition and Fees	\$ 3,161,844	
Tuition Assistance	(532,519)	
Tuition, Net	2,629,325 78%	
Extracurricular Activities	341,500 10%	
Annual Giving	285,878 8%	
Special Events, Net	71,789 2%	
Other	43,975 1%	
Total Revenues and Support	3,372,467	
European		
Expenses	2.888.407 74%	
Educational Programs General and Administrative	_,000,.0	
	781,483 20% 241,268 6%	
Fundraising	<u>241,268</u> 6%	
Total Expenses	3,911,158	
Other Revenues (Expenses)*		
Endowment/Capital Campaign Contributions	ibutions 212,858	
In kind Donations	45,000	
Total Other Revenues (Expenses)	257,858	
Change in Net Assets	\$ (280,833)	

Revenues & Support Summary Extracurr Activity





Summary Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2017

Assets		Liabilities	
Current Assets	\$ 749,419	Current Liabilities	\$ 1,241,254
Promises to Give, Net Current Portion	151,606	Long Term Liabilities	3,188,233
Investments	150,566	Total Liabilities	4,429,487
Property and Equipment, Net	7,340,897		
Investments, Donor Restricted	355,256	Net Assets	
		Net Assets	4,315,257
Total Assets	\$ 8,747,744	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 8,744,744

The financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 were compiled by an independent accounting firm. The above is a summary of that information and is not intended to be a full set of financials. The compliled financial statements, in their entirety, are available upon request.

^{*} Other Revenues (Expenses) are not included in the summary pie charts.





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