

Annual Donor Report

2019-20



FROM OUR SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

At Academe of the Oaks, we strive to educate our students to be flexible thinkers in order to make positive contributions to the fast-changing world they inherit. This year, more than most, required our students, our faculty, and our community to rise to the challenges of this mission.

Generous annual contributions allow us to be flexible in a crisis and to be open to funding new initiatives when opportunities present themselves. With your monetary support, Academe quickly adapted to distance learning and funded curriculum changes to highlight social justice at this important time in history.

Donations to the Tax Credit Scholarship Program help to bring students to campus that could not otherwise afford an Academe education and your continued support of this program helps us to keep those students through graduation.

Volunteers serve on our Board of Trustees, our Parent Council, our fundraising committee, and our Covid-19 task force; you organize and support our school. Local businesses support Academe financially, through internship opportunities, and by providing community service placements.

Support comes in many ways. Thank you for all of the ways that you support Academe of the Oaks. Because of your continuing support, we were able to meet the challenges of this extraordinary year and find opportunities to adapt and thrive.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eve Handelman'.

School Director



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Leadership giving at Academe of the Oaks honors donors who make an Annual Fund gift of \$1000 or more. Donors are invited to an annual event recognizing their leadership.

MATCHING GIFTS

This year, Academe donors have taken advantage of employer matching programs to increase their gifts to the school. The Coca-Cola Company, Microsoft, and UBS supported our Annual fund in 2019-20.



Great care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of this report.

If we have omitted or misspelled your name, please accept our apologies and gratitude and contact Tracy Delgado with your corrections at tdelgado@academeatlanta.org



SOCIAL JUSTICE

As an institution dedicated to serving the interest of our students, their families, and our larger community, we believe it is imperative that we take what steps we can to heal divisions, increase mutual understanding, and cultivate an appreciation for the value of diversity. To that end, the Saturday Chautauqua series expanded over the summer to discuss and explore readings related to social justice in a virtual format. This program brings adults in our community to experience the unique experiential humanities education that Academe provides. Likewise, the academic curriculum continually evolves to allow our students to engage and create conversations around current issues.



GLOBAL NOMADS GROUP

Our partnership with the Global Nomads Group promotes communication between international communities. It is a year-long program with a set curriculum that includes video conferences between the partner schools and communication through an online platform. We have partnered with this group for many years and we have worked with schools in the Congo, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Jordan, Bahrain and Tunisia. In 2019-20, we shared information about Global Health with students in Jordan. This year we are so excited to rejoin the Classroom Connections program with video conferences with two schools in Jordan and one in the US.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Academe of the Oaks cultivates a student body that is reflective of our community by providing scholarships to students who would otherwise be unable to attend. We also offer English support classes and address non-academic needs to ensure the students' scholastic, social, and personal progress. Our scholarship students' academic achievement and enthusiastic involvement in the school community reflect the success of this program.

Tax Credit Scholarship Program

The Tax Credit Scholarship Program allows individuals and businesses that pay state income taxes in Georgia to make a contribution to scholarships at Academe and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit.

We are grateful to these 2020 supporters:

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"Small classes encourage me to ask questions and never feel embarrassed to ask about something. Our friends at other schools are in big classes where it's much tougher to feel supported and free to ask questions or get help when needed."

-Scholarship Recipient