

ANNUAL DONOR REPORT

2020-21



FROM OUR SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As this past year confirmed, we do not know what the future will look like for our students. At Academe of the Oaks, we prepare our graduates to thrive both personally and academically regardless of what challenges and opportunities may arise. Our education is cutting edge, but rooted in sound academics and a classical approach.

Our core values are reflected in our daily work with students. High school education is a journey, and the individual relationships formed between our students and faculty support the students on their way. Education at Academe is meaningful, relevant, authentic, inspiring, challenging, and also fun. We strive for our students to become confident, well-rounded human beings who can think independently, care for others, and take initiative to make the world a better place.

We at Academe are grateful to share these values with our donors, who have given generously this year to support our Annual Fund, Scholarship Fund, and innovative programming. Support of the school has taken many forms: direct donations, contributions to the Tax Credit Scholarship program, in-kind services, grants, sponsorships, volunteer hours, and board service.

Our students learn by example. The support of our families and our community offer an excellent model of generosity. No matter what their future holds, our students graduate ready for any challenge, ready to find their place as contributing members of the world they are inheriting. Thank you for your continued encouragement and assistance in fulfilling our mission.

With gratitude,

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

School Director



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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, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and UBS supported our Annual fund in 2020-21.



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

THE BUZZ AT ACADEME



Academe of the Oaks has a longstanding history of designing a curriculum beyond formulaic textbooks and memorization. Academe's sprawling campus boasts an apiary with seven functioning hives thanks to funding from Whole Kids Foundation through their Bee Grant program and an ongoing collaboration with Tara Beekeepers Association.

"The whole apiary is ripe for tremendous learning opportunities for the students at Academe," shares Deb DeWitt, President of the Tara Beekeepers Association. "An apiary like this presents a rich learning opportunity for a school like Academe where inquiry and experiential learning are a valued component of their curriculum."

Thank you to Whole Kids Foundation and Tara Beekeepers Association for their ongoing support!

SUPPORT FROM OUR CITY



At Academe, we encourage our students to be active citizens in their local, regional, and global community. Service learning clarifies for us what it means to be part of a community—in essence, what it is to be human; it strengthens the relationship between empathy and responsibility.

This year, Academe experienced this commitment to community during the pandemic through our supportive local government. The City of Decatur allocated federal relief funds to assist local non-profits through the Decatur COVID-19 Nonprofit Grant program. Academe of the Oaks was awarded \$23,266 in grant funds for technology that supported our online and hybrid learning during the pandemic.

We are grateful to be supported by our local community. Thank you, City of Decatur, for your support and for being a wonderful place in which to operate.

Tax Credit Scholarship Program

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



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“My wife and I have spent a lifetime in education and Academe has as its core philosophy what we deeply believe is essential for quality education: giving students ownership of their learning, allowing each classroom to be a place of discovery, insisting more on getting the question right than getting the answer right, providing encouragement and direction for the development of character and purpose.

- Peter Cobb, Academe mentor

