

ANNUAL DONOR REPORT

2021-22



CELEBRATING OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

Today's students will become tomorrow's initiators of cultural progress. At Academe of the Oaks, we believe that a lifelong love of learning and a curiosity to ask deep questions are vital to this process. Our graduates leave school with clear, independent thinking, feelings of empathy and creative activity, and ultimately a strength of will that propels them toward moral courage and social responsibility.

Academe students have unique opportunities to explore and give back to the world around them. This year, our junior class traveled to Puerto Rico to explore ecology and our Project week centered around the concept of Citizenship. As we prepare our students to be active and thoughtful members of their local and global communities, we want to acknowledge the generosity of the Academe community which provides the support for the unique Academe experience.



Academe benefits from the many volunteer hours of our Board of Trustees, our Parent Council, chaperones, and others. Local businesses support the Academe experience through donations, internship placements, and community service opportunities. Donations to the Tax Credit Scholarship Program help to bring students to campus that could not otherwise afford an Academe education. And, of course, your generous annual fund contributions financially support the enriching programs that make the Academe experience exceptional.

Thank you for all of the ways that you support Academe of the Oaks. We are grateful for the generous and enthusiastic community that surrounds us.

With gratitude,


School Director

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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 2021-22.



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 Eva Handschin with your corrections at evah@academeatlanta.org



EXPLORING ECOLOGY IN PUERTO RICO

Two years after Hurricane Maria, a Category 4 storm, devastated Puerto Rico, our junior class made its first trip to the island where our students spent a week traveling to different regions performing service projects.

That trip brought together language immersion, meaningful service to others, and experiential learning. Spending time with Puerto Ricans gives our juniors a valuable new perspective.

They discovered the effects of “mainland” policies on colonized peoples. They discovered the effects of “mainland” policies on colonized peoples and experienced the rich history and diverse culture of the Caribbean. Students often describe the class trip to Puerto Rico as “eye-opening, surprising, and beautiful.”



FOSTERING CURIOSITY DURING PROJECT WEEK

Academe’s Project Week combined students from all grades into new groups, and challenged them to generate a creative response to the theme “Citizen.” During the week, the groups spread out beyond the campus and searched for evidence of what the word citizen means.

One group travelled to Georgia State University to interview college students, another interviewed veterans at the Atlanta History Center, and another went all the way to Montgomery, Alabama to visit the Legacy Museum and investigate racism’s effects on citizenship.

The creativity and academic rigor displayed by our students was amazing and validated our core belief that education should be collaborative, experiential, and led by authentic inquiry.

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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"The structure, rigor, and support of Academe gave me the autonomy and confidence to be successful on whichever path I choose to direct my life. I graduated with the groundedness and clarity to define my own success not only academically and professionally, but also in relationships and my own well-being."

Academe taught me to respect and lean into a challenge and it has been these adventures that consistently shape my identity and give my life flavor."

-Evy Keeney-Ritchie, Class of 2012

