



COUNTRYSIDE DAY SCHOOL



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

A Letter from The Head of School

Our 18-19 school year was another delightful year working with students and parents. I continue to find the work of Head of School to be engaging, inspiring and challenging in ways that keep me on my toes and never bored. We accomplished some big things including changing our name and logo in the fall and then launching a new website in the spring. As any of you in business know, this is an ongoing work that really has no final destination. In addition, we had one of our largest Middle School graduating classes. Their graduation comments were full of affirmations of our mission in practice.

The CDS Board, Faculty and Staff remain committed to our mission of blending a rigorous academic curriculum with the development of strong character, particularly the qualities of Respect, Responsibility and Resourcefulness. Our goal is to assist our young people to grow beyond being great students but also exceptional adults. Our partnership with parents is what makes this possible. We remain grateful for the strong bond we have with our families.

As we look ahead to next year, we will be writing our self-study for our ISACS accreditation process and team visit that will take place in the 20-21 school year. Membership in this organization is one of high priority for CDS because it offers independent schools support in governance, professional development, financial best practices, curriculum, and myriad other ones. You may remember taking a constituent survey at the beginning of the 18-19 school year which was also part of our ISACS accreditation process.

I know that I speak for all CDS faculty and staff when I say we are a looking forward to another great year.

Wendy Calise
Head of School



A Letter from the CDS Board Chair

Do you know how kids' childhood nicknames tend to stick around long after the kid is an adult? It's hard for family members to break old habits, even though their beloved nicknames are no longer relevant. It takes an extra effort to use the names they've grown into.

That's the challenge I've had with Countryside this year. The old name is connected in my mind to memories of my daughter's years in AYM and Elementary - hardworking little kids, graceful interactions with adults, self-directed pursuit of academic interests, brave opera performances - the experiences that made the school's values her own. I'm reminded of "CMS" every time I'm with her.

In the ten years since my daughter graduated, Countryside has also grown. The addition of the Middle School completes the Countryside program, preparing students for the best possible launch into high school. It's not just a school for little kids anymore. It's grown up and a name change was overdue.

The transition to "Countryside Day School" has gone well. CDS is taking hold as the new nickname, leaving the preschool image behind. So even though I'll always have a warm spot in my heart for "CMS," I'm glad the school adopted a more appropriate name. And as someone who loves what the school has grown into, I'm making progress in breaking old habits.

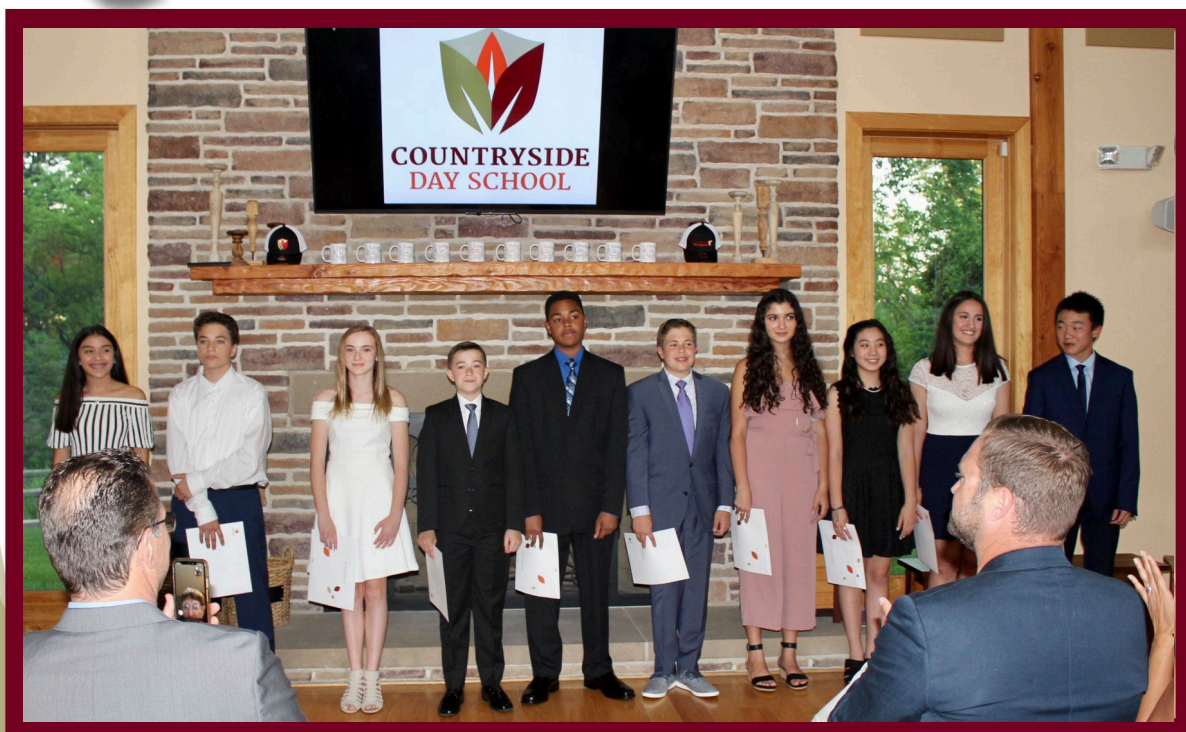
Allison Shank
Board Chair



Board of Trustees

Dan Kemper, Allison Shank (CDS Board Chair), Donna Giannis, Pete Olsen Peter Villa (CDS Alumnus), Marty Fishman Wendy Calise (ex officio), Founders Frank and Annette Kulle (emeritus)

Middle School Graduates



From left to right: Jessica Armenta, Rino Calise, Chesine Ciota, Ryan Jaffe
Christopher Latham, Evan Mynatt, Dayna Roberts, Maegan Sim
Sophia Ullmann, Joey Zheng

Class of 2019 High School Acceptances



Phillips Academy
ANDOVER



WISCONSIN
VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM



**GLENBROOK
NORTH**
HIGH SCHOOL



**GLENBROOK
SOUTH**
HIGH SCHOOL





Memorial to Krista Delaney

Krista Delaney (daughter of CDS Founders Annette and Frank Kulle) taught at Countryside for more than 35 years.



KRISTA DELANEY

It is with deep sadness that the family of Krista Delaney, née Kulle, announces her passing, at her home, on Friday, March 29, 2019, at the age of 56.

Krista was raised in Northbrook, where she also spent her adult life, teaching at Countryside Day School (formerly, Countryside Montessori School).

Krista touched the lives of hundreds of families with her humor, determination and love. She is survived by her loving and devoted partner, Steven Barrett; children, Riley and Rogan Delaney; parents, Franklin and Annette Kulle; sister, Wendy (Gaetano) Calise; brother, Jay Kulle; and niece and four nephews, all of whom loved her dearly.

A celebration of her life

will be held at Countryside Day School
1985 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, Illinois
on Friday, April 5, 7:00–8:30pm

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of significance to you.

FRIDAY

04.05.19 • 7-8:30PM

COUNTRYSIDE DAY SCHOOL
northbrook, illinois

How do we say goodbye to someone who has meant so much to so many? Maybe goodbye isn't what we should say at all, but rather: "Krista, you remain with us - in every hallway, in every corner, in every soul you touched."

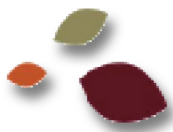
- Wendy Calise

A Little Thankfulness Story

The rising sun nervously peeks in the horizon, ready and jolly to impress, eager to please, to warm and to feed. It easily rolls, peaceful and sure of herself, gayishly and indiscreetly sending her inescapable rays generously. Any given day, beyond all finality, the sun returns, and goes, and then returns again. You remind yourself daily that somewhere at any point your precious sun is rising and setting. I find it comforting and reassuring, that in spite of anything, regardless of everything, the sun will never fail, and for that I am thankful. My insignificance is wonderfully joyful to be acknowledged for ever so faintly. Can you try to be grateful in the moment and always?

by Coby Khodosh

Former CDS Elementary Student



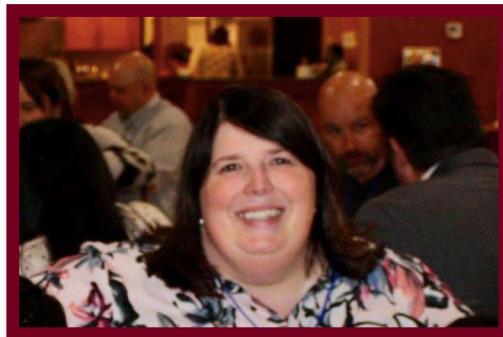
CDS Community Awards



Citizenship Award
Akylina Priovolos



Leonard Bernstein Award for Excellence in Music
Piper Laskey-Terry



Volunteer of the Year
Cheryl Austria



The Year in Pictures

5th and 6th Grade Class Trip



Opera



Camping Trip



Summer Camp



Halloween Carnival



Pancake Breakfast



Winter Concert



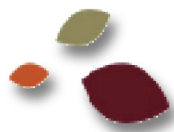
Garden Walk



Grandparents' Day



Fall Harvest



The Year in Pictures

Parent Education Night



Taste of Countryside



Elementary Overnight



Coffee Sale



Picnic



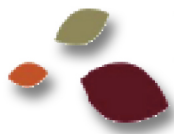
Transition & Awards Ceremony



Parent Orientation Dinner



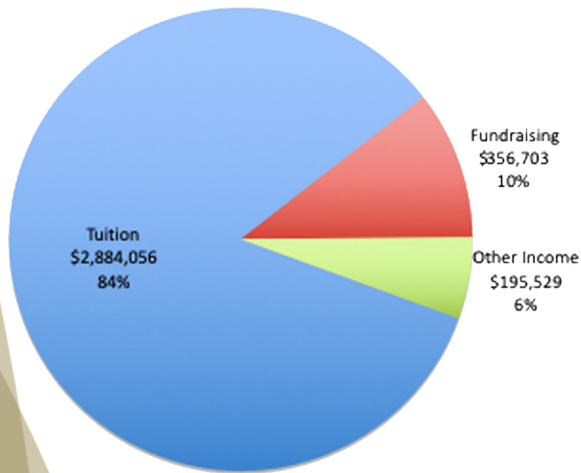
Memorial Day Parade



Finance and Operations 18-19

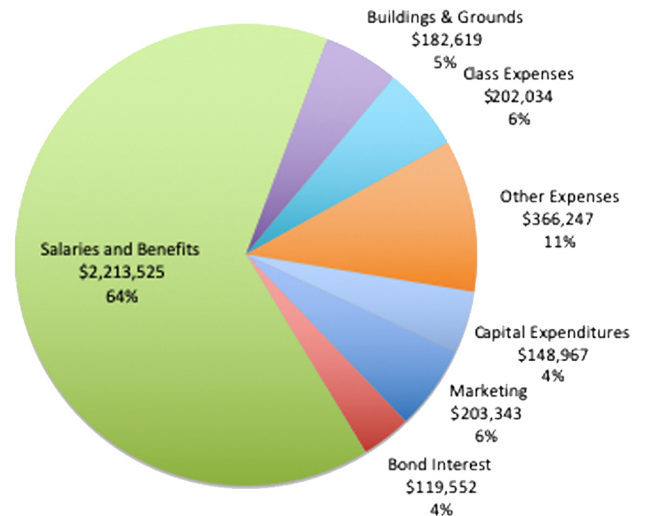
Operating Income

Total: 3,436,288



Operating Expenses

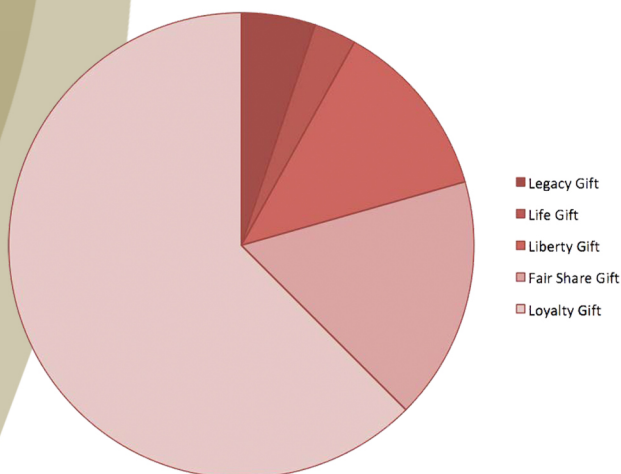
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Annual Giving: by Gift Type

Total Raised \$269, 646

2018-19 Annual Giving Chairpersons:
Michelle and John Schoen
Annual Giving 18-19 total gifts:



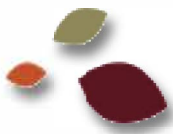
Distinguished Commitment to
Annual Giving:



The Aspinall Family
The Ciota Family
The Cole/Latham Family
The Hogan Family
The Jaffe Family
The Kober Family
The Zheng Family



The Anderson Family
The Armenta Family
The Calise Family
The Noordover Family
The Shultz Family
The Ullmann Family



Annual Giving Participants

Legacy Gift

(\$10,000 - \$14,999)

The Junkovic Family
The Portis Family
The Price Family
The Samaras Family
The Schoen Family
The Samuel Family
The Zeidman Family

Life Gift

(\$5,000 - \$7,499)

The Austria Family
The Cless Family
The Feldman Family
The Simerson Family

Liberty Gift

(\$2,501 - \$4,999)

The Carrigan Family
The Duke Family
The Gadjev Family
The Greenhouse Family
The Harding-Borre Family
The Hoener Family
The Huston Family
The Kim, J Family
The Meixner Family
The Mynatt Family
The Nudera Family
The Olesnycky Family
The Osman Family
The Richardson Family
The Ross Family
The Selvaraj Family
The Singal Family
The Zheng Family

Fair Share Gift

(\$2,500)

The Amin Family
Anonymous
The Calise Family
The Chagas Family
The Daoud Family
The Hendry Family
The Henschen Family
The Islam Family
The Jackson Family
The Kuhns Family
The Lawler Family
The Lee Family
The Luchechko Family
The Mannelly Family
The O'Brien Family
The Park Family
The Priovolos Family
The Shaik Family
The Sim Family
The Solomon Family
The Spencer Family

The Stone Family
The Weinzwieg Family

Loyalty Gift (up to \$2,499)

The Ajani Family
The Anderson Family
The Armenta Family
The Aspinall Family
The Berke Family
The Berkson Family
The Bogdanov Family
The Brunell Family
The Bryk Family
The Choi Family
The Chung Family
The Ciota Family
The Clarke Family
The Cole Family
The Delaney Family
The DePilla Family
The Doyle Family
The Elko Family
The Endo Family
The Fischer Family
The Fishman Family
The Francavilla Family
The Frick Family
The Gamez Family
The Ghias Family
The Giannis Family
The Goetz Family
The Han Family
The Hayes Family
The Hennig Family
The Hicks Family
The Hirani Family
The Hoener Family
The Hoffman Family
The Hogan Family
The Ip Family
The Jaffe Family
The Kemper Family
The Khan Family
The Kim, B Family
The Kober Family
The Krasavin Family
The Kulle Family
The Lalani Family
The Laskey-Terry Family
The Litman Family
The Littlefield Family
The Manshio Family
The Martensen Family
The Mendoza Family
The Menezes Family
The Merrani-Ali Family
The Mukando Family
The Munson Family
The Murphy Family

The Neil Family
The Nevarez Family
The Ni Family
The Nivasch Family
The Noordover Family
The Oen Family
The Olsen Family
The O'Malley, J Family
The O'Malley, K Family
The Paik Family
The Pawlusiewicz Family
The Pierzchala Family
The Pool Family
The Quispe Family
The Reardon Family
The Rivera Family
The Roberts Family
The Robinson Family
The Shah Family
The Shank Family
The Shestopal Family
The Shukla Family
The Shultz Family
The Thomas Family
The Tsitsis Family
The Tucker Family
The Ullmann Family
The Villa Family
The Wesenberg Family
The Wos Family
The Younus Family

Matching Companies

AT&T
Baird Foundation
Exelon Foundation
Discover
ITW
Magnetar Capital
Motorola
Robert Half
Salesforce
West Monroe Partners

Thank you

