# Annual Report 2014 2015

Emerson SCHOOL



The mission of Emerson School is to provide a whole-child, multiple method approach to instruction for gifted and for academically talented students. Emerson School encourages creativity, problem solving, and the development of basic skills, while providing a warm, supportive environment that promotes responsibility for oneself and others.



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### Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends of Emerson,

It is a privilege and a pleasure for me to lead the Emerson School Board of Trustees. My family and I have been through six exciting years at Emerson. Between the four of us, we've been parents, volunteers, students, athletes, actors, musicians, leaders of ESPO and Pizza Lunch, and Trustees. Jen and the kids (Michael, 2013 and Lindsey, 2015) deserve the credit for nearly all of these roles. We've had some wonderful years at Emerson, but, as you can imagine, this past year was probably the most exciting of all.

We watched the entire Emerson Community come together to complete an impressive middle school expansion and a transformative Arts & Innovation Center. Because of your generosity and your efforts, Emerson is poised for a very bright future!

On a personal note, I'm often asked why I stay involved at Emerson – even after both our children have graduated. Simply put, I like to be part of a winning team. And a team, that I believe, makes Ann Arbor a better place to live. The leadership team and the faculty at Emerson are second-to-none. Our parent community is active and vibrant. Most importantly, our graduates are not only well-prepared for high school, but well-prepared for life.

I'd like to thank all our Trustees for their dedication of time, talent, and resources to our school. Your Board of Trustees brings a diverse set of skills and expertise in their contributions. Their work is purely voluntary and requires nearly year-round effort. For that, I am grateful.

I'd also like to thank Jerry Loewen for his years of leadership at Emerson and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

And finally, let's all welcome John Huber, our new Head of School. John brings impressive credentials and will lead us toward even more educational and community success.

Chair, Board of Trustees



### Letter from the Head

To the Emerson Community:

It is a great joy to be writing to you as Emerson's new Head of School! My family and I are delighted to enter into this incredible community. And while the school year is just getting underway, I can report to you that our faculty and staff are equally energized to begin the next chapter of the School's robust history.

As I was interviewing for this position, I was frequently asked what attracted me to Emerson. My response is too lengthy to provide here, as Emerson has many great strengths, but one strength in particular is the community's demonstrated philanthropic support for important programmatic needs. As example, our new middle school classrooms give us much-needed space for students to work together. Our new music rooms are state-of-the-art, complete with small and large group practice spaces. And our Arts and Innovation Center is a marvelously flexible space for rehearsals and performances, lectures, parent gatherings, presentations, and even outside performances. All this is made possible by the support of our entire community, and by you.

Now that I am here and am planning for the upcoming school year, I look forward to continuing the excellent work begun by Head of School Jerry Loewen in developing our curriculum. We will also seek new opportunities to partner with the Ann Arbor community. We will look to provide further financial support for families in need. Finally, we will further develop our already-robust fundraising, so that these other goals may be achieved. As example, just two days ago, the faculty and staff participation in the Annual Fund reached 100%—before the end of the first week of school! This sort of commitment is emblematic of their dedication, and yours as well. I thank you for past gifts, as well as gifts yet to come.

With deepest appreciation,

JoHN HISER

John Huber Head of School





- First Day of School
- ESPO Back-to-School Picnic
- Building STEAM Middle School Addition Opens
- Ice Cream Social
- Latin Naming Ceremony
- 8th Grade Camp
- 5th Grade Camp
- Middle School Curriculum Night
- Lower School Curriculum Night

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Soccer Tournament
- Volleyball
- Halloween Parade

- Tournament
- - Science Fair
  - Day #1

  - Book Fair at Nicola's Books
  - Middle School Band & Orchestra Concert
  - 4th & 5th Grade Book Quest Finale

- Middle School Community Service
- · Geography Bee

- ESPO Bake Sale
- Grandfriends Day

- Middle School Musical: Pirates of
- Lower School Band & Orchestra Concert

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- Winter Sharing Celebration
- Building STEAM Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Arts and Innovation Center
- All State Band & Orchestra Performances
- Middle School Up to the Future for 5th Graders
- Boys Basketball Tournament

- Model UN Conference
- Middle School Band and Orchestra Retreat
- Solo & Ensemble **Festival**
- First Open Mic Night at Emerson

- Middle School Play: Gifted & This is a Test
- Emerson Auction
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Band and Orchestra Retreat Girls Basketball Tournament
- TEDxEmersonSchool
- 2nd & 3rd Grade Book Quest Finale
- Middle School Science Olympiad
- · Lower School and Middle School Band and Orchestra Concert

- Kindergarten and 1st Grade Art and Music Sharing
- 2nd & 3rd Grade Art Music Night
- Forensics Team State Tournament
- AIMS Diversity Symposium
- Emerson Red Cross Blood Drive

- 4th & 5th Grade Art Music Night
- 8th Grade Florida Trip
- 7th Grade D.C. Trip
- 6th Grade Ohio Trip
- Lower School Band and Orchestra Concert
- Middle School & Alumni Band & Orchestra Concert
- Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad • Used Book Sale
- Talent Show Awards Assembly Graduation

• Middle School

World Language

Food Gatherers

Day #2

Field Day

• 8th Annual

Food Drive

• Emerson's Got

Community Service

Soccer Tournament

# Congratulations Alumni

### **CLASS OF 2015 HIGH SCHOOLS**

The most recent class of Emerson alumni are now beginning their new adventures at the following high schools:

### COMMUNITY

- Julia Ammer
- Benjamin Chambers
- Allison Garrett
- Ethan Kahana
- Callum McCullough
- Ava Millman
- Andrea Tappenden

### **GABRIEL RICHARD**

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- Isabelle Crumm
- Samir Hafez
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  - Orion Kleinsorge
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  - Tyler Lee
  - Linday Michaels
  - Nia Moore
  - Michael Pelosi
  - Vincent Pelosi
  - Emma Throm

  - Camden Treiber
  - Noah Weiner

### WIHI

- Maya Akhoury
- Lindsey Barba
- Graham Boldman

### Abigail Brewer

- Elizabeth Brewer
- Hazel Byers
- John Byers
- Liam Coolican
- Mobin Mazloomian
- Amelie Spoor
- Kieran Witgen
- Justin Zhang

### OTHER

- Laura Burns, Huron
- Randie Jo Evans, Brighton
- Emma Hall, Dexter
- Biruk Tewodros. Westside (NE)
- Benjamin Whiting Rio Vista (CA)



### **CLASS OF 2011 COLLEGES AND** UNIVERSITIES

- Celeste Adams, Unconfirmed
- Sophie Anderson, Tufts University
- Sonal Bahl, Kalamazoo College
- Isabella Benjey, Unconfirmed
- Olivia Benjey, Unconfirmed
- Victor Boyse-Peacor, University of Michigan
- Kaylee Brant, Unconfirmed
- Rae Brigham, Cornell University
- Maddie Caughey, University of Michigan
- Hannah Cesnik, Columbia University
- Miranda Chambers, University of Michigan
- Ciaran Conway, College of Wooster
- Ben Freedman, Middlebury College
- Maceo Gaines, University of Vermont
- Alec Greene, Oxford University
- Rahul Gupta, University of Michigan
- Michael Halloran, University of Michigan
- Brooke Hawley, Michigan State University
- Adam Kahana, University of Michigan
- Nishant Kheterpal, University of California Berkeley
- Grant Kiefaber, Southern Methodist University
- Noah Knoerl-Morrill, University of Michigan
- Josh Krivan, Northwestern University
- Alec Lasinski, Loyola University • Louis Leonor, Unconfirmed
- John McClure, University of California Santa Cruz
- Sarah McColm, University of Michigan
- Peter Michaelides, University of Michigan
- David Mozurkewich, Lawrence University

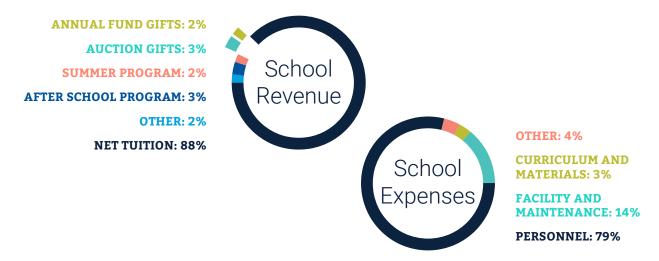
- Emily Newman, Carnegie Mellon University
- Christina Panagoulia-Triantafillopoulos, University of Michigan
- Milan Patel, Johns Hopkins University
- Frank Pelosi, Baylor University
- Schirin Rangnick, Yale University
- Elijah Reische, Swarthmore College
- Alaina Riker, Case Western Reserve University
- Arya Sarabandi, University of Michigan
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- Robin Speth, Gap Year
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- Lauren Weinberg, University of Michigan
- Avery Whitaker, Rice University
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- Natalie Zummer, Brown University



# Funding Education at Emerson School

### YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS FILL THE TUITION GAP

As at virtually all independent schools, tuition and fees do not cover the complete cost of educating our children. This gap is filled by generous gifts from our families, alumni parents, friends, local businesses, and foundations.



### **EVERY GIFT MATTERS**

Gifts to the Annual Fund are factored into Emerson School's operating budget, and we count on the contribution from every family to provide the resources to keep Emerson such an exceptional place to learn.

### A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE MEANS OF PAYING TUITION

Your contribution to the Annual Fund is tax deductible, though tuition is not. The actual cost to send a child to Emerson is about five percent more than tuition (\$870 averaged) and the Annual Fund is a more cost-effective way for parents to pay for the entirety of their child's schooling.



# Your gifts make it possible.



Thank you
Emerson parents
for your recordsetting 68%
participation!

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to Emerson's Annual Fund and Auction. These gifts contribute directly to Emerson's operating budget and allow our children to tap into new technology, to observe guest speakers and performers, to learn from faculty who stay on the cutting edge of their field, and to receive financial aid.

### **RECOGNITION OF GIFTS**

Annual Fund donors are recognized for gifts received from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Gifts to the Emerson Auction are recognized separately by:

- Sponsors
- Advertisers
- Item donors
- Volunteers
- Attendees



# Summary of Giving

Total Annual Giving: \$335,421

**AUCTION** 

\$173,233

Auction Net: \$104, 183
Financial Aid: \$69,050

**ANNUAL FUND** \$160,566

Unrestricted: \$141,225 Financial Aid: \$19,341 **S**\$1,622

Participation



PARENTS: 68%



FACULTY: 100%



TRUSTEES: 100%

Financial Aid: \$88,391

# Gifts to the Annual Fund

### A RECORD-SETTING YEAR FOR PARTICIPATION!

Emerson School could not operate without generous giving to the Annual Fund. These contributions are factored into each year's operating budget, making it crucial that the entire Emerson community participates. Thank you to each and every donor who did just that during the 2014-2015 school year, including 100 percent of Emerson's Board of Trustees, 100 percent of faculty and staff, and a record 68 percent of Emerson families.

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Johnathan Roberts, Eagle Scout Project for Emerson School Nature Center

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### SPOTLIGHT ON EMERSON

### THE 2015 EMERSON SCHOOL AUCTION

On March 13, 2015, the community of Emerson parents, trustees, alumni parents, faculty, staff, and friends came together for a night of fundraising fun at the Emerson Auction. Thanks to the generous donors and bidders, \$173,233 (net) was raised for Emerson School's operating budget, including \$69,050 for financial aid.

Thank you to all of the hard working and dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and enthusiastic bidders who continue to make the Auction a sensational annual event.



# Gifts to the Auction: Sponsors & Advertisers

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# The Campaign for Emerson School

By every measure, Emerson's Building STEAM Capital Campaign was a resounding success! Publically launched in November 2013, the Emerson community set its sights on raising funds for four new middle school classrooms and a 16,000 square foot flexible Arts & Innovation Center that would provide performance and presentation space, a Middle School lunch area, Band and Orchestra classrooms, and a fully equipped stage. Thanks to the broad support of our community, including a generous challenge gift from the Marcantonio family, we met our \$3 million goal by June 30, 2014—a full year ahead of schedule.

In September 2014, our Middle School students and teachers moved into their new classrooms, eliminating the need for our tired portables. The Arts & Innovation Center opened in January 2015 after a celebratory ribbon cutting party for the entire Emerson community. In the spring of 2015 we inaugurated our new facility with band and orchestra concerts, Art/Music nights, Open Mic events, and our first graduation on stage.

As with all independent schools, transformative projects like this only become a reality when the community is united in its support. We are continually amazed by and grateful for the extraordinary support of our parents, alumni parents, faculty, staff and the greater Ann Arbor community. It is thrilling to see Emerson's facilities fully equipped to embrace and respond to the learning challenges of the 21st Century.

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Campaigns like this almost never finish early, but the passionate Emerson community has always exceeded expectations. Thank you to each and every one of you who generously gave to meet the needs of our school. You took Building STEAM and turned it into 'full STEAM ahead,' impacting students today and for generations to come.

Michelle Crumm, Building STEAM Campaign Chair



## Timeline

### **AUGUST 2012**

Consultant interviews more than 60 Emerson parents, alumni parents, faculty, and staff as part of initial Feasibility Study

### **FALL 2012**

Emerson assembles Campaign Cabinet, composed of volunteers who will dedicate hundreds of hours to the Campaign, and begins quiet phase of fundraising

### SEPTEMBER 2013

Board of Trustees approves \$3M fundraising campaign

Architects, Lindhout Associates, complete schematic design

### NOVEMBER 2013

Campaign kicks off with Pep Rally for Emerson Community; \$3M goal announced with \$1.6M raised to date

### FEBRUARY 2014

Emerson receives \$500,000 gift, with a challenge to the Emerson Community to match the donation by June 30, 2014









### **MAY 2014**

Groundbreaking Ceremony is part of Emerson's 40th Anniversary Celebration

### **JUNE 2014**

Emerson meets the \$500k challenge and surpasses \$3M goal—one year ahead of schedule

### SEPTEMBER 2014

Middle School expansion opens, students and faculty begin using new classrooms, conference rooms, and technology

### JANUARY 2015

Emerson Community celebrates project completion with ribbon-cutting ceremony

Arts & Innovation Center opens and students begin using new facilities

### SPRING 2015

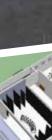
Emerson's first Art Music Nights, Band and Orchestra concerts, and Graduation take place in new Arts and Innovation Center

















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Emerson School would like to express its gratitude to the hard-working ESPO (Emerson School Parent Organization) volunteers. Their fundraising efforts continue to ensure Emerson students have access to outstanding resources in and out of the classroom, and their generous gifts of time and talent fill our halls with joy and laughter.

This year funding from ESPO events helped:

• Purchase a MacBook, a HD video camera, and accoutrements to enable the live streaming of Emerson events. The 2015 Graduation was Emerson's first test!



# Community Service

Every year, students, faculty, and staff give back to our school, the greater-Ann Arbor community, and our world in meaningful ways. Below are some of them.

### **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Elective
- Brecon Village Retirement Community Student Visits
- Emerson C.A.R.E Drive for Alpha House
- Emerson Used Book Sale Benefiting Alpha House, Perry School, and Share House
- Faculty and Staff Community Service Day Barton Nature Area
- InterGen Tech Senior Technology Training Class
- Middle School Community Service Days (2) Barton Nature Area with Natural Area Preservation
- Pancake Breakfast Benefitting Ann Arbor Area Community Fund's "Warm the Children"
- Reading Buddies
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- Sri Lanka Orphanage Water Bottle Drive
- Silver Maples Retirement Home Student Visits
- Toasty Toes Sock Drive
- UNICEF (United Nation Children's Fund) Halloween Coin Collection



# Professional Development

To ensure Emerson factulty and staff continue to be on the cutting edge of their field, they regularly pursue professional development opportunities.

### **CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

- Association for Independent Michigan Schools (AIMS)

  Diversity Summit
- Ceramics Conference
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Conference
- Creative Literacies: Expanding Our View (2)
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- ISACS Annual Conference
- ISACS Annual Heads Conference
- ISACS Diversity Summit
- ISACS Webinars: Various
- ISACS Workshop: Writing

- Learning and the Brain Conference
- Michigan Association for Educational Data Systems
- Michigan Association for Gifted Children Conference
- Michigan Music Conference
- Michigan World Language Association Conference
- National Afterschool Association Conference
- National Association for Gifted Children Conference
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)
  Conference
- People of Color Conference
- Smekens Literacy Workshop
- Society of Health and Physical Educators Conference
- Spark Innovation & Think Creatively Seminar

### CLASSES, TRAININGS, CLINICS, & SPEAKERS

- ALICE Training for All Faculty and Staff
- Annie Zirkel Speaker
- Assitive Tech with Roger Lauer (2)
- Ceramics Class
- Graduate Classes
- Microsoft Excel Workshop
- New Teacher Mentorship Program
- New Teacher Orientation
- Sage Training
- Science Olympiad Coach Clinic
- Summercore Classes

### OTHER RESOURCES

Annual Fund contributions also support the purchase of books and other educational materials by faculty/staff at conferences and workshops.





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