

December 2021



Dear Friends,

We are full of appreciation. Because of your support of Eagle Ridge Academy, we have had the privilege of awarding college scholarships; adding a second gymnasium, an activities field, activities van, a weight room, and a pep band; funding a new Playscape and Grounds Beautification project; and purchasing necessary equipment for our students.

Through the generosity of those who supported us with a gift for the Gala and Give to the Max, we raised more than \$50,000 to support our Grow Your Own Teacher Program, our ongoing scholarship program, and an upright piano for the auditorium. Thank you to all who contributed, both financially and in-kind. **Would you consider a year-end gift to Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy (FERA) this year?**

As a new initiative in 2021-22, we have established (and are actively seeking initial gifts) to support Eagle Ridge's "Grow Your Own" program – supporting college scholarships to graduates from underrepresented groups to ensure that future ERA teachers not only continue the tradition of excellence embodied by our existing faculty but also represent our diverse student body so that every Gryphon feels welcome, safe, and prepared to learn. Participating, at whatever level, in the founding of this program is thus an investment in ERA's future, combining inclusiveness with excellence.

We continue to look to our community for support in expanding the scholarship fund for our graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary education and toward completing the drive for an upright piano for the auditorium.

Would you support us this season with a gift? Every single gift, no matter the size, makes a huge impact on what we do at Eagle Ridge Academy to improve, enhance, and sustain the quality of education we provide our students. It's not too late to support these important additions to the Academy through a year-end, 100% tax-deductible gift. Here's how:

- An online donation to Eagle Ridge Academy at <https://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/students-and-families/ways-to-give/>
- Gifts by cash or check may be sent to:

Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy
11111 Bren Road West
Minnetonka, MN 55343

If you have a passion for another area of need, please indicate so and we will redirect your gift. You have a special opportunity to support the future of the Academy, sustaining us through our next phase of growth and beyond.

As a parent (and a new board member this year), I've seen first-hand how much FERA contributes to making ERA special. Please consider joining me as a year-end donor this December. Thank you for your generous support.

Warmly,

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ERA Parent (Xander and Billy), Board Member, and Supporter of Classical Education

*There are special (and substantial) tax advantages involved with donating appreciated securities (including cryptocurrency) at year-end, even in modest amounts. If this sounds like your situation, please let us know and we'll work with you to make sure your gift meets your needs, as well as supporting critical FERA initiatives.