

THANK YOU

To our donors, teachers, volunteers, board members, parents, and community members for helping to make our first year amazing!

Dear Friends of Hawthorn,

St. Louis has recently gained recognition as a “Start Up City” – a city willing to take some chances, to invest in new and bold ideas, and to back those ideas with financial support in order to turn ideas into realities. You have empowered Hawthorn to grow from an idea into an institution. How validating this is for those of us who designed Hawthorn’s blueprint and, more importantly, for Hawthorn’s students, families, faculty and staff who know that you believe in them and in the transformative power of education.

With the resources you all have so generously invested in this fledgling school, we have been able to recruit and retain talented staff, purchase and renovate a stately building, provide our students with a high quality, STEM-focused education that is preparing them for college and careers. Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls and Hawthorn Leadership School Foundation have, with your support, created a 21st century learning environment, complete with three science labs, a beautiful library, fully wireless (and dependable) internet, chrome books, laptops and projectors. Our students have the texts and supplies they need to reach their full potential as scholars.

We have also been able to provide that “secret sauce,” supporting our students’ educational experience with resources such as a mid-day snack, personal copies of their language arts texts, field day, field trips, and robust after school activities. It takes a serious commitment of talent and funds to build a school that creates meaningful, life changing experiences designed to enable all our students to find success.

Yes, we are a public school and, as such, public funds are the core of our revenue. But it is the support of the St. Louis community that gets us from good to great. Thank you all for playing an essential part in making Hawthorn great.

As Hawthorn expands into a high school next year, you can be sure that we will again be relying on community support. So, thank you and, as they say, come again!

Mary Stillman
Executive Director

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SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Young Women’s Leadership Network

Hawthorn affiliates with the Young Women's Leadership Network (YWLN) which supports five highly successful all-girls' public schools in New York City and thirteen affiliate schools around the country.

Washington University in St. Louis

Washington University serves as the sponsor for Hawthorn, holding the school accountable for meeting its performance goals and complying with all federal and state laws. In addition, the university is committed to supporting student academic achievement by connecting Hawthorn with university resources.



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JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

Integrity • Contribution • Support • Courage • Joy

2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls opened August 2015 with 125 6th and 7th grade students. The school will add a new 6th grade each year until 2020 when we will be fully enrolled with 450 young women in grades 6 through 12. In this short time we have developed meaningful relationships with our students, their families, our teachers and the local Kingsway West community to ensure our students have the necessary support to be successful. 85% of students returned for the 2016-2017 school year and 80% of teachers who were asked back returned.

RACE/ETHNICITY

Black African/American **94%**
White/Caucasian **3%**
Two or More Races **3%**

70

Students showed
two grade levels of
growth in reading

ZIP CODES REPRESENTED

63101 63107 63115 63136
63103 63108 63126 63137
63104 63110 63118 63139
63106 63111 63120 63147
63112 63121
63113

73%

Students Eligible
for Free and
Reduced Lunch

STEM-FOCUSED
EDUCATION



One of the important aspects of our STEM-focused education is that students take **two periods** of math every day. Students take both a regular math class and a math lab. Math lab helps support and bolster what students are learning in their regular math class. Last school year, the percentage of 6th and 7th graders at or above grade level on the NWEA Math test increased from **22% to 47% and 24% to 47%**, respectively, from fall to spring.

Our **highly qualified teachers** bring talent, energy and creativity to the classroom. Small class sizes mean teachers are able to provide **individualized attention** and support that enables each student to meet her own academic growth goals.

Hawthorn's quality academic program incorporates project-based learning (PBL), providing our students with hands-on learning that emphasizes problem solving, collaboration and **real world application** of skills and knowledge. In the 6th grade Math PBL presentation, groups planned an Ancient Civilizations party for the school which incorporated building a budget, converting recipes, and presenting their plans to a panel of "judges."



Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls provides a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment that enables young women from diverse backgrounds to achieve academic success in a college preparatory program and to become leaders in their communities and professions.

Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls is the only **all-girls public school** in the state of Missouri. We provide middle school girls a high quality college preparatory education with a **focus on STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineer and Math).

Hawthorn students are expected to honor our core values: **integrity, contribution, support, courage, and joy**. On Wednesday mornings, students who have demonstrated one of the core values during the week receive recognition and a dress down day. Last school year over **350 Core Value Awards** were earned.



"Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls prepares young girls for full participation as leaders in the 21st century...my daughter has been given ample opportunities to attain good public speaking skills and self-confidence."

"I like the engineering because it's hands on and we get to do the project ourselves and take control."

"Each day we challenge ourselves and our students to come to school prepared to learn and exceed our expectations."

"The teachers adapt to your learning ways and accept your personality."



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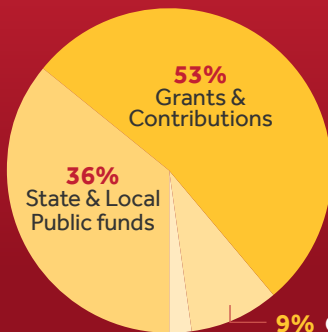
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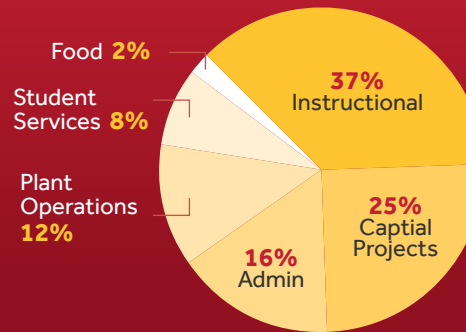
FY 2016 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



SUPPORT & REVENUE

Grants and Contributions	\$1,382,213.00
State and Local Public Funds	\$942,600.00
Free and Reduced Lunch	\$52,985.00
Other Federal Program Funds	\$228,019.00
Reimbursement	

Total Revenue \$2,605,817.00



EXPENSES

Instructional	\$928,083.00
Student Support Services	\$199,849.00
Administration	\$408,321.00
Food	\$56,945.00
Plant Operations	\$301,752.00
Capital Projects	\$642,985.00

Total Revenue \$2,537,934.00