

# THANK YOU

To our donors, teachers, volunteers, board members, parents, and community members for helping make this school year successful!

## HAWTHORN

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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### THE HAWTHORN FAMILY

#### Dear Hawthorn Friends,

The 2020-21 school year challenged students, families, teachers and staff across the world. Hawthorn families were among those disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. And yet, even in the face of so much loss, uncertainty and change, we found ways to come together as a learning community. As a small school, we were able to stay personally connected with our students, families and staff despite our physical distance.

What a joy it was to be able to celebrate Hawthorn's **FIRST GRADUATING CLASS** in person, under the big top in May of 2021! This was the moment so many of us had been dreaming of since we envisioned the possibility of Hawthorn. Our first graduates demonstrated incredible persistence and the courage it takes to be the first. This remarkable group of young women formed bonds over the years that will last their lifetimes. Strong Hawthorn ties extend to our Hawthorn families,

our faculty and staff -- all of whom pour so much care, devotion and energy into supporting our girls.

In my remarks to our graduates, I shared that the community of people cheering them on includes folks they do not know:

*You know when you go to a family reunion and there are people there you've never seen? You think – are these people really part of my family? Are we related? Well, your Hawthorn family includes all sorts of those people as well. Hawthorn's Board of Directors; our partners at the Young Women's Leadership Network; and our sponsor, Washington University. There are also the myriad community supporters who have donated their time and money to create and build this special school. We could not have made it to this place without them.*

A huge thank you to all of you cheerleaders! Please come and visit us at school this year -- in person!

Thank You,

**Mary Stillman**  
Founder and Foundation Board Chair



### THE JOURNEY TO TODAY

#### Dear Hawthorn Supporters,

I believe many of us had hoped that life would return to some sort of normalcy after the past year and half. The excitement of a return to being back in the building was top of mind this summer, while balancing continuing to educate while the pandemic was still in our midst. Despite the mad dash, we returned with excitement to greet our uniformed girls, face-to-face and not on a zoom tile; with a plan of making up for lost time, even if behind a mask. It has been without a doubt the challenge of a lifetime.

Education is forever changed, this year being more difficult than the last. Even so, what we believe of our students and what they will achieve has not changed. Our mission to prepare each student with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and to develop strong leaders is more urgent than ever. We continue to be true to our core values of courage, joy, integrity, support and contribution. Our team not only

provides high quality instruction to our girls; but has been attentive to our girls' social emotional needs in this season which has been no easy task. Our team works together and we lean on each other to fulfill the mission and promise to our girls, their families and our community.

It is with gratitude and appreciation that I thank you for all of the gifts and support that benefits our Hawthorn girls. Your seeds of support make it possible for us to continue the heart and hard work we are doing everyday for the girls in the City of St. Louis. Marian Wright Edelman said, "The question is not whether we can afford to invest in every child; it is whether we can afford not to." Thank you for choosing Hawthorn.



For Hawthorn,

**Daphné Robinson**  
Head of School



Institutional sponsor:

 **Washington**  
University in St. Louis

**AFFILIATED WITH STUDENT LEADERSHIP NETWORK**



## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2020-2021

*Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls, the first all-girls public charter school in Missouri, opened in 2015 with 6th and 7th grade, adding a new grade each year until being fully built out to include 6th – 12th grades in the 2020-2021 school year with our first senior class!*



# THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021



“MAN, IT’S BEEN A JOURNEY”

Hannah Green  
Hawthorn’s First Valedictorian

The 2020-2021 school year was the sixth in Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls’ journey, and culminated with Hawthorn’s first graduation. Our graduates crossed the stage at the Big Top circus venue in Grand Center on May 25, 2021, excited to receive the diplomas they worked so hard to earn, and prepared for the next chapters in their lives. Having spent the past six years at Hawthorn forming a tight-knit sisterhood, they celebrated one another and their accomplishments as a family. Hawthorn’s 2021 Valedictorian, Hannah Green, acknowledged that the path had not always been an easy one, but they had made it.

“WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT GIVING UP, THINK ABOUT THIS MOMENT RIGHT HERE.”

From Hawthorn’s inception, the surrounding community has provided their support in every way imaginable. Graduation was no different as family members, faculty, staff, and board members gathered to recognize and celebrate Hawthorn’s first senior class.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!



## Hawthorn’s Core Values

Integrity · Contribution · Support · Courage · Joy

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.



In 2020-2021 Hawthorn enrolled **102** sixth - twelfth grade students representing **21** different zip codes within the city of St. Louis.

## OUR STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS BY RACE:

89%  
BLACK

3%  
WHITE

1%  
ASIAN

5%  
BIRACIAL

2%  
HISPANIC

Student to  
teacher ratio:  
**8 to 1**

## SCHOOL BOARD

Kathryn Love – Chair	Mil Galvin
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Rachana Creeth	Alex Pearson
Hal Davies	John Ross*
Nikki Doughty*	Tim Rowbottom
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\*Thank you to our board members who concluded their board service last year



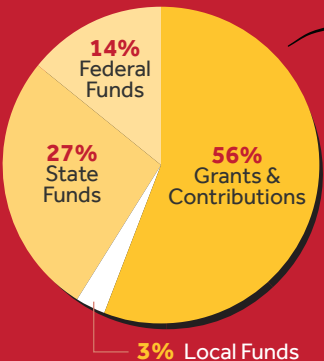
# WE ARE HAWTHORN

Our math and ELA programs greatly benefited from newly funded faculty coach positions during the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you to the Opportunity Trust for this generous support of Hawthorn’s teachers!

Thank you to First Bank for generously providing funding for technology during a year of remote and hybrid learning. With this, we were able to ensure each Hawthorn student had a laptop and other tools needed to be successful!

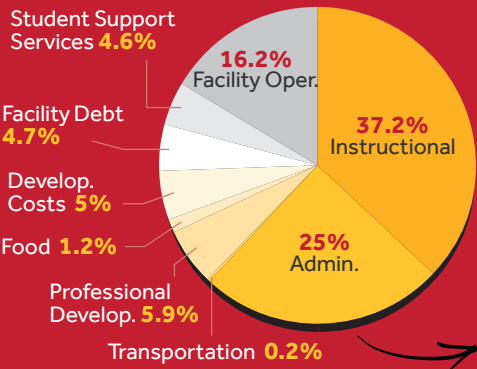


## FY 2021 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



## SUPPORT & REVENUE

Grants and Contributions	\$ 2,005,046
State Funds	\$ 971,086
Local Funds	\$ 117,689
Federal Program Funds	\$ 512,675
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,606,496</b>



## EXPENSES

Instructional	\$ 994,233
Administration	\$ 668,429
Transportation	\$ 5,275
Professional Development	\$ 159,026
Food	\$ 32,178
Development Costs	\$ 133,696
Facility Debt	\$ 125,016
Student Support Services	\$ 123,460
Facility Operations	\$ 433,448

**Total Expenses** **\$ 2,674,761**