
THE ARBOR OBSERVER

& 2018-2019 Philanthropy Report



CONGRATULATIONS ARBOR CLASS OF 2019

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Dear Friends of Arbor Montessori School,

In the pages ahead you will see a glimpse into a year at Arbor and our crowning achievement—our graduating 8th years. From our youngest to our oldest students, and even our teaching faculty, you will see engagement, enthusiasm, and perseverance. While our students thrive academically, none are limited to the walls of a classroom. As 21st century learners, it is more important than ever that students are offered multi-faceted opportunities for engagement.

This year, we tried new things. We partnered with the Atlanta Science Festival to share the science behind our Montessori work. We offered free events to help community members gain a better understanding of the Montessori Method, by working with the Dekalb Library System and Montessori Partnerships of Georgia. We had many aspiring teachers sit in our classrooms and learn from the very best. We at Arbor feel it is important to not only serve our students, but also engage in work beyond ourselves. These are part of the skills we hope each of you take with you as you graduate and leave us.

We have been honored to work with each and every student, family, and community member this year. Thank you all for your support—financially, emotionally, and physically. We couldn't have done it without you. Our students, faculty, and community are all better because of you.

With gratitude,



Samantha Vejay
Head of School

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

A thriving community takes dedication and deliberate, ongoing work. Building strong characters, learning the value of giving back, and creating global citizens begins with our students and continues with our teachers, staff, and parents. The result? An extended family of diverse adults and children, all sharing in their appreciation of joyful learning, growth, and connection.



DEKALB LIBRARY TALKS

To support parents through common childhood transitions, Arbor's teaching staff launched a series of library talks and workshops in connection with Dekalb County Public Libraries.



MONTESSORI PARTNERSHIPS

As an educational leader, Arbor continued to partner and mentor outside Montessori organizations by hosting workshops, giving talks, and supporting the promotion of Montessori education on local and national levels.



FLASHBACK AT THE FACTORY

Alumni, parents, staff, and community members partied with a purpose at Flashback at the Factory: Arbor's Annual School Auction! The major fundraising event supports Faculty Excellence, our Athletics Program, and Tuition Assistance.



MEAD ROAD MARDI GRAS

Arbor students and families donned masks, beads, and an assortment of hats and feather boas in support of the neighborhood of Oakhurst and their annual Mead Road Mardi Gras parade.



ATLANTA SCIENCE FESTIVAL



Arbor Montessori School hosted two events for the fifth annual Atlanta Science Festival. The community was invited to have a hands-on encounter with the human brain with Dr. Nora McNamara and other scientists during “Mapping the Brain” or explore how neural pathways are formed through handwriting during “Cocktails and Calligraphy.” Both events highlighted the joy of engaging with a curious community and the importance of science in education.



ACTS OF SERVICE



We love to see our Arbor students using their uniquely human gifts—their minds, hearts, and hands—in service to the community. This year students across the levels organized donation drives, made and served community meals, cleaned up streams and streets, visited residents of Arbor Terrace, and so much more. In the classrooms, every day is a new opportunity for school-wide friendship, collaboration, and kindness for our students.



THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019

“The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.” — Maria Montessori



JOSIE BOND

I was three when I started at Arbor. My favorite memory was in Washington D.C.; it was a great experience to see things we had been learning about, and explore the city with my classmates. I'm proud of my creative projects, from a model of sea turtles, my novel, to an edible model I made: a battle of ships made entirely of cake. I loved expressing my creativity and making things I am proud of. I try to be positive and strive for greatness in anything I do. I have Dyslexia and ADD; I work, interpret things, and think differently. I want to ensure people everywhere have access to human rights outlined in the declaration by the UN. That is my dream. I will continue working towards it by donating to organizations, spreading the word, and helping in every way I can so people have rights to their safety, health, freedoms, etc. I'd like to contribute to the world and make a positive difference. I would like to be well-rounded, helpful, intelligent, aware, influence others, and be a positive force in the world. Arbor is a place for growth; it challenges you and makes you climb higher than you ever have, but is always there to catch you. It's a safe place in which you can be the best version of you, with great role models.

I will be attending:
PAIDEIA SCHOOL

EGON BROWN II

Hi, it's me, your hospitality manager, Egon! I moved to Arbor at the age of 12 as a 7th year. My favorite memory was the very first orientation trip. It was my first time in a new environment and I thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality from the students that I'd just met. This was one of the best school trips that I'd been on in a while. I reacquainted myself with old friends, met new ones, and enjoyed my induction to Arbor. I am proud of all the work I did, but my favorite piece has to be the work I did on space. This project I proposed to the guides and they accepted it, with David teaching the unit. My group built a model-scaled space hotel called Lunaterra. It was my favorite piece of work. As an adult, I would like to work in robotics or space exploration. Robots and space exploration are two fields of work I think are really interesting, and will be very important in our, the human race's, future; my main goal is to build a robot that could collect space debris in our orbit. I would like to be a kind and loving person and be accepting of all peoples and their views, but knowing me, I would have to work on a few characteristics before I would be able to complete this person. I would like to thank Arbor and its ways of teaching, especially the Coffee Corners, Pizza Days, and all the events I planned that people showed up to. I will miss this and everyone here thoroughly. Thank you so much.



I will be attending:
**ACADEME OF
THE OAKS**

EDEN CARNEY-FRIEDMAN



When I was five years old, my family moved to Atlanta from California and I began attending Arbor Montessori. I'd already been in Montessori, but a new school in a new place was not an easy adjustment. I was scared, little, and didn't know anyone. I didn't want to be away from my parents every day in this new place. Thanks to the amazing people at Arbor, I quickly grew to love my school. Over the past 10 years, I've had the chance to learn from some truly excellent teachers. My education has flourished from their guidance because they are smart, skilled teachers, and because they are so devoted to their work and their students. I have built unbreakable bonds with other students, friends who I now think of like siblings. I've grown up with these amazing kids almost all of my life. I wouldn't want to spend 10 years with anyone else. The time has come to move along from Arbor now. I am ready to continue my education so I can try to make the world a better place. I don't think that I would have this same attitude if Arbor hadn't opened my eyes to the problems going on in the world right now. That's one of the things I love most about Arbor. They don't sugar coat or hide real global issues from students. They always show us two sides of an argument, and we are challenged to make up our minds on which one we agree with, or want to fight for. I am excited about my future. Next year I'll be attending Chamblee Charter High School through their Magnet Program for High Achievers. At the same time, I'm sad to be leaving the place that's been my home away from home for more than a decade. I'm grateful for my time at Arbor, and for the bonds I made that I know can last a lifetime.

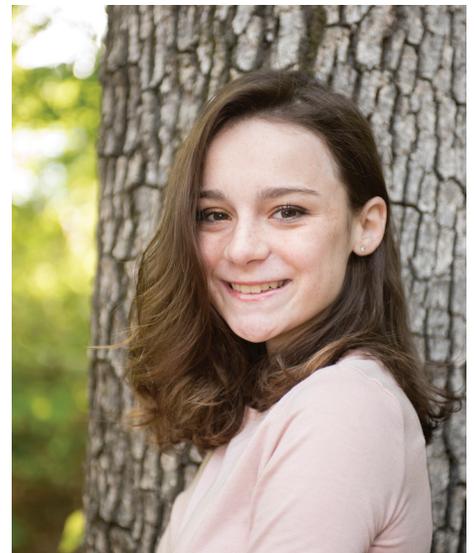
I will be attending:
**CHAMBLEE CHARTER
HIGH SCHOOL**

CARTER CROW

I was three years old when I first attended Arbor. My favorite memories are making friendships that I will forever cherish. My dedication to my chickens this year made me feel so proud of myself.

I have an interesting approach to making friends; I try to make them laugh before I even know their name. First impressions are everything. I would like to bring attention to all governments about how bad global warming and environmental changes are becoming. I am already starting to study to become a veterinarian. I would like to be a generous kind of person.

Through good times and bad times, Arbor Montessori School shaped me into the person I am today. I'll forever be thankful for all the wisdom taught to me throughout my years at Arbor.



I will be attending:
**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**



SYDNEY ERICKSON

I started Arbor when I was nine years old; to say the least, it's been a whirlwind roller coaster. Creating countless memories, a personal favorite being the trip the 8th graders took to the Dominican Republic this year and making many friends along the way, I definitely enjoyed it. I've also learned new skills that would not have been accessible at other schools, such as the leadership I learned from being the Pizza Day Food Service Manager. Now that I am graduating and moving up to high school, I know I am equipped to make the changes needed in the world; I am not sure what they will be yet, but when the time comes, I will be prepared. Similarly, I am not sure what I want to be when I grow up, seeing as I am only in the 8th grade, but when the time comes, I believe I will be prepared for whatever I choose. I never needed to be known for achieving or completing various things. Instead, I always wanted to be known for how I helped people, something I strived to do for a large portion of my life. My message to students at Arbor is: it will not always be easy, but in the end, you will be proud to say you attended Arbor Montessori. I'd also like to thank all the teachers at Arbor who got me to where I am today; thank you from the bottom of my heart for not giving up on me and striving to help whenever possible.

I will be attending:
**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

SARAH ESCOFFERY

From my first day as a three year-old in Myesha's class to my final days in the Adolescent Program, I always enjoyed attending Arbor Montessori. Whether stacking the pink tower or visiting the Dominican Republic, I made so many wonderful memories during my years here. Every moment I spent here being taught by passionate teachers, getting to know the nicest people, and discovering more about the world around me has shaped me into the person I am today. I felt especially proud at Arbor when I organized a volunteer trip to the Global Village Project, a school dedicated to educating refugee girls, this year. It was an amazing opportunity to reach out to others in the community and to get to know students from diverse backgrounds, and hear their stories. At Arbor, I fell in love with learning. The work I did here has helped me to appreciate what I was taught and to have fun while learning new information and skills. I look forward to exploring new areas of interest. When I'm an adult, I would like to be a model for the change I wish to see in the world. A quality I view as necessary for the betterment of the world is an open mind. In looking at issues from different perspectives, we can empathize with others and are more capable of thinking of innovative ways to tackle challenges. I hope to be a kind, caring individual who is driven by doing good. I would like to be doing something that I am passionate about and to be able to help everyone I can in that position. If I could say one nice thing about Arbor, I would say thank you for supporting me with a strong community and providing me with incredible growth which has paved the way for my success as an independent, kind-hearted individual in the future.



I will be attending:
**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

AVA GELLER



I will be attending:
**NORTH ATLANTA
HIGH SCHOOL**

I started Arbor when I was two and a half years old, and it is the only school that I have ever attended. It is hard for me to choose one memory from my time here, but the one thing that has made this experience memorable from the very beginning is the community and people you are surrounded by every day. I was in Marian's class for preschool, and there I met one of my closest friends, and later in Cindy's class, met the other. The three of us have been together through lower and upper elementary, and now our time in the AP is coming to an end, and the thought of going to any school without them is daunting. The relationship the students have with each other and with the teachers is something unique to Arbor, and I hope that I will be able to sustain that throughout high school.

In the AP, we are required to do a lot of things, but we are always given freedom within those limits. I can't really choose my favorite project from my twelve and a half years at Arbor, but the opportunities we are given to utilize our creativity and strengths makes every assignment meaningful to the student. Although high school will be a major change coming from a school like this, I can only trust that Arbor has prepared me for this next chapter in my life, and I am ready to see where it takes me.

ETHAN HUDOCK

I came to Arbor in 7th grade, when I was 12 years old. I was a very shy kid, and was nervous of making friends with the other people in the AP. However, that did not last long. When I came in, I was greeted by people who later became some of my best friends. One of my favorite memories from Arbor was playing sports on the basketball team and ultimate frisbee team. These teams made me feel more welcome to Arbor, knowing people who had the same interests as me. One of my favorite projects was my model of Fort Pulaski.

When I am older, I would like to be either a mechanical engineer or an architect. Arbor has taught me to be a very generous and kind person and as I move forth to high school I would like to continue to act that way. Finally, I think Arbor is a great school with good academics but also a great environment that makes you feel attached to the school, even if like me, you were only here for two years.



I will be attending:
**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**



ZOE KLING

I came to Arbor when I was almost four years old and my eleven years here are something I am extremely grateful for. I've had a lot of good times at Arbor, but the time I cherish the most is the 7th grade trip to DC. I made so many amazing memories on that trip and it brought me so much closer to my class. No one was excited about the 14-hour bus ride, but to be honest, I wouldn't change it for anything.

I've also enjoyed my time on the Arbor basketball team and it's difficult for me to leave after three years. Another memory I'll always keep, because it's something I'm most proud of, is my time as Pizza Day Business Manager. I remember how much I loved Pizza Day when I was younger and being able to be on the other side of it has been amazing.

Overall, my time in Arbor, not just in the AP, has been incredible. I have made many lifelong friends and memories I will never forget. Even though I'm excited to start something new, I know I will miss Arbor more than I can put into words.

I will be attending:
**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

NAIA MORGAN

I started at Arbor when I was 2 1/2, at the first year of primary. I have so many fond memories over my many years here, and I can't choose just one. I think that the real best memories are the friends we made along the way. A piece of work that I am really proud of is the Bunraku puppet that I made for the Japan unit in 7th grade. I put a lot of hard work into it and I think that it really paid off.

If I could change one thing about the world, I would have there be less discrimination. I hate the fact that some people are held higher, or deemed "better" than other people based on a factor they can't control. Currently I would like to perform, make sets for plays or do some kind of research when I am an adult. The kind of person I would like to be is kind.

If I were to say something nice about Arbor, it would be that it gives freedom to the students that public school doesn't.



I will be attending:
THE NEW SCHOOL



MEGHAN PEARSON

I started Arbor when I was about three years old. My favorite memory at Arbor is probably the researches I did in lower elementary or the overnight trips I went on here in the AP. There has been a lot of work that I have been proud of. In Lower Elementary I was really proud of my Titanic model, and in the AP I have been proud of my Tacoma Narrows Bridge model, as well as the posters I produced.

One thing I do differently than most is I am able to work weeks in advance. One thing I would like to change about the world is the amount of people without homes who are forced to live on the streets. I haven't really figured out exactly what I want to do as an adult, but probably a job in the law field. I want to be the type of person that people feel they can go to for support or if they need a laugh. Arbor prepares you better for life than any other school I have heard of. The academics incorporate real world scenarios, and you experience things other schools would only dream of experiencing.

I will be attending:
**LAKESIDE
HIGH SCHOOL**

ADRIEL PUENTES

Hello, my name is Adriel Puentes. I joined Arbor in 1st grade when I'd just turned six years old. My favorite memory here at Arbor had to be last year's trip in 7th grade, where the class went to Washington D.C. It was a great way to end the year and I had an amazing time. A piece of work that made me feel the best after finishing would have to be creating the section for the AP yearbook; it was a lot of work but the final product is gonna look great! Something I may do differently than most of my peers is visualise most of the work I create; I try to imagine how it's gonna look and what things I would like to incorporate.

The one major thing I would like to change about the world is climate change; I see it as being a major problem to plants and animals around the Earth. As an adult I would love to become a professional hockey player for the NHL as well as a photographer. The kind of person I want to be is the generous, and one who always looks out for people. Arbor Montessori has truly prepared me for the rest of my journey through high school and I would have never been so prepared without the support from my advisor, Carolyn, and the other teachers in the Adolescent Program.



I will be attending:
**MIDTOWN
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**



ELLIOTT SALPEKAR

I started school at Arbor in fifth grade; I was 9 at the time. Throughout all of this time, however, my favorite memory here at Arbor is going to Ponce City Market during the play cycle, both years in the AP. I can say that the activities I did that made me most proud were all of my accomplishments as Bee Manager and Co-Garden Manager, which was the single greatest opportunity that Arbor gave to me. One thing I often do differently than most people is that I rarely feel stressed or burnt-out from an assignment. If I could change one thing about the world, I'd have to say that I'd want more sustainable agriculture as a food source: permaculture, hydroponics, food forests, and so on. As an adult, I want to work toward these goals, and help spread sustainable agriculture. In the future I want to be the type of person that has almost nothing, but feels like he has everything. I will be attending the Paideia School next year, but Arbor will be missed. If I could say one, single nice thing about Arbor, it would be this: Arbor is hospitable, Arbor is full of opportunities, and Arbor always shows the path to success. I truly can "Go Anywhere" now.

I will be attending:
PAIDEIA SCHOOL

ALEX SCHIAVO

I started at Arbor when I was five years old. My favorite memory from my years here at Arbor is all of the class trips we've gone on, since our first trip to Medicine Bow in third grade. Though Medicine Bow, Cumberland Island, and D.C. were all different, they all allowed me to grow as an individual, taking on responsibilities I had never taken on before, while also having fun and making countless memories with my friends and classmates. There is no one project that I can pick as my favorite, but I enjoyed doing all of the projects where I collaborated with other people, working together with my group, and as an eighth grader leading my group and encouraging and helping them along the way. Something I feel Arbor does really well is not only preparing us for taking tests, passing tests, and doing worksheets, but also preparing us for the real world, outside of middle school, high school and even college. They teach you how to handle finances and run a successful profitable business, which I think it is safe to say, no other school does. Because of the teachers who are always willing to help, and the countless ways in which Arbor prepares us for the future, I not only feel ready for high school and beyond, I am excited.



I will be attending:
**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**



ROHAN SREERAM

I was three years old when I started at Arbor in Marian's class at the Emory Campus. My favorite memory throughout my time here is going to Washington D.C. with my 7th grade class. The project that made me the proudest was the aquaponics system that I built at the beginning of the school year. I grew lettuce in a styrofoam-type material. I feel that I analyze information differently than most people. I want to find and implement a solution to the world's electrical problems. I hope to pursue this interest as I continue into adulthood. I want to be an analytical and observant person. Arbor is one of the most engaging schools I've ever seen; it invites you to learn and grow not only academically but also as a person. It also allows you to pursue your interests, especially in the AP, through leadership roles such as Bee Keeping, Microfarming, Pizza Day, Coffee Corner, etc.

I will be attending:
WOODWARD ACADEMY

ELENA VOLKOV

I was 7 years old when I started first grade in Becca's class. Throughout my time here, my favorite memories have included my class trips, both to Washington DC, and the Dominican Republic. I have felt proud of my work this year in Coffee Corner as business manager. I have learned so much about finance, leadership, and the running of a business. I believe that one thing that I do differently than others is the way I lead. I have a rather straightforward, get-it-done attitude when comes to work, but I have learned over the years to take feedback from others and make sure that everyone is focused on something in which they are comfortable and confident. Something I would love to see change in the world is current international relationships. I believe all people should help one another no matter where they are from. If the world could make even one small step in that direction, I think the results would be wondrous.

I am not entirely sure of what I would like my occupation to be, but I hope that it will include some sort of travel and have a use for the languages that I know. The person I would like to be is someone who can be an inspiration. I hope that someday, someone will look up to me and want my advice on how to better themselves. I am excited to begin a new chapter of my life next fall. To say something kind about Arbor, I would say 'Thank you for helping me become who I am today.' Without these precious experiences I am sure that I would not feel as accomplished as I do today. I will miss everyone next year and wish them well.



I will be attending:
**ATLANTA
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**

THE ADOLESCENT PROGRAM

2018-2019 School Year



COFFEE CORNER



NEW OCCUPATIONS, NEW RESIDENTS



AP CLASS PLAY, "THE REHEARSAL"



ADOLESCENT LIFE

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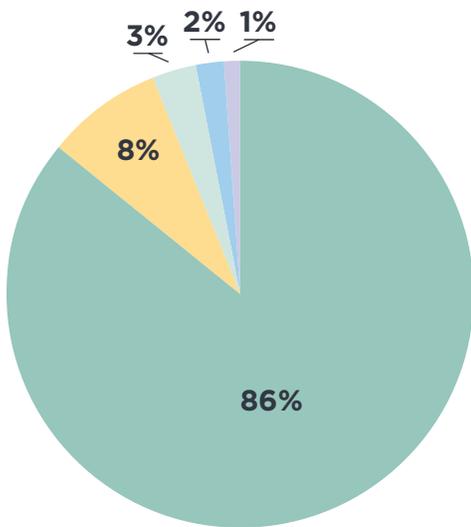
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as of April 29th, 2019

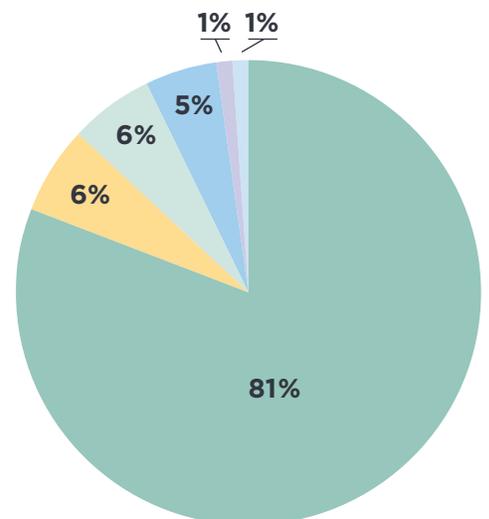


2018-2019 INCOME

Tuition & Fees	\$3,104,000
Contributions	\$113,000
Fundraising Events	\$83,000
Unrealized Gain on Investments & Investment Income	\$76,000
Other	\$55,000

2018-2019 EXPENSES

Instructional	\$2,194,000
Operations	\$205,000
G&A	\$195,000
Fundraising	\$31,000
Interest	\$6,000
Depreciation	<\$1,000



ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 2007



Megha Chiruvella

Megha recently presented two papers at the National Obstetrics and Gynecology conference in Kansas City. Even though she is going into Internal Medicine and specializing in Gastroenterology, she continued her research on the paper she had started during her OBGYN rotation in her 3rd year. She is in her final year in medicine at Ohio State University.

CLASS OF 2011



David Robinson

David Robinson is graduating from Swarthmore College this May with a B.A. in Honors Physics and Maths. He will be pursuing a doctorate in Physics at the University of Michigan in Fall 2019.

CLASS OF 2015



Rowan Wiley

Rowan is one of five candidates from St. Pius X Catholic High School to be named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. He has also been awarded the Georgia Certificate of Merit (2017-18), National Honor Society (Junior, Senior), and President's List (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior). He is a member of the Atlanta Track Club Powerade All-Metro High School Cross Country Team (Senior), comprised of the top 21 high school cross country athletes within metro Atlanta, and the GHSA All-State Cross Country Team (Senior), comprised of the top-ten state cross country finishers in each classification.

Grace Iverson

Grace is graduating from Decatur High School with 4-year Honor Roll/IB independent study. She is a member of the National Honor Society and spent four years as a manager with DHS soccer team (no longer plays due to injury). She will be studying Marine Bio at University of Tampa in the fall, and received a Presidential Merit scholarship. She is also looking forward to getting her diving certification.

CLASS OF 2015

Claire Iverson

Claire is graduating from Decatur High School with 4-year Honor Roll/IB independent study. She is a member & Officer of the National Honor Society, a member of Chorus, and played tennis for all four years at DHS. She was awarded the Georgia Positive Athlete Girls Tennis Player for 2018-2019. Claire completed the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Explorer Program 2018-2019, and will be attending UGA in the fall with a Zell scholarship. She is planning to study Biology/Pre Med, and work in pediatrics, though she's not sure if she'll end up MD, PA, or other.

Erin Iverson

Erin is graduating from Decatur High School with 4-year Honor Roll/IB Independent Study. She is a member of the National Honor Society, ran all four years for DHS Cross Country, and was a member of DHS Chorus. She is attending UGA in the fall with a Zell scholarship, and is planning to study biology or sciences—she's not sure where she'll end up. Erin wants to work for NASA analyzing samples, and would visit the International Space Station if she could!

CLASS OF 2016

Schuyler McCaa, Kiera McManus, and Jessie Bouterse

Schuyler, Kiera, and Jessie were all inducted into the National Honor Society at Grady High School. To be accepted, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, in addition to demonstrating good character and a spirit of service and leadership.

CLASS OF 2017



Ellie Bond

Ellie was awarded the Georgia Certificate of Merit by the state of Georgia and by Paideia School. Each year, the University of Georgia, in conjunction with the State Department of Education, recognizes scholars across the state for outstanding scholastic achievement throughout their first three years of high school. To receive the award, students must rank in the top five percent of their junior class.

CLASS OF 2017



Stella Peters

Stella is a rising Junior at Decatur High School, where she is a member of the women's chorus. This summer, she will participate in the Summer Scholars Leadership program at Furman University. She recently performed in her first musical as part of the Decatur High School production of "The Little Mermaid." This spring, she traveled to the Pacific Northwest to hike Multnomah Falls and visit Hoyt Arboretum. This winter, she traveled to Prague in the Czech Republic, where she performed with the DHS marching band and color guard. Stella continues to draw, paint, and sing, and recently performed in her first voice recital.

CLASS OF 2018



Bryn Beard

Bryn Beard was one of the two top scorers in the National Latin exam for first year students at St. Pius X Catholic High School.

ALUMNI PARENTS



The Velocity Arbor Team: Scott Leslie, Robyn Roberts, Walter Mashman, John Sandifer, Larry Gramlich, Tom Cross

With only five members, Team Arbor held its own for donations alongside Atlanta's corporate elites, raising \$7,655 to support Grady Hospital. Team Arbor was the 5th highest fundraising team out of 97 teams. Robyn Roberts, Scott Leslie, and John Sandifer rode 25 miles for Velocity 2019, while Larry Gramlich and Tom Cross rode 62 miles on challenging routes southwest of Atlanta. They can't wait to do it again in 2020!

DISTINGUISHED GUEST

A VISIT FROM DEBBY RIORDAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMI/USA



This spring, Arbor Montessori School was honored to welcome Debbi Riordan, Executive Director of Association Montessori International in the United States (AMI/USA).

The community warmly welcomed her into the classrooms, where she spent time observing and meeting with teachers and staff. Debbi had many lovely things to say about our programs, and was deeply impressed by the work of our students and our teachers.

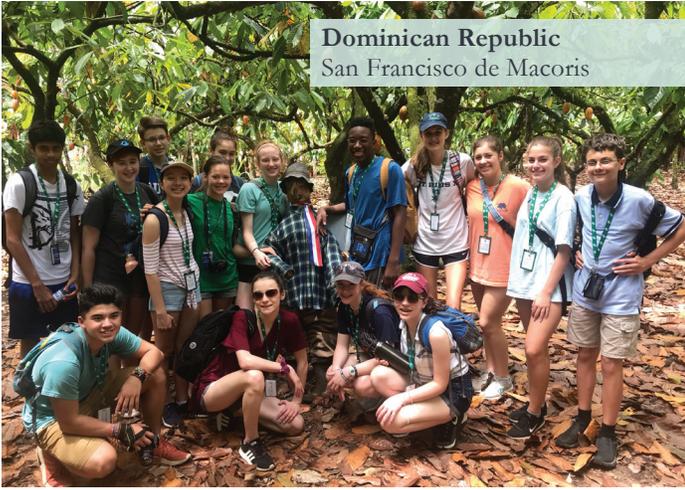
ARBOR'S CLASS OF 2015

LIST OF COLLEGES

Katie Beard <i>University of Georgia</i>	Nicholas Indermark <i>Auburn University</i>
Tejan Borchers <i>University of Rochester</i>	Claire Iverson <i>University of Georgia</i>
Amanda Brownstein <i>University of Utah</i>	Erin Iverson <i>University of Georgia</i>
Megan Chen <i>Emory University</i>	Grace Iverson <i>University of Tampa</i>
Karen Cheng <i>Columbia University, NYC</i>	Ariel Jacobson <i>Emory University</i>
Thomas Cross <i>University of Georgia (Sophomore)</i>	Ethan Kua <i>University of Georgia</i>
J.R. Erskine <i>College of William and Mary</i>	Margot McLaughlin <i>University of Georgia</i>
Diya Flenaugh <i>Howard University</i>	Olivier Merlin-Zhang <i>Davidson College</i>
Isaac Gazmararian <i>Emory University</i>	Zaria Miller <i>Kennesaw State University</i>
Djourdan Gomes-Johnson <i>Tilburg University, Netherlands</i>	K. Grace Payne <i>Agnes Scott College</i>
Aziza Hutcherson <i>University of Southern California</i>	T. Rowan Wiley <i>University of Georgia</i>

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