

NVA

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual Report

2020-2021



FROM THE HEAD

In our first full year of education in the time of COVID, NOVA faculty, staff, students, and families leaned into flexibility, resiliency, compassion, commitment, connection, joy, innovation, creativity, patience, and grace. NOVA was quick to adapt to student needs and interests, sometimes at a dizzying speed, but always with intention.



Fall 2020 began in remote learning, the campus gradually opening in February for small groups in hybrid learning. By the end of the school year, all but a handful of students were on campus. In June we were able to have some of our traditional rites of passage, although sadly there could be no end of year trips. In true NOVA fashion, we improvised, reimagined, and joyfully held Field Day, our year-end party, and an 8th grade celebration featuring a modified campfire, a communal circle, tasty food, and above all, closure. Graduation was held in the Trow with limited attendance and was livestreamed to those watching at home. The joyous celebration included graduate speeches, music, and the always-popular 8th grade slideshow.

So what did we learn about ourselves as individuals and as an organization during this difficult year? Faculty, staff, and students each faced new challenges in our respective roles. We relied on our core values -- connection, commitment, intention, and joy -- to make it through. We learned from each other and together we completed a successful school year, wiser and with an expanded awareness of our connections, impact, and reliance on our entire school community.

Organizationally, we recognize the long-term value of a NOVA education, not only for our students but also for the education system and the community. We know that our current and former parents and alumni also recognize the value of NOVA, because they came together in a time of great uncertainty and helped us surpass our fundraising goals. In a challenging year, that is something to truly celebrate!

As we launch our 29th year, NOVA is ready to meet the challenges and opportunities that will present themselves -- those we know about and those that are yet unseen. I hope you will continue to be inspired by NOVA, to support our mission, and to believe in our vision of inspiring lifelong learning for a more compassionate, engaged world.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Barbara Mitchell Hutton
Head of School

A bright yellow starburst graphic with multiple points, containing text. It is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Our new courtyard was installed in summer 2020, and once students could come back to campus they found creative ways to safely play on it!



Students explored their own ways to enjoy remote learning.



HIGHLIGHTS

Hybrid learning began in February, and our students and faculty adapted to new ways of interacting together.



Our spring gala was virtual, and you helped us beat our goal!



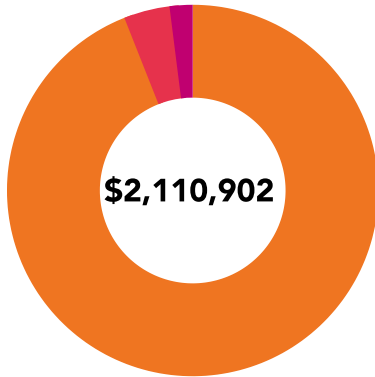
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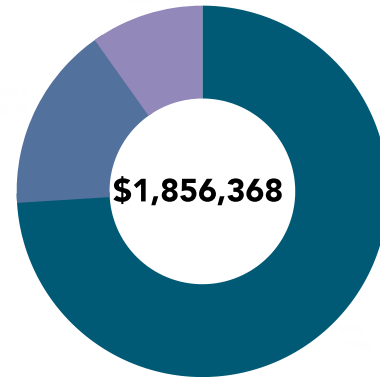
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INCOME

TUITION & FEES	1,789,134
FUNDRAISING	80,437
RENT, OTHER	241,331*

*Includes one-time PPP grant



EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES	1,355,507
FINANCIAL AID	362,837
OPERATIONS	138,024

19%

OF EXPENSES WENT TO FINANCIAL AID, HELPING MISSION-APPROPRIATE STUDENTS RECEIVE A NOVA EDUCATION.

41%

OF NOVA FAMILIES RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID.

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