



**RockyMount  
ACADEMY**

**Annual Report**  
2024 - 2025

# A LETTER FROM THE **Head of School**

Dear Rocky Mount Academy Community,

As we reflect on the past year in the life of Rocky Mount Academy, it is with immense gratitude that we introduce this Annual Report of Donors. This report is both a testament to the abundant generosity of our community and a celebration of the spirit of collaboration and imagination that drive our success. Whether through annual giving - restricted and unrestricted - participation in the 50th Annual Auction, contributions to the Founders Endowment, or gifts-in-kind, your philanthropy has had a profound impact on the students and mission of Rocky Mount Academy.

Your gifts have enabled us to support an outstanding and dedicated faculty, fund curriculum innovation, and strengthen our facilities - all for the benefit of RMA students, both present and future. This year, we were especially proud to reaffirm our commitment to educational excellence through the renewal of our SAIS accreditation, a process that affirmed both the quality of our programs and the strength of our vision for the future.

At the same time, our launch of Vision 2030: Leading the Way has provided a bold roadmap for the next chapter of RMA. Grounded in our mission, Vision 2030 calls us to cultivate educational excellence, ensure long-term sustainability, and foster a safe and inclusive community. At its heart is the Portrait of a Graduate, which reflects the essential skills, character, and habits of mind that define an RMA education. Through your generosity, we are preparing students not only for the challenges of today but also for the opportunities of tomorrow - empowering them to lead with resilience, curiosity, and purpose.

The generosity reflected in these pages allows us to remain true to our vision of cultivating excellence in every student while continually advancing the Rocky Mount Academy experience for generations to come. On behalf of the entire Rocky Mount Academy family, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your invaluable support. Together, we are shaping the future of our students and our school.

With sincere gratitude,



Beth Covolo, Head of School





## 2024 - 2025 RMA Administrative Team

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**Beth Covolo**

Head of School

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Children's Program

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## 2024 - 2025 RMA Board of Trustees

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# RMA Fast Facts

School Founded:  
**1968**

Grades:  
**Pre K-12**

Serving students from  
**7** counties  
Nash | Edgecombe | Halifax  
Wilson | Franklin | Wake | Warren

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## Our Mission

At Rocky Mount Academy, our mission is to prepare our students for the challenges, opportunities, and responsibilities they will encounter in college and in life.

## Academic Performance



**61**

RMA students took 132 AP exams in 13 different courses.

RMA students scored better than about



of students nationally who took the SAT in 2024.

RMA students scored better than about



of students nationally who took the ACT in 2024.

The average RMA student performs better than roughly

**7 OUT OF 10**

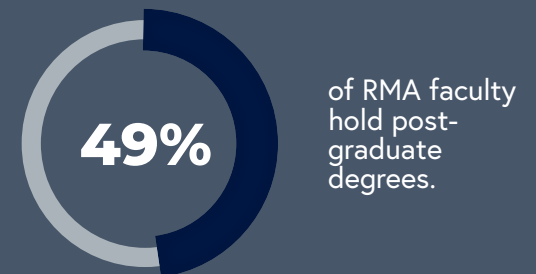
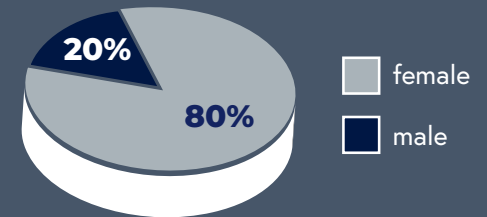
students nationally, whereas the average NC student scores better than only about 1 in 3 students nationally.



**100%**

of our graduates have been accepted into college since 1971.

## RMA FACULTY



Average class size



Average grade size



students are children of alumni



# Engaging Students

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Key Club  
Debate Club  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Upper School Student Government Association  
Middle School Student Government Association  
Global Studies Honors  
Media Office  
Junior Beta Club  
Senior Beta Club

Violin/Chorus  
National Honor Society  
Spanish Honor Society  
Math Counts  
Battle of the Books  
Junior Historians  
Stronger Together Club  
Conservation Club  
Photography Club  
Drama Club  
Eagle Ambassadors  
Yearbook Staff



RMA STUDENTS GIVE BACK:

# Community Service

Learning to serve in the community and society is an essential part of an RMA education. Our students have served communities throughout eastern North Carolina working in churches, soup kitchens, hospitals, and at charity events.



logged by Upper School students serving our community, locally, nationally, and internationally.



of the Class of 2025 had more than 100 hours of community service when they graduated from RMA. This is double what is required!





# Turner W. Battle Scholarship

Rocky Mount Academy was born under the guidance of Turner Westray Battle. He, along with a group of local businessmen, founded Rocky Mount Academy in 1968. Under his leadership, RMA was fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1973. Turner Battle's passion and dedication to Rocky Mount Academy has continued after his

death by providing scholarships to Rocky Mount Academy students. Fellow board members established the Turner W. Battle Scholarship in his honor after his death. The criteria for receiving the Turner W. Battle Scholarship are leadership, scholarship, college potential, and school spirit.

The 2024 recipients are pictured with the four Trustees of the Turner W. Battle Scholarship; Mary Beth Crawford, Richard Battle (son of Turner W. Battle), Terrence Pittman (12th), Millar Berry (11th), Mary Powell Chesnutt (12th), Elizabeth Paszek (11th), Hank Berry (12th), David Warren, and Jeffrey Batts.

## Robert Joshua Weaver Scholarship

The Robert Joshua Weaver Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000, is given to a rising senior in loving memory of RMA graduate, Josh Weaver. Josh experienced and savored each of his brief moments of life. Recipients exhibit ideals including performing well academically; interacting positively with school and community youth; showing enthusiasm for learning; exhibiting intellectual wit; embracing the humanities; and thinking independently, creatively, and intellectually. The recipient of this scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year was Terrence Pittman

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## Robert F. Sykes, Jr. Math Scholarship

Robert F. Sykes, Jr. Math Scholarship was created by the Board of Trustees in memory and honor of Bob Sykes, beloved RMA teacher and coach, to recognize potential for math excellence in an Upper school student. Mary Powell Chesnutt was the recipient for the 2024-2025 school year.

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## Kaye Ellen Excellence In Writing Scholarship

The Kaye Ellen Excellence in Writing Scholarship, was awarded for the first time in the 2017-18 school year. This scholarship is awarded to a person who loves English, both grammar and literature, and who has demonstrated a commitment to learning through diligence in the classroom, with a particular focus on grammatical mastery. The recipient of this scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year was Gabriel Petteway.

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## Dr. K Scholarship

Dr. Robert S. Koszelak, known as "Dr. K" to the many students, families, and faculty members he touched during his time at Rocky Mount Academy, passed away suddenly on April 19, 2019.

Dr. K met all people with a smile and a handshake and always offered a helping hand to anyone in need. His core characteristics were: a selfless nature; an honest and sincere concern for others, the students, and fellow faculty members; citizenship; leadership; character-building in others; and a can-do attitude.

Following his death, a group of RMA parents came together with overwhelming support from the school community to create a scholarship for RMA students in Dr. K's name. Contributions to the Dr. K Memorial Scholarship Fund will allow for scholarship awards to be presented each year through 2030 to two students from Middle or Upper School who exhibit the basic ideals that defined Dr. K's character and love for RMA. The recipients of the 2024-2025 Dr. K. Memorial Scholarships were Katelyn Boone and Elizabeth Chesnutt.



## Ann MacPherson Weaver Scholarship

Charlotte Burns was awarded the esteemed Ann Weaver Memorial Scholarship for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. The Ann MacPherson Weaver Memorial Scholarship was established in 1986 in memory of a 1984 RMA graduate who succumbed to cancer earlier that year. This competitive scholarship is given each year to a deserving student who best represents the selection criteria and who has never attended any grade of Rocky Mount Academy. Selection criteria are based on these qualities that Ann Weaver possessed: Forceful and unselfish character, intellectual and personal vigor, academic achievement, leadership in both school and community activities, and positive potential for enriching the environment at Rocky Mount Academy.

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We welcome donations to any of RMA's scholarship funds. For additional information, please contact April Livermon, Director of Development, at (252) 443-4126 or [alivermon@rmacademy.com](mailto:alivermon@rmacademy.com).

# Arts & Performances

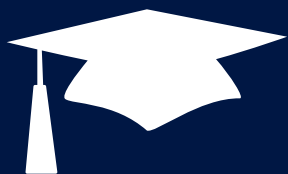


**"High School Musical," "SpongeBob the Musical," & "Wizard of Oz Eagle Style"**



CONGRATULATIONS,

# Class of 2025!



The class of 2025  
received scholarships  
totaling over

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## \$3 million

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based on their academic  
achievement and/or  
leadership record.



## College Acceptances

(\*denotes matriculation)

Appalachian State University \*  
Auburn University  
Berklee College of Music  
Campbell University  
Cape Fear Community College \*  
Clemson University \*  
College of Charleston  
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Western Carolina University  
William and Mary University  
William Peace College  
Wingate University  
Winthrop University  
Wofford College \*



## Booster Club

The Booster Club's purpose is to support all aspects of athletics at RMA through the promotion of school spirit, good sportsmanship, and volunteer commitment. The Booster Club raises money through various activities including The Eagle Pass and athletic gear sales, concessions, and sponsorship signage on the athletic fields.

The Rocky Mount Academy Booster Club is run by many volunteers who give up their time to enhance our athletic program. The funds raised by the Booster Club allows our program to make improvements to our athletic facilities and athletic programs. With thirty-two different teams, three concession stands, four operating gates, and numerous other tasks, it takes volunteers from parents of every student.

Please contact Patricia Carmichael (Booster Club President) at [pcarmichael@boice-willis.com](mailto:pcarmichael@boice-willis.com) or Katherine Bryant (Athletic Director) at [kbryant@rmacademy.com](mailto:kbryant@rmacademy.com), for more information about Booster Club participation.



## Parents Organization

The PO raises funds primarily through a school-wide fundraiser and rebate programs. The funds are used for the benefit and enhancement of Rocky Mount Academy.

There are many opportunities for all parents to become involved in the activities of the PO. The PO welcomes and encourages all parents to participate as the strength of our school is built on the participation of all its members. Some of the areas to volunteer include Buddy Events, Grandparents Day, Fall Festival, Monster Mash, and Field Day.

For more information, please contact this year's PO President-Kristin Taylor, at [parentsorg@rmacademy.com](mailto:parentsorg@rmacademy.com)

# Exceptional Children's Program

In August of 2021, Rocky Mount Academy opened its doors to students in grades 6-12 with moderate to severe disabilities. In August of 2022, the Exceptional Children's Program expanded to serve students K-5. Finally, in 2023 the Exceptional Eagles added the final division to the program, Middle School. The Exceptional Children's Program at Rocky Mount Academy prides itself on offering an inclusive environment where all get to experience the richness of RMA student life. Students are offered an individualized education that works to foster their academic and independent living skills. Students participate collaboratively in school and community-wide service projects. Students participate in activities off of campus such as swimming at the YMCA, Meals on Wheels, and Special Olympics. In addition, Rocky Mount Academy is now considered a Unified Champion School through Special Olympics of North Carolina. Rocky Mount Academy's Exceptional Children's Program continues to abundantly enrich the lives of all individuals throughout campus.







# Field Trips

## 2024-2025

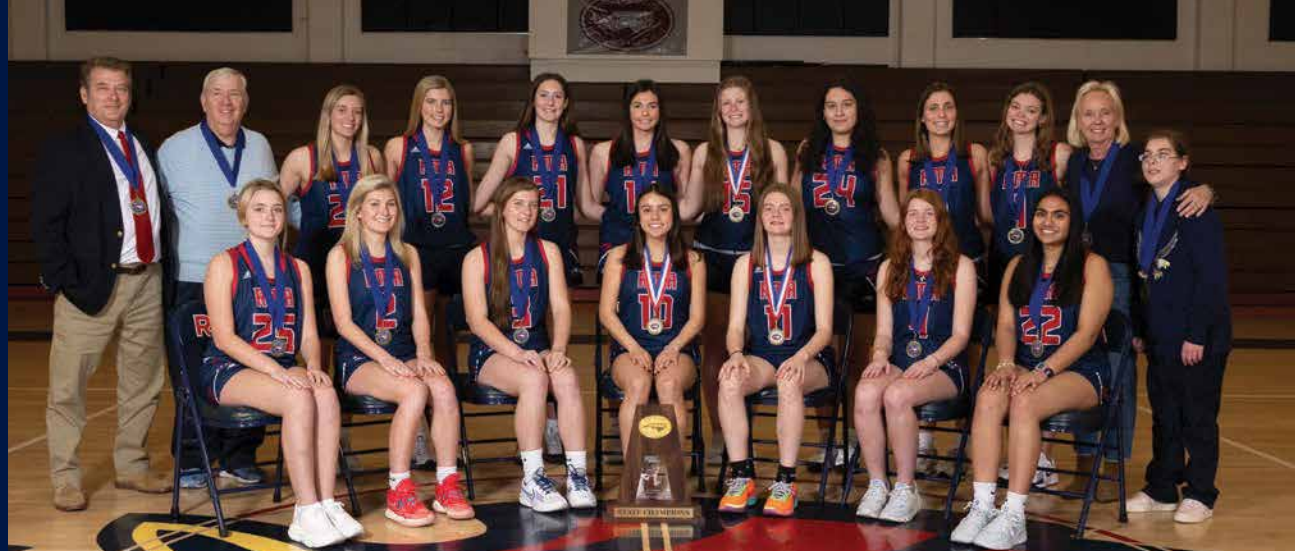
Throughout the year, students of all grades at Rocky Mount Academy are involved in visual and practical experiences to help students remember, learn, and understand subjects. These field trips begin with our youngest students learning through hands-on activities, then progress to historical venues for exploration, leadership and team building exercises, and college visits. All students benefit from learning outside the classroom, whatever their age.





# State Champions

Varsity Girls Basketball



# State Champions

Varsity Girls Soccer



# State Champions

Varsity Boys Tennis



# Athletic Highlights

## Varsity Baseball

CIC Player of the Year - Seth Tickel  
All-State - Seth Tickel

## Varsity Girls Basketball

CIC Conference and Tournament Champions  
2A NCISAA State Champions  
CIC Player of the Year- Isabella Daza, Taylor Carmichael  
CIC Coach of the Year- Katherine Johnston  
All-State - Taylor Carmichael, Isabella Daza, Berkeley Miller

## Cross Country

CIC Conference Boys Champions  
CIC Conference Girls Champions  
CIC Runner of the Year - Charlie Crumley  
CIC Coach of the Year - Brian Winham  
All-State Boys - Reid Gross, Griffin William

## Track and Field

300M Hurdle State Champion - Tae Crowder

## Golf

CIC Conference Champions  
CIC Tournament Champions

## Swimming

CIC Girls Conference Champions  
CIC Swimmer of the Year - Simmons Gross

## Varsity Boys Soccer

All-State- Colin Agan

## Varsity Girls Soccer

CIC Conference Champions  
2A NCISAA State Champions  
CIC Player of the Year- Isabella Daza  
All-State- Taylor Carmichael, Millar Berry, Isabella Daza, Hannah Garris

## Varsity Softball

CIC Conference Champions  
CIC Player of the Year - Berkeley Miller  
CIC Coach of the Year - Chuck Braswell  
All-State - Berkeley Miller, Landry Miller

## Varsity Boys Tennis

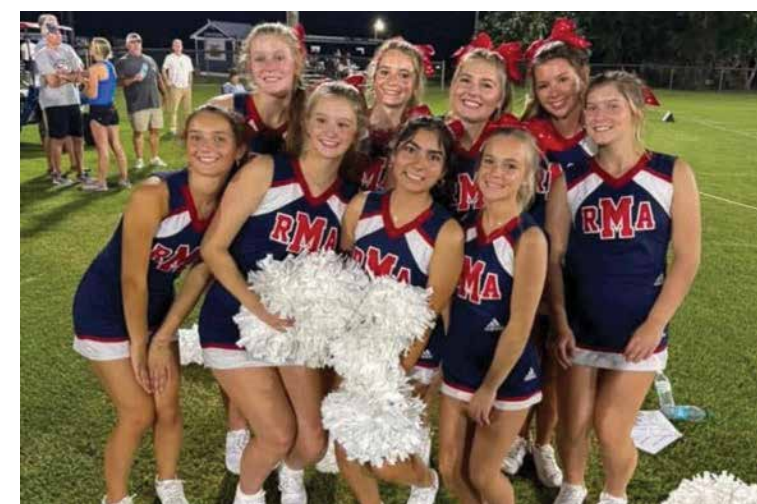
CIC Conference Champions  
CIC Player of the Year - Thomas Honey  
CIC Coach of the Year - David Keesee  
All-State - Thomas Honey, Christopher Harper

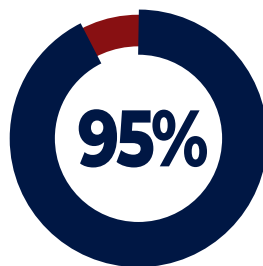
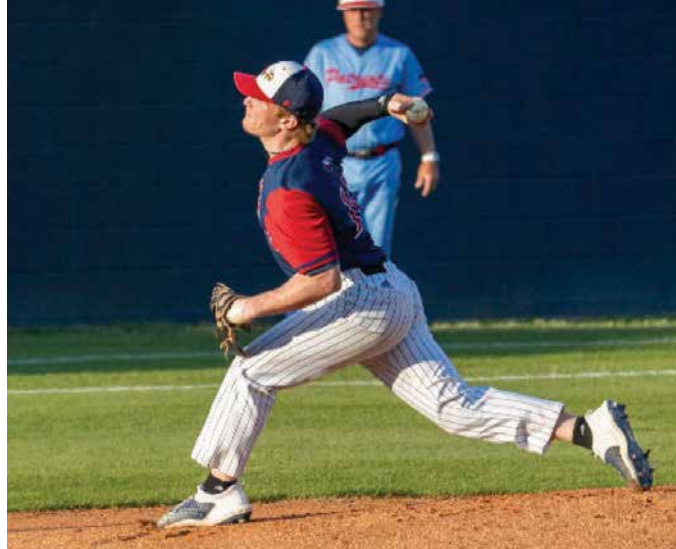
## Varsity Girls Tennis

CIC Conference Champions  
All-State - Abbie Hooks

## Varsity Volleyball

CIC Conference Champions  
CIC Tournament Champions  
CIC Player of the Year - McKenna Rogers  
All-State - McKenna Rogers





of 7th - 12th grade students  
participated on at least one  
sports team last year.



# Athletic Field Sponsors

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Allegra Printing  
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Boice Willis Clinic  
C & C Industrial  
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# Annual Auction

Since 1975, RMA has hosted its annual benefit auction. We are pleased to announce the 50th Annual Benefit Auction, led by Auction Co-Chairs Sterling Grimes and Keller Strandberg, raised

# \$200,646.56

for our school.

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**Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, and supporters that helped make the 50<sup>th</sup> annual benefit auction a success.**



# 2024-2025 AUCTION DONORS

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Fifth Grade  
Mike and Katherine Fisher  
Susie Fleming  
Fourth Grade  
Framer's Alley  
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Scott and Betsy Fritschel  
Frederick and Kelly Frohbose  
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RMA Cheerleading Squad  
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Rusty's  
Claudemir and Ana Ruthes  
Lee and Mary Scott  
Eric and Heather Seale  
Second Grade  
Serenity Now Massage  
Therapy  
SHE Designs  
David and Gretchen Simons  
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So Sterling and Company  
Southern Secret at Mears  
Southern Serenity Spa  
Spa By Traci  
Standard Insurance  
Beth Steed  
Howard and Sharon  
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Daniel and Shanna Strickland  
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Aesthetics  
Tar River Honey Company  
TGN Pearls  
James and Kate Tharin  
Third Grade  
Philip and Erika Thomas  
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Topsy Tomato  
Wendy Tickel  
Andriana Torres  
Towel Town  
TNT Farms  
Truist Bank  
Timmy and Lisa Tucker  
Beth Turnage  
The Uniform House  
Skip Valentine, III  
Bradley and Dana Walters  
Emily and Chris Watson  
James and Ramsey Webb  
Marion Weathers  
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The Paszek Family  
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**Liquor donated by Weldon Mills Distillery**





# Planned Giving & Legacy Gifts

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A planned gift is usually the most important gift an individual makes in a lifetime. Planning your estate ensures that your property will pass to those individuals and causes for which you care most deeply. Remembering RMA in your estate plans is a fitting testimony to your belief in our mission and has a profound impact by providing resources in perpetuity that continue to strengthen our mission.

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## The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes those who have provided for Rocky Mount Academy in their estate plans. As a member of The Legacy Society, you extend to a grateful community the opportunity to celebrate a gift that will ensure the longevity of RMA's mission and values.

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## Legacy Society Members

**Nick & Betsy Boddie**  
**Dawana Davis**  
**C. K. Dunn**  
**John & Caroline High**  
**David "Dink" M. Warren '77**  
**Jerry Allsbrook '78**

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## Planned Giving Opportunities at RMA

### CHARITABLE BEQUEST

The most popular gift is a simple bequest through a will. You can leave a specific asset, a set amount of money or a percentage of your estate.

### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Transfer assets to RMA under which the Academy agrees to pay the donor fixed payments for your life or for the life of your chosen beneficiaries.

### CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

Allows a donor to fund a trust with assets such as cash, stocks, or real estate and RMA will provide income for the donor.

### LIFE INSURANCE

Designate RMA as the beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy. Upon transfer of ownership, future premium payments are also tax deductible.

### RETIREMENT ASSETS

Transfer of an IRA to RMA allows the donor to avoid the income and estate taxes as opposed to family members subject to higher taxation.

### REAL ESTATE

Real estate such as a residence, vacation home, farm, and land can be donated to RMA, even while you continue to live in or use the property. Capital gains tax might be avoided.



# Endowments:

## Ongoing Support For Faculty, Students, & Programs

Endowed funds are designed to ensure that money is available in perpetuity to provide RMA students with a comprehensive, balanced, active education. Each year a portion of the accrued interest is used to support programs and initiatives that further RMA's mission. Gifts to the endowment help to secure the school's long-term financial stability—and to fund current priorities through ongoing interest generated by the endowment.

You can choose to name a new fund in honor or in memory of a beloved family member or faculty member, creating an enduring legacy.

By establishing an endowed fund or contributing to an existing fund, you can support Rocky Mount Academy in several ways:

- A scholarship fund helps to make an RMA education possible for deserving students.
- An endowed fund can be designated to support a department, technology, athletics, the library, or faculty enrichment.

## The Founders Endowment

In 2013, Rocky Mount Academy received one of the largest single gifts ever made to the institution. A challenge gift of \$250,000 was made from the family of one of the school's founders to establish an endowment to honor the legacy and contribution of the founders of Rocky Mount Academy. Since matching donations have been secured, we have reached our goal!

## Endowment Progress

June 2025



# What Is Annual Giving?

Annual Giving is Rocky Mount Academy's ongoing fundraising campaign that directly benefits our students and faculty during each academic year.

## Does tuition cover the full cost of educating a student?

As with most independent schools, RMA's tuition does not cover the total expense of educating our students. Annual Giving contributions are critical to help the Academy close the gap between revenues and operating expenses.

## Who should participate?

We ask all members of our community—parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, staff, special friends, local and national businesses involved with RMA, and foundations—to contribute as generously as possible.

## When should I make a gift?

Your support is welcome at any time, however, the best time to participate is early in the school year. RMA's annual campaign starts in August with various appeals and personal solicitations occurring throughout the year. You can pledge an amount and fulfill it by June 30, the end of our fiscal year.

**From July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, we ask everyone to help us raise funds for the Academy's operating expenses and special purposes.**

## Can I designate my gift?

You can choose to make an unrestricted contribution to be used by the Academy for needs we deem most pressing or designate your gift to a particular program, scholarship, or facility that appeals to you.

## Are annual giving donations tax deductible?

Yes, to the fullest extent of the law. Each donor receives a thank you letter and gift confirmation that serves as a receipt for tax purposes.

## How to participate?

Check payable to Rocky Mount Academy  
Credit or Debit Card  
Monthly bank draft  
Stocks, bonds, and securities  
Secure online gift at [www.rmacademy.com/giving](http://www.rmacademy.com/giving)



## What Does My Gift Support?

Innovative and challenging academic, athletic, and arts programs.

Recruitment and retention of highly talented faculty by offering competitive salaries/benefits.

Small class sizes to give faculty the opportunity to give individual attention.

Art supplies, books, and resource materials.

Professional development opportunities for our dedicated faculty and staff.

Enhanced facility upgrades and annual maintenance.

Student scholarships and financial aid.

# Thank You To Our Donors

**We raised over \$102,331  
in unrestricted funds!**

The Annual Report of Donors reflects annual giving, unrestricted and restricted, gifts to the Founders Endowment, and gifts-in-kind made to Rocky Mount Academy from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Every effort has been made to create an accurate report. If, however, a mistake has been made, please contact April Livermon at [alivermon@rmacademy.com](mailto:alivermon@rmacademy.com)

## THE EAGLE SOCIETY

\$5,000 or more

Bailey's Fine Jewelry\*  
Brewer Foundation\*  
Tommy and Ann Dill  
The Dunn Family Foundation/Pattie Dunn, Vince\*  
and Genie\* Andracchio, and Janie Mac\* Pittman  
Caroline High  
Johnny\* and Gayle High  
Williamson Family Foundation  
Larry's Cabinets Inc.  
Miller Orthodontics  
Richard Minor\*  
Nash Autism Seeking Hope  
Matt and Leslie Paszek  
S.T. Wooten  
State Farm/Philip and Erika Thomas  
Thorne Realty/Trey\* and Julie Thorne

## THE AVONDALE SOCIETY

\$2,500 to \$4,999

Barnhill Contracting Company	Partha Daughtridge	Miller Pediatric Dentistry
Bill and Kim Boddie	Evan and Marcy Duff	Joe Nelson
Boddie-Noell Enterprises, Inc.*	Dixon, Boles and Associates	James Olivieri
Patsy Bradley	David and Marianne Farris	Premier Equipment
Dick and Laurie Broadland	Fred* and Kelly* Frohbose	Steel Technology
Bo and Brittany Brown	Carol Hall*	Taylor Financial Strategies
Stephen and Martha Chesnutt	Hancock Family Partnership*	Charles and Jennifer Taylor
Andrew and Tanya Cowder	JS Transport	Chris and Emily Watson
Crown LSP Group, Inc.*	Lilyann's Steakhouse	Weldon Mills Distillery
Daughtridge Gas & Oil*	Metal Workx & Designs, Inc.	

## THE EYRIE SOCIETY

\$1,000 to \$2,499

Allegra Printing	Hardee's Marine	William* and Lisa Roeder
Anderson Farms	Lee and Sylvia Harriss	Scarborough Fare Catering
Vincent Andracchio, MD	Coy Herbert*	Southern Bank
Brier Creek Pediatric Dentistry	Brandon and Lacey Holland	Stifel
Bruce* and Ashley Berry	Tommy and Kate Honey	Judy Sykes
Bryanna Foundation*	Bill Johnston	Tarboro Eye Associates &
C & C Industrial, Inc.	Josey Lumber Company, Inc.	Aesthetics
Capital Ford of Rocky Mount	Charlie and April Livermon	Top Dock Construction
Christi Davis	Oakbridge Insurance Company	Libba Weaver
Charles and Josie Davis	Alec Lockhart	Webb's Maintenance and Piping, Inc.
Larry and Suzanne Dempsey	Jim and Sheila Martin	Steve* and Lucy* Wheelless
Don Bulluck Chevrolet*	Susan Morgan	Ted and Dawn Whitehurst
Nathan and Sharon Edwards	Nottingham Company*	
Eric* and Tonya* Gutshall	Jimmy Rabil	

## THE FOUNDER'S SOCIETY

\$500 to \$999

Jeff and Erin Agan	Joel and Theresa Gilmore	Bill and Kinnie Pruden
Greg and Belinda Allen	Rodger and Nell Grimes	Patrick and Amber Rogers
Brice* and Kayla Andracchio	Genna Suggs Harris*	Ken and Meredith* Sawyer
Bob* and Donna Batchelor	Logan and Sarah Josey	Lee and Mary Scott
Spencer and Meiling Bellamy	Ryan and Kate Keeter	Smith's Red and White*
Kenneth and Deborah Burnette	Randolph and Hope Lewis	TR and Meredith Stokely
Chris and Kim Collie	Scott and Kate Martin	Ranjit Salunke and Suchita Gade
Beth Covolo	Lisa Meadows	Roger and Gaile Taylor
Mike and Mary Beth Crawford	Clyde and Cantrell Minges	Jennifer Tharrington
Phil and Sarah Dixon	Bob and Helen Paszek	Scott and Leigh Ann Wingfield
Todd Duncan	Thurai Singam Ponnudurai/	
Lee and Shelly Edmondson	Renuka Jayasundra	

**\*Rocky Mount Academy Alumni**

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# THE HEADMASTER'S SOCIETY

\$100 to \$499

Joseph and Marion Agan  
Jim and Joan Ashby  
Wes and Emily Ballance  
Rick Barnhardt  
Luke and Katlyn Bates  
Dick and Nancy Berry  
Wes and Mandy Berry  
Bunn\* and Paula Boddie  
Mike and Mary Ann Boddie  
Michael Boone  
David Brantley\*  
Joe and Virginia Brewer  
Tina Brown-Moore  
Keith and Katherine Bryant  
Chad and Tiffany Cayton  
Brent and Joy Chafin  
Brooke Cockrell  
Glenn and Dawn Coleman  
Pell Cooper\*  
Allen and Lindsey Corbett  
Patricia Crumley  
Robert and Roberta Crumley  
Hamida Daikha  
Scott and Tracy Dail

Leonard and Debbie Daughtridge  
Phil and Dawana Davis  
Frank and Sharon Dees  
Nilay and Purvi Desai  
Hannah Diedrick  
Lank and Liz Dunton  
Edward Esslinger  
John and Cindy Feagans  
John and Jean Feagans  
Mark and Michelle Ferrell  
Mike and Katherine Fisher  
Tom and Kay Fisher  
Joseph and Toni Floyd  
Pet's Best Friend  
Lance and Amanda Futrell  
Beth Gardner\*  
Mike and Winnie Gaynor  
Darren and Jennifer Gemzik  
Drew and Caroline Gorham  
John and Sterling Grimes  
Bob and Hadley\* Gross  
John and Debbie Haggerty  
John and Kandy Haggerty  
James and Ashley Hardee

Michelle Harrold  
Bill and Kitty\* Hudgins  
Richard\* and Amy Hunt  
Ursula Jacob  
George and Lauren Jenkins  
Sam and Vel Johnson  
Kathleen Jolly  
Brad\* and Ashley Jones  
Patsy Jones  
Deborah Keel  
Joanne Kibbe  
John and Heather Kim  
Colby Kirkpatrick\*  
Lake Valley Well Company\*  
Wooten and Martha Lamm  
Watson and Martha Lancaster  
Dwayne and Jennifer Lewis  
Stuart and Cheryl Locke  
Ray and Stephanie Martin  
Joanne Martin  
Eric and Michelle Meadows  
Alan and Erin\* Miniard  
Luke and Lindsey Murray  
Robert and Brooke Norton

Daphne O'Brien  
Ricky and Rebecca Parks  
Phil and Beverly Pierce  
Butch and Sharon Pindell  
Steve and Emilie Pinkston  
Bernice Pitt  
Mears and Courtney Pitt  
Brent and Tammy Powell  
Al and Patsy Pridgen  
Daniel and Brittany Rackley  
Gregory and Melody Radford  
Matthew and Tammie Reams  
Rita Reynolds  
Barry Robbins  
Andrew and Jan Robillard  
Barbara Rowland  
Claudemir and Ana Ruthes  
Eric and Heather Seale  
Billy Seate  
Hardee's Marine Service  
Jane Shields  
Linda Shields\*  
David and Gretchen Simons  
Paul and Lisa\* Stone

James and Shanna Strickland  
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Blake and Linda Tharin  
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# FRIENDS OF RMA

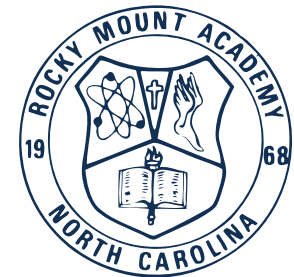
Up to \$99

Vince\* and Genie\* Andracchio  
Jennifer Baker  
Nancy Ballance  
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Maggie Barry  
Cody and Ashley\* Barry  
Christy Bellamy  
Vicky Bolivar  
Michael Canale  
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Charles and Hanna Corey  
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Scott and Robbie Davis  
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Neal and Jami Tobias  
Bradley and Dana Walters  
Alex\* and Kelly\* Warren  
Casey and Alana Wells  
Sam and April Whitehead



# Grants



## STATE FARM GOOD NEIGHBOR GRANT

The State Farm Good Neighbor Grant is a program designed to provide financial support to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and other community-based organizations that focus on improving community well-being, education, safety, and economic empowerment. The grant aims to help these organizations implement projects and initiatives that align with State Farm's mission of building safer, stronger, and better-educated communities. We thank Philip and Erika Thomas - State Farm Insurance for nominating Rocky Mount Academy as a recipient for this \$500 grant.



## EXXON MOBILE GRANT

Exxon and Mobil are fueling young minds and helping create aha moments through the Educational Alliance. This program is part of their ongoing effort to support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education within the communities they serve. We thank Daughtridge Gas & Oil and Eastern Petroleum Corp. for nominating Rocky Mount Academy as a recipient for this \$500 grant.

## SOUTHERN BANK FOUNDATION

The Southern Bank Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations and local government entities within the general trade area of Southern Bank and Trust Company in eastern North Carolina. The Foundation's areas of focus include education, children and youth, social services, health, the environment, community development, arts and culture, and civic engagement. We thank Southern Bank for nominating Rocky Mount Academy as a recipient for this \$15,000 grant.



## CHEVY BACK TO SCHOOL

Chevrolet participates in initiatives that provide funding and support for teachers and educational projects related to the back-to-school season. We thank Don Bulluck Chevrolet for recommending Rocky Mount Academy to receive the Chevy Back to School initiative of \$2,000.



# Alumni Springtime Spectacular

On May 3, 2025, Rocky Mount Academy held the 2nd Annual Springtime Spectacular for alumni and faculty. It was a day of sharing memories, introducing families, and hearing about all the new activities happening at RMA.

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## ATTENTION ALUMNI

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### Save the Date

May 2, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for the 3rd Annual Springtime Spectacular



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# Alumni Updates

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Cindy Hall Rahman (1999) was named President & CEO of March of Dimes in February 2025 after serving six years as Chief Marketing Officer. Cindy graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2003 and went on to earn her MBA from The George Washington University School of Business in Washington, D.C. while working full time. For well over 20 years, Cindy has worked with both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors across various industries including healthcare, retail, consumer brands, and health systems. Based in Washington, D.C., she travels nationwide meeting families impacted by the March of Dimes' mission to improve the health of moms and babies. At home, she and her husband, Rumi, cheer on their 10-year-old son, Kaden, who shares her love of soccer and skiing. Cindy also volunteers with their community center and mentors students at UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, where she is a member of 100 Women.



Richard Minor (1980) is making his mark on the world stage as Senior Vice President and International Tax Counsel for the United States Council for International Business, representing U.S. companies in front of Congress, the OECD, and other global organizations. After earning his economics degree from Duke, a law degree from UNC at Chapel Hill, and an LL.M. from Georgetown, Rick built an impressive career in Washington, Brussels, London, Munich, and Luxembourg, leading international tax strategy for companies like Honeywell, AOL Time Warner, and ArcelorMittal. He's even advised the Luxembourg government and testified before the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee. Fluent in German and passionate about North Carolina's economic growth, Rick continues to be a sought-after voice in international tax policy.



Jackson Russell, a 2012 Rocky Mount Academy graduate, enrolled at North Carolina State University where he earned dual degrees in Chemical Engineering and Paper Science Engineering in 2017, Cum Laude. He began his professional career at Procter & Gamble's Brown Summit Plant in Greensboro, North Carolina, working as a process engineer making Crest Toothpaste. After spending 2 years taking qualifying night classes, Jackson entered the East Carolina Dental School of Medicine in 2021 and earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree in 2025. He is currently in a residency program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at St. Joseph's University Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey. Upon completing his training, Jackson plans to return to eastern North Carolina to practice oral surgery. In January 2023, Jackson married his college sweetheart, Deidre An.



After graduating from NC State University in 2023, Caroline Gay (2019) pursued her passion for real estate with Hodge & Kittrell Sotheby's International Realty. She earned her real estate license in 2021 while still a sophomore at NC State and quickly became active in the industry. Now based in Raleigh, Caroline enjoys serving clients across the Triangle. Outside of work, she loves playing pickleball, spending time with friends, and being involved at King's Table Church, where she volunteers in the children's ministry.



Amanda Coats Testino (2012) graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2016 with a B.A. in Psychology and earned her master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from UNC in 2018. She is now a Senior Clinician in Speech-Language Pathology at Duke University Hospital in Durham. In addition, Amanda works as a personal trainer at Burn Boot Camp, combining her passion for fitness with helping others. She enjoys working out, going on walks, and spending time with her husband, John, and their two children, Warren and Ava, in Raleigh.



Alexander J. Gould (2004) is making a global impact as Senior Thailand Desk Officer in the Office of Southeast Asia at the U.S. Department of State. A career Foreign Service Officer, he has served in Paris, Lima, Rangoon, and Beijing, as well as at the Pentagon, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and on Capitol Hill as a foreign policy advisor. Alex earned a B.A. in Chinese and Philosophy from Washington and Lee and an M.A. in East Asian Studies from Harvard. A former Presidential Management Fellow and avid world traveler, he has studied four languages, visited over 120 countries, and even volunteers as an EMT in his spare time.



Michael Keenan (2012) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and works as an agricultural economist advising public institutions and nongovernmental organizations on programs to reduce poverty. He earned a PhD in development economics from Wageningen University and Research in the Netherlands, a master's degree in specialized economic analysis from the Barcelona School of Economics, and a bachelor's degree in economics and mathematics from Elon University. He has conducted economic research in seven countries across East Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.



Steve Wheelless (1978) and Lucy Brewer Wheelless (1977) met at RMA, where they began dating, and continued their relationship throughout their years at UNC at Chapel Hill. The two married in 1982 and built their life together as Steve's career with Boddie-Noell Enterprises Inc. took them to Hillsborough and Memphis before they eventually settled in Wilmington. There, Steve worked with Brewer Equipment Company until his retirement. Steve and Lucy are proud parents of two daughters, Lucy Ann and Libby, and grandparents to four grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and spending as much time as possible with their family.

## Send us your news!



With alumni as active as Rocky Mount Academy's, there is never a shortage of news to share. Weddings, births, adventures, and accompanying photos are all of great interest to your fellow alumni, so send us your news.

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# Order of the Eagle



The highest honor given by Rocky Mount Academy is in recognition and in honor of an individual who has made a truly tremendous impact in the life and growth of the Academy through his/her time, talents, and resources. This year, the honor was bestowed upon:

**Janie Mac Pittman**  
**Ernest B."Benny" Alexander**





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