



**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**

Beth Covolo

Head of School

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Head of Upper School

Debbie Viverette

Head of Middle School

Martha Lancaster

Head of Lower School

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Director of Admissions

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& College Admissions

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April Whitehead

Director of Exceptional
Children's Program

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School Nurse

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RMA Fast Facts

School Founded:
1968

Grades:
Pre K-12

ACCREDITED BY: SAIS and AdvancedEd

Serving students from
7 counties

Nash | Edgecombe | Halifax
Wilson | Franklin | Wake | Warren

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

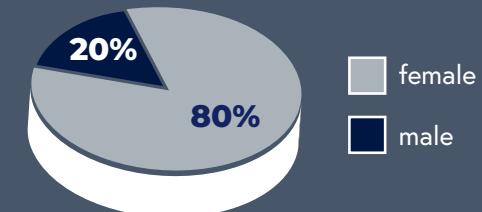
students nationally, whereas the average NC student scores better than only about 1 in 3 students nationally.



100%

of our graduates have been accepted into college since 1971.

RMA FACULTY



49%
of RMA faculty hold post-graduate degrees.

16

Average class size

34

Average grade size

46

students are children of alumni



Engaging Students

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

\$3 million

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
East Carolina University *
Elon University *
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University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of North Carolina at Wilmington *
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Wake Technical Community College *
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 or Katherine Bryant (Athletic Director) at 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

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

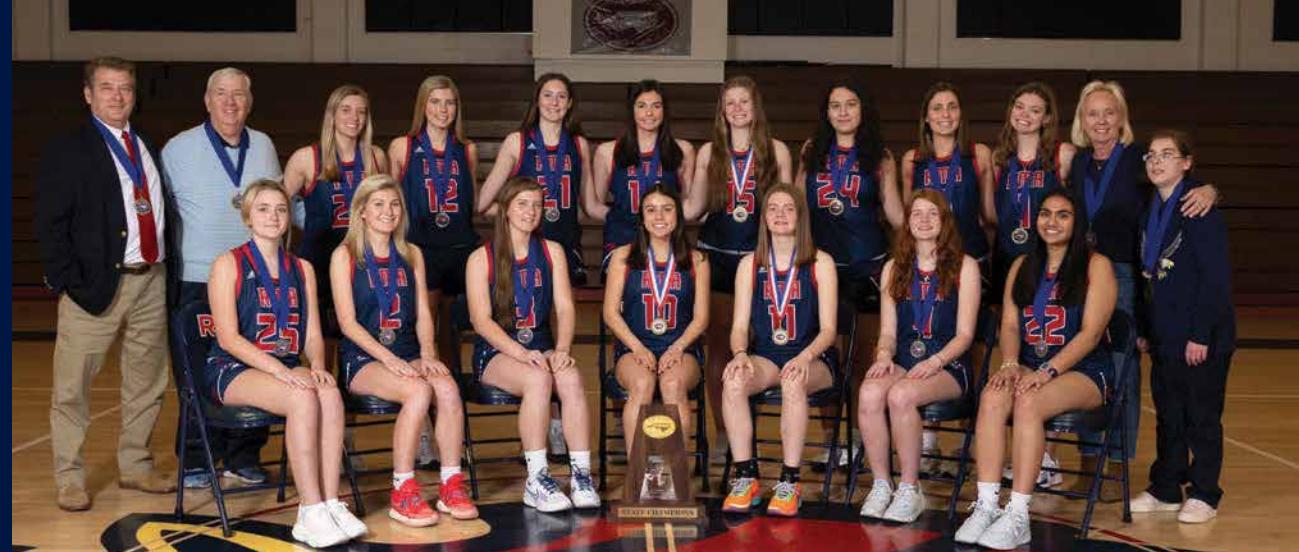
Throughout the year, students of all grades at Rocky Mount Academy are involved in visual and practical experiences to help students remember, learn, and understand subjects. These field trips begin with our youngest students learning through hands-on activities, then progress to historical venues for 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

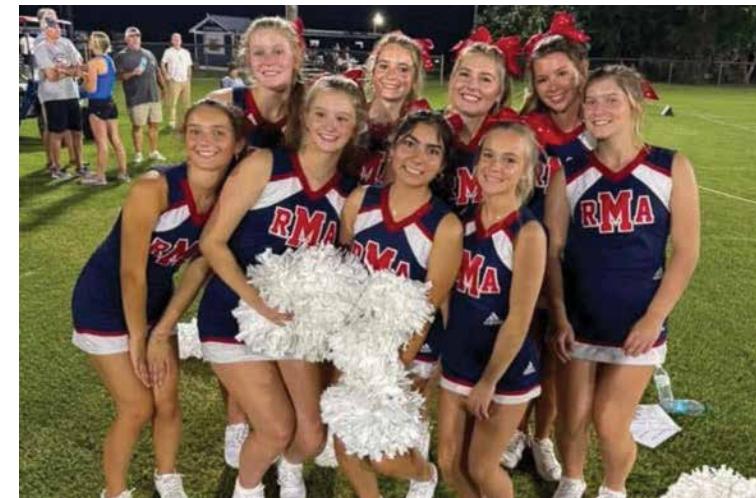
CIC Conference Champions
CIC Player of the Year - Thomas Honey
CIC Coach of the Year - David Keesee
All-State - Thomas Honey, Christopher Harper

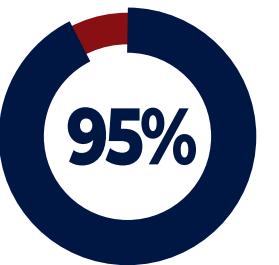
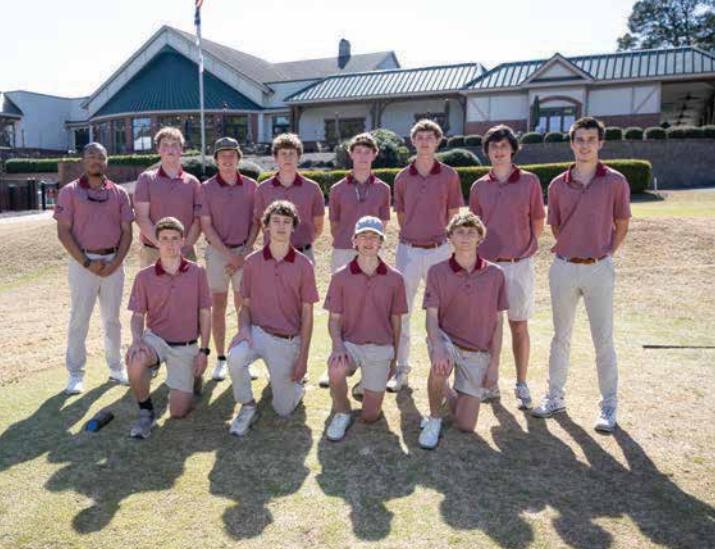
Varsity Girls Tennis

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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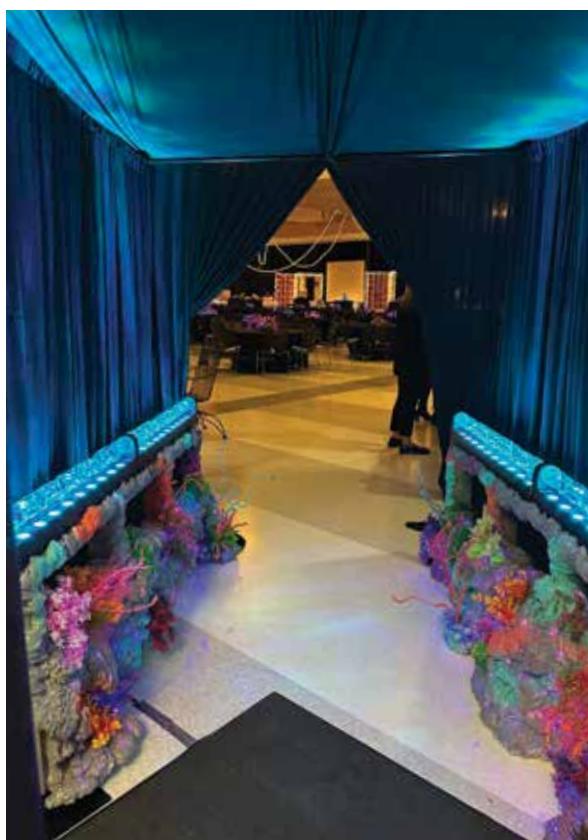
Annual Auction

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.

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



2024-2025 AUCTION DONORS

Ace Home Center Tarboro
Allen's Nursery
America's Best Nuts
Richard and Ashley Anderson
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Ashley's Spraying Turf
Management
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Barley & Burger
Kiersten Barnes
Ashley Barry
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Sharon Edwards
Elite Island Resorts
El Mariachi
Caroline Epps
Randy and Linda Evans
Susan Everette
Exceptional Eagles
Factory 633
Mark Fairman
Jan Faithful
Fifth Grade
Mike and Katherine Fisher
Susie Fleming
Fourth Grade
Framer's Alley
Sandy and Rhonda Frazier
Scott and Betsy Fritschel
Frederick and Kelly Frohbose
Full Count Apparel
Mike and Winnie Gaynor
Goat Island Bottle Shop
Drew and Caroline Gorham
Golden Corral
Grimes Brothers Farms
John and Sterling Grimes
Rodger and Nell Grimes
Travis and Sally Grimes
Bob and Hadley Gross
Hardee's Furniture
Hardee's Marine Service
The Harrison Family YMCA
Hatteras Fish Flags
Hicks Animal Clinic
The High Family
Caroline High
Jessica Hodges
Brandon and Lacey Holland
House of MBR
Angelika Howerton
Bill and Kitty Hudgins
Richard and Amy Hunt
Hwy 55 of Tarboro
Imperial Cleaners
Infuse Wellness of Wilson
Jack's at Rocky Mount Mills
Sam and Vel Johnson
Logan and Sarah Josey

Deborah Keel
Ryan and Katie Keeter
Key Club
Kindergarten
John Kincheloe
Hodge and Jean Kitchin
Martha Lamm
Watson and Martha Lancaster
Helen Laugher
Adam and Brandy Lemley
Lilyann's Steakhouse
Charlie and April Livermon
Lou Reda's
Delby Manning
Kimberly Marsigli
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Lisa Meadows
Middle School
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Pre-K
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Matthew and Tammie Reams
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Ribeye's Steakhouse of Tarboro

RMA Cheerleading Squad
Barbara T. Rowland
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
Social Secretary
So Sterling and Company
Southern Secret at Mears
Southern Serenity Spa
Spa By Traci
Standard Insurance
Beth Steed
Howard and Sharon
Strandberg
Wes and Keller Strandberg
Daniel and Shanna Strickland
Styles Hair Salon
Tarboro Eye Associates &
Aesthetics
Tar River Honey Company
TGN Pearls
James and Kate Tharin
Third Grade
Philip and Erika Thomas
Thompson Arms
Tipsy 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
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Premier Equipment
Steel Technology
Taylor Financial Strategies

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Hardee's Marine
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The Nottingham Company
Oakbridge Insurance Company
Southern Bank
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Tarboro Eye Associates & Aesthetics
Top Dock Construction
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The Paszek Family
Truist Bank
RMA Board of Trustees
A Friend of RMA

Liquor donated by Weldon Mills Distillery





Planned Giving & Legacy Gifts

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.

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.

Legacy Society Members

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



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.

If you have established a planned gift of which we are not aware, or need additional information about making a planned gift, please contact April Livermon, Director of Development, at (252) 443-4126 or alivermon@rmacademy.com.



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

Total reflects donations and 5 year pledge commitments.



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



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

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
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Miller Orthodontics
Richard Minor*
Nash Autism Seeking Hope
Matt and Leslie Paszek
S.T. Wooten
State Farm/Philip and Erika Thomas
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THE AVONDALE SOCIETY

\$2,500 to \$4,999

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Up to \$99

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Charles and Hanna Corey
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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.

ATTENTION ALUMNI



Save the Date

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



Alumni Updates



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 Wheeless (1978) and Lucy Brewer Wheeless (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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