

NINE STUDENTS GRADUATED AS THE CLASS

OF 2018, all with letters of admission to colleges and universities. Among them, two received Bonner Scholarships for their matriculation to Earlham College in recognition of not only their financial need but also their demonstrated capacity for nourishing community through service in their high school years.

The 2017-2018 school year began and finished with historically low enrollment: just 23 students, a number which fell short of even our most conservative projections. By contrast, this year's enrollment has us at close to 30 students with nine freshmen to make up for the seniors just graduated. Last year was nevertheless one of the most professionally satisfying of my 31-year career in schools, with **students**, **staff**, **parents**, **the School Committee and the Yearly Meeting all positively working to further the school's mission.** A result of this stead-fast and vibrant energy is the launch of significant initiatives to increase our enrollment and presence in the world:

- We continue **strengthening the relationship between the farm and student learning**. During her visit last fall, Gov. Kim Reynolds noted the high quality of STEAM education in our Farm Term involving the whole student body (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math).
- Responding to strong response from Iowa City parents looking for alternatives to the public and parochial options, Scattergood has begun plans to **open a day school for grades 6-8** in the fall of 2019.
- Grinnell College approached Scattergood to develop a joint program in which high-achieving students (senior or post-graduate) from disadvantaged districts will receive an academic "gap year" at Scattergood to better stand with freshmen peers upon their matriculation to the College.

Like some of our older maples on campus, Scattergood's heartwood and sapwood make for a healthy cambium, the layer that adds rings to the tree. We continue to mature and respond to change on the outside while keeping rooted in our values, and I am honored to be part of the adventure with you.

Thomas Weber, Head of School

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Since we reintroduced sheep to our farm in 2004, bottle lambs have brought much joy to our students. Each spring weak or abandoned lambs are given a dose of colostrum and a few more opportunities to attach before being sent off to the dorm where students administer night feedings, bedding changes and bring the lambs out in the day to frolic in the sun. Never have I witnessed such joy and responsibility from our students in pulling a beet from the ground or harvesting broccoli. By June the lambs are reintroduced to the flock, weaned, and are eventually recognizable only by their fleeting residual desire to approach people.

When students return in the fall, they ask about their specific bottle lambs, but also about the livestock in general: when will we have more lambs? How about a bottle calf? Can we keep a pig/chicken/turkey in the dorm and care for it?

Several years ago we recognized this desire and decided to add livestock that would provide and expect daily attention and affection. After two years of planning, grant applications, and building new fences, we finally adopted two donkeys in August 2018: Ned and Cas-

per. Seven students are currently enrolled in a Donkey P.E., training the donkeys to pull carts that will haul produce to the campus and food scraps back to the farm.

We are not stopping there, however! We plan to add dairy goats soon and eventually reintroduce a flock of laying hens. The Scattergood Farm has long been an important part of students' education and with the support of our extended community, we continue to seek ways to enhance their experience.

Mark Quee, Farm Manager



Scattergood Class of 2018



DID YOU KNOW?

Scattergood assists students with applying for college admission and financial aid. The class of 2018 received over \$945,000 in aid.

Two of these graduates will attend Earlham College in Richmond, IN as Bonner Scholars. This program honors only 15 incoming students who demonstrated dedication to service and community in high school. As Bonner Scholars, they will receive financial aid and also be given many opportunities to engage in even more community service activities at Earlham and the surrounding area.

Attending Scattergood from 2011-2015 has been the best decision in my life up to this point. Going into my first year, I had never been to a farm. This would be the first of many new experiences over the course of what will now be my eighth year of being involved with the school. Scattergood not only taught me values that I have been able to take with me into my adult life, it also provided me with an environment where I was truly able to figure out my own values going forward. Chief among these lessons was how to be courageous.

JAKE EDWARDS

I am currently a student at the University of Iowa and working as a Dorm Sponsor for Scattergood. My classroom and meeting experiences while in high

school transformed how I look at my education. While many students are not willing to ask questions in large lecture halls, I recently asked my professor if I could address a point made in my discussion section about whether elected officials were obligated to represent all their constituents or only the ones who voted for them. As someone with stage fright, without the nurturing community Scattergood provided, I doubt I would have been able to stand and speak my mind in front of more than eighty people.

Courage, to me, is being able to standup for what you believe in, even if it is unpopular. Like the spirit that moves me to speak in Collection, I felt I had a little piece of the truth that needed to be shared, regardless of the consequences. Being able to speak my mind in a respectful manner has changed my life. Scattergood helped me foster this courage, and for that I will be forever grateful. I hope to help future students find their own voices and willingness to speak out.



I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. — Ephesians 4:1-3

Peacemaking is a slow, everyday process. It requires us to over and over again show up, be present, be curious, listen, build trust, work together and work through. It is not shiny or exciting, but creates an underlying foundation upon which we can build the world we envision. Scattergood gives young people the chance to understand the slow work of making peace by not only learning about themselves, but also by learning to live with each other in community. This daily attention to patience, compassion, laughing at

our imperfections, and to "bearing with one another in love" may be the most difficult practice of all, but it is a crucial skill to cultivate in these divisive times.

This year we struggled with enrollment, and we also witnessed an influx of energy, ideas, creativity, and optimism from the staff and Head that resonates within us, gives us confidence for the future, and the courage to change and evolve. This struggle to find a way forward for the school has been difficult and it has also been good: it winnows away the chaff and keeps us true. We believe that as it is and as it may grow,



Scattergood is the Yearly Meeting's peace-building ministry to the wider world: it provides opportunities to practice this unglamorous yet enriching work of living together in community, and it continues to nurture the educational and spiritual lives of these young

people who give us hope.

For all of this we are so grateful.

For the Scattergood Friends School Committee,

Ruth Hampton '85, Clerk

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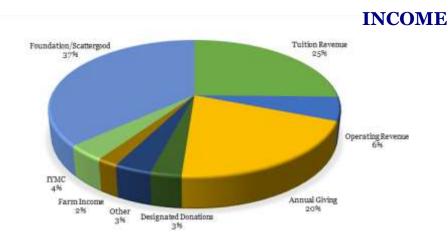
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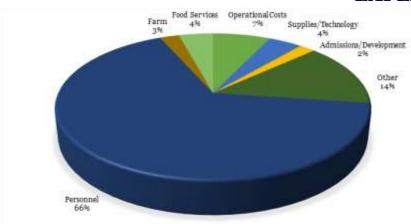
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