It remains a mysterious and deep blessing, especially amidst the turmoil of these times, to bring you up to date about Scattergood and the Light it shines for young people.

We experienced many challenges and successes in the past year. Visa denials by U.S. consulates for our admitted international students continued to constrain our student enrollment, resulting in a loss of tens of thousands of dollars of tuition income. We started the 2018-2019 year with a very significant projected deficit, and we finished the fiscal year by paring it down with prudent spending to just over $14,000 in an almost $1.3 million budget. Our program continued to thrive with students learning on the farm and in the art studio, in classrooms and at the University of Iowa libraries. And the chores got done, thanks to the tireless efforts of students and staff in our Crew program.

Two students received diplomas June 2nd as the Class of 2019 with letters of admission to colleges and universities: Latif Behroz and Hua Wei Lee. After serving as co-clerk for the high school Young Friends at FGC this summer in Grinnell, Latif is now in Canada, admitted to York University in Toronto. Hua Wei has enrolled in the University of Iowa.

The year ahead starts with 15 new students to complement the 14 returnees and we continue to tour new prospects. Of note is the happy arrival of two students from Kabul who were successful with their visa applications. Each already has worked extensively to build their country’s future through youth leadership in Kabul. We are privileged to walk with them on their journeys during this key time of their lives.

Among the new and well-qualified staff members this year, we welcome the return of three alumni as teachers and dorm-sponsors, and we’ll celebrate two staff, Dave and Jane, and what will be their last in their 40+ year careers. It is hard to fully appreciate the innumerable ways each has nurtured and given shape to students, but we will try.

And so, to quote the School Committee, together we will love another year--our school’s 129th--into existence by nurturing adolescents to be their true and best selves. In turn their development and qualities will allow them to love this world into the next generation of peacemakers.

Thomas Weber
Head of School
Loving Scattergood into the next years ...

In the midst of an ample harvest of the summer crops still hanging on and the autumn crops just gearing up, the Scattergood Farm plans for the future. Each fall as fields come out of production they are seeded into cover crops, most often at this time of year, with oats and hairy vetch. One of the four vegetable fields will be fallow next year, building nitrogen and organic matter while scavenging minerals from deep in the soil. Then the year following our heavy-feeding food crops will thrive. While cover cropping happens annually, this year our students are also helping plan five, twenty and perhaps even one thousand years ahead.

Our Climate Change Farm Term class is constructing a hugelkultur bed on the edge of the gardens. This mounded bed is filled with logs, branches, leaves and woodchips, then topped with soil and compost. In class we have studied carbon farming and the soil food web, and how tilling the soil releases carbon into the atmosphere. Slowly the wood will decompose, holding water and releasing nutrients to our crops until, after about five years, the bed will be flat again, but filled with well-balanced microbial life. This hugelkultur bed may become a model for future attempts at keeping the carbon in the soil as we produce food for our community.

Looking even further ahead, this same class visited Red Fern Farm, operated by Tom Wahl and Kathy Dice, and learned how chestnut trees might live for 1000 years while storing carbon above and below ground. Then as part of the Climate Strike Day of Action, students joined Tom and staff in planting more than one hundred chestnut trees on the Scattergood Farm. Though these trees will not produce any nuts before our current students graduate, they should be around for many years to come, feeding those who follow us here.

Just as a fruit tree sets fructing buds the summer before the following year’s harvest, we keep working with love to provide harvests next year and next millennium. Thank you for supporting this endeavor.

Mark Quee
Farm Manager
“There is no solution; seek it lovingly.” ~ Socrates

Another year has passed and another year begins---it sounds so simple on paper, doesn’t it? We are constantly amazed by the challenges and solutions that are experienced by the Scattergood community and the optimism and love that is present. We feel such gratitude for the caring work and leadership of Thomas, the staff, and students at the school, and for the generosity of the greater Scattergood world that help us continue to nurture this beloved experiment of living and learning.

We again focused on Outreach this year, including more regional Alumni Gatherings where Scattergoodians were able to visit in person, hear about the school, and share ways to keep alumni connected. It has been enriching to hear your stories that include the full spectrum of campus life: the struggles and growth, classes and crews you loved or didn’t, and especially of the appreciation for lifelong friendships and belonging to Community. These testimonies are part of what keep us inspired.

Life at Scattergood will always include the daily grass-fires to extinguish: fixing broken toilets, meeting with legislators, unexpectedly needing to order a new walk-in compressor, and occasional runs to the emergency room. At times it is easy to conclude that all of this is just a crazy venture. But every day also brings moments of joy, learning, and understanding, and both the joys and the struggles are filled with Divine Spirit and personal growth. We hold that every year is a success as we accompany another group of young people to become more of themselves, to find their own voices, to be excited by learning, and to be present in this world. Every single year matters. To serve this radiant mission requires a tremendous amount of work and assistance on many levels, and we know that all work must begin from a place of Love. So we strive to continue on, one year at a time, loving this school into another year of existence.

On behalf of the School Committee,
Ruth Hampton, Clerk
2019 - 2020 Staff


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Our needs / Our wish list:

- A small, fuel efficient car for single student transport
- Masonry scaffolding (with ladder frames would be great!)
- A 3-point tiller
- A bale rack
- Harness and cart for Ned, our large miniature Donkey (and Ned needs a companion!)

For gifts like these which are given to Scattergood Friends School and Farm, donors are provided receipts. The School advises you to check with your tax advisor for further information.
The Quaker legacy is one of love: loving one’s neighbor, loving the other ... no exceptions.

Scattergood Friends School is proud yet humbled by the love and trust invested in our little school by the Society of Friends when we became the largest hostel for refugees during the rise of the Third Reich and its persecution / extermination of more than 6 million people simply because of their religion, ethnicity, and allegiances. That time period in our history remains the single most significant representation of Scattergoodian love, but there is continuity in the form of our yearly welcome to students from countries in need of such love. It is intentional that we include and educate young people from Afghanistan who model unconditional love and seek peace for their home country. At this writing, two Afghans are enrolled, and one more Afghani will not arrive on campus until this report is in your hands. Following are the thoughts of those present as well as that of a recent Afghani alumnus.

The Scattergood Friends Class of 2019:

Hua-Wei Lee
from Taoyuan, Taiwan
attending University of Iowa

Abdul Latif Behrooz
from Kabul Afghanistan
attending York University, Toronto

Scattergood Friends School is a small School with lots of opportunities that match with my personality.

It is a school with chores for all community members through which we practice the Quaker values of peace, equality, justice and simplicity. All of these values match with my own, and I am in a place with sweet friends and learning is project-based to prepare all of us for college.

Peace,
M. Hanif Ehsani, Class of 2022
Scattergood is one of the best communities that I have ever seen.

People here are so respectful, kind and supportive of each other and each person’s belief, identity, religion and race. I love how the classes teach us to think about nature, our environment and the life of plants and animals around us. Scattergood makes me think, feel and understand things around me in a deeper and more effective way.

Halima Behroz, Class of 2020

I have many memories about my two years at Scattergood which became a second home with great people full of love, passion and desire to help others, and I am still in contact with my best friends.

The community bond at Scattergood taught me a lot about humility, loving, caring and helping each other. I give the teachers and community members credit for helping me to become who I am today, for helping me to advance my steps towards achieving my dreams. Thanks to Scattergood I am successful in academics and happy in life as well. I am grateful to be part of this wonderful community as a Scattergoodian!

Rezadad Mohammadi, Class of 2016
FINANCIAL SUMMARY for 2018-19

INCOME

- Net Tuition: 33%
- Annual Fund: 22%
- Foundation: 34%
- Other Income: 11%

EXPENSES

- Personnel: 61%
- Admissions & Development: 3%
- Operations: 17%
- Other: 19%
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