

# Scattergood Friends School Focus Program

Scattergood is introducing an exciting expansion of its current offerings in the areas of Peace & Social Transformation, Sustainable Agriculture, and Arts & Craftsmanship. Students may elect to focus their Scattergood experience around one of these areas, deepening their understanding of a topic they are passionate about. To do so, they will concentrate a portion of their elective classes, trips, and writing topics on their focus of choice; in addition, all students in the Focus program must take a financial literacy class and complete a capstone project during their senior year. Students should apply to a focus by the end of their sophomore year. They would then be in the program for the remainder of their time at Scattergood.

## **Peace & Social Transformation**

Societies, shaped by the policies, cultures, and structures we humans created, differentially impact the populations they serve. As Quaker Educators, we try to improve the world through our actions and the actions of the students we inspire. Drawing inspiration from a history of social advocacy that is distinctly Quaker, students will gain outside perspectives and harness our abundance of creativity to investigate complex problems. Students will gain practical experience through a community-oriented capstone project.

## **Sustainable Agriculture**

Students in the Sustainable Agriculture focus will grow alongside the plants and animals they work with, utilizing the farm as a living laboratory and participating in the difficult and rewarding labor of feeding the community. Students will also benefit from collaborations with professional organizations like Practical Farmers of Iowa to study agriculture that strives to benefit both land and people. Through their capstone projects, students directly add to our farming practice in an area of their interest.

## **Arts & Craftsmanship**

Students in this focus will hone their skills through the exploration of different mediums, exposure to the financial side of creating art, engagement with the art community, and refinement of their craftsmanship. Students will discover new corners of the art world, opening doors and a wealth of creative possibilities in the areas of visual, performing, media, and language arts. Through their capstone project, seniors in the Arts & Craftsmanship focus will share their works in a public setting to instill confidence.

# Focus Program Requirements

<b>Peace &amp; Social Transformation</b>			
Required Coursework:	Trips	Capstone Project	Research Paper
1. Financial Literacy Class  2. Two quarter-long classes per year approved for Peace & Social Transformation	1 Peace & Social Transformation approved trip every two years	30-Hour service work project during senior year or previous summer	Junior or senior paper on Peace or Social Transformation
<b>Sustainable Agriculture</b>			
Required Coursework:	Trips	Capstone Project	Research Paper
1. Financial Literacy Class  2. Two quarter-long classes per year approved for Sustainable Agriculture	1 Sustainable Agriculture approved trip every two years	30-Hour SFS Farm project during senior year or previous summer	Junior or senior paper on Agriculture or Sustainability
<b>Arts &amp; Craftsmanship</b>			
Required Coursework:	Trips	Capstone Project	Research Paper
1. Financial Literacy Class  2. Two quarter-long classes per year in chosen category (performing, visual, media, or language arts)  3. Senior Year Independent Study (2 quarters leading to capstone show)	1 Arts & Craftsmanship approved trip every two years	Senior year independent study showcase	Junior or senior paper on Arts or Craftsmanship

