

LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Jeff Leahy



Jeff Leahy, Head of School, and Chuck Cook, parent of alumni '00, at the Capital Campaign Celebration, September 2015.

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500 Holden Way Carbondale, CO 81623 This year we were able to celebrate successfully attaining our \$10 million capital campaign goal within our five-year time frame. Supporters of the school generously invested a little over \$10.6 million to support projects that have transformed our facilities and have enabled us to reposition the campus back along the Crystal River corridor. Updating and building all of these facilities was a remarkable achievement on behalf of the school, and the scope of the projects has given us all a sense of permanence within the independent school world. The final piece to this landmark campaign is a new active center ("base camp") and work will begin on this project during the spring, 2016.

Since the early days when students would pile into the back of the green truck and go off-campus on a trip, CRMS has valued the west and its diverse yet accessible locations. Over the years, car-camping in the southwest has transitioned into logistically more sophisticated outdoor trips on rivers, in

mountains, and across deserts. Early in CRMS's history the school adopted a wilderness outdoor orientation, that is now being instituted in many colleges. We have tracked the value of this orientation and statistically speaking a student who completes the entire 10 days has a far higher likelihood of graduating from CRMS than the student who doesn't. In recent years we have extended Fall Trip to five full days, and we have kept Spring Trip at six. Anecdotally, we find that students appreciate the opportunities to disconnect from the modern world, that they value their time in nature, and that they find these trip experiences to be important venues for meaningfully connecting with other members of the community.

For over the past decade, our trip preparations and gear storage have taken place in a basement space that is only marginally adequate for our purposes. So much time and energy currently go into the trip prep due to the current configuration of the facility, and it is our belief that this time could be better used focusing on the trip itself and the meaningful experiences that take place while we are out there.

The new active center will be located in a space adjacent to the current soccer field that is across from the woody pasture. Its central location will provide proximity to the buses (reducing unnecessary expenditure of fuel) and will not only house gear and dry food, but also provide ski storage in the winter, space for the soccer program in the fall and spring, and a map room and new bike shop that will both see regular use throughout the entire year. Similar to all the other projects we have achieved in this campaign, the active center will bring our facility in line with what has always been a powerful program, and it will enable our faculty and staff to focus more of their time and energy on the student's and their growth and development.

This past year we began looking at ways to improve upon the impact our trips have on the students. At CRMS we aren't simply satisfied with getting into the outdoors, but we are able to extend all the great lessons that are learned and personal discoveries that are made on our trips and bring them back to campus and our families. We accept that so often much of what happens on a trip occurs organically, and we also understand that the growth and development a student has experienced, needs to have an environment that gives it the time to nurture and develop. Leadership, self-confidence, and self-regulation are often outcomes of these trips, and these in turn improve our student culture when students have the time to think about how they apply to their own non-wilderness setting.

CRMS has long appreciated the value of our outdoor experiences, and the challenge we see ourselves faced with is in applying the values that are being nurtured to the campus environment, and by extension to students' adult lives later on. In short, our objective is to bring the outdoors in, rather than the more traditional concept of bringing the classroom outdoors.

A new active center creates an efficient staging area for all this to happen, and it provides us with a dedicated campus space that allows us to transfer the lessons from the outside in.

2016-2017 ADMISSION OPENINGSApplications are being accepted for Fall 2016.



Priority Deadline is February 15th.

Contact the Admission Office to learn more!

970.963.2562 admission@crms.org www.crms.org/admissions

Financial aid is available on the basis of need.

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A MUSICAL FAIRY TALE COMES TO LIFE

Jeff Schlepp

For the CRMS fall all-school musical this year, we decided to tell the story of the princess and the pea. You may have thought you knew the story, but in our musical production of *Once Upon A Mattress* there were a few surprises! For instance, Princess Winnifred actually swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab, and Lady Larken's love for Sir Harry provided a rather compelling reason that she reach the bridal altar post haste, and in the end it wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night, but rather armor, swords, and shields under her mattress. Our production of *Once Upon A Mattress* was filled with wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic. This rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provided some side-

splitting shenanigans for our audiences to enjoy. Performed by a talented cast of 18 CRMS students, the show was a big success, with great audiences in attendance all three nights. Congratulation to the cast and crew for all their hard work and dedication. The CRMS production of *Once Upon A Mattress* truly was a fairy tale in the making and was a real delight for all those involved in the production.







FORGING THE FUTURE//PRESERVING THE PAST CAMPAIGN CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

Bob Ward, Freelance Writer



Five years ago, Colorado Rocky Mountain School launched a \$10 million campaign to overhaul its campus and strengthen all the programs housed there.

When Forging the Future//Preserving the Past kicked off, Head of School Jeff Leahy wrote that the campaign was designed to "match the infrastructure of our campus with the power and quality of the programs that take place within it." Now, with nearly all the new buildings and renovations complete, we can say not only that the campaign succeeded, but also that the new whole exceeds the sum of its parts.

The individual physical upgrades have touched just about every school function and program — academic, arts, outdoor, administrative, residential — but as a result the feel and flow of the entire campus has improved.

"When we considered what this campaign would do for the campus, we did believe that these new facilities and the renovations would really connect the northern part of campus with the southern core," said Leahy. "We really wanted to draw the campus back to the Crystal River, which was an important resource for the school. Not only were we building nice new facilities, but we were really repositioning the campus."

In November, CRMS reached its final fundraising goal of \$10,658,103 in cash and pledged commitments. That exceeds the original \$10 million target, enabling the expansion of a trip-prep facility beyond its original scope, along with additional dorm renovations — and absolutely reflects the strength of the school and the loyalty and generosity of the entire CRMS family.

In the past, this newsletter has called out some of the highlights of the campaign as they've reached completion – the custom-built Weber Music Building, the science center in the garden level of the Jossman Academic Building, and the Library/Learning Center, which has become both a preferred location for quiet study and a social hub to rival the Bar Fork.

These new buildings have also brought a sense of order to the living and learning spaces: a new residential pod along the Crystal River toward the northern end of campus; an arts quad including the Adobe, the Music Building, the Forge and the Barn; and of course an academic quad anchored by the new Library and the Jossman.

THE ORIGINAL VISION

All of these new buildings "belong" at CRMS. Their colors and materials are taken from the mountain surroundings — forest greens and earthy reds that echo Red Hill north of campus. Logs and wood grain appear throughout, just as they did when the campus was a working ranch, and natural light animates many of the interior spaces.

Architect Olivia Emery, a CRMS parent who designed many of the new buildings, sought to respect the school's Western heritage while bringing the infrastructure into the 21st Century. She relied heavily on a CRMS Master Plan created in 2002-03 by a student work crew that included her son. In some cases, the plan called for the repurposing of existing buildings; in others it recommended new structures built for specific purposes. In each case, Emery and the administration followed instructions.

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"All these buildings, this whole campaign, is based on that student master plan," she said with a smile. "The school really stuck with that vision and I commend them for that."

ADMISSION AND ADMINISTRATION

The improvements stretch out clear to the school's main entrance, where a new Welcome & Administrative Center will inhabit the building once known as the New Boys Dorm. Starting in December, this 8,800-square-foot, two-level structure will be the school's new administrative headquarters, with the head of school, academic deans, and several other offices under one roof.

In a dedicated wing on the building's north end, the admissions department will welcome prospective families. The southwest entrance will welcome alumni to campus.

"This building is all about putting admissions front and center, to have their own building ready to receive guests," said Director of Advancement Lisa Raleigh.

Molly Dorais, Director of Admission and Financial Aid, says the capital campaign has already made a huge difference in her job.

"The buildings and facilities are now up to par with the rest of the program," she said. "The facilities really legitimize the overall program, the campus, and the way it presents."

Admissions is often a business of first impressions, Dorais said, and the new dorms, the new classrooms, the whole feel of the campus, have driven more interest and applications to the school. Last year 71 percent of the students who visited campus submitted complete applications, a solid number among independent schools.

The Welcome Center itself, which looks straight across at Mount Sopris, is a striking place to greet prospective students and families.

"A lot of times for visiting families," she said, "location is a big seller."

It may sound strange to have gutted a former dormitory and created an administrative center, but architect Emery said the old dorm rooms were just the right size for modernday offices. The building was large enough to fit most of the school's administrative functions, with a far more open and comfortable layout than the repeatedly remodeled Holden House.

"It's a state-of-the-art program here, and our buildings now show that," Dorais added.

RESIDENTIAL REVOLUTION

So what happened to the 40 students who used to live in the NBD? They've moved north, to the two new dormitories — dubbed Woody Pasture North, and Woody Pasture South — that first welcomed students four years ago. Those residences, including three faculty homes, not only helped to consolidate housing on the western edge of campus overlooking the Crystal, but also improved the CRMS residential experience with attractive buildings, naturally lit common rooms, and kitchenettes.

"When we built the two new dorms, we realized it was of great importance to renovate some other buildings to bring them up to the new standard," Leahy said. So, the Roaring Fork, Crystal, and Sopris dorms all received upgrades too. And, in keeping with this thinking, the school recently announced a new, \$350,000 fundraising effort to remodel the Solar and Lodge dorms.

Experience has shown that students appreciate the new living spaces and treat them accordingly. "When the quality

of the space you're living in is elevated, you take better care of it," Raleigh said.

ELEVATING THE ACTIVE PROGRAM

The main reason the *Forging the Future // Preserving the Past* campaign goal grew was the addition of a new building scheduled to rise just east of the soccer field in spring 2016. The original capital plan envisioned a fairly modest facility to enable smoother preparation and deployment of the school's outdoor-ed trips. But the new 4,470-square-foot Alpenglow Base Camp takes that idea to another level — a fully realized, purpose-built, one-stop headquarters for everything CRMS does in the outdoors. The plans call for several rooms of equipment storage, a dry food prep room, wet prep and clean area, and a map room/classroom. Even the bike shop will move there.

The Base Camp will have drive-up access on all sides, so packing and de-issue will be far more orderly and efficient. The ski and snowboard storage room will double during soccer season as a changing room for visiting teams.

The building will be named after the Alpenglow Foundation, which first challenged the school to think bigger about the structure, and generously supported its expanded vision. The funding and construction of this building confirms the importance of the active program to the school culture and curriculum.

"When we initially asked the Alpenglow Foundation to consider supporting this facility, they asked if we would be willing to envision a building that better met the needs of the active program," Raleigh recalled. "To be able to close out this campaign with a well-designed, dedicated, and highly functioning active center was the icing on the cake."

BRIMMING WITH THANKS

So that summarizes how the Forging the Future//Preserving the Past capital campaign reached above and beyond the original vision. As a result, CRMS is even better-equipped than anticipated to meet the challenges of the 21st Century with a contemporary campus, steeped in history and tradition, that reflects both the power of the school's multifaceted program and the loyalty and munificence of the CRMS family.

"I am truly awed and humbled by the generosity and leadership of so many whose lives have been personally impacted by CRMS and, as a result, they are willing to invest in its future," Raleigh said. "The school has been forever transformed by this effort and, as a parent of two CRMS students and a staff member, I am incredibly grateful."





XC RUNNING RECAP

Rachel Bachman

First quarter Active brought many new faces to the CRMS Cross -Country team. Though the team was small in numbers, it was mighty in spirit, leading to large improvements seen for all! Running is a great way to experience fall in Carbondale, and our training brought us to beautiful locations such as Tick Ridge, the Lorax Trail, Marion Gulch, Dry Park Rd, Thompson Creek, and the Rio Grande bike path along the Roaring Fork River. Students improved both strength and endurance through aerobic distance training, core and strength workouts, and interval sessions, our favorite being the "Agony Workout" where students ran uphill intervals on a steep dirt road. Workouts built fitness and an atmosphere of toughness, perseverance, and grit, while easy days and post-workout bliss developed camaraderie and a strong team bond. These ethics enabled us to improve greatly between our two races, the Demon XC Invitational in Glenwood Springs in mid-September, and the Chris Severy Invitational in Aspen in October. Both courses covered 5km:

however, the second race included much more difficult terrain. No problem for this team! Everyone showed considerable growth, some even improving their finishing time despite the slower course. Overall, it was a great first season coaching the CRMS team. Thank you to these dedicated and positive athletes for their hard work, and the many laughs we shared along the way!





BIKE TEAM RECAP

Meghan Detering



It was a fun, fast, and exciting fall for the CRMS Bike Team! This year the team was larger than it has ever been (with 21 students), and we had our first ever pre-season camp in late August with 12 students participating. The team showed great diversity in many aspects (age of riders, ability level, past race experience), but each participant was bound by a common love of riding bikes and sharing a strong desire to improve his or her skills. Practices were spent both on building fitness and on improving

technical riding skills. All of our hard work paid off as the team celebrated our first Division 1 team podium, strong finishes and incredible growth from returning riders, and great tenacity and impressive riding from our new athletes.

We also had 14 riders qualify for and compete in the Colorado High School League State Championships. This was the first year the league had a 5th and decisive "winners take all" race to determine the state champion in each

BOYS' SOCCER RECAP

AO Forbes

The Boys' Soccer Team finished what was ultimately a powerful season, playing at Roaring Fork under the lights on a very cold night, offering up the most inspired effort of the year. It was wonderfully reflective of the year, with heartfelt and passionate displays of very good soccer against very good soccer teams. The most distinguishing characteristic of this year's team was the heart and passion they brought to the games, and despite the score, we always were competitive and classy in our play. Our league was competitive, with two of the league's teams going far into the playoffs. We had moments of "greatness" both as a team and as individuals. Goalie play was inspired, and Soren Lindholm, although he prefers playing on the field, is the best goalie we have seen in a long time. As a result, he was selected to the all-league team along with Nicolaus Schultz a very strong player and defender selected to the second team. Nyima Ming was a centerpiece on defense whose passing skills gave our offense great opportunities; his creativity and consistency were

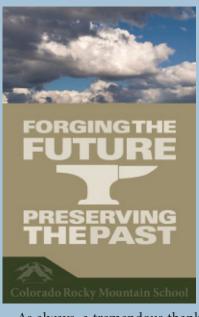
noted by other coaches. Seniors Jari Lindholm and Shiva Carter, despite being injured much of the season were powerful players and a large part of our team's playing with skill and heart. Colin Daniels, Max Hunsaker and Dylan Link were part of defensive backfield that played consistently well against very good teams. Seniors Will Burell and Scout Enbring brought athleticism and skill to a variety of positions, and Scout often was asked to play in the goal after Soren was hurt. In our game against Rifle he made 37 saves and we won 2 to 0. Seniors Ian Stokes, Rafa Gordh, Ryan Ingram, Jake Reseigh, Eli Miller and Victor

Henckel all made huge contributions to the team's positive nature. We ended the season with all the seniors on the field, noting that many had played all four years at CRMS. Next year the team will look to Colin Daniels, Max Stein and Dylan Link along with Forest Haugaard, Taylor Potenziani, Hayden Austin, Jonathon Lindenmayer, Riley Padgett, Gordo Davies, Bear Kane, Daniel Wang, and Baxter Waltermire to come together for yet another soccer season with the Oysters. Coaches Matt Norrdin and AO Forbes both appreciated the efforts and the learning that went on both in practice and at the games.



category. CRMS was the only team to win more than one state championship! Sophomores Emi Bauer and Levi Gavette and senior Henry Nadell all won state championships in their respective categories. This was an amazing accomplishment for any team, let alone a small school such as CRMS. The team had a fantastic turnout of parents, students, and faculty supporting all of the racers at this event. The riders and coaches were grateful and overwhelmed by the incredible support. Thanks to all for a great season!





FORGING THE FUTURE // PRESERVING THE PAST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACHIEVES GOAL

Lisa Raleigh

For the past five years we have been working on a series of capital improvements to bring our academic, residential, and campus facilities in line with the teaching excellence that takes place here daily. We are delighted to report we have received \$10,658,103 in cash and pledged commitments. As a result of this unprecedented generosity we have built:

- New Library / Learning Center
- New Science Facility
- Two new dormitories and completely remodeled three additional dorms
- New Music Building
- New Welcome Center & Administrative Building
- New Active Center (Alpenglow Base Camp to begin construction Spring 2016).

As always, a tremendous thank you for the generosity and leadership of the CRMS Trustees, our Head of School Jeff Leahy, and the many generous donors who helped us achieve this historic goal.

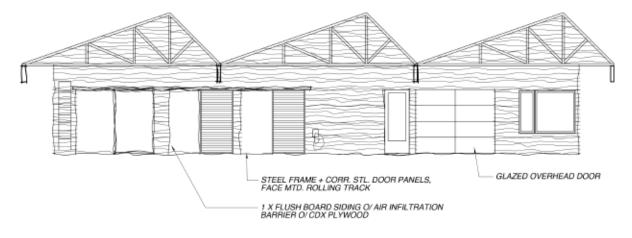
SPOTLIGHT ON ALPENGLOW BASE CAMP

The Active Curriculum has always been at the core of what makes CRMS so unique. We currently make do with a cramped basement space as our Outdoor Program storage facility and trip-logistics hub. Later we must haul thousands of pounds of gear and food up and out of the Wilderness Room, across the parking lot, and into the gym to issue it to the various trips.

Thanks to the incredible generosity from a family foundation, and the support of others, we will be able to build a 4,470 square foot dedicated facility, the Alpenglow Base Camp, as the final project in this Capital Campaign. Construction will commence next Spring, and we look forward to utilizing the building by Fall of 2016. The benefits of a purpose-designed and -built Active Center will be many.

The new center will be a place to:

- Celebrate and support the Active Curriculum with 4,470 square feet of dedicated space;
- Plan and organize trips, issue equipment efficiently, and handle de-issue including equipment repair and inventory more effectively;
- Support our soccer program with restrooms, visiting team changing room, and lightning refuge;
- Be close to buses for ski and snowboard storage and boot drying between trips;
- House the bike program, including repair shop and race prep, in addition to ski tuning in the winter; and
- Host orientation of large groups, outdoor movies, music, etc., supporting weekend activities as well as interim.



NEXT UP: SOLAR & LODGE DORM RENOVATIONS

Thanks to the *Forging the Future // Preserving the Past* capital campaign, the residential program was significantly improved with the construction of two new dormitories and the renovation of three others. The Solar and Lodge dorms, traditionally home to senior girls and boys respectively, are the final dorms in need of updating. The Solar and Lodge are located in the heart of the campus and require some functional and aesthetic improvements. Our goal is to support these improvements with \$350,000 in capital gifts, ensuring all of our dorms provide a quality boarding experience that enhances our unique and impactful programming. To learn more about making a gift to this pair of improvements, please contact Lisa Raleigh (lraleigh@crms.org, 970-963-2562).

NEW CRMS ENTRANCE & LANDSCAPING

When you enter the CRMS campus, you are now welcomed by a beautiful stone monument and a reconfigured driveway that brings you to the Barn and main CRMS campus. This new entrance provides a safer and more meaningful arrival to the school, and the stonework and fencing are in sync with the original stone pillars and split rails throughout campus. In addition, we have landscaped and reconfigured the front of the Bar Fork to include river rock retaining walls, designated covered bike parking, and a covered gathering area interspersed with new trees, grass, and landscaping.



DID YOU KNOW?

\$10,658,103 generously The committed in the Forging the Future // Preserving the Past capital campaign is the largest fundraising effort in the school's 62-year history. This campaign has resulted in the construction or renovation of ten buildings including: the Woody Pasture North, Woody Pasture South, the Crystal, Roaring Fork and Sopris dorms; a new music building, library, science facility, Welcome Center & Administrative building, and a new Active Center. This investment ensures the Holdens' vision and legacy will continue to thrive for generations to come.



GIFTS THAT GROW

This year's 2015-2016 Annual Fund focuses on Gifts that Grow, and our combined Annual Fund and Special Events goal is \$650,000. The Annual Fund is the financial backbone of the school, as it underwrites financial-based scholarships (ensuring economic diversity in our student body) and faculty salaries (to ensure we recruit and retain the best teachers in the field of education), in addition to supporting the unique and robust CRMS program. Please consider joining us with your support as we near the end of the 2015 calendar year, and, as always, thank you for your continued generosity and belief in CRMS. To give today or to learn more, please contact Beth Smith (bsmith@crms.org, 970-963-2562), Director of Annual Giving.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE CRMS HOLDEN CIRCLE

Lisa Raleigh

When John and Anne headed west in 1953 to start an independent, coed boarding school for "college-bound boys and girls who are of sound body and mind, and full of a spirit of adventure," they were actually embarking on a personal adventure that 62 years later is still thriving. The Holdens' founding principles are alive and well as CMRS's six-plus decade commitment to sustainability, diversity, meaningful work, the arts, a strong community, and college-prepatory academics has never been more relevant in today's society.

With a robust student body, a unique and impactful educational approach, and many generous donors, CRMS enjoys strong financial health today with a growing Annual Fund (\$650,000 goal this year) and \$10M+ in recent capital improvements. However, it is the \$20M+ family of endowments that ensures CRMS's ongoing financial

future for generations to come. A healthy endowment is an essential component of every successful nonprofit institution and provides long-term financial stability.

By including CRMS in your estate or retirement plans, you will be leaving a gift that will support future generations of students, and leave a lasting legacy of your generosity. It can be as simple as naming CRMS in your will with a designated amount or percentage of your estate, or by listing CRMS as a partial beneficiary in your retirement or life insurance plans. Understandably, while most estate plan's primary focus is providing for family, it is simple and easy to include a non-profit organization, and there are often tax incentives to do so.

Thank you in advance for considering joining me and the others in the CRMS Holden Circle of legacy supporters

and investing in the Holdens' vision and dreams for the next 60-plus years and beyond.

To learn more about including CRMS in your plans, please contact Lisa Raleigh, Director of Advancement (lraleigh@crms.org // 970.963.2562).

I view planned giving as a way to show my gratitude for all that I have experienced in life. My spouse, children and family come first, but it's not a stretch to think beyond that circle to organizations that have made a profound difference for me and my family. I'm 55 but it was incredibly easy to add a sentence in my will to include CRMS in an outright bequest. I invite you to look for ways to include charities that have made a difference in your life and your family's lives, and I hope CRMS will be one of the organizations that you consider!

- Virginia Newton, CRMS Parent '06 '10 '17

YESTERDAY TODAY FOREVER



Please consider including Colorado Rocky Mountain School in your estate or retirement plans in the form of a simple bequest or beneficiary. Your Planned Gift today helps ensure that CRMS is Forever.



THE PAST YEAR IN REVIEW

A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR DEVELOPMENT

Lisa Raleigh

Generous alumni, parents, families, friends, foundations, businesses, and faculty and staff contributed over \$2,893,447 in the fiscal year 2014-15, ensuring that Colorado Rocky Mountain School would meet its mission

of cultivating a learning environment in which students discover their potential to excel. In all, 688 donors made a total of 1,252 gifts to all CRMS funds.



ENDOWMENTS

Colorado Rocky Mountain School has more than 38 endowment funds that have been started and built over the years by donors who wanted to ensure that funding would always be in place for the school. As of September 2015, our family of endowments is worth \$18.8 million between the CRMS Foundation (\$12,410,954) and the school's Building & Grounds endowment (\$6,473,033). Endowment donations totaling \$62,336 were received for four endowment funds in 2014-15.

THE 2014-15 ANNUAL FUND EXCEEDS GOAL

The 2014-15 Annual Fund & Special Events received \$637,981 the second largest amount in the school's history. The Development Office staff and the Board of Trustees, along with alumni and parent and student volunteers, raised a total of \$552,853 in the "Give the Gift of Education" Annual Fund campaign. This total was comprised of \$471,631 in unrestricted Annual Fund gifts and \$81,221 in restricted Annual Fund gifts. In addition, with the continued support of our community, the 2014 Scholarship Raffle and Auction and the 2015 Scholarship Work Day event (along with event sponsorships) supported scholarships by raising \$85,128 throughout the year, for a grand total of \$637,981. Thank you so much to all our generous supporters.

PARTICIPATION IS KEY

Participation rates are key to an independent school's success in raising funds. High participation rates send a strong message to major and foundation donors that the school's constituents value the education being provided. Participation rates for the 2014-15 Annual Fund were:

- Board of Trustees 100%
- Current parents 46%
- Parents of alumni 8%
- Faculty and staff 46%
- Alumni 13%

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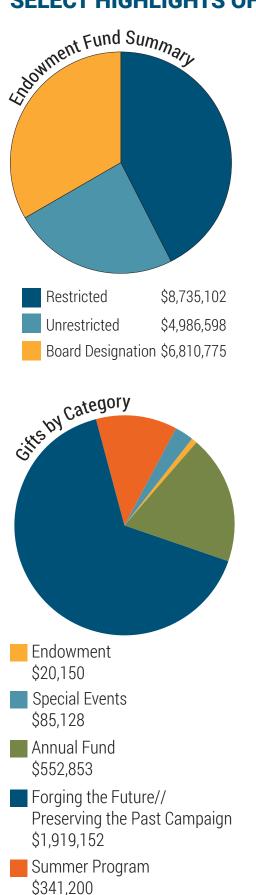
Since the fall of 2010, the official start of our most recent Capital Campaign, we have raised over \$10,658,103* in cash and pledged commitments, which includes \$8,617,601 in cash received to date supporting *Forging the Future// Preserving the Past*. These funds have helped support the construction of two new dorms, three existing dorm remodels, a new music building, a new state of-the-art science facility, a new library, a Welcome Center & Administrative Building, and a new Active Center (to be built in Spring 2016)

* please note that these are not audited totals.

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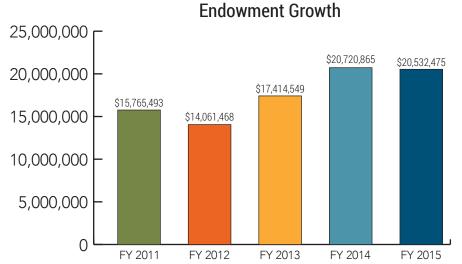
The Development Office would like to thank all of our supporters who gave their time and assistance to Colorado Rocky Mountain School in 2014-15. You are all instrumental in the school's ongoing success.

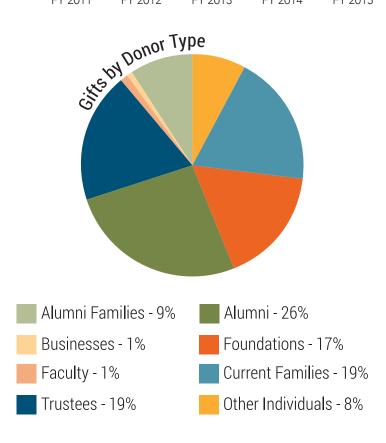
SELECT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



2014-2015 GIVING

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Gifts to CRMS totaled \$ 2,918,483 this year.

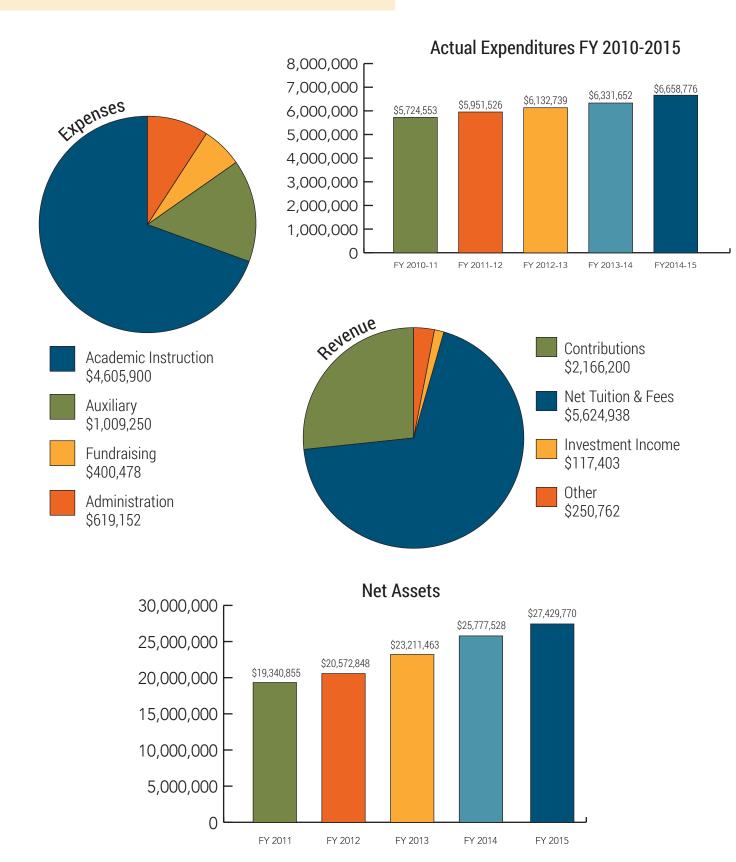




BUDGET

This page includes key elements from CRMS's audited financial statements, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

2014-2015 BY THE NUMBERS: ANNUAL BUDGET



Colorado Rocky Mountain School depends on the generosity of alumni, parents and friends to support its mission. The following lists acknowledge gifts to various funds including the Capital Campaign, Annual Fund, Endowments, Summer Program, and Special Projects during July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Thank you to all our supporters!

It is important to us that we acknowledge your gift(s) properly; please inform us regarding any omissions or errors in listing your name or gift by contacting Ana Mineo at 970-963-2562 ext. 132 or amineo@crms.org.

FORGING THE FUTURE // PRESERVING THE PAST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The following donors made a comprehensive pledge and/or cash gift to this Capital Campaign prior to June 30, 2015.
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\$500,000 and above

The Alpenglow Foundation &
The John Catto Family
Ted Hepp '61
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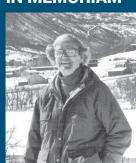
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PATRICIA (PAT) O'NEIL FENDER

Former CRMS Trustee and long-time faculty member Pat Fender passed away on October 25th.

Patricia (Pat) O'Neil Fender, 87, of Carbondale, CO died at her home early in the morning on Sunday, October 25, 2015 of complications from an earlier fall.

Born in Denver, Colorado on July 10, 1928, Pat was the oldest daughter of Henry Eli and Viola (Dotterer) O'Neil. She moved to the east at an early age and lived in Connecticut through the fourth grade. Her two sisters, Barbara Scott and Anne Elizabeth were born there before her family moved to St. Louis, MO in 1938. Pat had the great good fortune to attend the John Burroughs School where she graduated in 1946. She then attended Vassar College, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1950.

Her first job was as a teacher at a little primary school in Clifton, AZ. She later taught in Carbondale and Denver. A major joy in her life was going to the Perry Mansfield Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO where she started as a camper in 1939 and went on to become a horseback riding instructor and counselor for 10 years.

In 1954, Pat married William O. Fender, a rancher from Carbondale. In 1960, they bought their own ranch in Emma, west of Basalt, where they raised Hereford cattle and Quarter horses for 45 years. They then retired to their home in Carbondale, where they continued to host many pleasurable lunches, dinners and gatherings (often providing overnight accommodations!) for relatives, neighbors and friends from near and far. Pat continued planning luncheons and pot-lucks right up to the end!.

Bill and Pat had two children, a daughter Susan Perry Fender and a son, William O'Neil Fender. A grandson, Derek Ross Handwerk and a granddaughter, Lauren Vagneur Burtard, were the source of great happiness for the Fenders. Pat was thrilled at the arrival of a new great-grandson, Cash Kingston Burtard in February of 2014.

Pat worked part-time for 39 years at the Colorado Rocky Mountain School, where she was known as a fearsome grammar maven. She was a founding member of the Holy Cross Cattlewomen's Association, was a 45 year member of the Basalt Community United Methodist Church, and more recently a member of the Carbondale Community United Methodist Church.

She was a long time secretary of the Emma Community Trust and an original member of the Great Books group in Carbondale.

Besides her family and friends, her major interests were traveling and reading. Even in her final days she would quote a bit of Shakespeare and show her quick humor. Her last request for solid food was for chocolate! She had strong opinions, fought for the underdog, kept track of everyone's birthday and was one of the world's first recyclers reusing tin foil and plastic bags way before it was popular! She was known for her loyalty to her friends, her notes on treasured cards collected by friends and relatives over the years and her mailingsof clippings on many, various subjects to favorite peoplewhom she knew would be interested in, or amused by, said enclosures.

In addition to her parents and a halfbrother, Howard, Pat was predeceased by her husband, William Omer Fender. She is survived by her daughter Susan Handwerk (Jeff) of Salt Lake City, UT, her son William O'Neil Fender (Francesca) of Basalt, CO, her grandson Derek Handwerk of Fort Collins, CO, her granddaughter Lauren Burtard (Ty) and great-grandson Cash Burtard of Woody Creek, CO, her sisters Barbara O'Neil Ross and Anne O'Neil Dauer of Palo Alto, CA, her niece Lesley Dauer of Mountain View, CA, and her nephew Christopher Dauer (Stephanie) and their children Linc and Allison of Los Altos, CA. She is also survived by her nieces Willa (Jim) Holgate and Kathy Fender of Austin, TX, her nephew Dr. Marlan (Paula) Fender, D.V.M. of Phoenix, AZ and by many cherished friends around the world.

A memorial celebration of Pat's life will be held in the spring of 2016.

Her family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all Pat's wonderful caregivers! Without your love and support, we couldn't have kept Mom where she wanted to be - at home!

PATRICIA JOHNSTON PABST

Former CRMS Trustee and long-time supporter of the school, Patsy Pabst, passed away on September 12th. Patsy and her husband Shorty donated the Bar Fork Ranch which is currently the CRMS campus.

She died in Grand Junction, Colorado, at the age of 97 on Saturday, September 12, 2015. The daughter of June Crandall and Walter

V. Johnston, she was born August 21, 1918, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her husband, Harald "Shorty" Pabst, died January 10, 2005, also in Grand Junction. Together Patsy and Short raised five children, and at various times operated ranches in Colorado near Denver, in South Park, near Carbondale, and in Old Snowmass near Aspen. They also had a ranch outside Livingston, Montana. Patsy's father and his brother, Harry Stewart Johnston, ran the Robert A. Johnston Company in Milwaukee--maker of cookies, candy, crackers, cocoa, and other products. She was also preceded in death by her siblings: Walter V. Johnston Jr. of Fallbrook, CA; June Ellen Brumder of Milwaukee; Edward Crandall Johnston of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; and David Crandall Johnston of Fallbrook. Her youngest brother, John Keith Crandall Johnston of Milwaukee, survives Patsy. She is also survived by all her children: Nicholas (Joyce) of Mequon, Wisconsin; John (Cathey) of Grand Junction, Colorado; Kenneth (Robin) of Eagle, Idaho; Tamzin of Encinitas, California; and I.V. of Hotchkiss, Colorado; as well as by 12 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. As a young girl, Patsy attended Milwaukee Lake School for Girls, and graduated from Downer Seminary. She then attended House in the Pines in Norton, Massachusetts, where she was able to have a horse and enter equestrian shows and competitions. There are many black-and-white photos of her jumping her horse while sitting sidesaddle. Both she and her husband, Shorty (born and raised in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin), were known as accomplished equestrians, but switched to Western Style, roping, and herding cattle after they moved to the Rocky Mountains as a young couple in 1946. For many years Patsy, Shorty, and their children lived either on their ranch just outside Aspen, Colorado, or in Aspen itself. Patsy and Shorty were involved in numerous civic, cultural, and business affairs in town. In the early 1960s, Shorty was major of Aspen, and also served as a trustee of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies. We, her children, know Mom believed in an afterlife. We wish her bon voyage and hope she meets up along the way with relatives, best friends, and her favorite horses and dogs. She will also need a good pair of skis and the deep powder snow in which to use them. A memorial mass will be held Thursday, September 17, at 10:00 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Grand Junction. A private memorial service will also be held at a later date in Wisconsin.



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August 5 - 7, 2015

While all are welcome, we offer a special welcome to alumni and faculty from:

'57, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96 '01, '06

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