



Colorado Rocky Mountain School

IMPACT REPORT

2021-22 FISCAL YEAR





Letter from the BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT

This CRMS Impact Report, which looks back at the 21-22 academic year, is a chance to reflect on quite a few positive accomplishments of the school. In it, you will find important information about the school's financial health and some powerful and moving examples of the generosity of our community. To have not only endured but to thrive within another year of pandemic conditions speaks volumes about the values that John and Anne instilled in the school's earliest days and which continue to serve the students, faculty, alumni, and families of the school today.

In terms of achievements, the faculty and staff can and should take pride in educating a larger student body—181 students. All of them experienced everything the CRMS educational experience has to offer. Growing to this size was an experiment that went well. The initial feedback is that the larger learning community provided more opportunities for a diverse student population to build connections with one another. In the 22-23 academic year, the student body is once again near 180 students. If it remains a healthy size that contributes to the well-being of every student, it may be a new normal. Only time will tell.

To serve and educate this many students, the faculty and staff had to draw on essential CRMS values of creativity and resourcefulness. Starting with the outdoor orientation known lovingly as Wilderness, faculty found creative ways to ensure every student was directly engaged in the classroom, dorms, outdoor activities, and on teams and trips. Their resourcefulness and creativity set a model for students on how to negotiate change.

And as the saying goes, the only constant is change.

I'm excited that CRMS welcomed a new Director of Community, Engagement, and Belonging. Gabriel Gutierrez, who began in this new position this fall, has said that he looks forward to cultivating a supportive space for our students on campus that honors the power of each of their stories. I can't emphasize enough how important this will be for the students and faculty of today and in the future. As our awareness and perspective of American life and culture continue to evolve, every CRMS student should feel empowered to bring their background and experience forward in building the fabric of the school's community.

As far as I can tell, one thing that won't change is the impact that CRMS has on its students throughout their lives. In this Impact Report, you'll find some great stories of impact. Please read the article about Mick Olden '25, a freshman who went through a transformation last year thanks to being encouraged to try new things during his outdoor activities. It may sound similar to your or your child's experience during their first year at CRMS. I was particularly touched by the story of Bill Parzybok '61 and his family, which includes six CRMS graduates over three generations. Like the Parzybok family, CRMS is in my DNA and always will be.

I hope that you find the information in this Impact Report helpful and hopeful. I believe that although change will continue to happen at CRMS, the core values that guided CRMS through its first seven decades will continue to graduate intellectually curious, adventurous, creative, resilient, kind, and confident young adults.

Stan Wattles '80

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Colorado Rocky Mountain School cultivates a learning environment in which students discover their potential to excel as individuals, contribute to their communities, and thoughtfully participate in the world we share.

COVER PHOTO: Nolan Peirson '22 and Will Karow '25 finish together at a mid-season race last fall. Photo

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YEAR IN REVIEW

You helped make last school year an incredible success! Thanks to your support, CRMS students and faculty completed a year of learning that included challenging academic classes, outdoor trips, sports competitions, and a healthy campus community life. Here are some highlights from the 2021-2022 school year:



AUGUST

- Alumni Weekend goes on-campus and online with over 90 participants
- 60 new students complete a 10-day Wilderness orientation

SEPTEMBER

- Formal dinner returns!
- Oystermeister returns with the first of six events: Tick Ridge run
- All School Meetings return to the Barn

OCTOBER

- 17 Fall Trips engage students in experiential outdoor learning
- Girls Cross Country Team finishes 7th at State Meet
- Mountain Bike Team 1st in all 3 regular season races; 6th overall at States

NOVEMBER

- Family Weekend returns to in-person with Coffee House on the Graduation Lawn
- Over 350 people participate in the OysterBASH '21 raising almost \$50,000 for Arts & Actives
- CRMS Garden harvests 19,000 lbs of produce for the Bar Fork dining hall

DECEMBER

- Students finish the fall semester

JANUARY

- Students return to classes on campus
- Full-day ski days on Wednesdays get the community out on the mountains

FEBRUARY

- Interim moves to a two-week format, offering 18 innovative programs including: Navajo silversmithing, Geothermal energy hunting, Backcountry skiing, Grand Canyon horse packing
- Climb Team State podium finishes: Varsity Boys - 2nd; Girls Varsity - 5th; JV Boys 3rd; Devin Bush '25 - 2nd Individual

MARCH

- Nordic skier Ellie Urfrig '22 wins Avery Mathieu '04 Memorial Award

APRIL

- 16 Spring Trips get students and faculty out backpacking, kayaking, biking, hiking, and climbing in the desert Southwest

MAY

- Senior dinner returns!
- Community celebrates retirement of Mark Clark, A.O. Forbes '69, Lynn Pulford, and George Weber
- 57th Annual Scholarship Work Day mobilizes 135 student, faculty & parent volunteers working at 12 sites, raising over \$16,000 for CRMS Scholarships
- Willa Schendler '22 wins a prestigious Boettcher Scholarship

JUNE

- 43 members of Class of 2022 celebrate graduation with family and friends
- [HS]² kicks off its 15th year with 72 students returning to on-campus learning for five weeks
- CRMS exceeds its Annual Fund goal thanks to you!



CRMS MAKES LIFE-ALTERING IMPACT ON THREE GENERATIONS OF THE PARZYBOK FAMILY

Bill Parzybok ‘61

Last June, my grandson, Charles England ‘22, became the sixth member of our family to graduate from Colorado Rocky Mountain School. Those that have graduated include me, my brother Steve Parzybok ‘63, my cousin Kevin Sink ‘78, my nephews Wyatt Currlin-Parzybok ‘89 and Hayes Parzbok’99, and my grandson Charles ‘22. As you can imagine, we have a long and positive association with the school. I visited with all of them (except my brother Steve, who passed away in 1999) regarding the impact CRMS had on them. There are strong common themes among all of us.

There is uniform consensus among us that CRMS was a positive life-altering experience that has impacted each of us. It was challenging in many ways but viewed as the best years of our lives – a time of growth, learning, and self-knowledge. As one family member said, “We were pushed to the limits of human strength and mental toughness.” Academic life was just as demanding as climbing mountains and rugged wilderness trips. There was instilled in all of us an insatiable love of nature and the great outdoors. Mt. Sopris throughout the seasons and the sound and beauty of the Crystal River are indelible memories. The Wilderness trips were true learning experiences that challenged our perseverance and enhanced many character-building qualities.

Responsibility, self-discipline, self-reliance, and accountability were common themes, along with the importance of teamwork and a sense of community. The school culture embraced the strong values of kindness and respect in all our interactions.

Family members often mention how we grew our independence to think for ourselves and our leadership skills. We appreciate the physical work, like maintaining ditches, tending gardens, repairing trails, and building structures. One great memory for me was being on work crew that made the bricks for the iconic Adobe art building...talk about memories. We learned that work won’t kill us but will make us stronger physically and mentally.

Last, and certainly not least, is the impact of the faculty and the academic program on our growth. There is nothing quite like the faculty member who brought topics to life and helped guide us through difficult subjects while challenging us to always do our best. We all have stories of the positive impact one or more faculty members had on us.

Colorado Rocky Mountain School is in our DNA and will always be.

The Parzybok family at the 2022 Graduation.



MICK OLDEN ‘25 FINDS HIS GROOVE TRYING NEW THINGS AT CRMS

Tim O’Keefe

Many of Colorado Rocky Mountain School’s alumni can share the trepidation of gearing up for their 10-day Wilderness Orientation and all the unknowns that come with joining a new community. Right off the bat, students engage in a true challenge physically and mentally. The ultimate goal is to bond with faculty and other students and to discover more about themselves.

For first-year student Mick Olden ‘25, last year presented lots of new challenges, including Wilderness. “We moved up from Boulder [to the Roaring Fork Valley] and have been in five houses in 12 months,” said Mick this past summer. “And then I’d never experienced any outdoor program quite like CRMS’s. On Wilderness, I wasn’t the savviest backpacker, but Bobby Rosati helped me move forward out there and in the classroom. He encouraged me to push on when it was hard.”

The experience with Wilderness propelled Mick to check out other new activities, including snowshoeing. “I loved snowshoeing. I’m not a big skier or snowboarder, which is rare for a Colorado kid, but I hope they bring snowshoeing back next year.”

Over the year, Mick also explored kayaking, experimented with new art media, and connected with faculty and students at deeper levels than before. Mick’s dad, Jason Olden, said it took him a little while to warm up with fellow students, but once he did, he found some great friends and his groove at CRMS.

Jason confirms that the challenging environment CRMS creates will pay dividends for Mick down the road.

“Mick came back from Wilderness a bit more mature, and you could see the influence of comradery of hardships and good times. We went camping recently – he shows up, and he’s got his systems in place, he knows where his stuff is, that maturity is clear, especially his comfort being outside, which then transforms into a thousand different things in life.”

Mick also understands how experiences like this can help him grow. “I’ve always had a hard time opening up to new things, but at CRMS, you’re constantly doing new things – different actives and different crews and classes and trips. I’ve gotten so much out of trying new things. As a result, I’m more open-minded and see things from different perspectives.”

What advice would Mick give to new CRMS students? “Try new things and talk to people.” And then added a third thing, “Pack warm clothes. I didn’t think it was going to snow in August on the first night of our Wilderness trip.”



IN HER OWN WORDS: CRMS COMMUNITY, FACULTY HELP TASHI JACKSON '22 GROW IN SELF-DISCOVERY

Last June, Tashi Jackson graduated after four years at Colorado Rocky Mountain School. In her final year at CRMS, she and her teachers say that she came alive with growth and self-discovery. This summer she shared, in her own words, some reflections on her time at CRMS and the impact the school and donors like you had on her.

As you reflect on your time at CRMS, what moments stand out as pivotal or profound to you?

This is such a loaded question that I struggle to begin to specify a specific moment that stood out to me. Every day at CRMS was a profound experience in its own way. Special little moments made my high school experience very worthwhile -- the beautiful morning stroll to my first class, learning from exceptionally passionate teachers, being in the presence of many good human beings, having access to organic food grown right in the CRMS garden, and the emphasis on experiential learning inside and outside the classroom.

My experience at CRMS was the polar opposite of my previous school: the classes are small and intimate. It's more heavily focused on promoting exercise in the outdoors and provides such an immersive experience for higher education. Of course, I can't emphasize enough how profound and memorable my experience was at CRMS. I felt like I was a part of a very special community that offered me the most wonderful and unique high school experience.

If I were to distinguish my most noteworthy experiences, they would all be centered in the outdoors. Having access to such prestigious landscapes in the Rocky Mountains, CRMS lives and breathes the outdoors. The trips are incredible because students are taken to such expansive environments that demand exploration. While on these trips, I've learned to appreciate every moment I get on this beautiful Earth. CRMS has forever shifted my perspective on outdoor lifestyles, and now wherever

I go, I feel a heightened appreciation for nature more than ever.

How have you changed or grown as a result of being at CRMS?

Starting at the beginning of my freshman year, I was a nervous wreck who found CRMS unconventional and foreign to anything I had ever experienced. At first, I felt a bit lost in this unfamiliar community and unsure about my place in it. But as I pushed myself more and more out of my comfort zone, I made space for more self-discovery and more profound experiences that CRMS had to offer.

I feel that I've grown so much since my first wilderness trip, and I thank CRMS for fueling its students with a zest for adventure and positive risk-taking mindsets. Students learn to develop skills in active participation, accountability, and the constant pursuit of personal development.

I've become so invested in the school's leading commitment to inclusion, responsibility, and engagement that I plan to uphold these traits wherever I end up.

Who played a critical role in that growth? How did they impact you?

A combination of the whole CRMS community aided in my growth. A few notable faculty have left imprints on my journey, and I will be forever thankful for these incredibly dedicated and supportive mentors:

Lynn Pulford, my photography teacher, was always a beam of light for me and continually showed those around her that she cared and supported them wholeheartedly. She inspires me to be the best version of myself and to lead with love and kindness.

In my senior year, I took a Geopolitical class and was given the opportunity to deeply question undeniable indignities in the political landscape, emphasizing empathy. A.O. Forbes was a wonder to behold, and I felt honored to be in his soft and adoring presence every day. He was my reminder that every individual has the power to shape their landscape and promote a better world.

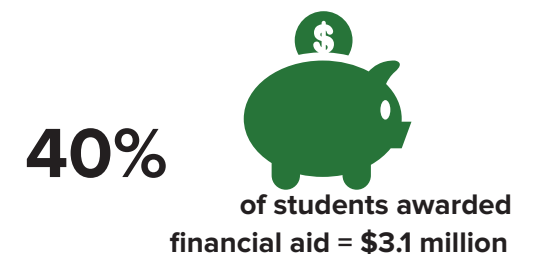
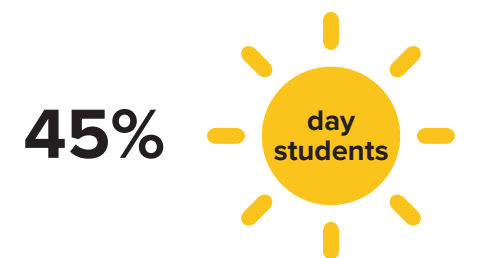
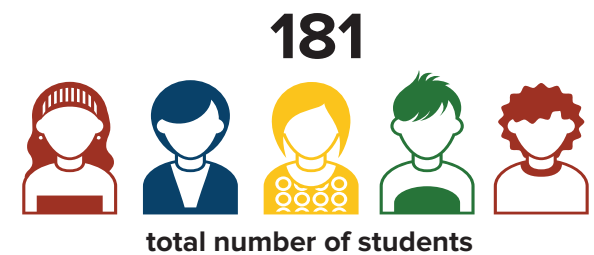
Thanks to Noah Sakamoto, I have gained a lot of experience in the visual arts and have learned dope skills like the recreational art form of skateboarding. He has guided every other student of his and me to reach for the fullest potential within our artistic endeavors. He has been my most influential art teacher so far, and I will always appreciate his sage art teacher advice.

What's the biggest "thing" you'll take away from CRMS?

My biggest takeaway is that a supportive community is crucial to thriving in life. Making people feel welcome and accepted is my top priority because everyone deserves to be heard.

So, what I'll take away is to keep a sense of open-mindedness in all types of unfamiliar terrain and concentrate my energy on emulating the values of this school.

2021-2022 BY THE NUMBERS



CHARGING AHEAD

Grants from Aspen Skiing Company Environment Foundation Assist CRMS's Transition Away from Hydrocarbons

Heath K. Hignight

The CRMS Future Path vision of what students will need in the coming decades includes some important—and colossal—aspects. Among these is the ability to consider and address various global issues, including sustainability, environmental restoration and degradation, and climate change. Students should be versed in the science, politics, and technology that enable stewarding the world's natural resources and can find ways to take meaningful action throughout their lives.

In the late 1990s, CRMS took its first step toward reducing its carbon footprint by partnering with Aspen Skiing Company Environment Foundation to install what was, at the time, the largest solar power array on the western slope. The array, which sits north of the Jossman academic building, is still in operation. It generates approximately 147 kilowatts of power for the school.

This journey of a thousand miles takes another important step this year with the help of a 3-phase power plug and a very important new bus.

CRMS partnered again with Environment Foundation on two grants to electrify the school's bus fleet. In 2021, EF awarded CRMS a grant to help install a Level II grid-tied EV charging station, which complemented the installation of a two-outlet solar (PV) EV charging station. Installation of these charging stations was completed by the fall of 2021, enabling CRMS community members and visitors the option of charging their electric vehicles while on campus.



The second grant, received in June 2022, supports purchasing a 14-passenger EV bus.

With an ALT Fuels Vehicle Grant from the State of Colorado and generous donations from CRMS alumni and families, the Environment Foundation grant enabled the purchase of a \$280,000 14-passenger shuttle EV bus. This bus replaces an existing diesel-powered bus in the CRMS fleet. One of our existing diesel buses will be removed entirely from the road as required to qualify for the state grant.

What does removing just one bus accomplish? In its first year of operation, the EV bus will take approximately 50 trips of 10 miles or more. With a range of 120 miles per charge, this EV bus will see significant use, and we can expect to consume 700 fewer gallons of diesel fuel in one year. Over its lifetime, this single bus will remove over 4,200 gallons of diesel consumption from the Roaring Fork Valley.

Hannah Berman, Senior Manager for Sustainability and Philanthropy at Aspen Skiing Company, says that in addition to the positive environmental impact of this grant, there's an important long-term education and cultural benefit as well.

"Electrifying transportation infrastructure is a key piece to tackling climate change," she said. "And CRMS's electric school bus has the added benefit of educating young people about climate solutions."

Due to the high cost of EV buses, full fleet conversion will take time and a lot of help from the broader CRMS community and its many wonderful partners like EF. Yet, it's work that we must do. Here is an urgent need to normalize EVs as a preferred mode of personal and group transportation, beginning with one bus. CRMS students starting their high school journey this year will ride on an EV school bus for everything from local field trips to winter sports and activities on the mountain. Beginning this year, they'll see that EVs are not reserved for personal transportation but can and should be an increasingly important mode of transit, including at their school.

SCENES FROM THE YEAR...

Spring Trip Shenanigans

Horsepacking Interim

Oystermeister: Color Run

Kayo Ogilby and AO Forbes '69 during the retirement celebration

Class of 2022 procession

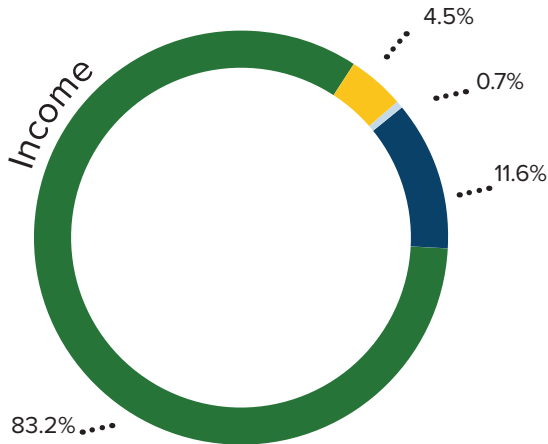


2021-22 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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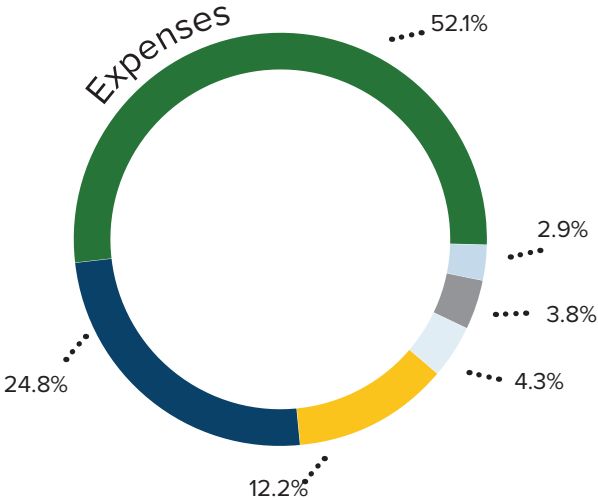
Tuition & Fees	\$10,206,994
Philanthropic Giving*	\$1,423,846
Endowment Earnings	\$550,567
Other Income & Interest	\$79,770
Loss on Investments	-\$1,250,088
TOTAL	\$11,011,089

* Includes temporarily restricted gifts



EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$5,904,146
Financial Aid	\$2,805,575
General Institutional & Facilities	\$1,379,849
General & Administrative	\$482,832
Instructional Programs	\$427,241
Food Service	\$330,016
TOTAL	\$11,329,659

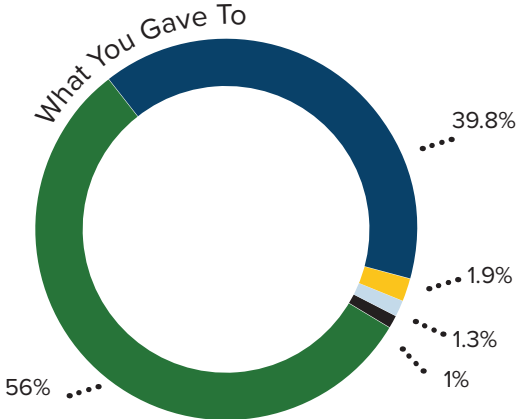


ENDOWED FUND SUMMARY

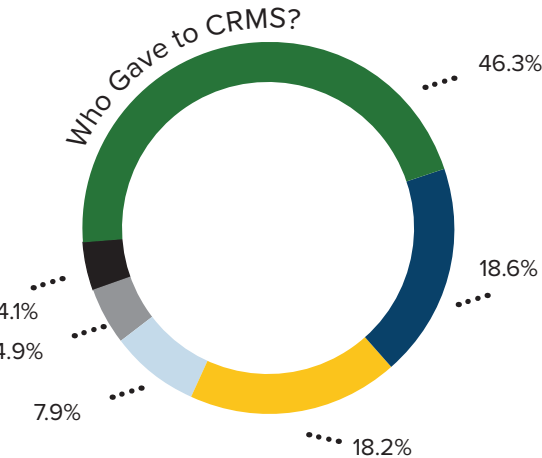
Unrestricted	\$11,293,214
Restricted	\$12,458,760
Board Designation	\$9,639,209
TOTAL	\$33,391,183

2021-22 GIVING

CRMS can offer its outstanding educational and summer [HS]² program only with the support of families, alumni, trustees, and philanthropists. Gifts to CRMS totaled \$1,460,005 this year.



Annual Giving/Special Events	\$816,893
[HS] ² Summer Programs	\$581,047
Capital Projects	\$28,000
Endowed Giving	\$18,965
Special Projects	\$14,800
Forging the Future Payments	\$300
TOTAL	\$1,460,005



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Current Families	
Current & Former Faculty & Staff	
Trustees & Former Trustees	
Foundations	



1014 members of the CRMS community supported the Annual Fund & other fundraising initiatives in 2021-22

* Please note: These numbers are “unaudited” as of June 20, 2022 since we have not finalized the 21-22 audit.

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John T. Watson*
Stan Wattles ‘80,
The Howard Bayne Fund
Tad Whitaker ‘94
Ashley Whittaker ‘89
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85 individuals or
couples have included
CRMS in their
estate plans



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Bush Helzberg
Jamie Helzberg
Stan Wattles '80, The Howard Bayne Fund
Anonymous

Roaring Fork (\$10,000-\$24,999)

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<div><div><div>In HONOR OF</div><div>In honor of the Class of 1978</div><div>- Jill Bauman '78</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In honor of A.O. Forbes '69 and all CRMS teachers over the years who gave extravagantly of their heart, intellect, humor, and imagination</div><div>- Juliana Forbes '78</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In honor of Kelli Keith '99</div><div>- Steve & Karen Lynn Keith</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In honor of my Mom, Jane Wilmer</div><div>- Mary Wilmer Mills '72</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In memory of Tony Cherin '58</div><div>- Ellen Cherin</div><div>- Mike '63 & Janie Flax</div><div>- Andrew & Jennifer Menke</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In memory of Dale Lasater '61</div><div>- Lansing Palmer '61</div></div></div>
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<div><div><div>In honor of Mark Clark</div><div>- Devon Daney '85</div><div>- Kerry Reynolds</div><div>- Cheyla Samuelson '88</div><div>- Melody Scheefer Van Boerum '99</div><div>- Craig Shoemaker '82</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In honor of Clint Parsley</div><div>- Lynne Parsley</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In honor of Rachel Schwartz '06</div><div>- Alan & Gail Schwartz</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In honor of the incredible teachers who helped turn my four short years at CRMS into a lifetime of lessons to draw on</div><div>- Thorne Warner '12</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In memory of Rich Furze</div><div>- Lynda Walters '80</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>In memory of Charles Parmalee '67</div><div>- Beth Grobman '68</div></div></div>
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FAMILY WEEKEND & OYSTERBASH
Each year during Family Weekend, the OysterBASH silent auction raises funds for the school’s Arts and Active programs. Thank you to our business sponsors, underwriters, auction item donors, and all of the parents, alumni, and friends who bid on (and won) silent auction items. In 2021 OysterBASH raised \$62,737 for the Arts and Active programs.

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57TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP WORK DAY
In 1965, CRMS students initiated Scholarship Work Day to help make a CRMS education available to others, regardless of their economic status. In 2022, 135 student, faculty, staff, and parent volunteers worked at 12 sites throughout the Carbondale area in partnership with local non–profits and homeowners to raise over \$16,000 for CRMS Scholarships & Financial Aid.

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Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated items or services in-kind to CRMS during the 2021–2022 fiscal year.

- 5Point Film Festival
- Aspen Skiing Company
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- Osmia Organics
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- William Packard ‘22
- Douglas Patricelli Norrdin ‘23
- Nolan Peirson ‘22
- Mace Perrin ‘22
- Olivia Pevec
- Phat Thai
- Scott Picard & Tammy Pfeifer
- Skylar Picard ‘24
- Propaganda Pie
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- Red Hill Animal Health Center
- Ursula Reed ‘25
- River Valley Ranch Golf Course

- Kathryn Rizzo ‘23
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[HS]² SUMMER PROGRAM
CONTINUES TO THRIVE AT CRMS

High School High Scholar [HS]2 is a STEM-based college access program for first-generation and/or low-income students of color. Students come from public and charter schools in New York City, Denver, Fort Worth, and New Orleans and attend [HS]2 at no cost. Students apply to [HS]2 during the fall of their freshman year and, upon admission, commit to attending the program for three summers in Colorado. Students graduate from [HS]2 the summer before their senior year and return to their home schools equipped to apply to college.

In its 17th summer at CRMS, the [HS]2 program continues to thrive. During summer 2022, [HS]2 served 68 scholars from 4 states and roughly 25 high schools. Throughout the summer, students forged lasting friendships, found mentors in the faculty and staff, and experienced tremendous growth as they pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones. This push happens as they climb mountains, learn to live away from their homes and families, manage their time and step further into their young adulthood, and face new challenges in the classroom.

This summer, students’ academic experiences ranged from BC Calculus to River Ecology, to coding in Python, to college counseling and creative writing courses. Beyond their 6 hours of academic classes daily, students engaged in experiences such as kayaking, rock climbing, silversmithing, and ceramics. Eight program alumni returned to [HS]2 as teachers and RAs, and we are better as a program for having these inspiring young folks with us. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our faculty and staff and share bonds with the students who sit in the seats that they once did.

[HS]2 gets better with age, and it is a joy to see the CRMS campus so thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by these students throughout the summer. We can’t wait for our faculty, scholars, and alumni to return in June of 2023, and we’re grateful for the ongoing support of the broader CRMS community.



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250+ [HS]² students have
graduated since 2009

91% of [HS]² graduates have
completed college in 4-6 years

ALUMNI WEEKEND

In August, over 50 alumni gathered to celebrate milestone reunions, renew relationships with classmates, and reconnect to CRMS. Participants began the weekend with a rafting trip and then enjoyed hikes on Red Hill and Mt. Sopris, meals from the Bar Fork and a reception at Head of School Jeff Leahy’s home.



What You Can Expect in 22-23 and Beyond

Jeff Leahy

Through the collective efforts of our community, Colorado Rocky Mountain School has successfully emerged from a tumultuous past few years and currently enjoys financial health, stability, and sought-after programming that gives us the capacity to design our future path. We know that the CRMS program works and that it works well. To prepare for the opportunities over the next 20 years, CRMS trustees established their vision to ensure that the next generation of students graduates from CRMS ready for the world ahead and that they continue to gain the self-knowledge and self-ownership that the CRMS experiential program uniquely provides. View the Future Path on our website www.crms.org/about/crms-future-path/. To ensure that this foundation was at the forefront of our daily work, faculty and staff drafted a “path of the CRMS graduate” that embraces our collective belief that learning and growth are both perpetual and central to achieving a “good life” at any age.

An essential piece to achieving our aspirations for our community is to think meaningfully and broadly about how we can add value to our community by expanding our notion of what it means to be a part of CRMS. This involves addressing how we can do more to attract and support students, staff, and faculty who come from various experiences, cultures, and races.

We have already embarked on this process by having consultants guide our trustees, faculty, staff, and students through this work over the past two years. This work has led to various initiatives, including creating a student work crew focused on diversity and an independent study class that connects our students to schools in India and Africa.

This year, a faculty committee will gather regularly with the specific charge of focusing on the community experience. This committee will include Gabriel Gutierrez, who joined us as the first Director of Community, Engagement, and Belonging. We are excited about this new position at CRMS. Still, the path forward does not rest on the shoulders of a single individual. All the community members have an interest and desire that this is common work we all want to be engaged in.

We have gotten this far through our collective work and efforts. As we move forward down this path together in a post-COVID world, we intend to address our campus spaces so that they support the wellness and shared communal experiences occurring within and outside our school boundaries.



Read more about Gabriel Gutierrez, Director of Community, Engagement, and Belonging, on the CRMS website.

ALUMNI WEEKEND
AUGUST 4 - 6, 2023

CLASSES CELEBRATING MILESTONE YEARS

- 1963
60th
- 1973
50th
- 1983
40th
- 1993
30th
- 1998
25th
- 2003
20th
- 2008
15th
- 2013
10th
- 2018
5th

Join fellow alumni to relive memories, renew relationships, and reconnect with the CRMS faculty and campus. Registration opens in March 2023.

If you’re interested in helping coordinate your class reunion, please contact Danika Davis, Alumni Relations Manager at ddavis@crms.org or (970) 963-2562 x136.





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CONNECT

with CRMS.
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REUNITE

with classmates and faculty at Alumni Weekend, August 4 - 6, 2023.

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MOTIVATE

by volunteering for an event or sharing your expertise with a class or program.

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SUPPORT

faculty and students in the extraordinary CRMS experience through making a gift to CRMS.



To learn more
and get involved.