



BALTIMORE LAB SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT | 2020

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A MESSAGE FROM BLS

Baltimore Lab School (BLS) began the 2019-2020 school with the theme of Identity. This theme was explored in our LS, MS, and HS as a way to solidify what BLS stands for as it also celebrated its 20th year. Founded in 2000, BLS has offered an exceptional learning experience for bright, motivated students with moderate to severe learning disabilities.

For twenty years, our little school that makes extraordinary differences in the lives of its students and their families prepares students for college & career with the majority of our graduates accepted to college. We use visual, musical, dramatic, graphic arts as gateways to learning, and our teachers and related service providers integrate technology across all classes (including computers, laptops, tablets, and SMARTBoards), BLS incorporates our Digital Arts Lab for graphic design, animation, and video production to enhance hands-on learning for students. Our faculty and staff support a wide variety of after-school sports and activities to ignite excitement in our students and to provide them with enriching social experiences. In past years, our students have attended global and domestic travel and learning opportunities to better understand our world. Students have access to outstanding off-campus aquatic and sports facilities, as well. Outdoor education adventures and opportunities across all grade levels are a regular experience for our students as they learn to be environmental stewards of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Our highly professional staff offers extensive Related Services: speech and language, psychological services, and occupational therapy – including an on-site, state-of-the-art OT gym. Our HS sponsors off-campus internships for students in Grade 12 in order to provide them with hands-on experience in the world outside of school. For a small school, we offer such a clear and comprehensive path that leads our deserving students to big opportunities in their lives. This is who we are; our identity is clear, unique, kind, caring, responsive, and innovative.

Then March 2020 happened!! BLS and the world were sent into hiding fearing the worst of a viral pandemic; thrust into a state of uncertainty. BLS closed its in-person learning opportunities and went into eLearning. Was our platform perfect? No! Did we make mistakes? Yes. Just as we tell our students, we can learn from our mistakes. BLS' incredible staff worked together to envelop its students in order to provide them with social clubs, fun lunches, yoga, mindfulness practices, and virtual therapies. While the platform for learning changed during COVID-19, the compassion, care, and commitment of our teachers, staff, and administrators did not. BLS continued its mission in helping students find their way to social, emotional, and academic progress. What a place with true, indefatigable identity. Happy Birthday, BLS!

Our Baltimore Lab Fund or Annual Fund is essential to what we do! Tuition dollars do not fund our entire program. Baltimore Lab Fund dollars support professional development for our highly trained and certificated professional teachers and related service providers. BLS is one of only a few independent schools in Maryland to have speech therapists, clinical social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, and reading specialists on staff in direct support of its students. These highly trained experts deserve competitive salaries and benefits. Our Baltimore Lab Fund allows this to happen.

Our school's innovative practices also require various assistive technologies to enhance students' accommodations and access to rigorous, hands-on instructional engagement. Our students learn through experiences, so they are fully immersed in trips to the Chesapeake Bay, the Eastern Shore, Center Stage, Everyman Theatre, and so many other places in which they learn that they can love to learn. These materials, experiences, and trips cannot happen in the scope we offer without direct support of the Baltimore Lab Fund.

Thanks to everyone who has generously donated. I hope you are inspired to give again. If you need any additional incentive to continue to give, please contact me at 410-261-5500. Let me show you an extraordinary place!

Steve Buettner
Head of School

BY THE NUMBERS

2019-2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

INCOME

Tuition & Fees	\$6,522,033
Contributions	\$127,282
Other	\$74,043
TOTAL INCOME:	\$6,723,358

EXPENSES

Instructional	\$5,647,028
Administrative	\$468,137
Technology	\$161,653
Plant & Facilities	\$150,585
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$6,427,403

2019-2020 GIFTS RECEIVED

The Baltimore Lab Fund (Annual Fund)	\$85,558
Other: Restricted & Gifts In-Kind	\$27,696
Capital Improvements	\$10,500
TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED:	\$123,754

BLS LEADERSHIP

2019-2020

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Baltimore Lab School is proud to honor donors' specific interests through restricted and designated gifts. These donations support capital projects, programmatic initiatives, financial aid, and more.

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Karen Stoddard & Eileen O'Neill

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TRIBUTE GIFTS

Tribute gifts are a meaningful way to bestow special recognition upon a student, teacher, friend, or loved one.

IN HONOR OF

BLS TEACHERS & STAFF

David & Lisa Hackam
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ONE BOOK COMMITTEE

This donation is a thank you to the hard work and dedication of the "The Gospel According to Larry" one book committee.
John Mulherin

JOANNA SHANG

Suzanne Ward

IN MEMORY OF

DR. DAVID A. DANIEL

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Sara Irwin

GARY G. SMITH

The first student at the Lab School of Washington and son of founder, Sally L. Smith
Baltimore Community Foundation,
Dr. David Cromwell & Patrice Cromwell



July 22, 1960 – July 29, 2019

"Gary often described the first day of the Lab School as the happiest day of his life, a sentiment echoed by thousands of children with learning differences who have attended the Lab Schools of Washington and Baltimore." [Obituary](#)

Jeffrey and Elaine Christ Professional Development Award

Established in 2013, upon the graduation of their son Patrick, in honor of the teachers of his twelve years at Baltimore Lab School, as well as those who taught his brother Jack, this fund provides professional development grants to faculty after serving a minimum of five consecutive years as full-time employees. The grant can be used for education, travel, and research. **The 8th annual Jeffrey and Elaine Christ Professional Development Award was awarded to Kara Wimert.**

Kara Wimert has worked at Baltimore Lab School since 2012. During her time at BLS she has provided speech language pathology services to Lower, Middle, and High school students. She is also the speech language department coordinator. One of Kara's favorite things about working at Baltimore Lab School is developing and implementing social emotional and executive skill programming for students which aims to help students grow beyond traditional academics.

Kara plans to use part of the Jeffrey and Elaine Christ Professional Development award to attend a training in the area of orofacial myology, an area of speech language pathology focused on abnormal movement patterns of the face and mouth. She plans to use the remainder of the funds to further her education in mindfulness techniques in education. She is very excited to apply this knowledge to her practice in order to better service the students at Baltimore Lab School. Kara would like to thank the Christ family for their generosity and continued support of our school.

Past Recipients:

Lisa Lewis (2013)
Laura Parkhurst (2014)
Amy Weishaar (2015)
Jackie Lesh (2016)
Darlene White (2017)
Molly Meredith (2018)
John Mulherin (2019)



THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting Baltimore Lab School!

Please consider making your contribution to the 2020-2021 Baltimore Lab Fund today. Gifts must be made by June 30, 2021 to count towards our current fiscal year and featured in the 2020-2021 Annual Report.

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