



# BALTIMORE LAB SCHOOL

## ANNUAL REPORT

2022





# Financial Overview

2021 - 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
INCOME	
Tuition & Fees	\$6,008,890
Contributions	\$ 362,787
Other	(\$ 127,065)
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$6,244,612</b>
EXPENSES	
Instructional	\$5,654,612
Administrative	\$ 472,882
Technology	\$ 274,590
Plant & Facilities	\$ 236,899
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$6,638,983</b>

## Board of Directors

James Aist  
 Lori Brady  
 Jeffrey Burnett  
 Jeffrey Christ  
 Jonathan Clark  
 Kent Croft  
 Mariale Hardiman  
 Steven Hornstein  
 Udyan Khanna  
 John Magladery  
 Cassie Motz  
 Marlene Riley  
 Gordon Stetz  
 Greg Stewart  
 Brian Whalen  
 Marc Wyatt

## Development Committee

Lori Brady  
 Jeffrey Burnett  
 Andrew Kittell  
 Cassie Motz

2021 - 2022 GIFTS RECEIVED	
The Baltimore Lab Fund (Annual Fund)	\$ 78,124
Restricted & Gift-in-Kind	\$284,663
<b>TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED:</b>	<b>\$362,787</b>





# Head of School Statement

“Live it, Learn It!” was the theme for the 2021-2022 school year. It was not only our theme: it is also the innovative approach our founder, Sally L Smith, took in creating learning opportunities for students with language-based disabilities. Smith believed that to improve school success for students who learn differently, they need to be fully engaged in the learning experience. A significant part of the experience is our Academic Clubs, a proven approach presented by Sally Smith in acclaimed published books and courses that were and currently are taught at American University. She believed for students to make critical connections and learn at a deeper level, they need to live out their educational experiences. Her methods demonstrated to elementary school educators how to immerse students in any subject using drama, painting, sculpture, music, and other art forms. She also proved that Academic Clubs promote positive behaviors and foster cooperation among students. She eventually used these immersion strategies to approach different settings, including middle and high schools and summer programs. This theme for 2021-2022 is the embodiment of what makes BLS extraordinary.

During the school year, our teachers facilitated school-wide immersive experiences for all students. These experiences were just as our founder created and as our families appreciate. Students were engaged in hands-on, minds-on learning by: studying and creating different types of fossils in the fossilization process; canoed, boated, and examined water quality in the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay; explored wildlife and identified critical issues brought about through climate change; engaged in extensive team building and problem solving strategies to solve real world problems; created 3D sculptures as they replicated the works of Michelangelo; laid down some awesome beats as they learned about rhythm, pattern, and history of the drum kit; promoted involvement throughout the school in learning about and caring for our Dr. Ellen McDaniel Memorial Garden as environmental stewards; explored still life drawings using value, proportion, and objects of interest; re-enacted a battle between the Picts and the Romans in the 3rd century by painting tattoos on their hands (or paper) and held foam spears like the Picts; hopped aboard many different boats to explore, examine, and propose solutions to support declining marine life in and around the Chesapeake Bay; explored how engineers use creativity to solve problems; demonstrated and applied their knowledge of the scientific method by conducting experiments to investigate the trail-following behavior of termites; and learned about music technology and abstract expressionism as they recreated a piece from the musical score to the movie, Pan’s Labyrinth.

These experiences are a small fraction of what extraordinary learning takes place at Baltimore Lab School during a school year. I am grateful for the dedication of our highly trained staff.

In the spirit of being grateful, I thank YOU. You helped make a difference during the most challenging time in memory given the instability brought on by the pandemic. It is with this same spirit that I implore you to give again. BLS needs your generosity.

Our Baltimore Lab Fund is essential to what we do! Tuition dollars do not fund our entire program. The Baltimore Lab Fund dollars support ongoing, leading-edge professional development for our highly trained and certified 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 our 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!



# Baltimore Lab Fund

## **\$10,000 +**

American Endowment Foundation  
Jeffrey & Elaine Christ  
Valerie Howard: *Grandmother to  
Patrick (BLS c/o 2013) and Jack Christ*  
Mary and Daniel Loughran Foundation, Inc.  
McCormick & Co, Inc.

## **\$5,000 - \$9,999**

Dianne Brillhart  
Kent & Nancy Croft  
Rogers-Wilbur Foundation  
Scott Wilbur

## **\$2,500 - \$4,999**

American Endowment Foundation  
Steven & Jill Hornstein  
Morgan Stanley Global Impact Funding Trust  
Jonathan & Tamara Jett-Parmer  
Cassie Motz & Christopher Callaghan  
Frank & Linda Pokorny  
Gordon & Joanie Stetz  
The Benevity Community Impact Fund

## **\$1,000 - \$2,499**

Anonymous  
Patrick & Lori Brady  
Jeff & Catherine Burnett  
Steve Buettner  
Fidelity Charitable  
John Magladeroy & Kathy Barry  
Eric & Chrissy Miller  
Greg Stewart & Diana Smith  
Stewart Bus Services  
T Rowe Price Charitable Giving  
United Way  
Brian & Kerri Whalen

## **\$500 - \$999**

Jim Burns  
Mariale Hardiman  
Schwab Charitable  
Richard W. and Susan M. Palmer Charitable Fund

## **\$250 - \$499**

AmazonSmile  
Benevity Community Impact Fund  
Jonathan & Ali Clark  
Lee & Karen Coyle  
Joshua & Michele Kronick  
Scott & Stacy Massengill  
Paul & Heather Stanley  
David & Marlene Riley  
Phyllis Washington  
Brian & Kerri Whalen

*We  
appreciate  
you!*



# Baltimore Lab Fund, *Continued*

## \$100 - \$249

Anonymous  
Jim & Jennifer Aist  
Ameriprise  
Michelle Argent  
Thomas & Robin Arnett  
Camellia Buettner  
Marianne Gazzola Angelella  
Michael Grim & Michelle Harf-Grim  
First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union  
Samantha Kideckel  
Jennifer Kelleher  
Michael Key & Julie Kitt  
Sharon Levine  
Avi & Meira Mandel  
Robert & Michelle Medeiros  
Jon & Lauren Murphy  
Evan Parker  
Laura Parkhurst  
Sierra Riley  
Jim Schwartz  
Jake & Mindi Smith  
Zarren Law Group, LLC

## \$1 - \$99

Anonymous  
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Monique Abdulla  
Christine Ames  
CyberGrants  
Michael & Sherri Bearman  
Corbett & Angie Dabbs  
Joe DiBello  
Cara Enny  
Lee & Patty Hilliard  
Craig & Britta Hoffman  
Gail James  
Kelly & Matt Keesler  
Holly Kelly  
Lisa Mandell  
Molly Meredith  
John Morgal  
Mark & Darlene Mueller  
Chester & Judy Murray  
Jessica Parent  
Natausha Pinder  
Susan Poe  
Brenda Raye  
Christina Rickman  
Ashley Rossiter  
Juan & Aprillyn Salgado  
Amy Weishaar  
Geoffrey & Vicki Williamson  
Kara Wimert

*Thank  
you!*



# Restricted & Designated Gifts

## Dragon Aid

Robert & Florence Chertkof  
Andres Correal & Linda Regan  
Joseph & Karen Coyle  
Don Bonsteel & Bridget Gilhool  
William & Angie Dabbs  
Tim & Claire Gonder  
Hidayah Kendall & Saeed Al-Meer  
David & Zaneta Lowe  
Wes & Jenna Mace  
Mike & Iva Molloy  
Patrick & Laurette O'Malley  
David & Anastasia Niehenke  
Natausha Pinder  
Sean Schwarzkopf  
Uriah Shang & Laura Ward  
Paul & Heather Stanley  
Stephen Walsh  
David & Meghan Wilmot

## Prom

David Amick & Sandra Campbell-Amick  
Robert & Florence Chertkof  
Andres Correal & Linda Regan  
Lee & Karen Coyle  
John & Heather Crowder  
Tim & Claire Gonder  
Karl & Jennifer Groves  
Andrew & Elizabeth Malis  
Mike & Iva Molloy  
Patrick & Laurette O'Malley  
Randy & Janita Robinson  
Mat & Emily Leffler Schulman  
Paul & Heather Stanley

## Dr. Ellen McDaniel Scholarship Fund

Jeffrey & Elaine Christ  
John McDaniel  
Thrivent

## Technology

Anonymous  
Greg Stewart & Diana Smith  
CMIT Solutions

## Outdoor Education

Chesapeake Bay Trust

## Other

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
James & Jennifer Aist  
Patrick & Lori Brady  
Jeffrey & Elaine Christ  
Jonathan & Ali Clark  
Valerie Eisman  
Mariale Hardiman  
Steven & Jill Hornstein  
Joshua & Michele Kronick  
John Magladery & Kathy Barry  
David & Marlene Riley  
Gordon & Joanie Stetz  
Greg Stewart & Diana Smith  
The Johns Hopkins Neighborhood Fund





# Tribute

## In Memory Of

**MARY CALTIS HEADRIDGE**  
Anonymous

**NEAL F. BREAUH**  
Michelle Argent

## In Honor Of

**THE BLS STAFF**  
Michael & Sherri Bearman

**HADASSAH DEENA WILDMAN**  
Sharon Levine

**THE BLS ADMIN TEAM**  
Jon & Lauren Murphy

**JOSHUA MACE**  
Phyllis Washington

**GRADUATION CLASS OF 2022**  
Jim Schwartz





# 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 10th annual Jeffrey and Elaine Christ Professional Development Award was awarded to Joel Banotai.**

Joel Banotai joined Baltimore Lab School in 2013 as a Lower School math teacher. The following year, he moved up to the Middle School where he found his niche in 6th-8th grade math. He enjoys the challenge of infusing the pre-algebra curriculum with hands-on projects and kinesthetic learning activities. Joel credits his progression as a teacher to a week-long professional development course he attended at the Landmark School in Beverly, Massachusetts in the summer of 2018. The course provided new inspiration, techniques, and ideas to further weave creativity, imagination, and authentic experiential learning opportunities into his practice as a special education math teacher.

Joel plans to use the Jeffrey and Elaine Christ Professional Development Award to attend a high-quality training that will focus on project-based math activities and STEM programs for middle school students with learning differences. Joel highly values continued professional development and actively seeks opportunities to further build upon his instructional toolkit. Joel extends his sincere gratitude to the Christ family, as well as the BLS community as a whole.

## **Past Recipients**

Lisa Lewis (2013)  
Laura Parkhurst (2014)  
Amy Weishaar (2015)  
Jackie Lesh (2016)  
Darlene White (2017)  
Molly Meredith (2018)  
John Mulherin (2019)  
Kara Wimert (2020)  
Cara Enny (2021)





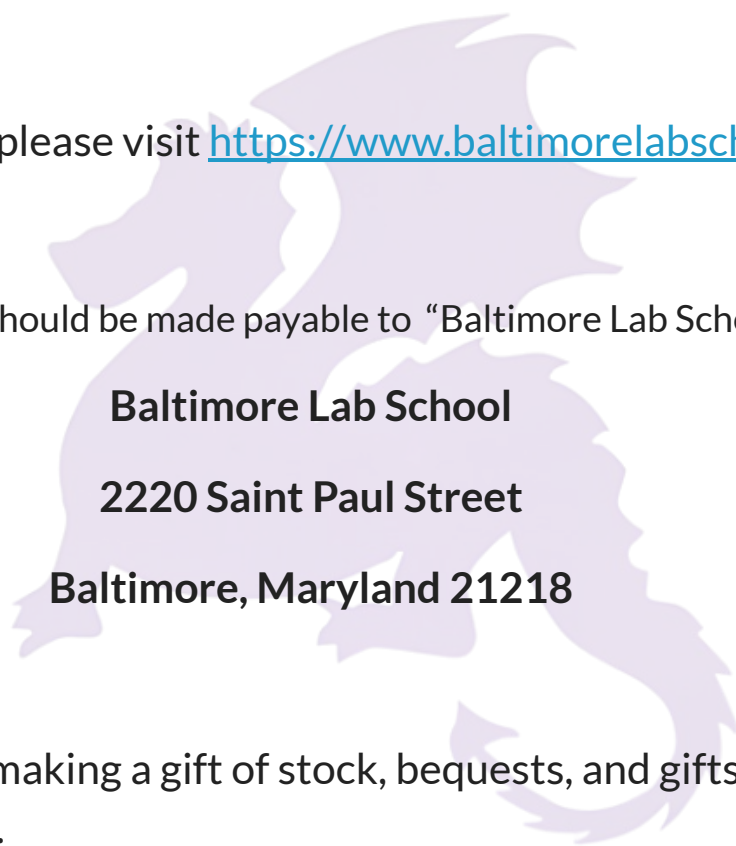
# Thank you!

*Thank you for supporting Baltimore Lab School!*

Please consider making your contribution to the 2022-2023 Baltimore Lab Fund today. Gifts must be made by June 30, 2023 to count towards our current fiscal year and featured in the 2022-2023 Annual Report.

To make a gift online, please visit <https://www.baltimorelabschool.org/giving/>

Contributions via check should be made payable to “Baltimore Lab School” and mailed to:



**Baltimore Lab School**  
**2220 Saint Paul Street**  
**Baltimore, Maryland 21218**

For information about making a gift of stock, bequests, and gifts in-kind, please contact Steve Buettner.

The 2021-2022 Annual Report reflects donations made between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Every effort has been made to ensure the information in this report is accurate and complete. We apologize for any errors or omissions and kindly request that you report corrections to Steve Buettner.