



# 2024-2025 Annual Report



Dear Families and Friends of Seneca Academy,

It is with pleasure that I offer a sketch of the past academic year spent in learning and laughter at Seneca Academy. In line with tradition, our students thrived, faculty rose to many occasions, and the campus saw its share of activity!

In 2024 we welcomed many new families and grew our network of spoken languages to eighteen! Many of our children versed in more than one tongue shared their love of language and, in that, their cultures. As an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program World School, we recognize the rewarding experiences aligned with the natural global-mindedness of our students. We respect and honor one another's familial ties and realize the education we offer one another can be among our greatest gifts. Evidence was shown in the second annual Global Village Day celebration. With the theme of "light around the world," our students appreciated preparations with the thinking, social, communication, self-management, and research skills of the IB PYP teaching and learning continuum.

During the school year our highly qualified educators accompanied curious students throughout the community. Trips to the Kennedy Center, Maryland Science Center, American Visionary Arts Museum, and the National Museum of American History were among many influential endeavors cultivated by our teachers. Experience-based learning is rooted primarily in the views of John Dewey, a philosopher and educator who advanced the concept that active student involvement in learning is an essential element in effective education. As an independent school, facilitating enriching and engaging experiences are at the heart of each educator's mindset.

With the hands and hearts of our children at work, our campus bloomed this spring. The planted daffodil bulbs offered a beautiful yellow bouquet to complement our school's welcoming front doors. The pond's rebirth provided a habitat to a lively batch of tadpoles that taught much about life cycles and growth. And the additions of the new roof, gutters, siding, and windows showcased the strength and support of our small, but mighty, village contributions.

Finally, at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, we waved a fond farewell to our third head of school, Dr. Michelle Parker. Her nine years of service will not be forgotten as we look forward to the installation of a mud kitchen in her honor. Dr. Parker's steadfast approach to educational aims and her ability to nurture relationships provided optimism toward the sustainability of and the successful future for Seneca Academy.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our independent school for children in preschool through fifth grade. With your support we continue to be inspired to preserve the wonder of childhood and, in doing so, empower students to create solutions for tomorrow's challenges.

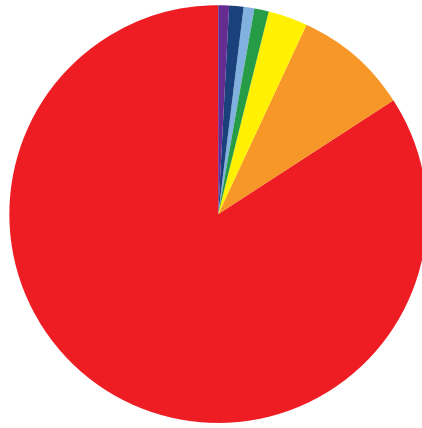
Yours in education,

  
Dr. Karen Tyler

  
**SENECA ACADEMY**  
*Preserving the Wonder of Childhood*

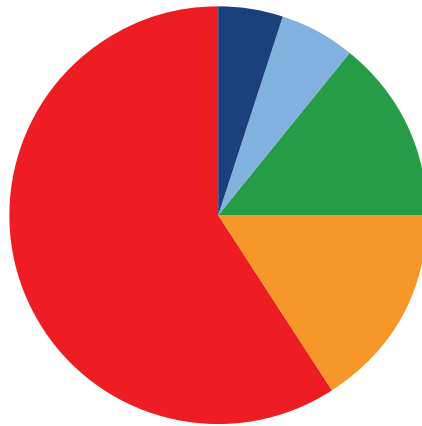


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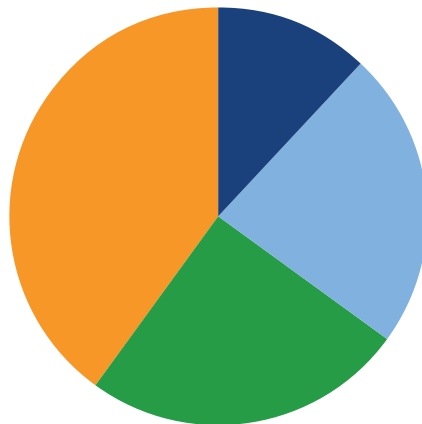
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- Before and After Care
- Summer Program
- Interest Income
- Annual Giving
- Miscellaneous Donations and Other
- Grants

# EXPENSES



- Salaries and Benefits
- Financial Aid
- Academic and Operating Expenses
- Debt Service
- Plant

# FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS



- Annual Giving
- Grants
- General Donations
- Gala/Raffle (Net)

# 2024-2025 DONORS

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# SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2024





# JANUARY - JUNE 2025



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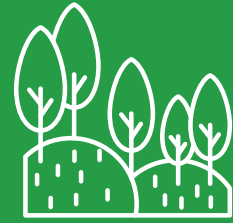
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FACULTY, ALUMNI,  
PARENTS, & FRIENDS  
DONATING

61%  
STUDENTS OF COLOR

6

ACRES OF OUTDOOR  
LEARNING SPACE



6+

OFF-CAMPUS  
LEARNING  
EXPERIENCES  
PER ELEMENTARY  
GRADE

16

ADVANCED  
DEGREES  
EARNED BY  
FACULTY/STAFF

8:1

STUDENT/  
FACULTY  
RATIO

7

ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL  
SPECIAL EVENTS

## ONE SCHOOL | TWO DIVISIONS



10

CHARACTERISTICS OF  
THE IB LEARNER PROFILE

41

YEARS OF SERVING  
DARNESTOWN, MD

18

LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY  
FACULTY & STUDENTS

10-16

AVERAGE NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS PER CLASS



22%

OF FACULTY HAIL FROM  
OUTSIDE THE U.S.

2012

YEAR SENECA  
ACADEMY  
BECAME A  
FULLY-  
AUTHORIZED  
IB PYP  
WORLD  
SCHOOL

3+

AFTER-SCHOOL  
ACTIVITY CLUBS  
PER TRIMESTER  
PER DIVISION



2024-2025  
BY THE  
NUMBERS

4

YEARS IN A ROW VOTED  
"BEST FOR FAMILIES"  
BY WASHINGTON FAMILY  
MAGAZINE

