Dear friends and families,

We had much for which to be profoundly grateful in 2015-2016, and I derive a tremendous amount of hope and energy from the idealism that our faculty and students bring to the House every day. The collective belief that we are working together to make the world a more just, equitable, peaceful, and sustainable place is living proof of the vitality and relevance of our mission.

We are able to fulfill that mission in large part thanks to your commitment to it—your generosity supports our efforts in so many tangible ways. Our annual fund, Uniquely Northwest, ensures that our faculty are able to continue their innovative work in the classroom, and the launch of The Northwest Experience Fund marks a critical move towards a commitment to full inclusion.

Perhaps the most significant indicator of the power of your philanthropy is the growth of the Raymond Taussig Terry Financial Aid Endowment. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Endowment is helping to finance six students who would not otherwise be able to attend Northwest. Next year, that number will climb even higher. Truly, this is a beautiful example of your investment at work.

In the not-too-distant future, we will invite all Northwest School friends and families to participate in this initiative, to give everyone in the community the opportunity to join the effort.

In the meantime, thank you for generously supporting three critical pillars on which the House was built: social justice, global perspective, and environmental stewardship.

Gratefully,
Financials

Fiscal Year 2015-16 (Unaudited)

Operating Revenue

- Other Income $108,352
- Interest Income $75,673
- Contributions & Special Events $669,052
- Endowment Contributions $1,392,916
- Tuition & Fees $18,749,662

Operating Expenses

- Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes $10,957,489
- Facilities and Maintenance $1,465,374
- Financial Aid $1,980,612
- Endowment Contributions $1,384,961
- Instructional Departmental Budgets and Equipment $2,224,182
- Board Reserves $1,784,149
- General Administration $651,580
- Food Program $372,279
- Development $175,029
Uniquely Northwest

Support for faculty innovation, creativity, and lifelong learning

Because of you, the Northwest School faculty had access to a generous source of funding this year to fuel innovation and creativity in the classroom, including cross-curricular collaboration, the incorporation of new technology, training, professional development, and continuing education. Thank you to all families who made this possible.

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Students Combine Coding, Circuitry, and Chemistry

Using the computer chip-based invention kit Makey Makey, teacher Erica Bergamini’s 6th graders learned the intricacies of coding, circuitry, and chemistry. The kit enabled students to utilize everyday objects, such as bananas, paper clips, or metal rulers, as electrical conductors and to wire them to become the keys of a keyboard. Through the coding program Scratch, students customized the keyboards to perform certain commands.

Students demonstrated their projects to the class, describing any hurdles along the way. One group of students used oranges, bananas, and pineapples to play “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.” Other projects included creating a rudimentary version of the game Dance Dance Revolution.
Uniquely Northwest in Action

The Happiness Index Project

Math teacher David Matlock led his students in a global collaboration with our partner school in Taiwan, The Affiliated High School to National ChengChi University (AHSNCU). This math and geography project went on for over a year, and students at both schools developed statistical measures for a Happiness Index and Student Life Index to compare life in different parts of the world.

Says David, “As a result of the exercise, students gained skills that help them become globally and culturally competent. They will be one step closer to becoming effective global citizens.”

Students worked together through the online platform OBA to create an index number that represents the success and well-being of students. The students used data collected from schools around the world, and analyzed the data to make suggestions on ways to improve student life.

Click to view this project on Taiwanese TV
The Values in Action Initiative

Diversity, equity, inclusion, and a commitment to educating leaders have been at the core of The Northwest School’s mission since our founding.

Northwest has made it a strategic priority to significantly increase the Raymond Taussig Terry Financial Aid Endowment Fund. This allows the school to attract, accept, and confidently support a greater number of remarkably accomplished students who contribute to our diverse community.

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Financial Aid Endowment

Growth of the Endowment

53.25%

16%

$26,964

$6,763,440

+$1,392,916

Families Receiving Financial Aid

Average Financial Aid Award

New Endowment Gifts

Endowment Balance
The Raymond Taussig Terry Financial Aid Endowment is a permanent and sustainable source of revenue for the school. Growing this endowment will enable us to support more families across the economic spectrum, and will help Northwest reach its ultimate goal of providing financial aid to at least 20% of the student body.
The true effect of our financial aid program is best expressed through the words of our alumni.

David St. John '88

"I’m proud to work on television productions that promote and teach the importance of empathy and acceptance for the things that make us different from one another. These ideals are just some of the important values instilled in me at The Northwest School. I credit The Northwest School for helping me to become the kind of person who can tell these stories with compassion."

Lynda (Turet) Lopez '01

"What I learned at Northwest has stuck with me through all of my career moves. The school helped to shape me as a compassionate citizen and as a business woman. Being entrepreneurial in any arena takes creativity, independent thinking, and grit. The Northwest School helped me to develop all of these qualities."

The Impact of Financial Aid
A New Fund for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

At Pizazz: Experience on May 7, The Northwest Experience Fund was born. As a complement to the Raymond Taussig Terry Financial Aid Endowment, this fund provides support for the additional costs beyond tuition, including everything from calculators and athletic gear to trip fees, instrument rental, tutoring, and more.

$245,775 Raised for The Northwest Experience Fund

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Our Culture of Philanthropy

The Benefit of Matching Corporate Gifts

Thank you to our families at Microsoft who continue to amplify their giving through matching gifts and volunteer hours. Microsoft continued to be the most generous matching gift company this year, and we are grateful to all of our Microsoft families who helped make this support possible.

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Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  Boeing  Dell  Expedia  The Exploration Academy  F5 Networks

A Community of Volunteers

Thank you to our parent, alumni, and alumni parent volunteers who played a vital role in the success of the year. Contributions of time and enthusiasm are at the core of our community. We salute your dedication.

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Roles filled by Volunteers
Members of the class of 2016 matriculated to:

- Bentley University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bryn Mawr College
- Champlain College
- Chapman University
- Colby College
- Colorado College
- Colorado State University
- Drexel University
- Fordham University
- Harvard University
- King’s College London
- Lewis & Clark College
- Macalester College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- New York University
- New York University Shanghai
- Northeastern University
- Occidental College
- Oregon State University
- Pitzer College
- Pomona College
- Portland State University
- Quest University Canada
- Randolph College
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Saint Martin’s University
- Santa Clara University
- Scripps College
- Seattle University
- Smith College
- Stanford University
- The George Washington University
- The University of Arizona
- Tufts University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- University of Delaware
- University of Portland
- University of Redlands
- University of Southern California
- University of Vermont
- University of Washington
- University of Washington, Bothell
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University
- Western Washington University
- Whitman College
- Willamette University

5 students are pursuing a gap year

The House is Always Home

Whether on social media, or in person at reunion or a regional gathering, Northwest School alumni are a vital part of our community. This year we welcomed the Class of 2016 as alumni and highlighted the 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 30th and 35th year class reunions, which included the very first graduating class of 1981.
Founded 1980

Mission statement
The Northwest School offers a faculty who engage each student in sequential, cross-disciplinary study in the Humanities, Sciences, and the Arts. We are a diverse community of people who challenge each other to learn in a healthy, creative, and collaborative atmosphere of respect for ourselves, others, and the environment. We graduate students with historical, scientific, artistic, and global perspective, enabling them to think and act with integrity, believing they have a positive impact on the world.

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