

*Empowering students with  
diverse learning challenges*

# Park Academy

Annual Report 2016-2017 | 2017-2018





## *A Letter from the Head of School*

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Now into my third school year as the Head of School at Park Academy I am pleased to announce that the school is in a strong place, both financially and within the community.

The Park Academy community is a very diverse group. Our students, families, faculty, donors and advocates, and the larger dyslexic community, are all committed to seeing our students not only succeed but thrive! We are grateful to each member of our community for the role they play in making this happen for our students.

This annual report will span the past two fiscal years. Each year, we welcomed a record number of students, all eager to learn, regardless of their individual learning challenge. They energize and inspire my team of educators every day to think out of the box so that each student can reach their potential.

I invite you to read about one of our student's journey through Park Academy. Kurt has been with us since 4th grade and now, as a senior, he has grown into a confident young man and community leader. In addition to Kurt's story, you will also find our financial statement, a review of our fundraisers and a donor listing.

As we look to the future, we see the need for student supports and services that exceed our capacity to meet those community needs. We recognized the opportunity for both programmatic and physical growth for our school. With a building capacity of only 100 students, we are examining every opportunity to increase the number of students, families, and educators we can support. Our future is bright and exciting! We are currently in the beginning stages of strategic planning and we look forward to gathering your input and sharing our plan with you.

This year we have another fantastic opportunity to cement our position as a leader in both the national and local communities. In the Fall of 2019, the International Dyslexia Association is bringing its annual Conference to Portland. As the local co-chair, and national committee planning member I am excited to grow our community even further and make Park Academy known on a global stage.

We hope you will stay in touch with us, online through social media or at one of our events. Of course, if you haven't been on campus for a tour yet, we welcome you to give us a call and schedule one! Thank you for being a part of the Park Academy family.

Sincerely,

Craig Lowery  
Head of School







# An Evening with Danny Glover

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On June 22, 2017, Danny Glover enchanted guests at the third annual gala at Park Academy. Mr. Glover mingled with guests before joining us for a wonderful dinner, prepared by our friends at GP Catering. As the sun began to set, the live auction and paddle raise opportunity began. Guests had the chance to hear from Joe, a high school student at Park Academy, and his parents who shared his journey with dyslexia that led him to our school.

To end the evening, our host Kerry Tymchuk of the Oregon Historical Society interviewed Mr. Glover about his experience with dyslexia, what school and acting were like for him, and how he overcame his obstacles. Mr. Glover beamed on stage as he shared how happy he was that a school like Park Academy exists.

It was a powerful evening. So powerful in fact, that we raised over \$320,000 for the Park Academy Scholarship Fund! Thanks to the generosity of so many of our community supporters and that evening's guests, students will have access to the education they need to be successful regardless of their family's economic conditions.

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# An Evening with John Hoke

On June 21, 2018, 250 caring community members raised \$300,000 for the Park Academy Scholarship Fund at "An Evening with Larry King and John Hoke".

After the dinner and auction, Larry King interviewed John Hoke where we learned about John's discovery of his own gifts and how they led him to become the Chief Design Officer at Nike.

We could think of no one more worthy for our inaugural Park Academy Distinguished Achievement award than John Hoke. Whether you have dyslexia, love someone with dyslexia or are just learning about dyslexia, we know that John's story resonates with everyone. His journey shows the incredible potential of students, who like John, learn differently.

That night we shared the story of one of our students, Skye. Private support helps Park Academy give the gift of literacy to students like Skye. The Park Academy Scholarship Fund provides access to an incredible community that honors and fosters the gifts these students bring to the world. John's gifts led him to become the Chief Design Officer at Nike. We hope you will join us on the journey to see where our students' gifts lead them!



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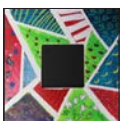
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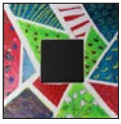


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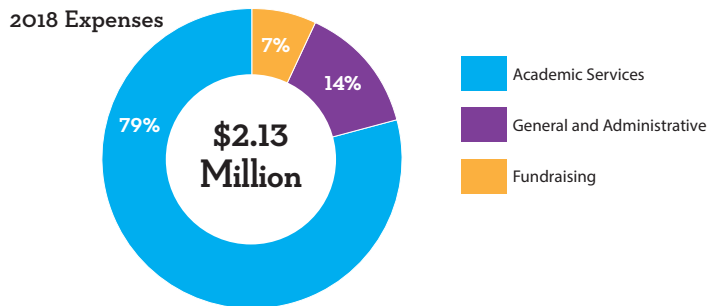
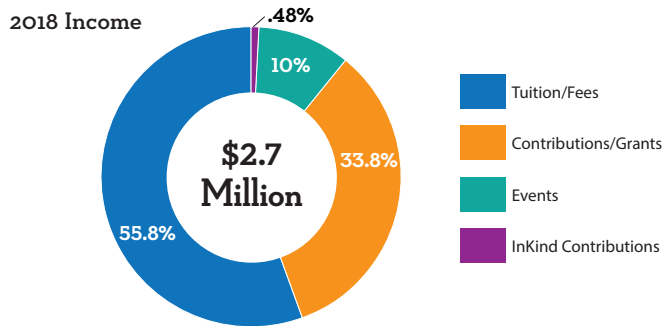
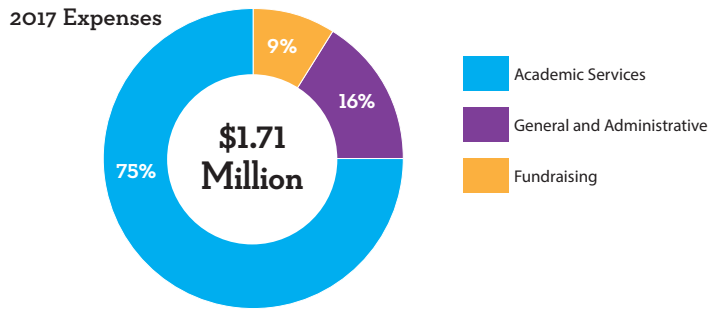
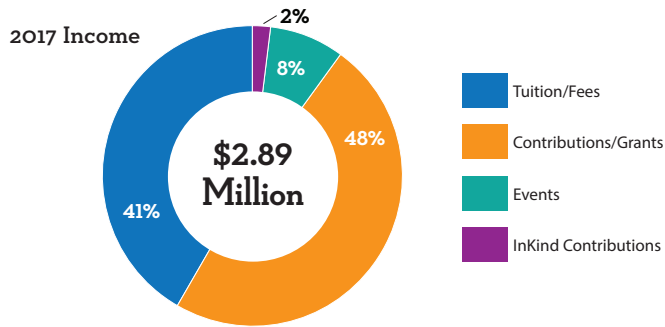


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## Statements of Financial Position

As of June 30

	2017	2018
<strong>Current Assets</strong>		
Cash and equivalents	373,315.00	430,840.00
Tuition receivable	45,765.00	8,138.00
Pledges receivable	271,380.00	208,170.00
Prepaid expenses	11,277.00	14,042.00

## Property and Equipment

Net of accumulated depreciation	6,888,414.00	6,650,846.00
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## Other Assets

Pledges receivable	65,310.00	30,000.00
Investments	2,399,335.00	2,969,703.00

<strong>Total Assets</strong>	<strong>10,054,796.00</strong>	<strong>10,311,739.00</strong>
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## Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	60,091.00	194,764.00
Prepaid and deferred tuition	219,440.00	178,245.00

<strong>Total Current Liabilities</strong>	<strong>279,531.00</strong>	<strong>373,009.00</strong>
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Capitalized Building Obligations	703,282.00	378,322.00
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<strong>Total Liabilities</strong>	<strong>982,813.00</strong>	<strong>751,331.00</strong>
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## Net Assets

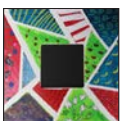
Unrestricted	2,690,659.00	3,051,537.00
Temporarily restricted	6,381,324.00	6,508,871.00

<strong>Total Net Assets</strong>	<strong>9,071,983.00</strong>	<strong>9,560,408.00</strong>
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<strong>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</strong>	<strong>10,054,796.00</strong>	<strong>10,311,739.00</strong>
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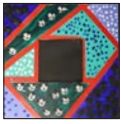
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# Student Profile: Kurt's Story

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Kurt joined Park Academy in the fourth grade. A shy student who loved to read but struggled with writing and math, Kurt's parents sought out Park Academy as an alternative to his public school.

Kurt's initial shy presence began to evolve. A young man who loved Harry Potter began to feel more confident. His teachers saw a transformation from a student who didn't want to speak up in class, become a young man who is eager to share his thoughts with his peers.

Taekwondo has been and continues to be an important part of Kurt's life. He and his family approached Paula Kinney, then the Head of School at Park Academy, to see if it would be possible to have an after school Taekwondo class for students. Again, Kurt built confidence in a new setting and began assisting the instructor with the sessions. His quiet presence, patience and his "I understand where you have been" attitude is very meaningful to the class attendees.

Kurt is a part of Park Academy's Class of 2019 and looks forward to studying psychology with the dream to become a therapist. We know he will achieve anything he sets his mind to and will positively impact those around him.

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He reflected to a donor who supported his scholarship:

*"My years at Park Academy have helped me feel prepared for what is to come. I would not have been able to access Park Academy's resources without your help. My family and I are grateful to you for supporting me through school. I wish that your future is as bright as mine!"*

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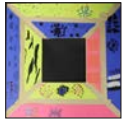
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# Golf Outings as a benefit for Park Academy

Park Academy's annual Drive for Dyslexia continues to be a favorite for our community. Since its inception, the tournament has raised both essential scholarship funds but also the opportunity to make new friends and family for Park Academy.

Golf is a wonderful metaphor for our work at Park Academy.

Each golf game is unique, just like our students. No two are the same and we are committed to the fostering of their individuality and finding the tools that work best for them in their education.

You spend just as much time at the driving range practicing as you do on the course playing. Our students work very hard, all day long. They are resilient and they keep going, even after a tough game.

Golf can be incredibly frustrating, patience is essential. When one has a learning difference, learning to take a breath and to keep going happens often. Giving oneself the time to work through the hard things is imperative.

Lastly, golf is fun. Our students need to have joy in their life, everyday. Park Academy focuses on our students' strengths, while helping them with their challenges, so that they can enjoy their time at school.



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# Save the Date

Park Academy's 9th annual

*Drive for Dyslexia*

October 2 & 3, 2019

at  
Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course



## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, June 18, 2020

*An Evening with*

**Max Brooks**

*A benefit for Park Academy*

In 2020, we will welcome best selling author, and dyslexia advocate Max Brooks to Park Academy! The son of Hollywood legends Mel Brooks and Anne Bancroft, Max Brooks is dedicated to challenging and encouraging systems and institutions to think outside the box when problem solving.

