

THE CAMPAIGN
FOR THE
FOUNDATION
of our FUTURE



ST. ANDREW'S
AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL



MISSION

St. Andrew's,
an independent college preparatory school
dedicated to personalized student development,
strives to develop
engaged, well-rounded individuals by
inspiring a passion for
KNOWLEDGE,
a commitment to
PERSONAL INTEGRITY,
and a deepened
SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS
within a supportive educational community.

Our facilities should be a foundation for our students to excel, not a ceiling or a cap on what they can accomplish. By enhancing campus facilities for the arts and athletics, and by building our endowment to support that growth, we will set our students, our school, and our community up for success long into the future.

DR. KELLEY WALDRON, *Head of School*



COMMUNITY.

Authentic, real-world learning experiences.

The peace that comes from knowing your child feels known and valued.

These are the hallmarks of a St. Andrew's education. They are the reasons we chose St. Andrew's for our children, and we know they are the reasons you chose St. Andrew's for your family, too.

But the secret to St. Andrew's success lies in more than its unique approach to education. It lies in our school's willingness to question limitations, push past boundaries, and innovate—to see new levels of excellence and go out and pursue them.

That is why we are excited to announce **The Campaign for the Foundation of Our Future**. Through this \$5.5 million campaign, we will strive for and achieve new levels of excellence in the classroom, on the stage, and on the field. We will lay a foundation for the success of our students, our school, and our community long into the future.

WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME OUR PARTNER.

Sincerely,

DAVY & LAUREN CLAY
Campaign Co-Chairs

TIM & ELYSSA MINTON
Campaign Co-Chairs

CHRISTIAN DEMERE
Honorary Chair

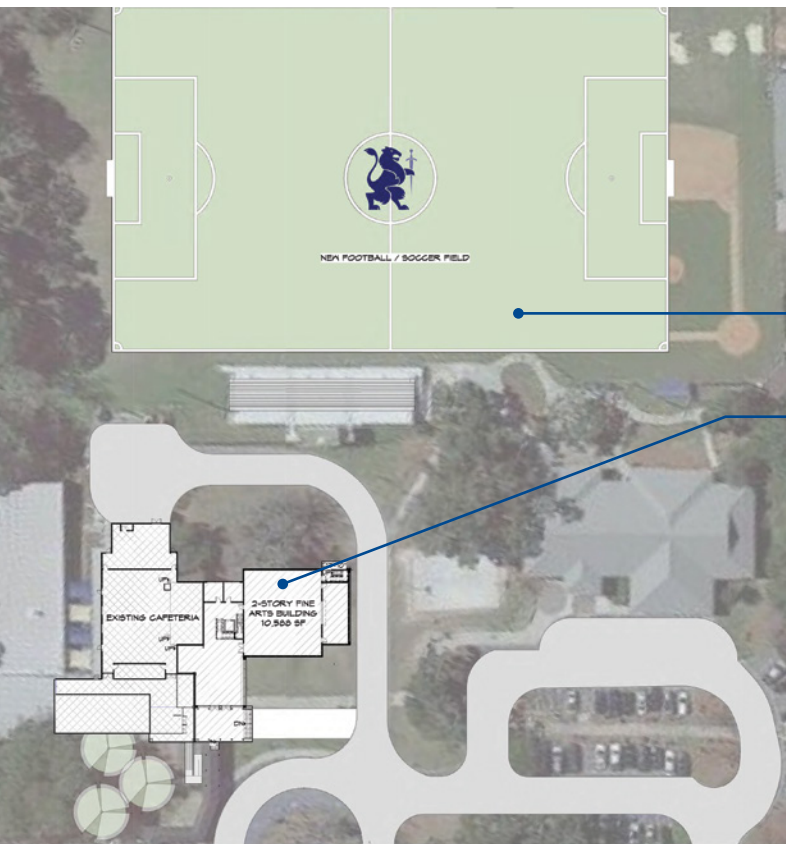
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A FOUNDATION FOR ST. ANDREW'S FUTURE

ST. ANDREW'S is operating from a position of strength: our outcomes are second to none and our students are healthy and happy. But we are outperforming our current spaces and footprint.

It's time to lean into our strengths, become a school of even greater opportunity, and create facilities that match the caliber of our programs.

It's time for The Campaign for the Foundation of Our Future.



THROUGH THIS COMPREHENSIVE
\$5.5 MILLION CAMPAIGN,
WE WILL UNDERTAKE TWO
MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS:

- 1 the renovation of our outdoor athletic facilities
- 2 the construction of a facility for the performing arts

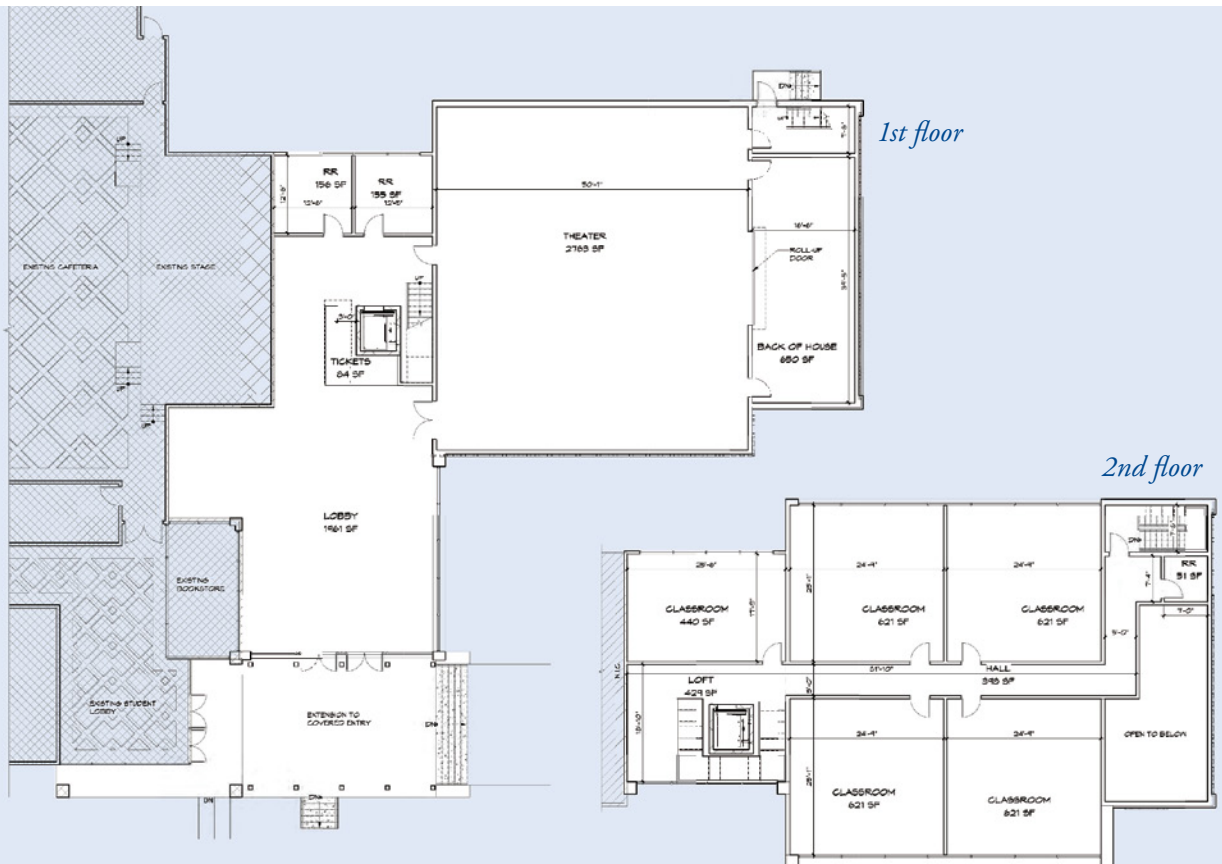
—and we will strengthen our endowment to support our current growth and future innovation.

With you as our partner, we will lay a strong foundation for St. Andrew's next 10, 20, even 50 years. We will become Savannah's unrivaled leader in education.



To see so many families continue to send their child(ren) to the same school for at least a decade isn't a sign of complacency or a lack of market competition. Rather, it is evidence that we have a learning environment that allows for students to be both challenged and supported across the arc of development.

SHAY BOWEN, *Board of Trustees*



CREATIVITY
and
STRENGTH

DISCIPLINE
and
PERSISTENCE

TEAMWORK
and
SACRIFICE

the ability to
PERFORM UNDER
PRESSURE

THESE ARE THE LIFE LESSONS

students learn when they participate in athletics and the performing arts, and they are traits and skills essential to success in life no matter the path a student pursues. But the performing arts and athletics are more than the sum of their lessons: for many of our students, they provide a singular opportunity to discover their potential and express themselves to their fullest. They bring them joy. They fill their cups.

That's why the performing arts and athletics are foundational to a St. Andrew's education and why students at every level have opportunities to explore and hone their athletic, vocal, theatrical, and musical talents.

There is no cookie cutter St. Andrew's student. A student can play in the orchestra and on a sports team, participate in mock trial, and compete in robotics. They are encouraged to try it all. Each student can discover their interests and forge a path that is true to who they are now and who they aspire to be.

CARRIE STILLWAGON,
alumni parent and Chair, Board of Trustees



Something happens when you step off the sidelines and onto the playing field. You are in that space. You are off your phone, away from whatever else you have to do or think about. Playing a sport gives students the opportunity to focus on the present—on what is happening right in front of them. In a world dominated by screens, that's never been more important, and the lessons athletes learn about being mindful and being present spill over and benefit them in every aspect of their lives." .

BEN DOMBROSKI,
*Chair of the English department
and Coach of Varsity Girls Soccer*



When you have kids study the works of Bach, Verdi, or Rimsky-Korsakov, they climb into the mind of a genius. They must take everything apart and put it back together. In effect, students borrow their genius. Imagine what that does for their capacity for imagination and exploration.

FRED DEVIATKIN,
Orchestra Director and Strings Teacher



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TODAY'S

UNTAPPED OPPORTUNITIES

1

ATHLETICS



Built early in the school's history, our athletic fields are reaching the end of their functional life. Because they have lost their crown, they flood easily and often, resulting in an uneven playing surface that deteriorates further every season. Teams are sometimes required to forgo practice and reschedule games long after storms have passed. Soon, our fields may be unplayable.

2

PERFORMING ARTS



In recent years, we've had to cap participation in orchestra, band, theater, and choir. Instruction takes place in traditional classrooms, rather than purpose-built instructional rooms that allow for the full space and resources to maximize learning in these disciplines. The quality of instruction is excellent, but the impact of that instruction is challenged as long as the quality of the physical environment does not match the potential of our teachers and students. Without an auditorium, we must rent space off campus for performances to properly showcase the hard work and talent of our performing arts ensembles.

TOMORROW'S

FOUNDATION TO EXCEL

1

ATHLETICS

We have the coaches. We have the talent and the players. If we make these upgrades, we will not only make the environment better. It will elevate the whole program.

JACK KELLEY '27

Students of all ages—from Lower School students participating in their first Scottish games to Varsity athletes on our flag football, baseball, soccer, and football teams—will practice and play on athletic fields re-engineered to ensure a dependable, high-quality playing surface no matter the weather by improving drainage and irrigation.

2

PERFORMING ARTS

Investing in performing arts is investing in creativity and learning in a whole different way. There is no better way to learn how to think on your feet, solve problems, work with a team, or develop your public speaking skills. With special classrooms and an auditorium, we'll finally be able to 'practice like we play.' That will up our game and open the door to opportunities that people never thought were possible.

GWYN SOLOMON '24

Students will practice in purpose-built classrooms for orchestra, band, and choir, and showcase their talents in a multi-purpose auditorium with a full stage, backstage, and wings, along with a tech booth for sound and lighting. With flexible seating for 500+ people, the auditorium will also allow us to gather the entire student body together for the first time—from schoolwide assemblies to college fairs.

Moving performing arts classes to the new purpose-built classrooms will also grant St. Andrew's the additional classroom space we need to grow our enrollment in the Middle School and Upper School. This growth in the student body will enhance the student experience for all students, adding to the social experience and further supporting the success of our student programs and extracurriculars.



YOUR GIFT TO SUPPORT ST. ANDREW'S

ARTS *and* ATHLETIC FACILITIES

IS

An investment in
THE WHOLE STUDENT.

Approximately 58 percent of Middle School and Upper School students play at least one sport today. Approximately 70 percent participate in band, orchestra, theater, or choir. Your gift will provide students the opportunity to discover their gifts, hone their talents, excel on the stage and on the field, and learn lessons that will impact them long after they have graduated from St. Andrew's.

An investment in
OUR PROGRAMS.

Your gift to construct new and improved facilities will elevate our athletic and performing arts programs; improve recruitment and retention, especially at the Middle School and Upper School; and create new opportunities—from camps and tournaments to new teams and enhanced performances for students of all ages.

An investment in
OUR COMMUNITY.

Games and performances are connection points that bring members of our wider community together, including students from all divisions, their families, and alumni. Your gift will engender pride in our campus and in our school. High-quality fields and a multi-purpose auditorium will also open the door for outside organizations to host events on campus, helping us form new community connections and broadening our reach.

An investment in
THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FUTURE.



Investing in our athletics and performing arts facilities is really investing in every single St. Andrew's student because for most, this school is it. This is where we play sports. This is where we get involved in the performing arts.

ANNA SPITALNICK '23, concert master first chair, violin for St. Andrew's orchestra;
captain of Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Soccer



HONORING OUR COMMUNITY,
HONORING OUR STUDENTS' POTENTIAL

the CLAY *family*

DAVY CLAY AND HIS FAMILY HAVE A LONG HISTORY WITH ST. ANDREW'S.

Davy and his two sisters graduated from St. Andrew's in the late '90s and early 2000s. Their dad, Dave Clay, coached basketball in the '70s and '80s, and was Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach from 2005–2010. Today, Davy is proud to be a St. Andrew's parent with two daughters in the Lower School.

What Davy has always loved about St. Andrew's is its strong sense of community: families that become lifelong friends and teachers that really know their students, nurturing their growth from pre-kindergarten through graduation. "This is where we want our kids to be, this is where our kids want to be, and this is where our family will be for the next decade," said Davy.

Today, Davy and his wife Lauren are excited to help lead *The Campaign for the Foundation of Our Future*. "We believe in Dr. Waldron and the vision she has for St. Andrew's, and we want to have a helping hand in making that vision a reality," said Davy. "Athletic fields and an auditorium—that's where kids of all ages come together to practice after school, where they hang out on Friday nights, and where their families come together to cheer them on for games and performances. These are the places where we build community."

For Davy and Lauren, it's vital to invest in both the athletics and the arts. "Our girls are still young. We don't know if they will love arts or athletics. Investing in both allows us to honor their potential and the potential of all St. Andrew's students for years to come," said Davy.



MORE THAN FACILITIES: A FOUNDATION
FOR OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY

the MINTON *family*

"WE WANT THEM TO BE WHERE THEY NEED TO BE." That's what Elyssa Minton remembers from her earliest conversations with St. Andrew's. When Elyssa and Tim Minton moved to Savannah mid-school year in 2014, they faced a predicament. Differing age cutoffs in their home state of New York meant that schools in Savannah recommended they move their children back a grade.

St. Andrew's took a different approach. Sydney and Matthew spent time in both grades before the Minton family, the children's teachers, and St. Andrew's administration came up with a plan. "From that first moment, we felt the school's genuine concern for us as a family and their consideration for each student as an individual," said Elyssa. "They truly wanted to find the best fit for them."

Fast forward to today. Sydney just graduated. Matthew is a sophomore. One of the things Elyssa most appreciates about both her children's education is the sense of opportunity nurtured by everyone at St. Andrew's. "It's more than the sheer breadth of opportunities kids have in academics, the arts, and athletics that sets St. Andrew's apart," said Elyssa. "It's the culture that encourages them to try new

things, to see their school as a place where there aren't limits on what they can do. That's important because you never know when a child is going to discover something new, something they love, and begin to shine."

Today, Elyssa and Tim are thrilled to help lead *The Campaign for the Foundation of Our Future*. "It speaks volumes to be able to offer facilities for the arts and athletics that match the quality of our programs," she said. "Imagine the orchestra practicing in a space where the sound quality is better, where it's easier for students to be with their instruments. It will produce higher quality practices, and it will really elevate the outcome: a performance on our own stage."

For Elyssa, the campaign is even bigger than the facilities it will make possible. "I believe in this school. I want it to keep thriving. For me, this campaign is about our children and our local community. We want our children to do great things for the place they call home. Making a gift to *The Campaign for the Foundation of Our Future* is one small way to help make that happen," said Elyssa. "When we do, we will see a return on our investment for years to come."

GROWING ST. ANDREW'S ENDOWMENT

IF ENHANCING OUR ARTS AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES will provide the physical foundation we need to help our students reach new heights, building our endowment will provide the financial foundation we need to secure our future as Savannah's leading independent school. That's because your gift to the endowment will continue to benefit St. Andrew's long after this campaign comes to an end. Your gift, left intact as part of the endowment's principal, will provide steady, dependable funding every year.

IT WILL SUPPORT ST. ANDREW'S IN PERPETUITY.

A more robust endowment will:

- ✓ Support the increased operational expenses associated with reinvesting in our campus.
- ✓ Reduce our exposure to risk during periods of economic uncertainty.
- ✓ Strengthen the school's fiscal sustainability over the long term and reduce our dependence on annual fundraising.
- ✓ Enable reinvestment in our faculty through ongoing and more expansive professional development.
- ✓ Grant us the financial flexibility—to push boundaries, innovate, and continue leveraging our strengths—so that St. Andrew's emerges as Savannah's educational leader tomorrow and maintains that position long into the future.

Moreover, with an investment policy designed to minimize risk, the annual earnings we use from the endowment will represent only a portion of the fund's growth year after year. **Under our stewardship, your gift has the potential to grow and thereby contribute more to St. Andrew's with every passing year.**



Building St. Andrew's endowment is essential. Generating an additional revenue stream will give the Board and Head of School the opportunity to make long-term investments in the education of our children, investments that will ultimately grow the impact St. Andrew's has on our entire community.

DAVID HARPER, *alumni parent and former Board of Trustees*

BECOMING SAVANNAH'S UNRIVALED

LEADER *in* EDUCATION

St. Andrew's has a long history of providing relevant, forward-thinking, innovative, and global education.

OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS, and our graduates become the well-rounded critical thinkers, collaborators, creators, and good humans our 21st-century world needs.

We invite you to become our partner in this defining moment of our school's history by making a gift to

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FUTURE.

Everything we have today we owe to those who came before us. They had a vision for a unique independent school in Savannah and the philanthropic spirit to make it happen. By making a generous gift, you will honor all that our past supporters have provided and the many people who have made St. Andrew's the school it is today.



The Colonial Foundation is committed to investing in the community in which we serve and work. Education is a key component of a community's development and strength. We are proud to invest in the present and future of St. Andrew's, knowing the incredible impact of the education that their students receive and the ways in which the quality of that education benefits the entire Savannah community.

CHRISTIAN DEMERE, *President & CEO, Colonial Group, Inc.*



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YOU
will be the reason

our facilities match the quality of our programs and provide a physical foundation for our students' success.

YOU
will be the reason

our endowment grows and provides the financial foundation we need to thrive long into the future.

YOU
will be the reason

we are Savannah's unrivaled leader in independent education.

YOU
will be the reason

our students become the community members, citizens, and leaders our school, Savannah, and the world needs.



This is how we impact the future of Wilmington Island, Whitmarsh Island, and Savannah. We invest in St. Andrew's so they can invest in our kids and our kids' kids down the road because they will be the people leading our community.

STAYCE KOEGLER, *parent*

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