

ANNUAL REPORT

2025/2026



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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Omni Community,

It is often said that the only constant in life is change, and in a school environment, that truth is felt more deeply than anywhere else.

Every year, we witness a natural cycle of transition. We see it in the students who have outgrown their classrooms and are ready for the next level of independence. We see it in the evolution of our faculty and the new families who bring fresh energy to our community. This year, we even experienced it through our physical structures as we moved into new classrooms and administrative spaces.

Change is not just a phase we are passing through; it is the natural rhythm of our school. Yet, while people come and go, and our physical environment matures, our mission of empowering children in a community faithful to the teachings of Maria Montessori remains the steady pulse of Omni. As we grow and move forward, we never lose sight of our "why." We remain a place where children are known, challenged, and inspired, regardless of which classroom they sit in or which year they joined us.

Thank you for being part of this year's unique chapter. Whether you are finishing your first year with us or your twelfth, you are a vital part of the movement that keeps Omni alive and thriving.

With warmth and reflection,

Cindy Curry

Head of School





Dear Omni Community,

There are moments in the life of a school that mark more than the passage of time—they mark a turning point. This year has been one of those moments for Omni.

Walking into our newly renovated campus for the first time, there was an immediate sense of possibility and renewal. What once existed in plans and conversations is now alive with

the daily rhythm of children learning, exploring, and growing. Laughter fills the hallways, and each thoughtfully prepared classroom reflects our commitment to every child's success. What makes this milestone truly meaningful is not the building itself, but the community that brought it to life. Families, faculty, and supporters came together with dedication, generosity, and trust to create a place where children can flourish.

Within these new walls, the spirit of Montessori remains as strong as ever. Children move with purpose and confidence, ask questions, take risks, and discover both the world around them and their place within it.

This year also brought meaningful growth across our programs. The opening of our All Day Montessori Primary classroom better supports our youngest learners, while enhancements to our Upper Elementary environments provide more room for collaboration, curiosity, and leadership. We also continue to uphold the standards of excellence recognized by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

As a Board, we speak often about stewardship—the responsibility to honor Omni's past while preparing for its future. This year has reminded us that stewardship begins with belief: belief in each child, belief in this community, and belief in the power of purposeful education.

Thank you for your trust, partnership, and unwavering support. Because of you, Omni continues to grow not only in space, but in spirit—remaining a place where children are known, challenged, and inspired every day.

**With gratitude and appreciation,
Nikki Eason**

President, Board of Trustees

OMNI BY THE NUMBERS

200+

Number of snack baskets brought in by our Primary families.

9

Number of robots designed, built, and coded by students in robotics.

27

Number of bandanas machine sewn by the Sassafras class for the dog rescue.



Number of students enrolled at Omni Montessori School.

252

Number of sunflower seeds given directly to Glockenspiel the Cockatiel.

120

Number of trees planted on the Blakeney Campus.

94

1

Number of letters received by Ginkgo students from Mark Rober and the Crunch Lab Crew

204

Number of plants planted in the Primary gardens.

5

Number of original songs composed by upper elementary students for the Winter Program

4



OMNI BY THE NUMBERS



Number of eggs collected from the chickens at the AP Campus. 2,733

Number of puzzle pieces used in the Ginkgo auction art project. 500+

Number of Guest Speakers who visited the Lower Elementary classrooms. 20

1,400+ Number of collective hours spent outside for play time at the Blakeney Campus.

300 Number of Rice Krispie Treats made by the Adolescent Students for the Welcome Back Picnic.

192 Number of visitors and observers who spent time in the Primary classrooms.



Number of pots of tea brewed by the Red Maple class. 93

Number of students who performed in after school plays. 38

Number of lines memorized for the Sassafras Class spring play. 204



OMNI BY THE NUMBERS

29

Number of individual research projects completed and presented by AP students.

8,556

Number of individual lessons presented in the Primary program.

20

Number of Cookie and Porg Adventures presented by the Sycamore class.



Number of times Copper the snake shed his skin. 5

Number of houses the Ginkgo sugar gliders visited this year. 12

Number of *OMNI:INSIGHTS* events offered during the school year. 17

35

Number of banana tag games played by the Black Birch class.

80

Numbr of Book Club projects completed in the Adolescent Program.

13

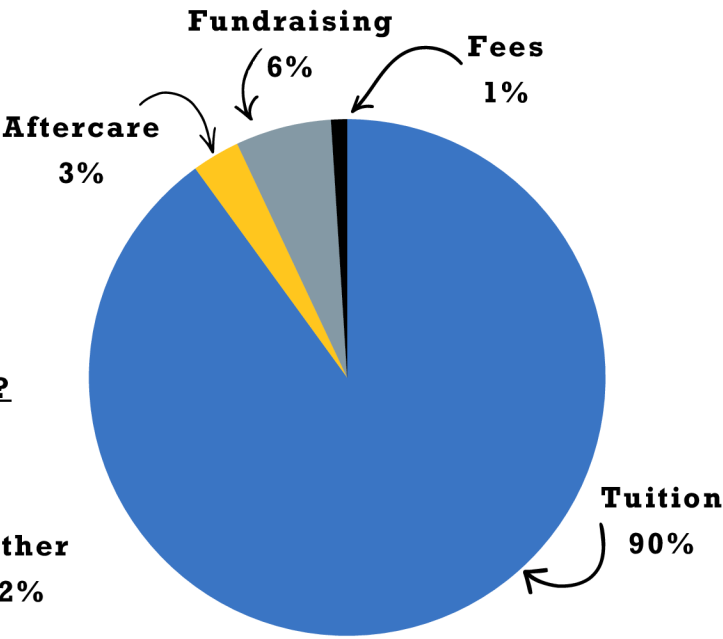
Number of 9th year graduates for the 2026/2027 school year.



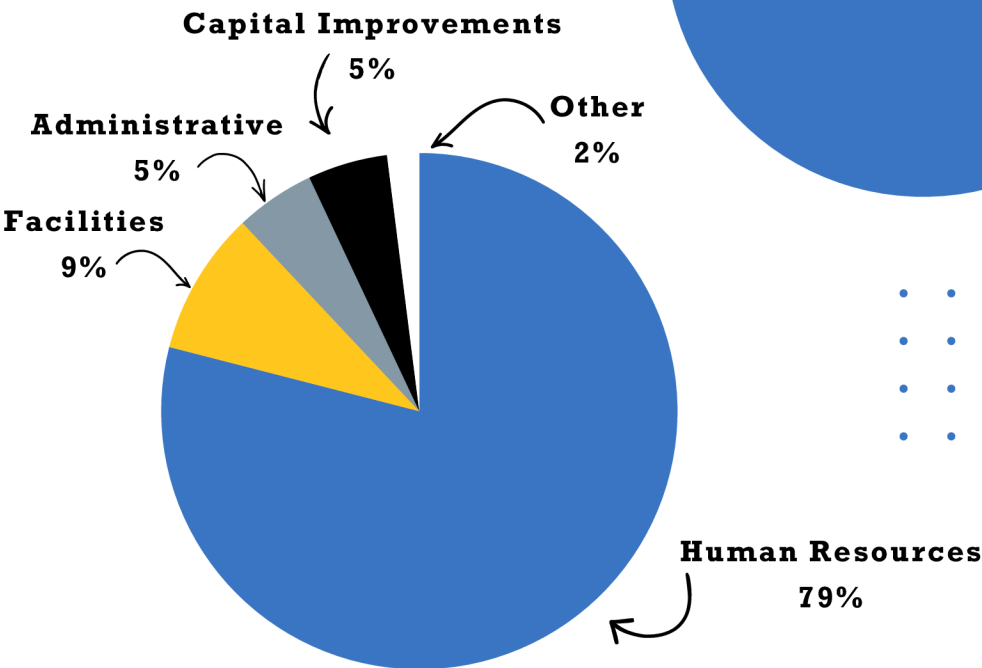
FINANCIAL REPORT - 2024/2025



Where does the money come from?



Where does the money go?



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

Dear Omni Community,

As I reflect on this past year, I am struck by the many ways the Omni community continues to show up—not just in support of our school, but in support of one another. This year's theme, *a place to belong*, was felt in both quiet and joyful moments across our campuses, reminding us that belonging is something we create together.

Our community gathered with energy and enthusiasm throughout the year, most memorably at our Casino Night auction—a joyful evening filled with laughter, connection, and celebration. It was a beautiful reflection of what makes Omni so special: the relationships that bring us together.

As we continue to grow into our expanded spaces—including the Black Birch building and our All Day Primary classroom—we are also focused on strengthening the support that sustains these completed projects. These environments are now part of our daily life, and ongoing generosity ensures they continue to thrive for our students today and for years to come.

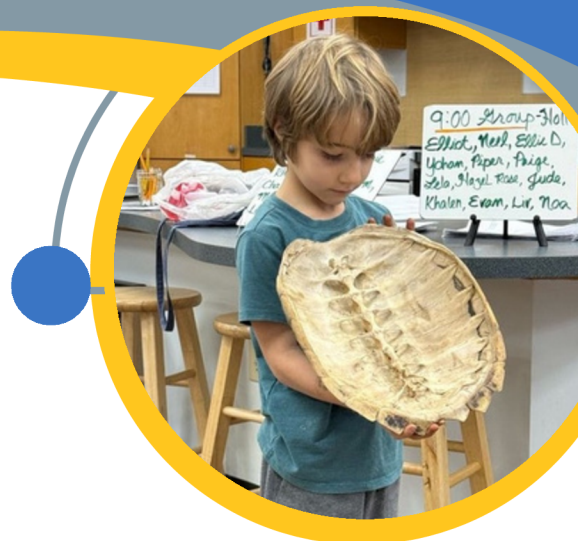
At the heart of it all is you—our families, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends—who make Omni a place where children and adults alike feel seen, valued, and connected.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary community and for helping to create a place where all belong.

With gratitude,

Hannah Earnhardt

Director of Advancement



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



Through the incredible support of our Board of Trustees, Omni parents, faculty and staff, and community members, we raised **over \$90,000** in donations and pledges for this year's **Annual Giving Campaign**. This generosity enables us to continue serving our students and guides with excellence and intention.

Curiosity - \$10,000+

Hale Family Foundation

Community - \$5,000 to \$9,999

Nikki Eason

Potential - \$1,986 to \$4,999

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Sloane, Harvey, Megan, and Dan Wilson

Connection - \$600 to \$999

Battle Creek Community Foundation

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ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Inspire - \$300 to \$599

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The Jambusaria Family
The Kendrick Family
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The Mehta Family
The Obertan Family
Randi Odom
Omni Loving Family
The Ortiz-Kostur Family
The Patel Family
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The Patel Family
The Pinnamaneni Family
The Seipel Family
The Warriner Family
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The Zu Family

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The Kimball Family
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The Martin-Ferguson Family
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Grandparents of Ben Nolin
The Nolin Family
The Novitsky Family
The O'Connor Family
The O'Donovan Family

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Kristen Weirich
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The Wood Family
Nini Xu



ANNUAL AUCTION

ALL IN FOR OMNI

Saturday, March 14, 2026 at the Alexander Homestead, Charlotte, NC

The All In for Omni Annual Auction was a memorable evening for our school community. Held at the beautiful Alexander Homestead in Charlotte, our first-ever casino-themed auction brought together families, friends, and supporters for a night of fun, connection, and generosity. With lively games, exciting bidding, and an incredible spirit of community, the event raised meaningful support for Omni Montessori School and the Growth Campaign.

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Thank you to our generous sponsors. We appreciate your support and commitment to Omni Montessori School.

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&
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THE PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Omni Parent Association is grateful for the incredible support, participation, and generosity of our Omni community this year. Through events, celebrations, and community-building activities, families, staff, and students came together to make this year truly special.

Thank you for helping us strengthen the Omni experience for everyone!



2025-2026 PA Year-End Highlights

- 11 Restaurant Nights supporting our school community
- 30 Omni blankets distributed
- 2 cultural celebrations featured at Fun Friday
- \$1,300 spent at the AP Market on student treats and staff gifts
- \$1,200 in Scholastic Book Fair sales
- 65 parents attended the Annual Parent Social
- 2 Charlotte sports outings (Hornets & Checkers games)
- 23 delicious dishes shared by Omni families during Omni Appreciation Week
- 45 appreciation posters created for our amazing staff
- 4 days of lunch provided during Parent-Guide Conferences
- 1 Chick-fil-A Cow visit on campus

PA Officers & Committee Chairs:

President — Nanda Jayaseelan

Vice President, Communications — Fahren Steier

Vice President, Fundraising — Brielle McLaughlin

Vice President of Community Affairs — Jessica Jacobson

Treasurer/Secretary — Heather Becker

Restaurant Nights — Tahwii Spicer

Merchandise — Haley Obertan

Social Outings — Rachel Rivenbark

Omni Appreciation Week/Sunshine Committee — Brittany Toth

Rewards — Heather Becker

FACULTY AND STAFF



Ramón Alcantar - Facilities Coordinator
Holli Andrews - Elementary Assistant
Lisa Benninghoff - Office Administrator
Nikki Bidell - Learning Coordinator
Kate Brown - Elementary Learning Support
Jing Chai - Primary Assistant
Jennifer Chapman - Accounting Assistant
Robyn Cloete - Elementary Assistant
Tricia Cotman - Elementary Guide
Cindy Curry - Head of School
Hannah Earnhardt - Director of Advancement
Jonathan Eidson - Elementary Guide
Amber Elder - Director of Primary Programs
Magin Fink - Elementary Assistant
Nicole Fuller - Elementary Guide
Pattie Gamble - Elementary Assistant
Maria Garcia-Zabaleta - Spanish Language Specialist
Donna Garrison - Director of Finance and Facilities
KK Gleason - Primary Assistant
Raquel Gonzalez - Primary Assistant
Sarah Hagerty - Primary Guide
Kimberly Kelsey - Floating Assistant
Veronica Kocak - Primary Guide
Abby Ladstatter - Adolescent Program Guide
Jess Lovins - Adolescent Program Guide
Guillermo Martin - Spanish Language Specialist
Darcy McDonnell - Encore Coordinator and Librarian

Angie McHenry - Primary and Encore Assistant
Andrea Moore - Elementary Assistant
Garth Mramor - Adolescent Program Guide
Connie Pendergast - Elementary Guide
Stacy Ralston - Primary Assistant
Nicolý Rodrigues - Floating Assistant
Kati Roy - Primary Guide
Cecilia Saunders - Children's Nest Coordinator/Primary Guide
Megan Sharp - Adolescent Program Guide
Ashlyn Spangenberg - Director of Adolescent Programs
Jennifer Tamalone - Elementary Reading Support
Rita Wallace - Primary Guide
Rowan Webster - Director of Elementary Programs
Kristen Weirich - Elementary Guide

**"We serve the future by
protecting the present."**

- Maria Montessori



Leo Andrews
Rory Carlson
Elijah Ewers
Hanan Faris
Lucas Gutierrez
Zech Jones

Brynne Kirby
Mackenzie Kirby
Mouse Laster
Nya McDaniel
Valentina Milan
Aditi Pinnamaneni
Hank Zu

“We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity.” - **Dr. Maria Montessori**



WITH APPRECIATION



ROWAN WEBSTER

With deep gratitude, we recognize Rowan Webster for his lifelong connection to Omni Montessori School—as a student, Guide, and Director of Elementary Programs. His leadership and dedication have shaped generations of learners and left a lasting legacy in our community.

ASHLYN SPANGENBERG

We extend our sincere appreciation to Ashlyn Spangenberg for her transformative leadership as Director of Adolescent Programs. Through her vision and innovation, she helped create a dynamic and engaging experience for Omni's adolescent students.



KATI ROY

With heartfelt thanks, we honor Kati Roy for her decades of devoted service as Primary Guide of the Poplar Class. She has guided countless children through their earliest Montessori years with care, wisdom, and compassion.



RAQUEL GONZALEZ

We are grateful to celebrate Raquel Gonzalez for her dedication as Assistant in the Poplar Class. Her warmth, kindness, and care have helped make the Omni experience joyful and memorable for so many children.







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