

GREAT OAKS



CHARTER SCHOOLS

Great oaks, from little acorns grow

2020

ANNUAL REPORT
& CALENDAR



Dear Friend and Supporter of Great Oaks,

Across the board, the Great Oaks Schools are focused on what it takes to prepare our students for success after they earn a high school diploma.

Our first school, Great Oaks - Legacy in Newark, is leading the way with impressive results for the 171 alumni who are a part of that school's first three graduating classes. As of this writing, 73% of those graduates are in college; at comparable district-run high schools in Newark, roughly 40% of graduates go to college and only a quarter of them will earn a degree. GO - Legacy students are enrolled at selective universities like Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, and George Washington and almost all of them will be among the first in their family to graduate from college.

Great Oaks - NYC doesn't yet serve grades 9 through 12, but the leadership team there is now planning what a great high school program should look like. This work is supported by a grant from the Walton Family Foundation and is being done in conjunction with high school development work already underway in both Wilmington and Bridgeport that has been underwritten by the Carnegie Corporation and the Barr Foundation.

In Delaware our students are able to accumulate college credits at Wilmington University even before they get their high school diploma; they are also able to begin preparing for a career in the medical field directly after they leave Great Oaks. Students at GO - Wilmington are meeting with admissions officers from institutions such as Villanova, Drexel and Bucknell through the efforts of the school's College & Career access office.

At Great Oaks - Bridgeport, the high school team has been busy administering the PSAT to sophomores and juniors and brought the freshman class to the Yale campus for a glimpse into collegiate life. It was GO - Bridgeport's focus on preparing some of its students for career readiness right after high school that caught the attention of a local philanthropist — who wishes to remain anonymous — and prompted him to donate \$1m to support the new school building that GO - Bridgeport recently moved into.

The ultimate measure of Great Oaks' success will be the enhanced life prospects of the young people who pass through our doors. Thank-you for all that you do to make those prospects bright.

Sincerely,



Michael Duffy
President





GREAT OAKS CHARTER SCHOOL

GREAT OAKS LEGACY

Date
Est.

2011

Current Grades
Served

PRE K-12

Students:

1735

Teachers:

120

Fellows:

122



GREAT OAKS CHARTER SCHOOL

NEW YORK CITY

Date Est.

2013

Current Grades Served

6-8

Students: **300**

Teachers: **24**

Fellows: **50**



GREAT OAKS CHARTER SCHOOL
BRIDGEPORT

Date
Est.

2014

Current Grades
Served

6-11

Students: **560**

Teachers: **31**

Fellows: **50**



GREAT OAKS CHARTER SCHOOL
WILMINGTON

Date
Est.

2015

Current Grades
Served

6-10

Students: **480**

Teachers: **27**

Fellows: **58**

AMERICORPS



In April 2019, the federal Corporation for National and Community Service awarded the Great Oaks Foundation renewed funding to expand the Great Oaks Fellowship program to 310 AmeriCorps members. Great Oaks Fellows are directly responsible for providing individualized instruction, mentorship, and enrichment opportunities to several small groups of middle or high school students each day.



JANUARY



GREAT OAKS - WILMINGTON'S CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM launched four pathways in Fall 2019 for students to choose from: K-12 Teacher Academy, Allied Medical Services, Community Health Services, and Nursing.

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GREAT OAKS - WILMINGTON CURRENTLY OFFERS Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming to 10th grade students and is preparing to extend the program to 9th grade students in Fall 2020. CTE coursework aligns with sector-specific standards and all students will be able to obtain an industry certification by the end of each program.

FEBRUARY



GREAT OAKS - NEW YORK CITY IS PARTNERING WITH LINCOLN CENTER EDUCATION to use the arts to cultivate a unique skill set for students that is indispensable in the 21st century: problem solving, collaboration, communication, imagination, and creativity. Through our partnership, we will translate those skills from the arts to the lives of children, equipping them for success in their careers.

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GREAT OAKS - NEW YORK CITY IS PARTICIPATING IN THE JAZZ EMPOWERS Charter School Residency program, which has enabled the school to hire a music teacher to launch and run a new jazz program.

MARCH



LAST YEAR, GREAT OAKS - BRIDGEPORT CREATED an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball team for students who now compete with other youth teams in tournaments.

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GREAT OAKS SCHOOLS OFFER A DIVERSE RANGE of extracurricular activities and electives including Art Club, Cheerleading, Social Justice, Students for Earth, and Homework Center. All students at Great Oaks are encouraged to join clubs to explore new interests and further develop existing ones.

APRIL



AT THE GREAT OAKS - LEGACY DOWNTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, Sophia Domeville leads 9th and 10th graders in a Global Arts and Culture class, engaging in a project relating to questions of self and identity.

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A LOCAL ARTIST, LAYQA NUNA YAWAR, WAS COMMISSIONED TO CREATE THIS MURAL at the Downtown Legacy High School. The profiles of four Legacy High School seniors are integrated into the art work.

red Drink Mix

Launch

MAY



ALLISON BLANCHARD IS A 6TH GRADE MATH TEACHER AT GREAT OAKS - NEW YORK CITY who was one of four teachers honored with an award for teacher excellence at the 2019 Great Oaks Forum for their outstanding contributions to their school communities and extraordinary work with students.

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THE GREAT OAKS FOUNDATION WORKS WITH SCHOOLS TO identify, develop, and implement data-informed curriculum and procedures. The Academics Team collaborates with school leaders to coach and support educators such as GO - WIL's Leland Kent (*at left*) through professional development to further engage students and push learning capacity.

JUNE



TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS, our schools provide an array of services. Teams of speech and occupational therapists, guidance counselors, and social workers work together with educators to provide targeted support.

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ACROSS THE GREAT OAKS NETWORK, our schools provide specialized supports to prepare our English Language Learners and students with disabilities for postsecondary success. All educators, including our Great Oaks Fellows, collaborate to design individualized instruction within a fully-inclusive setting, facilitating the development of growth mindsets, a sense of belonging, and agency.

JULY



TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING the way learning happens at Great Oaks. Students engage with an array of platforms like Khan Academy, Student Plus, Google Classroom, and Schoology to access online educational resources and course materials.

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ONE-TO-ONE COMPUTING TAKES LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT.

Integrating technology into the classroom increases collaboration and student engagement. With an intentional integration of technology-enabled instruction, our students are developing skills that will prepare them for 21st century careers.

AUGUST



INCOMING GREAT OAKS FELLOWS AND RETURNING CORPS LEADERS gathered at the 2019 Great Oaks Forum to prepare for the work ahead as they help instruct, mentor, and develop students. For a select group of Fellows, the year will serve as an apprenticeship before participating in Great Oaks' Teacher Residency program.

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GREAT OAKS - NEW YORK SCHOOL'S SCHOOL LEADER, ANTONIO VANCE, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earned a Masters of Education from the University of Pennsylvania, where he is currently a doctoral candidate. He previously worked for the Mastery Charter School network in Philadelphia serving as a high school science teacher and administrator.

SEPTEMBER



ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019, Great Oaks - Bridgeport supporters joined U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, school principal John Scalice, students, and staff at the official ribbon cutting in celebration of the new school campus at 375 Howard Avenue. The first Friday of the school year will be the official "Great Oaks Day".

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GREAT OAKS WORKED CLOSELY WITH LOCAL LEADERS AND PARTNERS on the school and Fellow housing project as part of a larger community development initiative that will revitalize Bridgeport's West End neighborhood, and is well underway in creating hundreds of units of housing and permanent jobs.

OCTOBER

A young woman with dark curly hair and glasses is leaning over a desk, looking at a document. A young man in a blue polo shirt is sitting at the desk, also looking at the document. They appear to be in a classroom or study area. The woman is holding a blue pen. The man has a backpack on. The background is slightly blurred, showing other students and a classroom setting.

IN SUPPORT OF THE YEAR OF SERVICE WITH GREAT OAKS, Fellows are provided a living allowance and housing. At Great Oaks - Bridgeport, Fellows now resides in loft-style apartments adjacent to the school in a renovated factory building, bringing added vitality to the West End of Bridgeport.

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JAZMIN COLE SERVED AS AN AMERICORPS FELLOW in 2015-16 and 2016-17 and is now part of the Great Oaks - Wilmington operations team. During a year of service, Great Oaks Fellows build strong relationships and community ties that often lead to their next step within the Great Oaks network.

NOVEMBER



IN 2014, PRESIDENT OBAMA LAUNCHED A CALL TO ACTION through his My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge. The Great Oaks effort is led by our National Director of Teacher Development, Hector Calderón, a member of the NYS Blue Ribbon Committee for this initiative. Hector leads Great Oaks schools in addressing opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color to ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.

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GREAT OAKS EDUCATORS RECEIVE WEEKLY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT to enhance their curricular and instructional skills. Members of the network's Academics Team visit schools weekly for observations, informal walkthroughs, and one-on-one coaching.

DECEMBER



JARED TAILLEFER IS THE LEADER OF GREAT OAKS - LEGACY, LOCATED IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. Jared earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in applied mathematics from Boston University. Prior to founding Great Oaks Legacy, he served as a tutor, teacher, and Dean of Students at the Match School in Boston.

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“TO LEAD PEOPLE, WALK BESIDE THEM. AS FOR THE BEST LEADERS, the people do not notice their existence ... When the best leader’s work is done, the people say, ‘We did it ourselves!’”
 – Lao Tsu, Chinese philosopher

FINANCIALS

2019 Statement of Activities

REVENUES

	AMOUNTS
Contributions & Other Revenue	609,063
Government Grants	5,150,159
Management Fee Income	3,239,230
Total	8,998,452

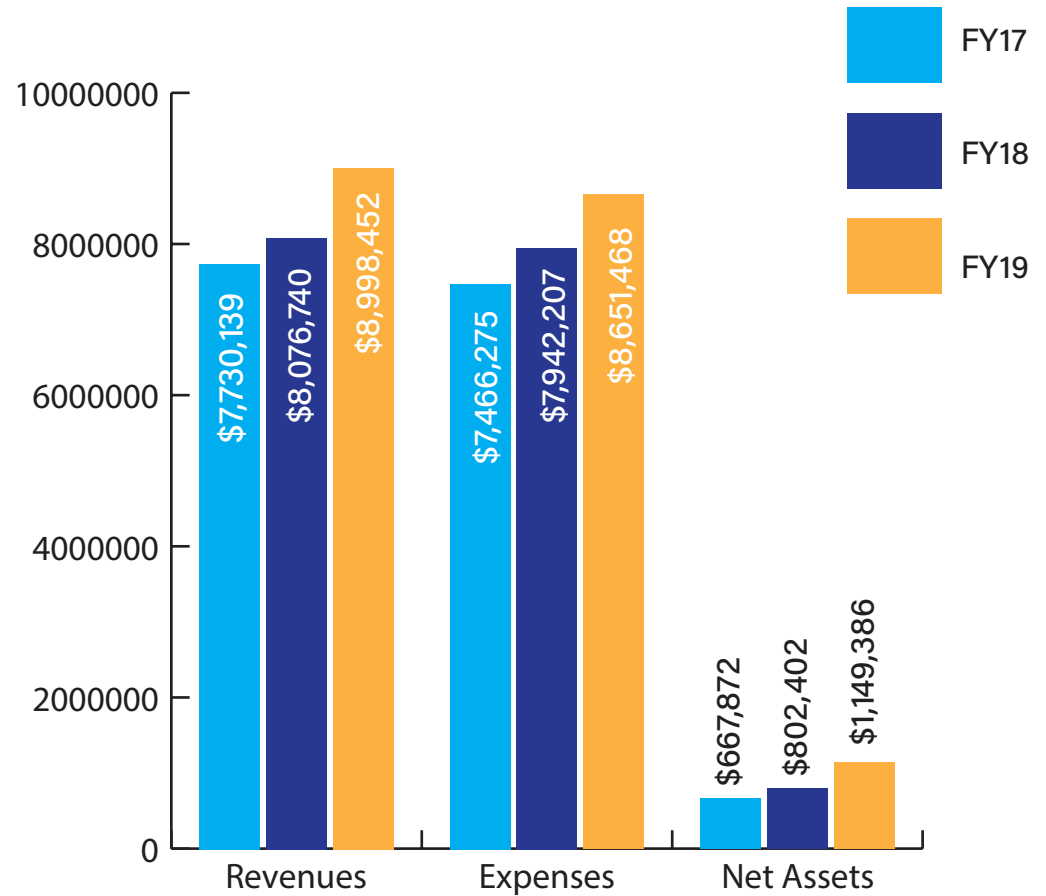
EXPENSES

School Programs Services	7,974,437
Management and General Services	495,247
Fundraising	181,784
Total	8,651,468

Change in Net Assets 346,984

Net Assets - Beginning of Year 802,402

Net Assets - End of Year 1,149,386



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Education policy leader, former State Secretary for Schools in Sweden; founder and CEO of NordicEd, a K-12 school operator which opened its first school in Pakistan in 2017.



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