

2016-2017 Good Stewardship Report for Georgia GOAL Funds

Stratford Academy is again a leader in the GOAL Scholarship Program, both in terms of raising dollars and in the prudent stewardship of our GOAL funds. We raised \$171,447 from 103 donors in 2016. The entire \$171,447 raised are Georgia State income taxes that our benefactors agreed to redirect to the GOAL program to benefit public school children with financial need that would like to attend Stratford. We hope that Stratford families will continue to participate in 2017.

The following is the basic statistical data for the current school year:

- **26 GOAL students enrolled**
 - Lower School – 4 students
 - Middle School – 6 students
 - Upper School – 16 students

- **Ethnicity**
 - 19 Caucasian
 - 7 Minorities

- **Gender**
 - 15 Male
 - 11 Female

The program helps the School's financial position. During this school year, GOAL scholarships will add more than \$207,953 in real dollars to the bottom line. In addition, all families of the 26 GOAL recipients pay a portion of the tuition expense that adds up to more than \$147,341 in total tuition paid. The total positive impact, therefore, is \$384,936.

The median household income for our GOAL families is approximately \$57,700 and it is likely that none of the GOAL recipients would be able to attend without the scholarship. The 26 GOAL recipients are spread across the three divisions, and Stratford would not be able to reduce expenses to any appreciable amount if those students left the school.

Six (6) or 23 percent of the recipients are children of faculty who find it a blessing to send their own children to a school they support and believe in as wholeheartedly as they do Stratford.

Stratford does not use GOAL to recruit varsity athletes. Of the 26 GOAL recipients, nine are currently varsity athletes, spread across multiple sports. Every GOAL recipient must meet academic requirements and are vetted via the school's admission process.

For information about contributing to the Georgia GOAL program, contact Kathleen Medlin, Director of Advancement, at Kathleen.Medlin@stratford.org or (478)477-8073 x210. For admissions criteria, please contact Lori Palmer, Director of Admissions, at lori.palmer@stratford.org or x203.