MISSION
To inspire children to lead lives of purpose and compassion through scholarship and citizenship.

VISION
A dynamic and intellectually challenging educational experience rooted in Progressive education and reflective of evolving research.

GOAL
For students to discover their individual and collective potential to make positive change in the world.
LETTER FROM THE HEAD

Experience and innovation; these are the key features that shape how Gateway School transforms our mission and vision into our educational program.

Experience begins with our smart, dedicated and committed faculty. In academic subjects, the teachers ensure that children engage in deep learning that is meaningful to their lived experiences, while providing a vibrant and vigorous path towards the development of mastery. In our specialist classrooms, children discover that they too are artists, musicians, and creators with unique ideas and original perspectives. Throughout our campus, the experience of the faculty is what leads to a transformative education that awakens children's drive to think independently, critically and creatively.

The other side of our coin is innovation. Change is happening here at Gateway not because it is foisted upon us, but because we see a path towards a stronger program that is even more forward-thinking in preparing today's students for tomorrow's uncertain future. That's why we've begun to emphasize emotional intelligence and peer collaboration, strategic problem solving and flexible iterative thinking, and cultural competency paired with integrity and communication skills. All of which builds on our integration of mindfulness and the Discovery Center maker's space in the few years prior. From rethinking our schedule to replacing our classroom furniture to implementing a new Middle School math curriculum, this year has highlighted our commitment to pursuing continuous improvement.

I am pleased to share Gateway School's Annual Report, which provides a picture of the school's finances and operations during the 2015-16 fiscal year. This report also recognizes and celebrates those who have generously given to our community through philanthropy, volunteerism, and expertise; your efforts are integral to our school's success and embody our community.

I would like to thank all of our donors -- families and grandfriends, alumni and their families, Board members, employees, corporations, foundations and community members -- who help Gateway provide its unique program. Your investment in the school directly supports and enriches the experience of all of our students, from our youngest kindergarten learners to our eighth grade leaders.

Warmly,

Zachary Roberts, Ed.D.
Head of School
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, 
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On behalf of The Gateway School Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present to you our school’s 2015-2016 Annual Report. It reflects the current financial health and well being of our wonderful school. As a result of your continued support and commitment, along with the hard work of our dedicated faculty and administration, Gateway School has had another great year.

Since 1970,

Some of our financial highlights from last year include:

- $261,952 raised in Annual Fund with 87% parent participation.
- $99,530 raised at the Auction event.
- $34,720 raised for Fund-a-Need supporting innovative classroom furniture.
- $6,275 raised for Endowment.
- $372,851 in financial aid given to 63 families in need.

Other highlights of the year include:

- Our 45th Anniversary Picnic at the home of Jenny Barchas and JoeBen Bevirt.
- Our sixth annual Speaker Series event featuring Dr. Denise Pope.
- Our community wide effort on our new long term Strategic Plan.
- Honoring retiring long time faculty member Patricia Skowrup.

The Board of Trustees is honored to be part of such a wonderful community. We are proud of Gateway’s accomplishments, and appreciate our community’s enthusiastic support of our wonderful school. Your dedication, your commitment and your trust inspire us. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Christina Falco
President, Gateway School Board of Trustees
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INTEGRITY
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Ilana Ingber, Visual Arts Specialist

Gateway welcomed Ilana Ingber as Visual Arts Specialist in the fall of 2015. Ilana, who holds an M.A. in Art and Art Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, moved to Santa Cruz from New York City, where she had been teaching at the Guggenheim Museum and a charter school for the previous four years. Ilana chose to come to Santa Cruz specifically to teach at Gateway, with a special intention to integrate mindfulness and social emotional learning into our art program. In addition to Ilana’s passion for teaching art, she has also completed 300 hours of training in teaching yoga and mindfulness to adults and kids.

“Nothing is more important to me than teaching children to be kind to themselves and others. My passion in life is to teach people strategies to quiet the harsh critic (and sometimes self-hating voice) we all have inside, in order to make space for creativity, enjoyment, love, happiness, and a kinder world.”

Ilana believes that the Art Studio is a place to infuse learning about the brain, and learning about mindfulness. In Ilana’s words, “We need to quiet the mind, quiet self limiting beliefs, and lose our fear of failure, in order to gain access to our own creativity.” Ilana uses “warrior training” to teach students how to be strong artists as well as strong people.

“One definition of a warrior is someone who embraces courage, compassion, discipline and training to master one’s own alter-ego. Through ‘warrior training’, we will practice being brave, curious, open-minded, risk takers that innovate with a growth mindset. Warrior training might include some short breathing exercises, meditation, yoga games, art challenges, and philosophy discussions.”

Ilana believes in making art fun and accessible for kids. For every unit and for every class, she has “art” objectives and “social emotional learning” goals for the day. Ilana models the growth mindset that she teaches so well…she demonstrates grit, determination, focus and persistence…all with love and gratitude. We are so grateful to have Ilana as our Visual Arts Specialist!
**Gateway Hosts Santa Cruz Mini Maker Faire**

Gateway was proud to host Santa Cruz’s first ever Mini Maker Faire on April 16, 2016. The inaugural event was a break-out success with over 1,600 attendees from throughout the Monterey Bay area. This family-friendly event celebrated the creativity and inventiveness of companies and individuals in the Santa Cruz community, showcasing 44 exhibitors, 14 performers, and six food and beverage vendors.

Attendees had the opportunity to design and print on 3D printers, learn from UCSC robotics engineers, build and launch paper rockets, fly drones, do hands-on textile crafts, and hang out with R2D2, among many other attractions. The faire’s success was greatly supported by the sponsorship of the Santa Cruz City Office of Economic Development and 12 corporate sponsors, and was written up in three different articles in the Santa Cruz Sentinel.

The Santa Cruz Mini Maker Faire builds on Gateway’s successful implementation of the Discovery Center, our Maker Space, which teaches students to be creators and not just consumers. The faire allows creators and tinkerers to showcase their work, while the public enjoys hands-on, interactive experiences, and connects with a community of like-minded people. Like Gateway, the Maker Faire supports ideas of passionate innovation, collaboration and joyful connection with others, and hands-on doing as a way of experiencing the world.

Thank you to our 2016 Mini Maker Faire Leadership Team of parent volunteers: Rachel Conable, Karen Hovekamp, Leigh Ann Lively, Laura Macleod, Tara Neier, Lea Pittman, Alexandra Proca, and Irene Tsouprake, as well as Nada Ammann (UCSC) and Patrice Keet (Museum of Discovery).

Planning is already underway to host the Second Annual Santa Cruz Mini Maker Faire on Saturday April 29, 2017. Visit santacruz.makerfaire.com for information on how to apply to exhibit, become a sponsor or volunteer, and purchase tickets.
In June 2016, we celebrated the retirement of faculty member Patricia Skowrup. Patricia began by teaching Kindergarten, and then First Grade, and after taking a few years off when her sons were born, then taught Second Grade at Gateway for 27 years! She is one of the few faculty members who has worked with all five Heads of School, stretching back to Founder Hannelore Herbig, and has been a living carrier of institutional culture and memory. Patricia has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of children and families during her time at Gateway and has been a valued colleague, mentor and friend to her peers.

We celebrated Patricia with a colorful and festive party—complete with songs around the piano bar (played by former Board President Jon Girvetz)—at the Capitola home of Laura and Jago Macleod. Patricia even received a surprise visit from former Head of School, Percy Abram.

Congratulations on your retirement. We cherish you, Patricia, and we will miss you!
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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
Sierra Tobin ('13)

Each summer, Gateway School graduate and avid traveler Sierra Tobin, makes her way back to the playgrounds and classrooms of her childhood. This is her third year working at Camp Gateway, and the last summer before she graduates from Vassar College in 2017. And yet Sierra has already accomplished a laudable amount before walking the stage. Not only is she a talented athlete, but she is also a passionate scholar, keenly interested in the connection between climate change and social systems, which is why she studies Geography at Vassar.

“I’m very interested in the environment and climate change, but also in social systems and interactions,” Sierra explained. “Geography enables me to look at the intersection between these two in both global and local contexts.”

Fresh from a semester abroad, Sierra recently had the opportunity to participate in an International Honors Program called “Climate Change: The Politics of Food, Water and Energy.” The program lasted a little over three months, and allowed Sierra to see first-hand the global systems and impacts of climate change that she studies at Vassar.

“I traveled to Vietnam, Morocco, and Bolivia with a group of 31 students,” Sierra said. “We stayed with homestay families in each country, and heard from many local people about their work and experiences with environmental issues.”

Sierra credits Gateway with instilling in her a love of learning and an interest in the environment. Her experiences at Gateway helped to shape her worldview and frame her academic pursuits.

“The focus at Gateway on hands-on learning and a love of learning helped me become engaged early on,” Sierra said. “The small community of engaged and curious learners at Gateway made me want to find a similar community in college, and Vassar was a great fit.”

Active participation in college sports helps to balance Sierra’s academic workload. Her love of volleyball grew from roots at Gateway and flourished at Vassar, where she is a member of the Women’s Varsity Volleyball team and was selected as captain and coach in her junior year.

“I love playing volleyball, which I started at Gateway and still play in college,” Sierra said.

Her team has been recognized as a two-time Liberty League All-Academic Team, and Sierra is a three year member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

As for her favorite memory of Gateway, Sierra says, “It’s hard to pick one. I loved baking bread with our buddies, playing happy shiny fun ball in PE, touring campus during Ocean Week, and hearing graduation speeches every year.”

As her own graduation looms near, she has much to celebrate. A true advocate of many of Gateway’s values, including justice, exploration, and environmental sustainability, Sierra continues to make us proud call her an alumna.

ALUMNI IN TOUCH
CARE PACKAGES
The Gateway Families Association sent care packages in the fall to Gateway graduates from the Class of 2011 who were freshman in college.

SPRING ALUMNI EVENT
We welcomed young alumni back to campus at our Spring Alumni Gathering in May, and young alumni were able to add their hand prints to our “Alumni Tree.” At the annual Spring Alumni Event - and at Graduation each year - alumni students will have the opportunity to add their own hand print leaf to our Alumni Tree. Be sure to check it out when you are back on campus!

STAY IN TOUCH
We would love to keep in touch with all of our alumni. Please send your email address to Julie Wilson at julie.wilson@gatewaysc.org to get on our alumni list.
WAYS TO GIVE

ANNUAL FUND
Gifts to the Annual Fund go toward supporting school operations in the current fiscal year. Because tuition does not cover the entire cost of a Gateway education, we ask families and friends to support the school’s Annual Giving Campaign each year.

TARGETED GIVING OF RESTRICTED GIFTS
In making these special gifts, donors go beyond their annual gifts to make a substantial contribution to a specific program or purpose. Our student computer labs, our comprehensive Arts program and our multi-purpose room remodel are examples of how targeted gifts can transform the school.

ENDOWMENT
Gifts to endowment are a way to protect the future of Gateway. The principal of such gifts remains intact and, in fact, grows while some of the interest income, or earnings, supports school programs and needs. You may choose between the Hannelore Herbig general endowment fund, named after the school’s founder, and the Financial Aid endowment fund. You may also contact the Development Office if you have an interest in establishing a new endowment fund.

HOW TO GIVE CASH
The most straightforward gifts are tax-deductible gifts of cash to our Annual Fund. These gifts may be given all at one time or on a monthly or quarterly basis. We ask for annual fund gifts and pledges each fall and gifts and/or pledge payments are accepted at any time during our August 1 to July 31 fiscal year.

APPRECIATED ASSETS
Gifts of appreciated assets, such as stock, may, through their tax-advantaged status, allow a donor to make an even greater impact on school programs than would be possible by writing a check. Some of our larger gifts to the annual fund, as well as substantial targeted gifts, come in this form. Contact the Development Office if you wish to learn more.

GIFTS-IN-KIND
Items or professional services that are necessary to the operation and advancement of the school are considered gifts-in-kind. Past gifts include auction items, computer software, and services such as architectural planning. Gifts-in-kind are appreciated throughout the year.

PLANNED GIVING
Bequests are the simplest of planned gifts. By naming Gateway School in your will, you can make a gift which assures the future of independent school education. Bequests can be placed into endowment so that their impact is a legacy to the future. There are many planned giving vehicles by which a family can donate funds to Gateway. Please notify the Development Office at any time if you want to include Gateway in your will or discuss planned giving.

For More Information
Call the Development Office at (831) 423-0341, extension 332.