8:1
Student-teacher ratio while the national average is 16:1. Small class sizes provide increased student engagement and opportunities to enhance social and emotional learning critical to student achievement.

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Robustly-designed experiential learning opportunities were delivered and included 6 Fall Adventures, 6 Colorado Expeditions, 8 Middle School Seminars, 4 Upper School Mission-Centered Seminars & 6 Experience-Centered Seminars.

73,759
Lines of code programmed this year by Upper School students in the Intro to Computer Science and AP Computer Science Principles courses. Students are also programming with Python in Middle School science and exposed to computational thinking in younger grades.

PREPARED FOR A DYNAMIC WORLD | AGE 3 - GRADE 12
Dear CSS families, alumni, past parents, grandparents, and friends,

For nearly 60 years, The Colorado Springs School has prepared students to meet the challenges of a dynamic world. We are proud of the school’s rich history and of where we stand today -- the top-ranked private school in El Paso County and one of the best in the state of Colorado.

Sustaining excellence at The Colorado Springs School requires strategic planning and the generous support of our constituents. Our priorities are clear: support our stellar faculty and staff, continue to create innovative, cutting-edge college preparatory programs, and build our endowment and philanthropic giving, the sources of the school’s stability and strength.

We can do it with your support. More than 90 percent of the school’s philanthropic support comes from Claremont Society leadership donors committing to gifts of $1,962 (or more) in honor of the school’s founding year.

With Gratitude,
Aaron Schubach, Head of School

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Class of 2019’s average ACT score.
National Average: 21
Colorado Average: 20.8

$3.1
Million dollars in college merit scholarships were awarded to the class of 2019. On average, that is $135,000 per student.
Our spring gala and auction allows our community to come together to celebrate our mission accomplishments and student successes and to enthusiastically raise funds to benefit students. With approximately 175 guests attending each year, the evening provides you the opportunity to support a dynamic school through sponsorship and underwriting, the purchase of tickets, auction sales, and Raise Your Paddle donations! This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020, and feature online bidding for those who cannot attend in person.

### Gala & Auction

- **IMPACT OF ANNUAL FUND**
  - $424,129 (65%)
- **IMPACT OF RESTRICTED GIVING**
  - $59,000 (9%)
- **IMPACT OF GALA & AUCTION**
  - $131,931 (20%)
- **IMPACT OF COMMUNITY EVENTS**
  - $40,000 (6%)

### Community Events

A few opportunities throughout the year represent smaller fundraising yields but serve the dual purpose of also building community and providing outreach. These events have a strong volunteer component.

- Parents Association Carnival, FunRun, and Garage Sale
- Class and Club fundraisers
- Kodiak Athletic boosters
- Concessions by Upstagers
- Concessions by KICS
- Library Book Fair

### Annual Fund & Restricted Giving

You can impact the school's highest fundraising priority through unrestricted, tax-deductible donations made annually. Your philanthropic dollars are applied to the school's operating budget. The school can accept cash, checks, credit cards, or stock transfers as payment for voluntary giving. And you can leverage tax deductions or qualify for the Colorado Childcare Tax Credit. Gifts of $1,962 or more are considered leadership gifts and donors are recognized in the Claremont Society.

Some donors, foundations, and corporations restrict gifts to priorities such as endowment, professional development, scholarships, technology, and capital improvements. These gifts are closely aligned to strategic priorities.
Benefits of the Childcare Tax Credit

When you make a donation to The Colorado Springs School through the Colorado Childcare Contribution Credit, the state of Colorado allows you to take a 50% tax credit on your state income taxes in addition to the regular state and federal deductions.

### Tax Credit Eligibility Rules
- Donations cannot exceed $100,000 per taxpayer per year
- Donations cannot exceed the tax liability for the tax year
- The credit has been renewed to 2022
- Availability subject to legislative action
- Stock transfers and in-kind donations are not eligible

### ANNUAL GIVING LEVELS

**EVERY GIFT COUNTS**

- **CUM LAUDE CIRCLE:** $1-$499
- **VALEDICTORIAN CIRCLE:** $500 - $1,961
- **MEMBERS CIRCLE:** $1,962 - $2,999
- **BENEFACTORS CIRCLE:** $3,000 - $4,999
- **SPONSORS CIRCLE:** $5,000 - $9,999
- **LEADERSHIP CIRCLE:** $10,000 - $19,999
- **LEGACY LEADERS:** $20,000 AND UP

### Consult Your Tax Accountant

Annual Fund gifts designated to Early Childhood are eligible for a 50% tax credit.

Please consult your tax accountant to confirm the effects of this credit on your individual finances. Additional information may be found on the Colorado Department of Revenue website by referencing “Income 35 Child Care Tax Credit”. 