



ANNUAL REPORT

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Kevin Guzman and Saray Castillo-Cruz
model their new GHROW shirts.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Your continued faithfulness to GHRoW each year provides the opportunity for many students to attend Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA). This year you, and over 80 donors, gave more than any year before! As a result, all six applicants received scholarships and at the highest level ever. Your generosity resulted in the awarding of \$42,000 in Merit Scholarships. **Praise God and thank you!**

The students echo our appreciation – you’ll see that in this report, in their own words. Thank you not only for supporting the students today, but for supporting the GHRoW endowments which provide for future scholarships.

Every dollar you donate is awarded to the students – EVERY DOLLAR. Extras, like taking the students out for pizza and giving them small gifts, are covered by the GHRoW board. The extras were expanded this year to include providing guest speakers for two GHRoW vespers. The experience was also enhanced by allowing scholars to bring a friend to a few of the events.

Thank you again for making students at SVA a priority. It is a blessing to invest in these young people with you and to see their growth.

God bless,



Tony Williams, *President*
SVA Class of 1982

Anisa Phillip receiving
her SVA diploma
from Principal
Don Short.

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GHRoW BOARD

Tony Williams, President,
SVA Class of '82

David Reile,
Vice-president, '82

Mark Griffin,
Treasurer, '82

Lauron Henkel,
Secretary, '93

Sarah Coulter, '97

Dorenda Dodge, '14 (H)

Byron Greenberg, '82

Allison Handel, '12

Kimberly Handel, '83

Kevin Larios, '09

Donna Mashburn, '74

Polly Roberts, '83

Dwight Seek, '82

Barbara Suddarth, '22 (H)

Paul Ware, '83*

H, Honorary SVA Diploma
* Honorary Board Member

“You guys are such a
blessing. Your time,
your donations, your
gifts all mean so
much to me.” – Esther
Rapley

Esther on
SVA’s Mexico
mission trip.

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THANK YOU NOTES

“Thanks for blessing me with this scholarship. I hope to give back when I’m older. Your support motivates me when I’m studying. Thanks once again and God bless.” – Kevin Guzman

Below: Guerdy Thomas (L) and Kevin Guzman (R).

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DONORS

Anonymous

Honor of Sara Jane Liers

Anonymous

Memory of Doris Suddarth

Anonymous

**GHRoW Scholar*

Anonymous

**GHRoW Scholar*

Anonymous x 8

Anderson, Sheri

Banks, Russ & Kari

Memory of Scott Handel

Beers, Randy

Bell, DeAnn

Blackburn, Steve & Brenda

Bruce, Lisa

Buruchara, David & Callie

Memory of Kent Grimm

Carney, Jackie

Champion, Christina

**GHRoW Scholar*

Dodge, Dorenda & Bill

Ellington, Aimee

Gibb, Keith

Memory of Scott Handel

Griffin, Mark

Handel, Allison

Handel, Kimberly

Hannah, Bonnie

Memory of Christopher Beers

Hayes, Judith

Hegstad, Doug

Memory of Scott Handel

Henkel, Lauron

Herr, Lorraine

Memory of Scott Handel

Hevener, Daryl & Tammy

Jaroche, Mary

Kemmerer, Scott

Kober, April

Labate, Ruth Ann

Larios, Kevin

Lewis, Daniel

Memory of Richard Bendall

Lingerfelt, Jeff

Honor of Jennifer Young

Lyon, Linda

Honor of Mark Nosal & Kim Handel

Mace, Seth

**GHRoW Scholar*

Honor of Keli & Perry Mace;

Memory of Dr. Walter B. Sheer

Mashburn, Mark & Donna

McCleaf, Anna

Meadows, Brenda

Memory of Scott Handel

Messinger, Debbie

Mills, Danyce

Moon, Kurt

Moon, Sydney

Narvaez, Juan

Memory of Scott Handel

Nilsen, Cheryl

Reile, David &
Suddarth, Barbara

Reile, Patricia

Rice, Sandra

Richardson, Heather & Jeff

Roberts, Polly

Romano, Peter & Debbi

Seek, Dwight

Shull, Ricky & Susan

Stong, Jeff & Darla

Memory of Scott Handel

Suddarth, Kent

Twomley, Dale & Connie

Umaña, Emely

Memory of Kent Grimm,

**GHRoW Scholar*

Wagner, John & Lilya

Memory of Charles Wilkens

Wagner, Lilya

Honor of Dr. John Wagner

Ware, Paul & Susan

White, Gerald & Caroline

Memory of Margaret Dove & Clarice White

Williams, Tony & Tracey

Memory of Sandra W. Dunlap

THANK YOU NOTES

"Thank you! You're the reason I'm able to attend SVA. I am grateful there are amazing people in the world that help others they don't even know, and that is you! You are an amazing child of God and I'm grateful to have your help." – Saray Castillo-Cruz



PC: JACLYN KNIGHT



Saray taking a Mexico mission trip selfie.

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MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Sophomores who attended SVA their freshman year are eligible for the GHRoW Merit Scholarships. SVA recommends several students to apply for the Merit Scholarship based on financial need and academic performance. The eligible students submit an application which includes a short essay describing themselves and their interests. Each year the GHRoW board awards a minimum of \$10,000 to at least one student and the balance of the funds available are awarded to as many students as possible. The total award amount often changes from year to year as it depends upon the donations received each year. Scholarships are distributed over the student's remaining years at SVA.

"Thank you so much for all the gifts and love you're giving us. I really appreciate everything you're doing for us. I hope to get to know all of you more." – Lia Thomas



The newest GHRoW Merit Scholars, (L to R) Camila Soriano, Chloe Juncal, Guerdy Thomas, Lia Thomas, Jeannette Mahoro and Daniela Muñoz.

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2022-2023 AWARDS

With much gratitude for the very generous gifts received this year, all six applicants received GHRoW Scholarships totaling a record \$42,000. The six sophomores receiving GHRoW scholarships this year were Chloe Juncal, Jeannette Mahoro, Daniela Muñoz, Camila Soriano, Guerdy Thomas and Lia Thomas. Daniela Muñoz received the primary GHRoW Merit Scholarship.

During 2022–2023 there were a total of 23 GHRoW Merit scholars at SVA representing \$179,000 in Merit Scholarships.

R. SCOTT HANDEL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Boys' Club president and GHRoW Merit Scholar, Lucas Ferraz, was awarded the 14th Annual R. Scott Handel Leadership (RSHL) Scholarship, along with \$2,500. Each year an outstanding student leader is selected for this award from among six presidents at SVA.

For the first time, Scott's mother, Linda Lyon, and daughter, Allison Handel, were able to attend the presentation of the scholarship created in Scott's memory. Many of Scott's friends and family were also present for the event held during SVA's Alumni Weekend.

In his application Lucas spoke of the importance of both his mentors and being a mentor when it comes to leadership. Leading by example and making sure there is good communication between the students and faculty at SVA characterized the themes important to Lucas.



Scott Handel's mom, Linda Lyon, with Lucas Ferraz, recipient of the 14th Annual R. Scott Handel Leadership Scholarship.

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Lucas Ferraz (center, white shirt) next to Linda Lyon and Allison Handel (to his right) with all the GHRoW scholars and Scott's friends and family.



SVA alumnus, Callie Buruchara, shares lessons from the 'Prodigal Son'.

CELEBRATING THE SCHOLARS

The tradition of providing gift bags and taking the students out for pizza continued. In addition, we added an extra trip to New Market for ice cream.

Also, we hosted two special vespers events designed especially for the GHRoW students. SVA alumnus, Callie Buruchara was the speaker for the November 2022 vespers in Mt. Jackson. The Adventist Review editor, Pastor Justin Kim, was the guest speaker for the February 2023 vespers held in the Student Center. The students were encouraged to bring a friend, and many did. Photos and audio recordings of the vespers are available at <https://ghrow.org/latest/>.

Gift bags featured the newly designed GHRoW t-shirt, which was quite popular with the students. The t-shirt design centered on Colossians 2:7 "Let your roots grow down into Him ...", NLT.

Members of the GHRoW board attended the SVA graduation in May 2023 and handed out gifts to the ten graduating GHRoW scholars.



Show Your Support

You can purchase your own GHRoW Foundation shirt at

<https://tinyurl.com/ghrowfoundation>.



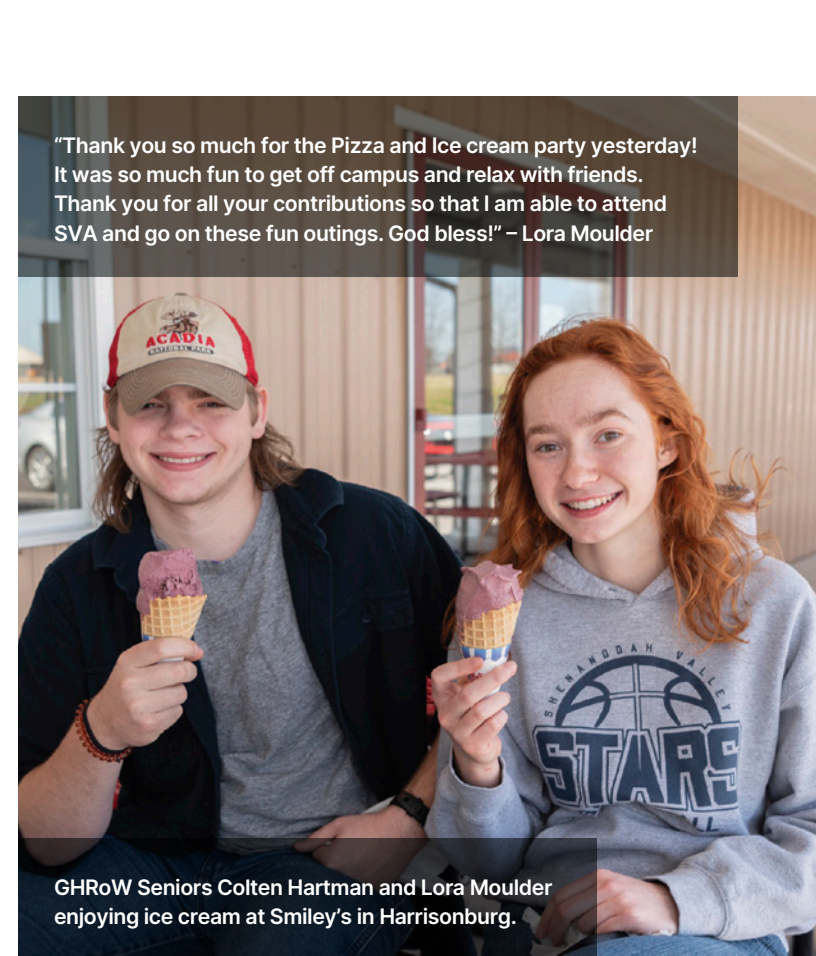
GHRoW scholars display their new swag.



Ice cream at Pack's with Dorenda Dodge from the GHRoW board.



Pastor Justin Kim, Adventist Review editor, challenges the GHRoW scholars to change the world.



"Thank you so much for the Pizza and Ice cream party yesterday! It was so much fun to get off campus and relax with friends. Thank you for all your contributions so that I am able to attend SVA and go on these fun outings. God bless!" – Lora Moulder

GHRoW Seniors Colten Hartman and Lora Moulder enjoying ice cream at Smiley's in Harrisonburg.



Doris S. Suddarth with her husband and daughter.



Sara J. Liers in 2022



GHRoW scholars Emma Davis, Anaiah McCalla, Rebecca Reis and Naomi Coreas.

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GHROW FOUNDATION LEGACY ENDOWMENT (GFLE)

The GFLE was established in 2015 to provide scholarships for Shenandoah Valley Academy students in perpetuity. Inspired by very generous GFLE gifts received in 2023, individual or cumulative donors of \$10,000 or more may now choose to recognize a special individual on the GHRoW website. Mrs. Doris S. Suddarth and Mrs. Sarah J. Liers were the first two to be recognized by \$10,000 donors. Mrs. Suddarth was a 1941 SVA graduate and strong supporter of Adventist education. Mrs. Liers is known by many to have spent almost all of her teaching career at SVA.

Please visit <https://ghrow.org/the-ghrow-foundation-legacy-endowment/> to learn more about these special ladies.

Thank you for investing in future SVA students through the GHRoW Foundation Legacy Endowment!

FINANCES

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED*

Merit	\$42,000
RSH Leadership	2,500
Total	\$44,500

GIFTS RECEIVED

Merit & Unrestricted	\$63,695
RSH Endowment	1,000
Legacy Endowment	11,900
Total	\$76,595

ENDOWMENTS

RSH Leadership	\$115,572
Legacy	118,671
Total	\$234,243

TOTAL ASSETS	\$302,702
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** Merit scholarships are paid over the scholar's 10th – 12th grade years at SVA. The Leadership scholarship is paid upon award.*



"Thank you so much! I appreciate all the money you have donated for me. It is such a big help for me and my family. It is a blessing." – Juliana Mendez

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2022-2023
GHRoW Scholars
(L to R), Front:
Zach Mace,
Esther Ripley,
Camila Soriano,
Chloe Juncal,
Kevin Guzman;
Middle: Emma
Davis, Soleme
Tembo, Kristiana
Hoffman, Naomi
Coreas, Lia
Thomas, Jean-
nette Mahoro,
Jaylin Villatoro,
Juliana Mendez;
Back: Anisa
Phillip, Lucas
Ferraz, Guerdy
Thomas, Daniela
Muñoz, Colten
Hartman, Saray
Castillo-Cruz,
Lara Moulder,
Rebecca Reis,
Cami Prudencio,
Aniah McCalla.

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Thank you so much for supporting me to go SVA. I really appreciate how you make an effort to spend time, and build a relationship with us. I also really appreciate the little gift bags. Most of all I enjoy the stories you tell and the advice you give. – Kristiana Hoffman