August 2018

As summer starts to wind down and Rabun Gap starts to gear up for the school year-- classes begin August 22-- we’d like to spotlight a wonderful group of supporters who make a Rabun Gap education possible for our students simply by paying their Georgia income tax.

Through the GOAL Tax Credit Scholarship Program, both individual and business taxpayers who sign up can help provide scholarships for eligible Rabun Gap students. At Rabun Gap, more than 75% of students qualify for and receive financial aid. The Georgia GOAL program helps us further our mission of providing greater opportunities and access to learning for students who otherwise wouldn’t have a chance to attend Rabun Gap.
Matt Wilson '99 is an artist in Atlanta with his own thriving studio. He has also worked for DC Comics, Marvel Comics, and others, and won a 2017 Eisner Award for his work as a Marvel Comics colorist.

Already a loyal donor of Rabun Gap, Matt compounded his impact by signing up to support Rabun Gap through Georgia GOAL as well.

"I am grateful for my experiences at Rabun Gap, which laid the foundation for my career as an artist," says Wilson. "Using my taxes to support upcoming students has been rewarding for them and for me."

Since 2009, GOAL scholarships for Rabun Gap students have exceeded $1.1 million. This year, since registration opened on June 1, Georgia taxpayers have already designated over $160,000 to go towards Rabun Gap scholarships, which is 40% of the $400,000 target.

If you are interested in helping provide the gift of education through GOAL, sign up at www.goalsscholarship.org or contact Eric Vogelbacher at evogebacher@rabungap.org or (706) 746-7721.

“Giving a scholarship is a thrill that most people can't afford, but GOAL makes it possible because you get your money back as a tax break.” - Bob Anderson, GOAL supporter and Rabun Gap parent.

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Rabun Gap faculty members serve in Honduras

Three Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School faculty members traveled this summer alongside a local mission team to share their expertise in education and minister to the people of Honduras.

Head of the Upper School Dr. Erika Farr, Associate Head for Academic Affairs David Landis, and middle school teacher Maribel Aguirre spent a week in Honduras visiting schools and interacting with...
Honduran teachers and students. The trio joined a local mission team from Clarkesville United Methodist Church and Nacoochee Methodist Church, and they were lead by Christ-centered missions organization HOI, Inc. (formerly Honduras Outreach Inc). The organization runs two schools, Instituto Esperanza (Hope Middle School) and Escuela Aldersgate (Aldersgate Elementary School).

The mission team spent the week at HOI's Rancho Paraiso in the Agalta Valley of Honduras. Farr, Landis, and Aguirre engaged with faculty and administrators at Instituto Esperanza and were there to help determine the feasibility of HOI opening a high school. They will develop a report of recommendations and reflections to deliver to HOI by the end of July.

In addition to their work with HOI, the group also visited two, small one-room government-sponsored village schools that served students in grades 1-6, and a government-sponsored high school (grades 7-12) with 700 students. They also met with the district minister of education in San Esteban, the district seat near the Ranch, and the mayor of San Esteban.

Click here to read the full story.

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Head of School Search updates posted online

Check our website at www.rabungap.org/headofschool to see the latest updates in the search for Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School's next Head of School including more information about the search committee. Current Head of School Dr. Anthony Sgro has announced his resignation, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Campus busy with Summer Programs

Campus has been busy with activity this summer. Camp MasterChef, a culinary camp for children ages 8-16, brought hundreds of aspiring young chefs to Rabun Gap on June 3-July 14. Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School was one of two locations for the camp’s debut in the United States.

Our Lower School was transformed into culinary training spaces where campers learned everything from basic kitchen skills to how to prepare international dishes. They participated in fun culinary-
themed competitions. The overnight camp also took advantage of Rabun Gap’s beautiful 1,400 acre campus for recreational activities, including outdoor games and swimming. Several of our own Rabun Gap students participated in the camp this year.

The camp is affiliated with the FOX TV show MasterChef and MasterChef Junior. Many of the previous contestants and winners made surprise appearances on campus during the camp.

Rabun Gap hosted summer day camps in June, providing options for local students in the arts and athletics. Faculty members and coaches led these week-long camps for more than 100 campers. Click here to see photos from our summer day camps.

Trout Unlimited also spent a week on campus in June, hosting its 15th annual Georgia Trout Camp for boys and girls ages 12-15. Trout campers learned the art of fly fishing while enjoying the summer camp experience at Rabun Gap.

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**Rabun Gap to offer community cirque, martial arts, athletic lessons**

We’re excited to announce that Rabun Gap is expanding its afterschool lessons and classes that are open to the community. The Studio will offer cirque, martial arts, and tumbling classes in addition to dance and music instruction! New this year, The Academy Athletics will be Rabun Gap’s hub for sport-specific lessons and league play. This fall, we’re offering junior golf, tennis, and swimming. All of The Studio and The Academy Athletics classes/lessons are open to the public. Please let your local friends know!

Visit [www.rabungap.org/studio](http://www.rabungap.org/studio) to learn more about dance, music, cirque, martial arts, tumbling, and visual arts. Visit [www.rabungap.org/academyathletics](http://www.rabungap.org/academyathletics) to learn more about junior golf, tennis, and swimming.

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**Upcoming Events**

Click here to view the full calendar

Rabun County Music Festival presents 7 Bridges - 8/4, 7:00 PM

Rabun County Music Festival presents The Drifters - 8/18, 7:00 PM

First Day of the 2018-2019 Academic Year - 8/22

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**From the Archives...**
Did you know Rabun Gap once had a bowling alley on campus? Check out this photo of students bowling in the bottom floor of what is now our Evelyne Sheats Lower School.

For any questions regarding our archives, please contact David Grist '67 at dgrist@rabungap.org

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Leave a Legacy

Did you know the easiest way to leave a legacy for future students at Rabun Gap is to list the School as a partial beneficiary of your IRA? This simple and thoughtful provision does not require an attorney or CPA and it enables you to transform the lives of countless students.

For more information visit rabungap.planningyourlegacy.org or contact Claire Foggin at cfoggin@rabungap.org
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