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ANNUAL REPORT



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OUR VISION

To follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

OUR MISSION

Mount Ellis Academy, a Seventh-day Adventist high school, is open to students of all faiths. As a Christ-following community, we seek to help students:

DISCOVER

The reality of their Creator

DEVELOP

Their God-given gifts

SERVE

In His Kingdom

ABOUT US

Established in 1902, Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) was founded as a Christian boarding high school for the youth of Montana. We are still located on the land donated to the school by the Rouse brothers all those years ago. For over 120 years, God's Hand has never been far from this school.

In 1952, God provided direction for MEA by allowing us to acquire the Bear Canyon Ski Hill beginning MEA's foray into enriched outdoor experiences for our students. This has grown into our Outdoor School program, Lifetime Activities, as well as a variety of other opportunities to get out to learn and explore God's amazing creation that surrounds our Bozeman campus. Many times throughout our history, God's hand has opened the floodgates of heaven to keep our ministry going in reaching His youth.

CURRENT STUDENT STATISTICS (NOVEMBER 2024):

Students: 58
New: 23
Returning students: 35
Students from Montana: 35
Out-of-State Students: 15
Other States Represented: ID, WA, AK, SD, CA
International Students: 8
Countries Represented: Hong Kong, Brazil, Spain, South Korea
Dorm: 29
Village: 24
Distance: 5 full time + 3 one class students

2024 GRADUATE STATISTICS:

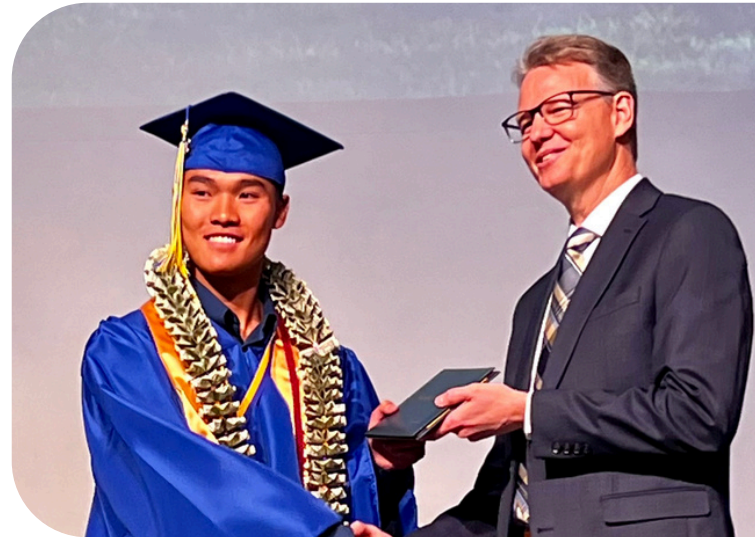
Number of graduates: 19
Students attending University: 14
Students attending Trade School: 3
Students Working in Trade: 1
Other: 1

TRANSFORMING LIVES, BUILDING FUTURES

At Mount Ellis Academy, we're excited to share the impact your generous support is making on our students' lives. Your contributions are not just donations; they're investments in the future.

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

- **Student Success:** In 2023-2024, your support provided over **\$184,000** in scholarships to deserving students, over **\$77,000** in individual sponsorships, and **\$55,000** in matching church sponsorships. These opportunities have opened doors for countless young people, allowing them to pursue their education and dreams in a Christ-centered environment.



- **Campus Improvements:** We're thrilled to announce significant progress on our campus improvement projects. The Faculty House project has successfully completed Phase 1, and we're moving forward with the next steps of rough-in and roofing. Additionally, several staff houses have received much-needed new roofs. We have ambitious plans to revitalize and revamp other campus spaces, and your support will be instrumental in making these dreams a reality.



YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

- **Kingdom Impact:** In November, we sent 32 students, staff, and sponsors to Belize to serve as Christ's hands and feet in the communities of Cristo Rey and San Antonio. Our team assisted in building a school cafeteria, initiated construction on a multi-purpose church building, and conducted health, vision, and dental outreach. Additionally, we provided valuable dental and health education in local classrooms.
- **Growing Distance Learning:** In 2023-2024 we initiated our distance learning initiative with two students in their freshmen year. The program has grown this year to include 5 freshmen, and three additional students who are taking Algebra 1.
- **Growing Trade Programs:** Our trade programs continue to flourish. We're proud to share that at least one graduate is now working in HVAC, and several other graduates and current students are gaining valuable experience in the field through summer jobs and part-time work. We're also excited to introduce our new Auto Shop program, which is already gaining momentum. A recent grant will help us make important updates to our facilities, further enhancing our students' learning experience.

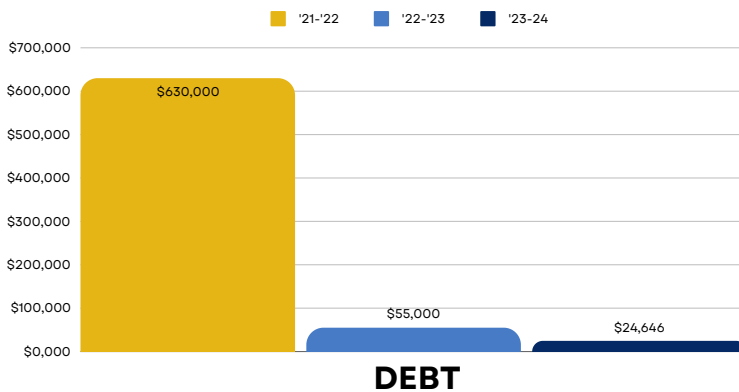


YOUR GENEROSITY IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP IN KINGDOM-BUILDING. TOGETHER, WE'RE BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR STUDENTS.

3 YEARS IN REVIEW

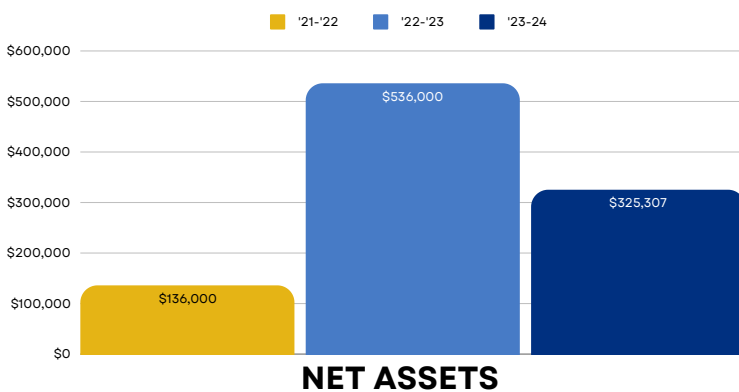
\$2.6 Million Given

Thank you for your generosity!



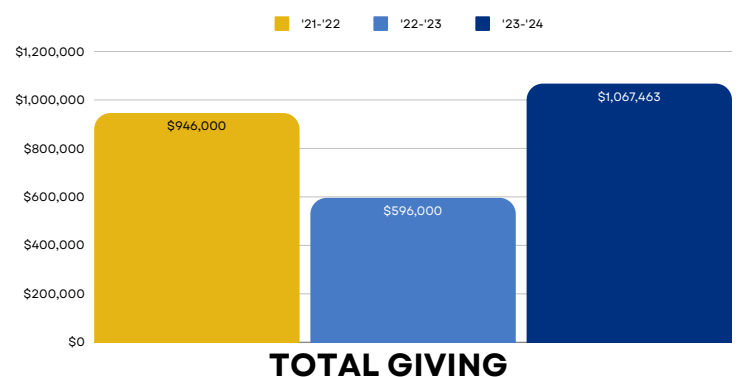
Distribution of Funds '21-'22:

- Debt: \$630,000
- Net Assets: \$136,000
- Total Giving: \$946,000
 - Unrestricted: \$585,000
 - Student Aid: \$268,000
 - Other Restricted: \$93,000



Distribution of Funds '22-'23:

- Debt: \$55,000
- Net Assets: \$536,000
- Total Giving: \$596,000
 - Unrestricted: \$328,000
 - Student Aid: \$189,000
 - Other Restricted: \$79,000



Distribution of Funds '23-'24:

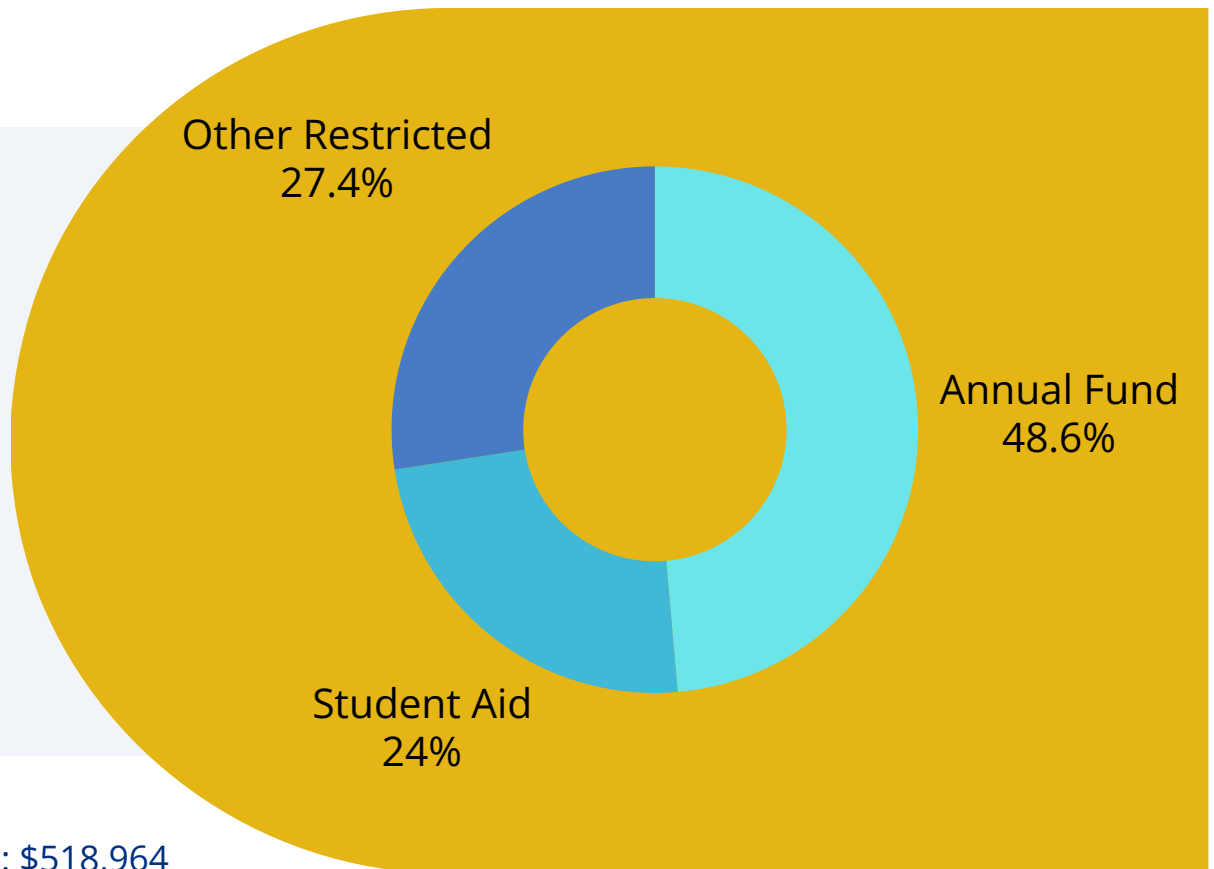
- Debt: \$24,646.07
- Net Assets: \$325,307
- Total Giving: \$1,067,463
 - Unrestricted: \$518,964
 - Student Aid: \$255,823
 - Other Restricted: \$292,676

Note:

- Debt: Mortgages and MTC debt
- Student Aid: Scholarships, Sponsorships (Church and Individual), MTC Budget
- Unrestricted/Annual Fund: Gideon's 300 and all unrestricted funds
- Other Restricted:
 - Special Projects: Science Center, IA Building, Faculty House, Trade Program
 - Endowments
 - All other restricted funds

*"God will generously provide all we need...then we will have everything we need with plenty left over to share with others."
~2 Corinthians 9:8*

'23-24 GIFTS GIVEN



Annual Fund: \$518,964
Student Aid: \$255,823
Other Restricted: \$292,676
Total Given 2023-2024: \$1,067,463

We are striving to create a sustainable future for MEA as we prepare for our next 120+ years of ministry. Our next big step forward is a long-term goal over the next 3-5 years of \$4.5 Million to augment our unique Mt. Ellis experiences, activities, and curriculum; further develop our Trade Program offerings as well as develop new programs that enhance learning at MEA; and to create a vibrant indoor and outdoor environment conducive to creativity and learning.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

As we move forward in pursuit of our vision for our graduates, we have identified the following strategic priorities:

- **Create long-term sustainability** for operations by stewarding our resources through the creation of income streams to support our ministry as well as operating from a position of fiscal responsibility.
- **Grow financial aid opportunities** for families through ongoing giving and significant gifts to create a robust student aid fund to provide the means of Christian education for all students.
- **Expand and fund our Trade Program** offering certified vocational training to enable all students to succeed beyond high school.
- **Create an enhanced campus** through our “Looks Like Love” Campaign with updated facilities that inspire learning and development, foster our mission, and serve our school and the broader community.
- **Equip our youth** for ministry today and tomorrow, thereby fulfilling the mission we have been called to as Kingdom Builders.

