

TEXAS CENTER FOR
ARTS +
ACADEMICS

2019

**Annual
Report**





Our mission is to inspire in artistically talented students a lifelong passion for learning, empowering them to achieve academic and artistic excellence.





A NOTE FROM OUR CEO



PATRICIA THOMSON

Dear TCAA Family & Friends,

It is an honor to present the accomplished work of the Texas Center for Arts + Academics for the fiscal year 2018-2019. It takes a village to raise students with a love of the arts, so I'd like to extend a special thank you to our TCAA family. Thank you to our hard-working, talented, and committed teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents who together are an inspiring and unrelenting force for our students as they pursue their goals. Seeing them grow in their love and talent for the arts is exciting to witness, and it is only made possible by your support, expertise, and dedication to our mission.

The fiscal year 2018-2019 brought about significant changes within Texas Center for Arts + Academics, bringing to light opportunities for improvement and a reprioritization of relationship building, transparency, and consistency. Thank you for your continued support and dedication during this time of change. Your backing makes the work we do here possible, and we're seeing those results in our students' successes this year.

- FWAFa and TeSA were both ranked in the Top Elementary Charter Schools in DFW.
- FWAFa and TeSA both received Grade "A" schools on niche.com
- Educational Results Partnership has named FWAFa as a 2018-2019 Honor Roll School.

As we look towards the 2019-2020 school year, our teachers can expect to see improved technological capacities on both campuses. Additionally, with new programming forthcoming in the upcoming year, we are excited to be offering even more quality programs designed to nurture the growth of young artists and performers. It is because of our capable and talented student body that we are all here.

Thank you for your continued support towards providing them with a fun, accessible, and inclusive environment where they can learn, create, and grow.

Sincerely,

Patricia Thomson, Ph.D.

Interim President/CEO







STORY OF SUCCESS



CAMRYN WRIGHT

Class of 2020

Camryn Wright is a beacon of light and talent at Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts. In addition to her senior coursework, Camryn is the Vice President of Special Events for the senior class, is a National Honor Society member, a member of International Thespian Society Troupe 6391, and currently interns at TCAA in the communications department. We are proud to feature Camryn as our 2019 Story of Success.

Camryn has been a student at Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA) since 6th grade when a friend in theater told her “You have to come to my school. You’d love it!” Camryn says that at that point in her life, though she loved performing and singing, she didn’t even know there were schools where she could pursue her passions seriously. “I have always loved musical theater but when I began to doubt that it was for me a FWAFA teacher really revived my love for it. That’s the kind of relationship we have with our teachers here. They are always there and make time for us, individually. I feel comfortable enough that I am able to open up to my teachers and receive their advice, knowing that it’s honest, genuine, real. I love the faculty here and it’s hard to imagine what kind of performer I’d be without their training and support. It is because of the guidance and encouragement I’ve received at FWAFA that I am pursuing a future in musical theater, and I’m so glad I am!”

Having passed the first several rounds of auditions at 13 universities, Camryn is finding that her hard work is paying off. “Throughout the audition process, I feel relaxed and prepared. All the time and hard work we put in at FWAFA helps strengthen and train us for whatever path we chose. If I was at another school, I’d be going through this process alone, but at FWAFA my peers are either going through the same thing or are willing to help me prepare and offer support.”

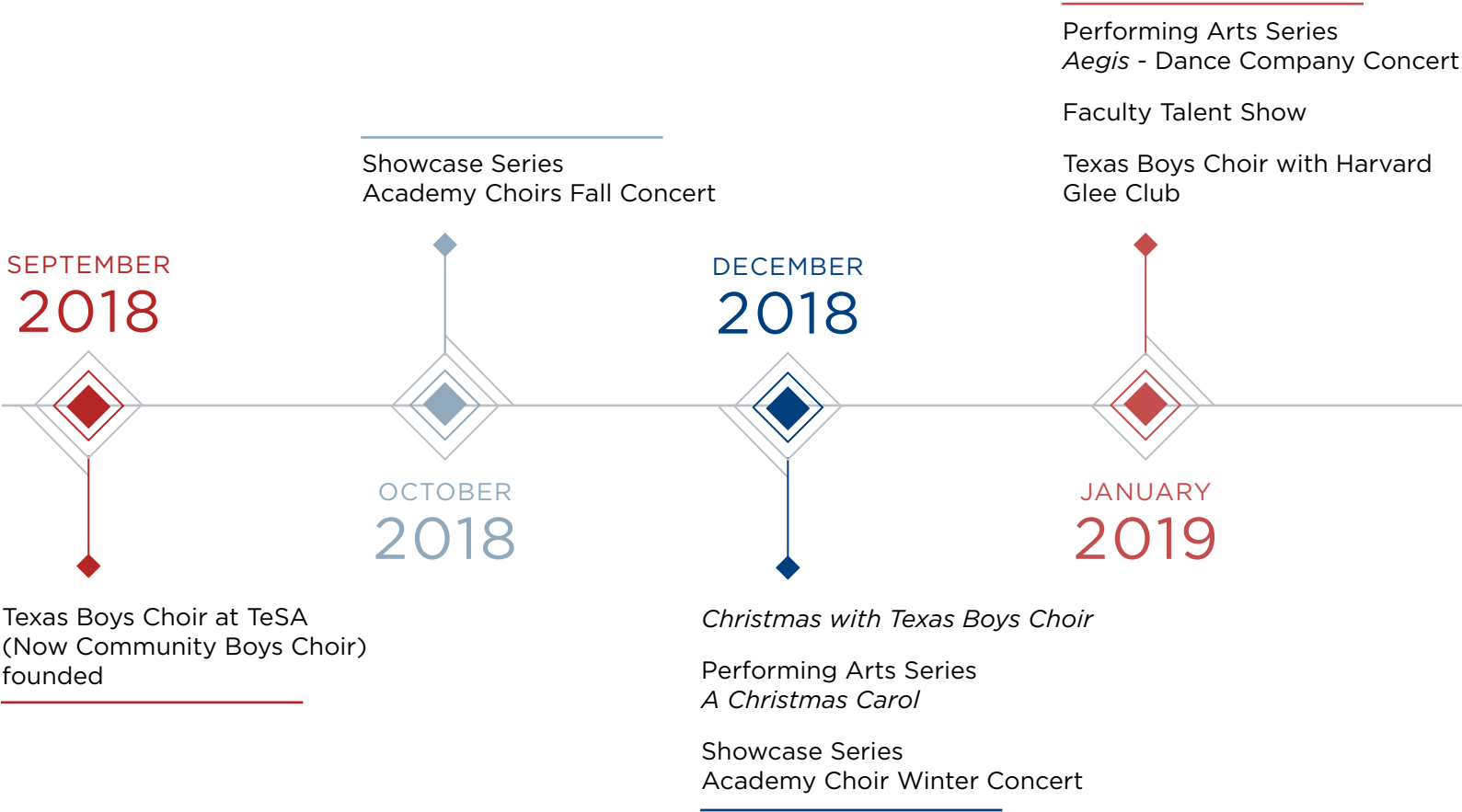
Of course, at FWAFA high-quality training is important off stage, as well. “In every class, we always have to bring our A-game. The faculty and staff here set the bar high, so you have to work hard every single day to keep up and meet the professional expectations everyone has for us. This year is by far the best year I’ve had at FWAFA. I’m so glad to be part of this graduating class and feel surrounded by contagiously passionate and genuinely happy people. I am so excited for what’s to come at FWAFA and know that when I leave it all behind, other students will be receiving the same fantastic training that my friends and I have had.”

Thank you, Camryn and best of luck on your next steps!



A YEAR IN REVIEW

Looking at Performing Arts and Academic Excellence



FEBRUARY
2019



Texas Art Conservatory Founded

Performing Arts Series
*The 25th Annual Putnam County
Spelling Bee*

Showcase Series
The Wizard of Oz



MARCH
2019

APRIL
2019



Performing Arts Series
Light Out of Darkness
- Academy Choir Concert

60 seniors graduated from
Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts

Color, Lights, and Dreams
- Texas Boys Choir Spring Concert

Performing Arts Series
Luna Mystique - Ballet

Texas Boys Choir Northeast Tour



MAY
2019

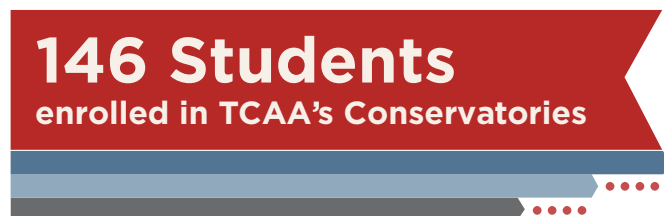
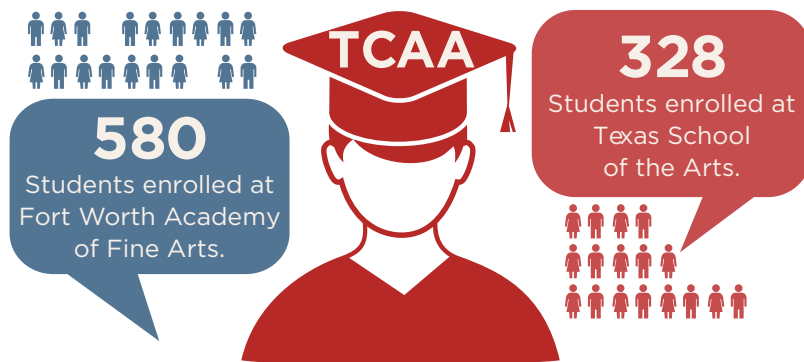
TEXAS

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



FAST FACTS

Texas Center for Arts + Academics



 **60 Members** 
Enrolled in Texas Boys Choir.

 **74 Members** 
Enrolled in Texas Dance Conservatory.

 **12 Members** 
Enrolled in Texas Art Conservatory.



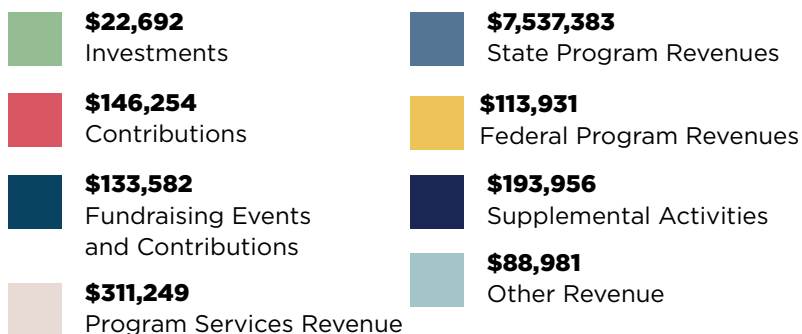
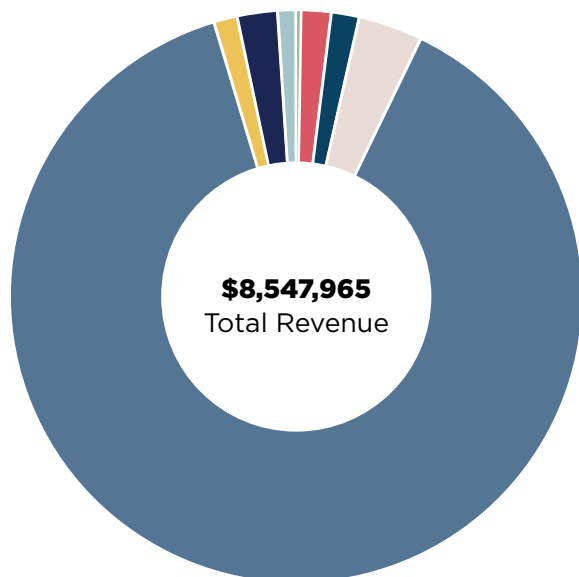
Texas Center for
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runs 3 Summer Arts Camps
from June through August
for ages 4 to 19.



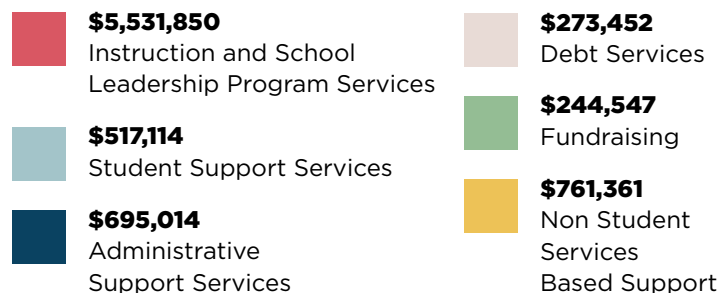
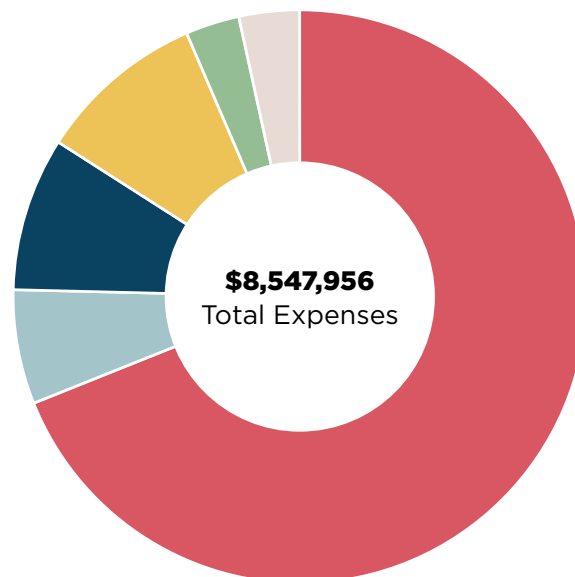
FINANCIALS

As Texas Charter Schools, FWAFSA and TeSA receive less government funding than public schools. Our schools, in addition to Texas Boys Choir (TBC) and Art and Dance Conservatories, must rely on fundraising initiatives for operational support every year.

Incoming Funds



Spending





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I like TeSA because we can be free with our personalities.

- Cadence Ballew, 2nd Grade



Thomas M., Helen McKee & John P.
RYAN FOUNDATION

The Rea Charitable Trust

THE MORRIS FOUNDATION

Amon G. Carter Foundation

John and Bonnie Strauss Foundation

Ann L and Carol Green Rhodes Foundation

Anna W. and Alexander P. Thornton Charitable Trust

TeSA PTO

FWAFA PTSO

A special thank you to all of our individual contributors who empower our students to thrive.





LOOKING FORWARD

TCAA is dedicated to providing high-quality, fine arts training combined with academic success. For the upcoming year, our priorities include:



A commitment to our students, their families, and the community.

We will prioritize an excellent student experience filled with growth, fun, and creativity while ensuring accessible events, quality performances, and continued relationship building with our parents and communities.



A commitment to sustainability.

We will work to ensure every facet of the organization adheres to best practices, waste reduction, and transparent decision making to safeguard continued, quality services for our students for years to come.



A commitment to preparing students for today's competitive workforce and modern world.

We will concentrate on providing upgraded technology to teachers and students in the classroom. From upgrading to fiber optic connectivity to making modern computers available to every student, we will continue to strive to be the best place for both academics and arts.









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