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2018 - 2019  
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We are defined by a commitment to our students,  
and inspired by their determination.

Each of them is remarkable.

Learning and growing in a secure and nurturing environment,  
they develop the skills necessary to overcome challenges.  
They learn from us, but we also learn from them.

Listening and observing, encouraging and teaching,  
we work closely with their families to instill self-confidence  
and build a strong foundation for lifelong independence.  
We view their future with unwavering optimism.

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**WE ARE THE GILLEN BREWER SCHOOL.  
UNCOVERING THE SPECIALNESS IN EVERY CHILD™**



Dear Gillen Brewer Community,

We are pleased to share with you our 2018-2019 Annual Report of donors, recognizing all giving between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. In the 2018-2019 year, we raised over \$2,000,000 to support our school.



2018-2019 was a pivotal year in Gillen Brewer's history. The Board of Trustees and school leadership assembled a group tasked with diligently searching for a new building and working to position the school for growth and expansion. Our current students and families are at the heart of our program, and we hired our first ever in-house School Counsel, Katie Hort, to support families through the tuition reimbursement process. In addition to building Gillen Brewer's administrative infrastructure (read more on page 13!), we have also expanded our professional network. Savills Commercial Real Estate began a comprehensive block-by-block search in Manhattan, and Murphy, Burnham & Buttrick Architects conducted a programmatic study involving over 80 members of the Gillen Brewer community. Graham-Pelton Consulting, Inc. conducted a series of executive briefings and circulated a survey to the entire community to gauge priorities and determine fundraising capacity, and Think-Forward Financial analyzed Gillen Brewer's capacity for nonprofit financing. We look forward to sharing news with you as our project moves forward.

We are proud of these significant efforts to advance our school's mission with steady adherence to our strategic planning priorities, and we deeply thank everyone who supported us last year. Our multidisciplinary program is possible due to the consistent, meaningful giving that we receive every year. Just as our school has grown from one student in a rented church basement to our current student body of 82, our donor community has grown as well—from a donor base in 1992 comprised of founding Board members to the hundreds of supporters you see recognized in this report. We thank you for being our partners and supporting us generously as we continue *uncovering the specialness in every child.*

Sincerely,

Donna Kennedy  
*Head of School*

Kathryn Tyree  
*Board Chair and  
Alumni Parent*

“From our earliest imaginings of who we would be, we were determined to be a school not just for children, but for their families. Gillen Brewer is a place where parents tell their stories and know they are understood. Our community is a testament to the power of family, and there is both comfort and strength in knowing you are not alone.”

LAURA BILICIC

Co-Founder, The Gillen Brewer School

## OUR HISTORY



### The Gillen Brewer School was founded in 1992 by Laura Bilicic and Laurie Dubos as a school for children with significant learning challenges.

As special education teachers, they saw the overwhelming need for a school in New York City where families with children who have significant special needs would be welcomed, educated, and supported. The founders believed that a knowledgeable and informed family was invaluable to each child's overall education. To underscore the importance of family, the school was named after the founders' grandmothers, Mattie Gillen and Virginia Brewer. The school opened in 1992 with one student, but expanding to serve more families and to create an ideal environment for our learners has always been a priority. Gillen Brewer added classes until it reached 48 students from preschool through second grade who were housed in a rented church space on Park Avenue. In August 2005, the school moved to its current location at 410 East 92nd Street, and currently has 82 students and 71 staff.



“Many schools pay lip service to ‘community building’ and many other catch phrases like ‘parents know their child best.’ The difference is that GBS delivers! You follow the words with real actions...enough to accommodate every parent.”



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\*As of September 2019

“What a gift,  
I can finally  
be with  
my child  
fully present.”

## THE GILLEN BREWER SCHOOL FAMILY PROGRAM

2018-2019 marked the official launch of The Gillen Brewer Family Program, led by Dr. Cathy Kaufman Iger.



The Family Program offers:

- Biweekly parent support groups
- Parent workshops hosted by Gillen Brewer staff and by outside consultants on topics such as *Social Thinking* and the *Zones of Regulation*
- *Come Sit In My Chair*, a series of workshops for siblings
- A Grandparents' Day workshop
- An ongoing partnership with Child Mind Institute offering guest speakers on topics such as *Creating Healthy Family Dynamics*, *Raising Self-Sufficient Children*, and *Understanding Medication Management*
- Suggestions of relevant workshops and trainings occurring in the city
- Periodic sharing of pertinent articles and resources

In true Gillen Brewer spirit, every Gillen Brewer parent is a member of the Parents' Association. We rely on volunteers to provide these beloved community-building opportunities, and deeply appreciate the volunteer support we receive. **We gratefully thank our Parents' Association for their hard work and dedication, this year and every year.**

“We are so grateful that our daughter is happy and thriving in the best place for her and that the school/family bond is such a strong one, and we are delighted to keep supporting that any way we can.”

## SUPPORTING GILLEN BREWER: A CRITICAL NEED

We depend on charitable contributions to fund the essential and exceptional programs that make Gillen Brewer such a unique place for children with special needs and their families. Our enhanced, comprehensive program is so essential for our students and distinguishes Gillen Brewer from other schools. Your gift to Gillen Brewer allows us to continue to provide initiatives, including:

- Our Family Program
- Our Unique Integrated Therapeutic and Academic Program
- Counseling
- Social Groups
- Art, Science, and Music Classes
- Sports and Fitness Programs at Asphalt Green
- State-of-the-Art Facilities and Technology
- Pet Partnerships and The Art Farm
- Competitive Salaries for Our Talented Staff
- Rockin' Readers Program
- Exposure to the Wonderful Resources New York City Has to Offer

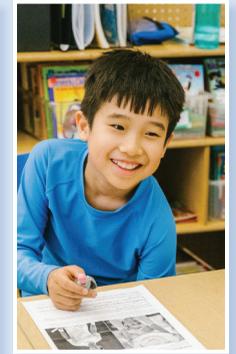


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# THE GILLEN BREWER COMMUNITY

Gillen Brewer's unwavering commitment to each family is a cornerstone of our program. The School's philosophy is founded on the belief that changing the life of a child can only be achieved through meeting the needs of the family as well. Gillen Brewer's goal for parents is that they develop an understanding of their child and acquire the information and strategies to be their child's strongest and most supportive advocate. As both mentor and partner to parents, the school strives to provide a network of resources and to develop a collaborative relationship which fosters awareness and sensitivity and enhances the progress of each individual child.



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VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE CONTACT  
THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT  
[development@gillenbrewer.com](mailto:development@gillenbrewer.com)

## LOOKING FORWARD

2018-2019 was a successful year at Gillen Brewer, with our fundraising exceeding \$2,000,000, our students learning and becoming independent, and many exciting initiatives taking place. As we reflect on last year, we also share just a few snapshots of what's brewing during the 2019-2020 year!

### SCIENCE AT GILLEN BREWER

Hands-on, inquiry-based learning is at the core of Alicia Clark's and Nicole Overton's approach to co-teaching science at Gillen Brewer. They share the belief that science education is critical, and exposing students when they are young creates a spark that will ignite a lifelong interest in the subject. Science involves learning about the world around us through observations and experiments, and can be a starting point for problem solving, critical thinking, and asking questions, preparing students for a world where STEAM education and careers are increasingly widespread.

The 2019-2020 theme, *From Here to There*, lends itself to scientific exploration and can be responsive to students' interests. For example, Carly's class did a water unit, and during science lessons they learned about water transportation by reading a book about boats, building boats with connecting blocks in the water, and putting LEGO people in the boats to get them from here to there. Other science projects have included the study of the Scientific Method in Hannah's and Linda's classes, where students conducted experiments and went through each step; making observations and asking questions along the way. In Emmy's class, students keep interactive science journals that they are responsible for in the classroom, and in Michelle's, students are studying habitats. In Alex's class, the interdisciplinary study of the human body connects science with social studies. To reinforce science education at home, Alicia and Nicole suggest that families encourage students to ask questions, prompt them to talk about science topics, and use everyday supplies to do open-ended science projects at home.

For the first two and a half years of her college experience, Nicole was a pre-med student, and her strong science background prepared her for the welcome challenge of making science accessible to all types of learners. Alicia holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Education from Ohio State University, and Nicole holds a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Theology from The University of Notre Dame, and a Dual Master of Education from Long Island University in Special Education and General Education. Together, Alicia and Nicole will co-teach every class and every student, bringing developmentally-appropriate science instruction to Gillen Brewer in a consistent way.



Nicole Overton and Alicia Clark

### OPEN SCHOOL NIGHT...TIMES TWO!

Our multidisciplinary and comprehensive educational approach is part of what makes Gillen Brewer such a unique program. In order to better share our integrated program with families, we held two Open School Nights! At the first event, families visited their child's classroom, and the teachers gave an overview of classroom design and the curriculum that each child is using this semester. New in 2019-2020 was the second Open School Night which focused on how Gillen Brewer supports student and family learning through our specialists and support services. Each therapy department gave a brief overview of the approaches used at various developmental levels in Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, and Counseling and explained how skills are generalized and integrated into the classrooms. The Art, Music, Science and Technology teachers shared what students are learning this semester as well as how their disciplines integrate into classroom learning. Finally, Dr. Cathy Kaufman Iger, Director of The Family Program, discussed how Gillen Brewer supports families through the Family Program and the exciting partnerships in the works for this year.

### NEW ADMINISTRATORS AT GILLEN BREWER

Our ongoing strategic planning efforts to find a new home for Gillen Brewer require a mighty effort, and to support this important work, we have added new members to the Gillen Brewer administrative team. **Katie Hort** joined us in March as our first ever in-house School Counselor.

In July, **David Patnaude** came on board as our Executive Project Manager. David has worked in various roles in facilities and construction management for K-12, higher education, and the financial services industry. He has performed complex construction management in London, Bermuda, and the United States and has a background in campus master planning, contract management, and construction contract execution.

In September, **Jessica Casey** came on board as the Development Assistant. Jessica brings previous experience in development, database management, research, and data analysis. **Susan Finkelstein**, Admissions/Exmissions Officer, joined our Admissions team, bringing a background in Speech-Language Pathology and previous experience in outreach and admissions in both health care and special education settings. **Yolanda Marin** has joined us as an Admissions Assistant and Receptionist at the 94th Street office. She will also provide backup coverage for Ida, so you will see her at the 92nd Street front desk as well. **Jeanette Rabsatt** joined us as an Accountant with five years of experience working in Finance at a non-profit organization, and we added **Tim Toal** as our first Human Resources Director. Tim joins us with over eleven years of Human Resources experience. Prior to Gillen Brewer, Tim worked as the HR Director at the Cooke School and Institute. He also brings his professional recruiting, creative, and public relations experience for us to draw upon.

## PARTNERSHIPS

### ALVIN AILEY WORKSHOPS

Marcus and Amarachi from Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater visited Gillen Brewer to teach the Robots, Flossers, and Hip Hoppers parts of the piece *Revelations*. Students also saw this piece in person during a Field Trip to City Center.



### NEW YORK HALL OF SCIENCE

Educators from New York Hall of Science visited Gillen Brewer to provide engaging, developmentally-appropriate science instruction. Students explored making bubbles, dissecting owl pellets, making snow and slime, exploring lights and shadows, and more.

### THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

In partnership with the Museum of Modern Art's Learning Program, the Discos worked in art class on the printmaking process. They began by studying different kinds of shapes in art class, followed by an introduction to the Spanish artist Joan Miró. The Discos learned to differentiate between organic and geometric shapes in Miró's paintings and then used their imaginations to interpret the various aspects of the Miró paintings that they were shown in class. Next, the students continued their artistic journey with a trip to MoMA, where they saw three key paintings in the Miró exhibit and collaborated in small groups to work on their own abstract pieces. Finally, students created printing plates by etching designs into Styrofoam using pencils. The Discos rolled paint onto their plates and pressed them onto the paper, repeating the process the following week to add more colors to their work. The final results were amazing!



### NEW YORK CITY CENTER AND FLAMENCO FESTIVAL NYC

Gillen Brewer enjoyed a partnership with New York City Center and Flamenco Festival NYC. This festival is a celebration of Flamenco's global allure and it brings Spain's finest dancers and musicians together, challenging the conventions of form while remaining authentic. Students in the Break Dancer and Disco classes participated in two dance workshops with Flamenco teaching artists, and they saw a performance at New York City Center to further their exploration of Flamenco dance and music.

### CHICKENSHED THEATRE

Gillen Brewer has a partnership with Chickenshed Theatre, the United Kingdom's renowned inclusive theater company that recently came to New York.



Gillen Brewer shares and supports Chickenshed's mission of eliminating the stigma of difference and labeling, while celebrating the specialness in each person through inclusivity, equity, and access through the Arts. Chickenshed did a monthly workshop with GBS students during Music class.



### ASPHALT GREEN

Movement, physical education, and sports are an important part of our program. At Asphalt Green, our students participate in martial arts, soccer, baseball, tennis, swimming, and movement class, which



includes obstacle courses, group games, stretching, strengthening, and more. Students practice teamwork and learn about the importance of physical activity.



### THE JEWISH MUSEUM



The Cha Chas and the Flossers had an exciting three-week art exploration in collaboration with the Jewish Museum. It started with a representative from the Jewish museum joining each class for art and teaching them about different types of lines, organic and inorganic shapes, and patterns. The classes then visited the Jewish Museum and took a tour where they looked at different paintings and sculptures that used lines, shapes, symmetry, and repetition, observing how professional artists used these techniques. Each piece they studied was accompanied by an activity where the students were able to try it on their own. Then, in art class, students created their own mixed media pieces using collage materials and yarn to show a variety of color, line, and repetition.

## THE 2019 GILLEN BREWER ANNUAL BENEFIT: “Start Spreading the News”

The theme of the 2019 Gillen Brewer Benefit was *“Start Spreading the News”*. The Benefit theme was a reference to the theme of the school year, *Dance*, and also to our ongoing efforts to reach more families and expand Gillen Brewer to serve more students.



## THANK YOU: BENEFIT DONORS

The GBS Benefit is our largest fundraising event of the year, and a wonderful celebration of our school. It provides an opportunity for staff, parents, trustees, and friends to gather, socialize, and support Gillen Brewer. The Benefit is essential to our ability to carry out our mission, and raises critically-needed funds for our program. *Ticket purchases and gifts to the Benefit do not count as participation in the Annual Fund, as these two endeavors are entirely separate.*

### DONORS TO THE 2019 BENEFIT

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The Annual Fund runs from July 1 - June 30 of every year. The Annual Fund is the only unrestricted fund providing critical support for the daily operations of our program, and we rely on generous support from current families, alumni families, grandparents, trustees, friends, corporations, and foundations. Our goal is 100% participation among current families, and participation is critical as many external funding sources such as foundations look at the level of family participation in determining the school's eligibility for grants.

## THANK YOU: ANNUAL FUND DONORS

The Annual Fund supports our operating budget and every aspect of our year-round academic and therapeutic program. Thank you so much to the following list of donors for giving to the 2018-2019 Gillen Brewer Annual Fund. An investment in the Annual Fund is an investment in our students.

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### GILLEN BREWER'S YOUNGEST FUNDRAISERS

Two GBS students (and a sibling!) held a weekend lemonade stand. They sold three different kinds of lemonade and cookies, and worked together to set up their table and solicit customers. They chose to donate their proceeds to Gillen Brewer!



## GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE GILLEN BREWER SCHOOL 2018-2019

“GBS stays dynamic and flexible to accommodate life as it happens, instead of trying to fit people into tight boxes.”

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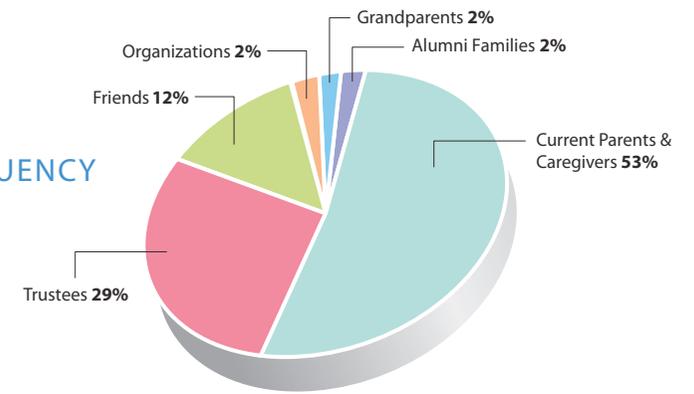
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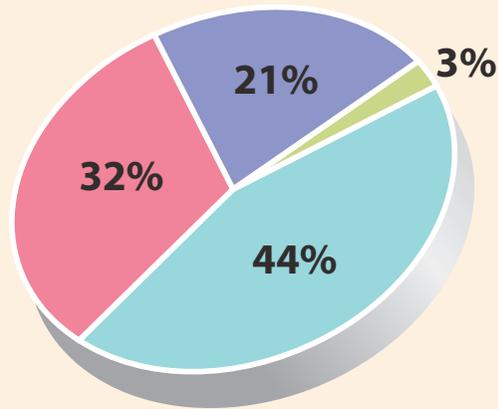
“Being welcomed into the Gillen Brewer community changed our lives so positively. From our very first meeting, I felt the warmth and love of the families and staff and I knew we were going to be okay. I feel like along with taking care of our babies, you all work so hard to take care of us too!”



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2018 - 2019

Thanks to the partnership with our generous donors, the Gillen Brewer School is a leader in special education, providing students with learning experiences that transform each and every one of their lives.

## FUNDRAISING REVENUE



Annual Benefit	\$680,045.00	32%
Annual Fund	\$451,835.00	21%
Special Funds & Grants	\$59,637.00	3%
Capital Campaign	\$928,000.00	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,119,517.00</b>	

In January of 2019, Gillen Brewer began the early stages of raising Capital Campaign funds to support our plans to move to a new building and expand into the Middle School years. We deeply appreciate the donors who have already generously supported this effort, and look forward to sharing more information about this exciting project in the coming months.

## DONORS TO SPECIAL FUNDS

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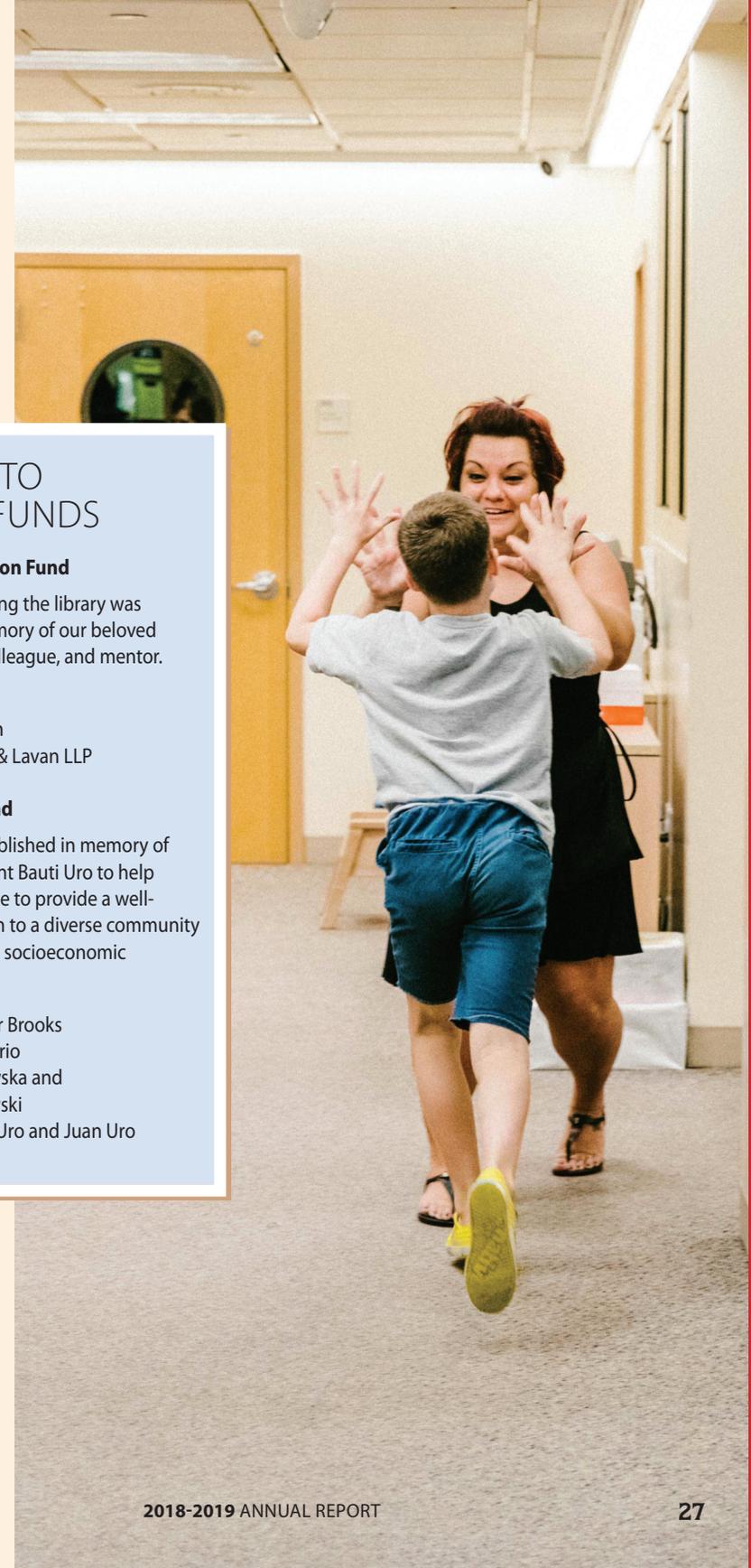
This fund supporting the library was established in memory of our beloved Board member, colleague, and mentor.

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This fund was established in memory of our beloved student Bauti Uro to help the school continue to provide a well-rounded education to a diverse community of learners from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

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Caitlin Terry, Director of Development and Advancement  
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## OUR MISSION

The Gillen Brewer School's mission is to educate and support our students to become confident, independent and engaged learners.

We do this by...

Partnering with our families

Providing a nurturing and supportive environment where children feel accepted and where learning is fun

Encouraging our students to advocate for themselves while being respectful and responsible members of the community

Engaging our students in a comprehensive 12-month academic curriculum which incorporates the Common Core New York State Standards, while addressing the individual learning needs of each child

Providing developmentally appropriate educational opportunities and challenges for our students

Integrating speech and language, occupational therapy and counseling services into our educational program

Cultivating educators who value a team approach and an ongoing commitment to learning

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