

The GW Community School



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Dear GWCS Community:

This year, we will be celebrating our 4th Annual PAC online Auction. Over the last three years, we have raised over \$45,000 from our auctions. Our goal for this year is \$19,000; which would bring the total raised to over \$64,000 raised. This year's auction will be held online from February 21-March 2, 2017. The money raised through the auction is spent on the areas of student trips, technology and professional development for our staff.

Some of the highlights of what we have spent this money on are: Significant upgrades to our OBX trips and our Junior and Senior trips, moving our entire computer system to the cloud, projectors for all classrooms, computer software upgrades, training for teachers in new areas of study, such as Dr. Cox's recent training for teaching the new AP Computer Science Principles, and many others. It is easy for me to say that these funds have made a huge difference for our students and faculty at GWCS.

As we are a small school, the auction needs all of our community's support to make it work. You can contribute in many ways, and I wanted to give you some suggestions of how to support the auction before we leave on break, as the holiday break is a great time to think about your donation, ask for a donation from a local business or a friend, or turn that gift that you got for the holidays and already have one at home into a great donation!

Here are some suggestions for your support!

- 1) Consider what you might be able to donate. Do you have a vacation home? A special talent? A favorite restaurant or retail location that would donate something to the auction based on their relationship with you? Does one of your extended family or friends have a talent that they would be willing to donate? Experiences are really valuable and always loved by our community. A special visit and tour to a museum or a local attraction, a dinner at your home with a cuisine from your cultural heritage, sewing lessons, tutoring, cooking classes...all would be a great donation!
- 2) Donate to one of the auction baskets. Starting in January, we will have bins in Cassie's office for the 4 auction baskets: The Wine and Accessories Basket, The Spa and Pampering Basket, The Baking Basket and the "After Dinner" Basket (for the gentleman with items such as liquor, cigars and accessories, bar glasses or a bar set, etc.)
- 3) Participate in the auction committee. Deidre Rauch, our Fundraising Chairman, is always looking for good volunteers!
- 4) If you want to participate but don't have any idea of what to donate, there is a "donate" button on the auction website that you can donate cash to.
- 5) Check out the auction website at: www.32auctions.com/gwcsauction2017 throughout January and February to see all of the items to bid on and get ideas for donations.

Again, we need everyone's support to make our goal! Be assured that you will see a difference from your donations to the auction, most likely before the school year even ends!

Best,

Alexa Warden, Director