Students who were able to benefit from the resources of a large public high school. Each of our schools provides academic, therapeutic, and transition programming through a unique approach that enables the kind of success symbolized by the festive tree. This year was another chapter in that proud history.

Community-based. The Pathways School-Edgewood and The Pathways School-Anne Arundel met a growing need for highly individualized academic and transition programming in which students work with individual staff in settings outside the traditional school building and classroom.

School-based. The Pathways School-Horizons serving students in grades 6-12 continued to provide a strong academic program tailored to each student’s needs with an emphasis for middle school students on supporting the transition to high school. The school-based portion of The Pathways School-Edgewood provided a range of transition services and work development supports as well as academic instruction.

Co-located, Type II. The Pathways School Re-Entry at DuVal and The Pathways School Re-Entry at Friendly continued to provide academic and therapeutic support for students who were able to benefit from the resources of a large public high school. Pathways pioneered this type of programming in collaboration with Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) at DuVal beginning in 1988. Because of its success, in 2006 we opened another such program at Crossland High School, which moved this year to Friendly to continue to serve the southern region of the county.

Partnership with PGCPS. The Early Elementary Intervention Program continued to provide additional educational and therapeutic support to help students remain within their PGCPS classrooms. In 2015 the program expanded to offer services to students in first grade as well as kindergarten; and this year to an increasing number of students with autism.

Growing a Culture of Community and Responsibility

Pathways has always focused on creating positive, safe, and effective learning environments. This year Pathways staff and students were immersed in learning and implementing restorative practices to support our longtime focus on proactive strategies and to eliminate the use of physical restraints. These practices center on creating strong communities at our schools, so students can see themselves as responsible members, and provide alternative strategies for discipline and behavior management. Building on positive relationships, students are encouraged to develop tools for self-discipline and the community is established in an atmosphere of trust.
The Sixth Annual Student Art Show offered a special opportunity both to mark the 35th Anniversary of The Pathways Schools and to celebrate three exceptional community partners whose enthusiasm and dedication contributed significantly to the success of our students over the years.

Dr. Philip Briley is a clinical psychologist who has been a part of guiding and supporting our students and staff since 1992. Dr. Briley’s knowledge of family systems and mental health diagnoses greatly enriched our programs. He was and remains passionate about the Pathways Schools’ mission, encouraging our work with a discerning and gentle spirit. Dr. Briley received the Community Partner of the Year Award in recognition of his long and dedicated history with Pathways.

Jonathan Scribner brought the HoopEd program to Pathways 20 years ago and helped it take root and flourish. As a result of his persistence and leadership, our students have taken great strides in learning lessons in both basketball and life.

Nicoline “Nicky” Beveridge has for 16 years promoted and lived out her belief that learning to ride and care for horses helps students develop physical fitness, courage, confidence, and more. Through the therapeutic riding program and Rock Creek Horse Center, she has encouraged hundreds of Pathways students with patience and enthusiasm.
Thoughts and Gratitude—35 years of Pathways

Che, Northwood Class of 1999

I am so honored to write in your newsletter... The school was the saving point of my life...I learned so much about myself and others ...I [now] work with special needs students, adults, and students with several different disabilities as a bus attendant for the DC school system. I love my job and give credit to Pathways for opening my eyes and heart to see that everyone isn’t the same, but that everyone should be treated and loved the same.

Jay, Edgewood Class of 1995

After graduating, Jay took classes at Howard Community College and graduated from Allegany College of Maryland in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in General Studies. Motivated to further his education, two years later he earned a second degree in Computer Science. Jay now works at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport where he provides assistance to passengers going through customs. He considers that his experience on the Pathways-Edgewood Work Crew, with an emphasis on job and life skills, was most helpful.

from the Parent of a Pathways-Re-Entry at DuVal 2016 graduate and a member of the Crosswood, Inc. Board of Directors

Pathways staff welcomes you into their program with open arms. There was never a time the faculty was not supportive and any issue that arose wasn't satisfactorily addressed. The Pathways program was a Godsend for me as my son and I could not have made it without their tremendous encouragement. In Pathways, he thrived both emotionally and academically. Once Pathways became family, I knew my son was going to make it, and he did!

from the Parent of a Pathways-Anne Arundel graduate

When we arrived at Pathways it was immediately clear that the entire staff understood and accepted my son exactly how he was...On June 8th, 2017 our son graduated and received his High School Diploma and was so proud. With Pathways support Joe became a respectful young man who wanted to learn and wanted to talk...I don’t think I can ever express the level of gratitude that I feel.....The unconventional approach to education that is specifically tailored to each child is something we never knew existed. Had we not found out about this program, I can’t imagine where Joe would be right now.

Lamar, a freshman at Re-Entry at Friendly

Lamar, a student in Pathways’ Type II program at Friendly High School, is able to take advantage of the resources of a large public high school while receiving the academic and therapeutic support he needs from Pathways. This means he can participate in ROTC. His mother says, “Being in ROTC has helped Lamar become more responsible as he transitions to being a teenager. He loves his school.”

2016-2017 Students at a Glance

- Total number of students served: 136
- Number of graduates: 27
- Percentage of Class of 2017 earning state diplomas: 93%

Staff at a Glance

- Percentage employed over 10 years: 38%

Pathways Mission: To enable our students to acquire the skills they need to succeed in school, career and life through individualized education and supports.
THANK YOU!

Community Partners

A Wider Circle
Aarsand & Co. Good Neighbor Program
Alan & Amy Meltzer Family Foundation
Annapolis City Police
Anne Arundel Food Bank
Audubon Society, Woodend Sanctuary
Beltville Recreation Center
Berman Enterprises
Brandbuilder
Brookside Gardens
Building Hope, Inc.
Busboys & Poets
C-4 Clothes Closet
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CBS Learning Institute
CIMA
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District of Columbia Association for Special Education (DCASE)
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Educational Opportunity Center/TRIO (U-MD)
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Friends of the Anne Arundel County Park Trails
FSJ Enterprises
GAVA/GATE Animation
Glenn Dale Community Center
Griffith Energy Services
Growing Soul
Halt, Buzas & Powell, LTD
Hilman Entrepreneurship Program
HoopEd
Insurance Associates
Integrated Network Strategies
K. Neal International Trucks, Inc.
Leveling the Playing Field
Little Caesar’s
Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church
M & T Bank
Maryland Coalition of Families
Maryland Promise
 Maryland Science Center – Towson University
Maryland State Arts Council
Mayvik
Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF)
Meals on Wheels
MediaNet Solutions, Inc.
Meltzer Group
Millennium Barber Salon
Montgomery County Transition Workgroup
Nando’s Peri Peri
Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship
Northwood Presbyterian Church
Potomac Business Solutions
Prince George’s Community College
Prince George’s County Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Quality Impressions Printing
Quiet Waters Park
Reid Community Development Corporation
Reid Temple AME Church – Women’s Missionary Society
Rock Creek Horse Center
Rock Creek Riders, Inc.
RSA
SPCA
Staffing Plus
Teach-Em-To-Fish
TriBridge Partners
The O Shop Fashion
The Village at Rockville
TransCen
UPAVIM
Watkins Nature Center
Weightless Woman
Wheaton-Silver Spring Kiwanis Club
Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
Young Audiences of Maryland
The Y of Central Maryland

Individuals

Jackie Barnes
Dorothy Brown
Skher Brown
Jamaal Collier ~ “Mr. Root”
Abby Crowley
Matthew DiPasquale
Tania DuBeau
Kristopher Dunlap
Dennis Flannery
Carol Frank
Stephanie Janifer
Daniel Lederburg
Carl & Eleanor McIntire
Alan Meltzer
Allen Minnigh
Trudy Portewig
Carien Quiroga
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Orlando Villatoro ~ Netty’s Cleaning Services
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