



Dear Friend,

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It has been another amazing year of growth, activity, and excitement here at Lyme Academy!

Since our reopening in 2021, we have successfully worked toward our goals of being a global leader in figurative arts education and a cornerstone of the local arts community. In the last year alone, under our new leadership, we held our first commencement ceremony to celebrate the students who graduated from the Academy's two-year intensive Core Drawing & Painting Program. We also launched our new Core Sculpture Program and welcomed some of the finest working artists to our faculty, both of which have contributed so much to this extraordinary revival.

When the academic year began a few months ago, we could see and feel the growth of the Academy in our full studios, busy class schedules, and full parking lots. Yet, even with a bustling campus, the Academy has remained a very special and intimate environment - just the kind that inspires creativity and supports learning for our students.

And who, you might ask, are those students? Given the reputation that the Academy is earning both nationally and internationally, it will come as no surprise that they are an incredibly diverse group of individuals in age and ethnicity, and are arriving from all across the US and the globe.

An exciting time, then, yes! But also no small undertaking to ensure its smooth operation. Our tiny team of dedicated staff manages 40,000 square feet of campus space - from our historic 1817 Sill House to our 2003 Chandler Center - as well as the daily administration of our Core, Continuing Education, and Youth Programs. We are doing well in these endeavors, but we cannot become complacent. Our vision grows exponentially - and so, then, does our need for you.

Your support will have an immediate and enduring impact on providing opportunities for students, youth, and artists of all ages to study at the Academy through an expansion of programs, scholarships, and educational resources. Your donation, in other words, directly supports our students.

Please use the enclosed donation form or make your gift online at lymeacademy.edu today. Together, we can achieve so much.

With gratitude,

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