

“But How Do They Do in High School?”

It’s one of the most common questions we get from visitors. It’s easy to see how happy and cared for Wingra students are, how exceptional the teachers, and how invigorating the educational environment. But still, they worry. “How do they do in high school?”

So this year, we sent out an alumni survey to the graduates from the past four years, all the Wingra alumni currently in high school. An impressive 61 percent responded, and we are excited to share their news and thoughts with the wider community.

Thank you to all of our grads and families who shared stories and information!

Below are their responses and a few quotes.

GPA Ranges

“I’m so glad I was able to get a Wingra education because it reminds me that your grades and test scores don’t define your success or intelligence and that learning should be done for other reasons.”

- 3.5 to 4.0 71.5%
- 3.0 to 3.5 23.8%
- 2.5 to 3.0 4.8%

Awards and Honors

“Wingra has taught the most important lesson of all, how to advocate for myself and navigate for success.”

- Academic Distinction High Honors
- Academic Honor Roll
- Extraordinary Student Award in Math Analysis
- Extraordinary Student Award in AP Chemistry
- Extraordinary Student Award in AP Physics
- Extraordinary Student Award in Calculus
- Honor Guard
- Math Team Awards
- National Honor Society
- Pride Award
- Spanish Honor Society

Clubs

“Wingra prepared me well to be a student leader. I came to high school with the tools to organize my peers in order to create change.”

- Art Club
- BETA Club
- Black Student Union
- Celtic Traditions Club
- Community Service Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Forensics Club
- Gay Straight Alliance (Student Leader for Action Committee)
- Honor Guard (a peer tutoring club that requires teacher recommendation)
- Key Club
- Link Crew
- Math Team
- Robotics
- Spoken Word
- Words Hurt Club
- Young Progressives

Other Activities

“The value of a Wingra education is that it shows you how to be a part of a community. It develops leadership skills that I would not have gained had I not gone to Wingra.”

- Band
- Choir
- Head Tour Guide
- Hebrew Assistant at Temple Beth El
- Jazz Band
- Jazz Orchestra
- Orchestra
- Organized Hats of Hope
- Organized Sober Saturday Nights
- Peer Tutor
- Photography TA
- Senior Citizens (Student Guide at Freshman Orientation)
- Show Choir
- Song-leader at Oakwood Nursing Home
- Student Congress
- Volunteer at the Department of Natural Resources
- Work with Therapy Dogs

Where Are They Now?

We love hearing from you! Send in the form at the back, update us on Facebook, or email rebekah@wingraschool.org!

Jenna (Nelson) Bernel ('98) published *The Secret Trinity: UnEarth* on Amazon.com. **Justin Nelson ('94)** designed the book cover.

Sara Diamond ('96) led a summer program to Peru with Where There Be Dragons in summer 2012.

Ben Wikler ('92) and his wife, Beth, welcomed Michael Abraham Wikler on November 17, 2011. Ben is working for Change.org.

Ruth Wikler-Luker ('87) and her husband, Morgan, have two children and live in Portland, Oregon. Ruth is an arts administration consultant.

Ethan Hirsch Witkovsky ('98) is a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

Wingra Alumni Invent a Food-safe Lunchbox!

Congratulations to five alumni for the creation of the MadBox, a safer lunchbox that is available at Lands' End!

Watch their video on YouTube!
<http://youtu.be/Afy7B0MVA00>

Words to Live By

“Be yourself, and hold on to every part of yourself that makes you amazing. At Wingra, you’re given the opportunity to build yourself in a judgment-free zone.

“If you have confidence in who you are and in what you wish to pursue, then the world is yours.”

~ Wingra alum in high school