

## Upper School Clubs 2017-18

### **Acumen Fund**

Acumen is a student-run chapter of a major fund that provides micro-financing and research to small businesses throughout the developing world.

### **Animal Club**

Animal Club is a low-commitment club dedicated to examining how animals fit into our modern society and the easy actions we can take to improve their experiences.

### **Autism Speaks**

Autism Speaks Club's mission is to endorse the non-profit organization and help formulate and publicize events within Fairfield County. In association with the Fairfield County Autism Speaks Office, we will raise funds to support research and raise awareness through advertisement in the local community.

### **B@BEL**

To showcase and publish student work from the GFA community that is Produced in a language other than English including but not limited to writing, music, visual art, 3D art, photography, poetry, film, festival celebrations, research, special projects, Friday Speaker events, National Language Contests, field trip accounts, and travelogues.

### **Beachside Express**

The "Beachers" is an all-male, auditioned ensemble of 14 members. Ask any Beacher and they will tell you that the group goes far beyond just the music; its numerous traditions, ample camaraderie, and strong sense of brotherhood make it quite a worthwhile commitment.

### **Beachside Press and Media/Broadcasting (School Newspaper)**

The Beachside Press and Media/Broadcasting Club gives student journalists an opportunity to comment on life at Greens Farms Academy, in the community and globally.

### **Beauty and Self Care Club**

### **Bee Club**

The mission of our club is to educate people about the increasing importance of bees and to fundraise money for beehives.

### **Broach Foundation**

The broach foundation is a non-profit organization that is funding researchers into finding a cure for brain cancer. The mission for the club is to raise money for the funding of brain cancer research and promote awareness of this cancer.

### **China Care**

The China Care Club strives to help special needs orphans in China by raising money and awareness through bake sales and other school based events.

### **The Circle of Care**

"Our Mission is to provide immediate and ongoing peer support to families of children with cancer. Our programs are designed to provide families with everyday essentials to ease the burden of hospitalization, facilitate research and communication with family and friends, brighten a sick child's room, and generally support the family through the difficult days following a cancer diagnosis"

Link to the charity's website: <http://www.thecircleofcare.org/about-us/>

### **Community Service Board**

The Community Service Board helps to support the outreach efforts of our students and organizes fundraising for events such as Harmony for the Homeless and Pack the House. Each member must complete 25 hours of service per year and work on a committee or fundraiser for at least one of the major projects.

### **Dance Club**

GFA Dance Club will organize a group of students who share a love for dance.

### **ECO CLUB**

Eco Club's mission is three-fold: to raise awareness in our school's community about current environmental issues (and ways in which individuals of GFA can be more eco-friendly), to participate in projects and activities that benefit the environment and/or raise environmental awareness in and out of our school, and to further improve the sustainability and reduce the carbon footprint of our own school.

### **Elder Care Club**

ECC's mission is to host at least one event during the next school year at an elder care center.

### **Elephants and Donkeys**

To raise awareness, understanding of and enthusiasm for the American political process, as well as to discuss the political issues facing the United States and the world right now.

### **Excalibur (Yearbook)**

*Excalibur* is a student-run publication that designs and creates a yearbook for the entire school. HOWEVER, students who are interested in taking candid photographs may sign up at the clubs fair!

### **The Fishing Club**

A fun inclusive environment for anyone who enjoys the art of fishing informative while meeting every few weeks along with a possible group fishing trip yet to be arranged.

## **FOCUS**

The FOCUS club is the Christian fellowship group on campus. FOCUS stands for Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools. We have lunch with her and two leaders from the FOCUS organization on Tuesdays.

## **The Forum**

This space will function as an intellectual outlet and convener for those who want to learn more about themselves and their peers through the discussion of current events, politics, foreign affairs, identity and GFA happenings.

## **Global PEHT**

PEHT (Partnership to End Human Trafficking) Club is a student club whose mission is to support the work of Global PEHT. Our mission is to raise awareness within the GFA community about the issue of human trafficking both abroad and here in the United States.

## **Harbor Blues**

The Harbor Blues is an audition-only all-female A Capella group. Voice parts include Altos 1 and 2 and Sopranos 1 and 2, along with, hopefully, a vocal percussionist/beatboxer.

## **Investment Club**

Investment club is a low commitment club that aims to simulate the U.S. Stock Market through the Investopedia stock market simulator, as well as to create a fun and educational environment with the goals of teaching the GFA community about economics and investment strategy, and to become better investors.

## **Komera Club**

The Komera Club plans to raise awareness of girl empowerment in both Rwanda, where the Komera organization actively supports girls' secondary education, and in our community by incorporating middle school girls as well. We will continue to support Komera scholars through their education by raising money with bake sales and the Komera global run hosted at GFA. We will also host girl empowerment workshops along with young girls from the Horizons programmed have discussions about gender equality related issues that face our society today.

## **LEAD (Learning And Educating about Diversity)**

LEAD's mission is to spread knowledge and understanding to the GFA community about diversity in its many forms, and to teach others to recognize diversity and differences comfortably.

## **Math Team**

The GFA Math Team competes on a monthly basis against area schools in the Fairfield County Mathematics League.

## **Model UN**

Model UN (United Nations) is a club that participates in various conferences along the coast and abroad in which we act as delegates of recognized nations or political figures and take part in mock committees that focus on current global issues.

## **Penumbra**

*Penumbra* has been in existence for many years at GFA as the school's Upper School Literary Magazine. Our mission is two- fold: To support the work of both new and experienced student writers through small group writing workshops throughout the year, to celebrate the best of student writing in the annual publication, *Penumbra*. Submissions to *Penumbra* are all read anonymously by both the editors and the staff. Students must serve at least one year on the staff to be considered for editorship.

## **Pink Aid**

Pink Aid funds the efforts of organizations that provide compassionate services as well as free mammograms and help with expenses of local women in need, whom are far too many in number. Pink Aid grants help women receive these services, as well as to get free mammograms and aid with expenses.

## **QUEST** (Questioning, Understanding, Educating about Sexuality Today)

QUEST is GFA's Gay/Straight Alliance. QUEST is dedicated to educating the student body about issues facing LGBTQ persons, forming friendships, advocating for LGBTQ rights in the GFA community and in the outside community, opening minds to being more accepting, providing a safe forum for LGBTQ persons in the GFA community, supporting LGBTQ persons and their Allies, increasing the awareness and acceptance of LGBTQ persons by all and celebrating the rich diversity and culture that LGBTQ persons bring to the GFA community.

## **Quiz Team**

The GFA Quiz Team looks to promote the love and appreciation for general knowledge through weekly sessions and competitions during the year, including local quiz tournaments and the History Bowl and Bee.

## **Red and Bloopers**

The Bloopers is a group for Upper School students with interests that fall into the improvisational realm of theatre.

## **Robin Hood Foundation**

“Robin Hood finds, funds and partners with programs that have proven they are an effective remedy to poverty and are a consistent force for good in the lives of New Yorkers in need” <https://www.robinhood.org>

## **Robotics**

The goal and mission of the GFA Robotics Club is to get students together to help build and program robots, which will compete in competitions with the FIRST Tech Challenge.

**Street Hockey**

The mission of the street hockey club is to give students a period in the day in which they can relieve stress and some extra energy before returning to the classroom.

**Theatre Board**

Theatre Board is comprised of students who are interested in promoting and expanding theatre opportunities within the GFA community.

**Theatre Tech Team**

The Theatre Tech Team is the Audio/Visual support organization for the Performing Arts Department and the GFA Community at large.

**Video Production Club**

The Video Production Club hosts student-taught crash courses in screenwriting, lighting, directing, and acting.

**Young Conservatives Club**

To discuss what conservatism is, talk about the ideas of small government, individual's rights, a free market, and other key aspects of **True Conservatism**.