



## SUNNY'S | LEGACY

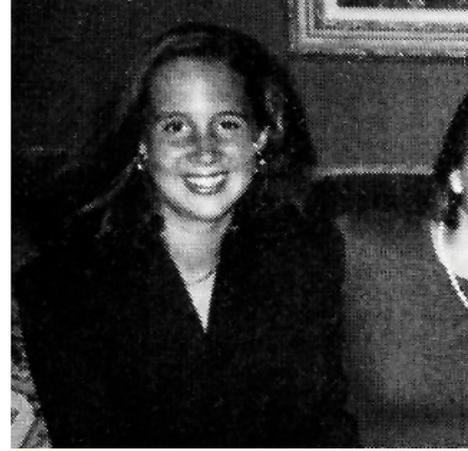
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# SUNNY'S LEGACY

*Making a difference in the  
lives of Latin students*

Sunny's Legacy is an effort honoring the life and vivacious spirit of Sara "Sunny" Harris Hutchinson, a 1993 graduate of Charlotte Latin School. Funded by an endowment that ensures the long-term sustainability of the program, it consists of two components: **Sunny Scholars** and **Sunny's Honor**. It currently provides enough funds to support one Sunny Scholar recipient per grade in Grades 6–12. When the ultimate goal of \$10 million is reached, it will fund two recipients per grade in Grades 6–12. Sunny's Legacy Endowment also supports the annual Sunny's Honor, awarded to a Senior at graduation.



**We invite you to  
read on for more  
about the future  
impact of this  
program on the  
Latin community.**





*“When Sunny was your friend,  
she was your friend for life.”*

*– Katie Browne Beam '93*



# SUNNY SCHOLARS

**As a student,** Sara “Sunny” Harris Hutchinson loved Latin. And Latin loved her. In many ways, her personality and character exemplified Latin’s Core Values and Mission. This mutual flow of passion — for people, for learning, for living — is the perfect student-school relationship. It’s the foundation of Sunny Scholars.

**Sunny Scholars,** our marquee scholarship, aims to identify and support students who exemplify Sunny’s character and qualities and would otherwise not be able to afford a Latin education. Sunny Scholars are fully supported from Grade 6 through graduation.

**This transformational program** is a platform to attract extraordinary, qualified students with financial need to Latin. Making a positive impact on their lives through the educational opportunities provided by the scholarship, we, in turn, benefit the Latin community and enrich the current student body with peers who reflect Sunny’s personality, passion, and enthusiasm.

“Sunny loved Latin.  
And Latin loved her.”

**Why Grade 6?** Middle School is a time of significant change — a dynamic period of academic, emotional, and social growth — and these are critical years of preparation for Upper School. Every student in Grade 6 goes through this transition together. Opening the Sunny Scholars window at this time is intentional and eases this transition to the school, blending students, fostering a love of learning, and embracing their adolescent spirit — which will help them excel at Latin and ultimately in their world beyond.

**Students selected** as Sunny Scholars crave full immersion in campus life, just as Sunny did. In addition to tuition, Sunny Scholars provides additional funds to cover the cost of a complete Latin experience — including books, transportation, meals, athletic and activity fees, educational travel expenses, learning resource and counseling services, college preparation costs, and more. Students can participate fully in every possible opportunity without worry.

“Sunny left Latin a better place.”

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# SUNNY'S HONOR

**Sunny's Honor** is one of Latin's most cherished peer honors, awarded annually at graduation to a senior who continues to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Sunny was the epitome of selflessness, empathy, and loyalty. Her purpose was people — genuinely caring for them, attentively listening to them, and deeply loving them.

**Nominated and selected** by their classmates, the recipient of this honor is a person, like Sunny, who lights up a room with limitless enthusiasm, forms deep connections through understanding, and dedicates themselves to academics and extracurriculars. This student brings the gifts of light, life, and love to Latin's campus and beyond.

**As the outward-facing component** of Sunny's Legacy, the honor will be announced annually at graduation and the honoree's name included on a plaque in the Inlustrate Orbem Building bearing the names of all past recipients.



Mary Schleusner '22 is the first recipient of this special award.

# SUNNY'S LEGACY COMES FULL CIRCLE

The day that a Sunny Scholar is selected as the recipient of Sunny's Honor will bring the goals of this program full circle.

*“Sunny's legacy is one of joy.”*



# INVESTING IN SUNNY'S LEGACY

**Support of Sunny's Legacy** honors Sunny's passion for people, life, and love. Your investment impacts the lives and futures of Sunny Scholars, providing a transformative opportunity to students who will reflect her light in all that they do as part of the Latin community.

By celebrating the qualities that made Sunny so special, the recipients of Sunny Scholarships and Sunny's Honor will continue her legacy of positive impact at Latin for many years to come. It feels fitting to honor her by supporting students who will continue to continue to reflect Sunny's light at Latin.

*"Upon moving to Charlotte in 2002, I was lucky enough to be scooped up by Sunny. She introduced to me everything she loved about Charlotte, most notably Charlotte Latin School. Hearing Sunny rave about her fond memories, close friendships, and top-rated education, I knew I wanted my daughters to have that same experience. Now having spent the last 12 years as a Latin parent, Sunny was right — Charlotte Latin is an incredible community of people and I feel fortunate to be a part of it."*

*— Courtney Hyder, friend of Sunny and parent of students*

## HOW TO GIVE

- 1** To support Sunny's Legacy through a multi-year gift or pledge, please contact Joanne Beam at [joanne.beam@charlottelatin.org](mailto:joanne.beam@charlottelatin.org).
- 2** To include a contribution to Sunny's Legacy in your estate plans, please contact Lea Fitzpatrick at [lea.fitzpatrick@charlottelatin.org](mailto:lea.fitzpatrick@charlottelatin.org).

**For more details on how you can give, go online at [www.charlottelatin.org/SunnysLegacy](http://www.charlottelatin.org/SunnysLegacy)**

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Sara "Sunny" Harris Hutchinson '93.  
Bringing the gifts of light, life, and love  
to Latin's campus and beyond.

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