SAY HELLO TO OUR FUTURE
ACADEMY 150

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Loving God, support and guide us throughout the Academy 150 Capital Campaign. Help us give generously of our time, talents, and possessions as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for You and our dear neighbor. We pray for the gifts of patience, knowledge, and charity as we strive to meet our campaign goals. We thank You for bringing together all individuals involved in this campaign whose gifts of service and generosity reflect the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. May we be people of love and peace. Amen.

Front Cover: artist rendering of the new Goppert Center

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ACADEMY 150
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS  |  $11 MILLION
PROVIDING STATE-OF-THE-ART LEARNING FACILITIES

ENDOWMENT  |  $3 MILLION
MAKING STA EDUCATION MORE AFFORDABLE

CAMPUS PRESERVATION  |  $1 MILLION
PRESERVING THE STA CAMPUS AND BUILDINGS

As we honor the past 150 years and look to the future, we ask each of you to join this important effort. Please prayerfully consider participating in this campaign at the level most comfortable for your family. The campaign intends to sustain St. Teresa’s Academy over the next ten years.

We discern not every person is able to give at this time. Please consider stretching your donation in support of a family unable to participate.
“What we teach young women, the beliefs we instill in them, and who they become when they leave us are exactly what the world is starving for today.”

NAN TIEHEN BONE, PRESIDENT
CLASS OF 1969
Having celebrated the 150th anniversary of St. Teresa’s Academy has given us all a heightened awareness of the school’s rich legacy—one of providing a superior education to young women anchored in Catholic faith and social justice.

This legacy grew from the humble beginnings of six brave and dedicated Sisters of St. Joseph who landed on the shores of the Missouri River in 1866 to open Kansas City’s first school. Their commitment to providing an excellent, faith-based education has not only survived but thrived.

Now it’s our turn to continue their legacy. We are the caretakers of St. Teresa’s Academy. It is our role to propel this incredible institution into the next century and beyond. We are setting the standard for educating today’s young woman in unparalleled ways. What we teach them, the beliefs we instill in them, and who they become when they leave us are exactly what the world is starving for.

For this reason, we launch the Academy 150 Capital Campaign. Its success rests on all of us who believe in this school’s vital mission. We hope you will answer the call, just as so many have done before you. The future we create starts today.

Wishing you peace and blessings.
FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS

ACADEMIC/CAMPUS MINISTRY/FINE ART

In today’s world, the old-school model of teaching and learning are giving way to the needs of modern-day students. The young women of STA are technology-savvy and have a greater understanding of our global world. To complement and enhance these realities, St. Teresa’s incorporates learning environments to better prepare them to become ethical leaders and future entrepreneurs as they create, organize, collaborate, and research in ways never seen before.

Educating young women to support the rapidly expanding STEAM fields (science, technology, engineering, arts (creativity), and math) grows in importance as women remain underrepresented in the science and technology workplace. Women’s voices, perspectives, and ideas are needed to guide future decision-making and problem-solving. St. Teresa’s Academy is committed to breaking down gender stereotypes and demonstrating unique ways to make STEAM learning more relevant to young women.

ATHLETIC

As construction on the main level gets underway, fabrication of new athletic spaces, including locker rooms, workout facilities, classroom/offices, and more will begin on the lower level. STA student-athletes and visitors from all sports will be accommodated with modernized facilities and equipment to allow them to excel at their highest levels.
OTHER

This campaign also provides for an elevator, new roof, and expanded handicap accessible restroom facilities, archive room, Star Shop, and concession area.

The color sections represent renovated or expanded space.
The Campus Ministry Department will now have a prominent home at the entrance to the Goppert Center. Its enduring presence signifies the important role Catholic faith plays in the education and lives of our students.
“The new Campus Ministry location better fulfills the school’s mission as a Catholic, faith-based institution. As we prepare our young women to live in a world of constant change and vast innovation, I wholeheartedly support efforts that sustain, deepen, and strengthen their ability to understand and develop a relationship with God.”

AMY WIEDEMAN THOMPSON, CLASS OF 1985

EVENT SPACE AND STAR SHOP

The Star Shop is expanded to feature a greater selection of merchandise and storage, making it easier for students and visitors to browse and purchase spirit wear and required uniform apparel. The spacious prefunction area can accommodate large groups for special events and gatherings.

View from inside the prefunction/event space looking toward the Star Shop and concession area.
ACTIVE LEARNING CLASSROOMS

Three additional active learning classrooms (ALC’s) allow for cooperative learning environments that encourage student collaboration and peer teaching. New technology enables students to easily present work for review by peers and instructors. The movable, modular furniture is designed to facilitate small-group work. ALC technology and furnishings simulate how students will work among peers in future workplace environments.

With the introduction of personal laptops came the need for technology assistance. SWAT (Students Working to Advance Technology) students assess needs and troubleshoot from the Help Desk.
The learning commons, a combination research library and computer lab, serves as space for studying, researching, collaborating, and project-based learning. Glass study suites and modular furniture allow students to study alone or rearrange furniture for group collaboration and research.
MAKERSPACE/ROBOTICS LAB

This modern makerspace is a cross between a classroom and a creative shop for hands-on projects. Here, students have access to the supplies and tools necessary to design and create anything from jewelry to robots. Think 3-D printers, screen printing, catapults, sewing machines, hovercrafts, and more.
"It has always been important to our family that girls graduating from St. Teresa’s receive a diverse education filled with knowledge and transferable skills for their future. My family was happy to make a donation knowing we were giving to a future rich with highly qualified STA graduates."

ELIZABETH VAN DYKE
JEROME, CLASS OF 2002
New locker rooms for both indoor and outdoor sports ensure every student-athlete has a locker to store equipment and belongings.
Now more spacious and well-equipped, the weight room offers exercise and training equipment as well as areas for pre-game preparation and post-game therapy. The new, larger space features natural lighting and the ability to accommodate more student-athletes at one time. The weight room also features a large “garage” door that can open for fresh air and equipment hauling/storage.
St. Teresa’s Academy is proud of its tradition of serving students from a wide range of socioeconomic, cultural, and racial backgrounds. The endowment honors our students by fulfilling three main objectives: rewards academic achievement, provides financial assistance, and creates a diverse student body.

A gift to endowment can become a life-altering event for a young woman. Through scholarships and financial aid, more families are better able to afford the cost of a quality education. Families in financial crisis can continue their daughter’s education. Greater diversity among our students and faculty supports the notion we are truly “neighbor to neighbor without distinction.”
STA distributes nearly $680,000 in financial aid, scholarships, and discounts to 40% of the student body.

“I pledged to the Endowment in honor of my wife, Patricia, because I want to help other young women receive the quality, Catholic education my daughters and granddaughters received.”

JOHN (LARRY) FITZGERALD
FATHER/GRANDFATHER OF
ANN FITZGERALD HODES (83)
MEGAN FITZGERALD SCHAEFER (89)
ERIN FITZGERALD BELL (04)
ANNE MARIE FITZGERALD MATTLI (05)
MAGGIE FITZGERALD (10)
GRACE HODES (13)
SARAH SCHAEFER (18)
CECELIA HODES (19)
KATE SCHAEFER (20)
CAMPUS PRESERVATION

Its transformation back in 1909 from a “windy moor and low swampy ravine” into “the most beautiful school grounds in the country, a little bit of paradise”* has been truly remarkable. The Sisters’ commitment to lovingly care for the environment is evident throughout our campus.

A fund will be established to care for Windmoor over the next 150 years. The preservation of our landmark buildings and beautiful, historic grounds requires a commitment to upkeep and maintenance. The preservation fund ensures the land and trees are well cared for and the integrity of the buildings and statues are maintained. Any future outdoor projects, such as the addition of sculptures or statues, will be subsidized from this fund as well.

*Who is Like God? The Memoirs of a Mother Superior ~Sister Evelyn O’Neill, CSJ
Students and teachers alike are helping in the creation of a campus-wide arboretum. As trees and plants are studied and new trees added, members of the Science, Campus Ministry, and Graphic Design Departments are working together to create a map of the trees and a contemplative prayer walk for future visitors to campus.
“God grant that His baby trees on Windmoor continue to grow and (may I personify them) tell 1000 years hence of the tens-of-thousands of Sisters of St. Joseph who sat beneath their protecting branches and raised their hearts in prayer to the Giver of All Life, and have taught their students to see the Almighty in every tree, and shrub, and flower...”

SISTER MARIE EULALIA WARD
1936
From the time of the grading of Windmoor, it was Mother Evelyn's ambition to make of it a botanical garden. She purchased as many different species of trees and shrubs as the local nurseries could supply. She obtained some rare specimens while studying in Washington and sent them on.

What tales the parents of these baby trees could tell their offspring! If our ancestors of 80 or 90 years can relate thrilling stories of what happened during their lifetime, what countless volumes would be necessary to recount the multiple events of these trees throughout their patriarchal years! Can you imagine what a library it would be? One that would tell what happened in this world during their long life, or even within the shadows of their immense forms, through which God has been regulating the sap and growth for a thousand years before. He sent His Son to redeem us on the tree of the cross.

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EXCERPT FROM TREES OF WINDMOOR

BY SISTER MARIE EULALIA WARD

The Trees of Windmoor is a treasured archival book that contains original drawings of every tree that was on the Windmoor campus in 1936, as well as tree stories, poems, and prayers.
St. Teresa’s Academy history is rooted in the belief we can create a special place and mold amazing young women through a tradition and commitment to personal, academic, and spiritual growth. Our commitment to this belief requires us to always look forward, finding ways to continually evolve as we reach toward these ideals.

This campaign is about much more than bricks and mortar. It allows us to make another leap forward and reimagine the way we educate. It drives enhanced curriculum across the board by applying the latest education techniques, such as project-based learning, peer-to-peer teaching, STEAM initiatives, and more. An increased endowment recognizes our mission is one that seeks to be inclusive and diverse in the opportunities we provide all young women. And an endowed preservation fund ensures the beauty and grandeur of this magnificent campus remains for future generations.

Please prayerfully consider helping the current and future young women of St. Teresa’s Academy become tomorrow’s educated and ethical global leaders.

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individual taxpayers aged 70½ and older can make a charitable contribution up to $100,000 to st. teresa’s academy from their individual retirement accounts (iras) directly to st. teresa’s academy with no tax bill.

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