

PROUD OF INVESTING IN MARQUETTE OUR FUTU ACADEMY

OUR FUTURE CASE STATEMENT



Vision Statement

Marquette Academy is a Pre-K–12 Roman Catholic learning community that strives to promote spiritual, academic, social/emotional, and physical growth. We believe in developing critical thinking skills, a lifelong love of learning, and preparing our students to enter an increasingly interconnected society. Traditions here are embraced. Dedication is the norm. Excellence is the expectation.





January 2016

Dear Marquette Academy family:

I write this letter with deep sense of gratitude to the families, teachers and staff who continue to carry forward a shared vision of hope for our young people. After a five-week planning study, and in accordance with our strategic plan, we are launching the *Proud of our Past, Investing in Our Future* Capital Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million to bolster the technology available in the classrooms, to make needed facility renovations, and to increase the endowment to provide more financial aid to our prospective students.

In 1859, three Sisters of Mercy set their feet on a path inspired by a singular, focused vision to bring Christ to Ottawa. They knew then that few decisions are more important to Christian parents than: "How can I best prepare my child for the future?" Marquette Academy continues a proud history of preparing Ottawa-area children to face the many challenges of our modern world with a sense of Christ's hope and promise. With your help, we can continue to invest in our curriculum and technology and improve our facilities to ensure that more students will benefit from a Marquette Academy education.

Please join me in investing in the spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical growth of our children in the family-like environment that is found at Marquette Academy. Together, we can make sure that Marquette Academy continues to provide a strong foothold for Catholic education in Ottawa and beyond. Your prayerful sacrifice to this capital campaign, no matter the amount, will ensure that Ottawa-area families will continue to have an affordable option to best prepare their children for the future.

Sincerely,

Brooke Rick, Principal of Marquette Academy

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MARQUETTE ACADEMY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 1000 Paul St. Ottawa, IL 61350 | (815) 433-0125 1859 At the request of the Pastor of St. Columba, eight Sisters of ⊢ Mercy arrive to begin a parish school to serve all elementary and high school students of Ottawa; St. Xavier Academy stood in a two-frame structure on Washington and Paul Streets

1866 One year after President Lincoln's death, 160 students were enrolled **1869** St. Xavier incorporated in State of Illinois as a school

> MARQUETTE ACADEMY



1900 After a fire in the previous year, St. Xavier ⊢ builds an all-new building to house both the elementary and high schools

- 1913 Girls-only St. Xavier High School opens

MARQUETTE ACADEMY IS PROUD OF OUR PAST

1945 St. Columba Boys School closes; Bishop Schlarman orders coeducational high schools in diocese 1949-50 Name change to Marquette High School; new building added for gym and cafeteria; classrooms added and field purchased and named for Fr. Gould



1970's Diocese takes control of school under ► leadership of Fr. James Swaner as principal

1988 Fund for the Future begins to pay for construction of F current high school building and removal of old building

2010 St. Patrick and St. Columba elementary schools close; ⊢ new school named Marquette Academy opens to serve all of elementary and high schools students of Ottawa, consistent with original mission of St. Xavier in 1859 1946 Name change to Ottawa Catholic High School and boys welcomed; school enrolls 51 girls and 49 boys and employs 11 sisters

→ 1959 100-year anniversary of Sisters of Mercy serving in Ottawa

- 1983 School board determines new building is needed

→ 1991 New Marquette high school building attached to 1950 building → 1995 N.C.A.C. state accreditation

2015 After a five-week planning study, Marquette Academy embarks on the Proud of our Past, Investing in Our Future capital campaign as part of its strategic plan to improve school facilities, fund technology needs, grow enrollment and make Marquette Academy more affordable

MAROUETTE ACADEMY IS INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Marquette Academy consistently outperforms other area schools in preparing students for the future. Marquette Academy students consistently achieve:

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College credits through our collaborative program with IVCC including, Dual Credit courses, IAI and Running Start





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The Running Start Program at Marquette Academy is amazing! I am entering Bradley University ahead of all my classmates. I am done with my general education classes and only have to take minimal credit hours to graduate. I now have the opportunity to graduate early, travel abroad or do a co-op. Plus getting my associate degree while still at Marquette Academy High School has saved my parents over \$40,000. I will graduate from Bradley with a degree in Engineering."

JACOB "SKIPPY" MARTINI

CLASS OF 2014

Marquette Academy offers its students several ways to get college credit during high school.

RUNNING START enables students to earn an

Associate Degree completing coursework during junior and senior years (totaling 64 credit hours)

DUAL COURSES are offered on our campus

and are taught by MA instructors or adjunct professors from IVCC *(totaling 43 credit hours)*

IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) is a statewide transfer agreement, in which more than 100 participating college or universities in Illinois accept a package of general education courses (totaling 46 credit hours)

Benefits of Dual Courses and Running Start

- TIME SAVING student earns college credit for their high school course pattern requirements
- EASE OF TRANSITION from High School to
 College The transition from a High School
 student to a College student becomes seamless
- COST SAVINGS Most of the classes will be taken at 60% discount of standard IVCC tuition

75% of Marquette Academy students take dual credit college classes through IVCC

THE NEED

T echnology upgrades was found to be the most important priority in the five-week planning study. Marquette Academy is committed to maintaining its excellence by focusing on these **technology improvements** as a Tier I goal.

TIER I

- New school server to connect both campuses
- Renovation of science labs into STEM labs
- Teacher training in STEM concepts and new technology
- SMART boards in every classroom at both campuses
- http://www.charging.stations.at.both.campuses
 - Software and equipment updates







A lthough the school is in great overall shape, Marquette Academy will focus on the following **facility renovations** as a Tier II goal.

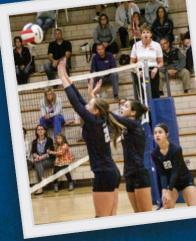
TIER II

- Window replacement in high school gym
- Reinforcement of east wall of high school gym
- New roof at high school
- Update HVAC and boiler systems at both campuses
- New kitchen equipment at both campuses











T he third priority of this capital campaign is to increase the endowment to make financial aid even more readily accessible. Increasing enrollment in this fashion will bolster the financial position of the school and share the success of Marquette Academy with many more families. This is the Tier III goal.

TIER III

Grow endowment for more financial assistance

- Increase enrollment while maintaining low student-to-teacher ratio
 - Reduce dependence on parish financial support
 - Continue heritage of affordable quality Catholic education in Ottawa area

The fourth priority of this capital campaign is to **pay down existing debt** while continuing to build the endowment. This is the Tier IV goal.

TIER IV

- Help pay down about \$1 million in existing debt
 - Much of this debt originated in 1991 for new high school building
 - School continues to make regular payments on this
 - Additional payments will be applied to debt after first tiers have been met







GOALS OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Tier I

Technology and STEM programming \$350,000

Tier II

Facility Renovations \$500,000

Tier III

Endowment \$500,000

Tier IV

Endowment and Debt Reduction

WAYS YOU CAN MAKE YOUR GIFT

S electing the best giving strategy depends on one's personal financial situation and goals. As tax laws are always changing and each individual's situation is unique, donors are encouraged to consult with a financial advisor to determine which method of contributing is most beneficial.

Gifts made by cash or check are the most common and allow the school to address its immediate needs. Checks should be payable to **Marquette Academy's Capital Campaign**. Those that would like to make a donation using PayPal should visit **marquetteacademy.net**. Just scroll down, click on the "Capital Campaign" button, and follow the directions. Marquette Academy will gratefully accept gifts in various forms, including those described here:

Total Gift	Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annually	Annual
\$108,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$18,000	\$36,000
\$90,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$72,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$24,000
\$54,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$9,000	\$18,000
\$36,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$12,000
\$27,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$4,500	\$9,000
\$18,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$6,000
\$14,400	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$4,800
\$7,200	\$200	\$600	\$1,200	\$2,400
\$3,600	\$100	\$300	\$600	\$1,200
\$1,800	\$50	\$150	\$300	\$600
\$1,080	\$30	\$90	\$180	\$360

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

You may receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the gift while you avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciated amount. Please see your financial advisor for other ways to get tax advantages.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

It is possible for donors to consider gifts to Marquette Academy through other vehicles such as:

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- 🚸 Will or Revocable "Living" Trust
- h Charitable Remainder Trust
- 🔆 Gifts of Life Insurance
- 📌 Gifts of Retirement Plans
- h 401K Transfer



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