

PENSACOLA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Crusaders,

You, as an Alumna/Alumnus, are the reason Catholic High School has existed. For 83 years Catholic High's purpose has been to develop young people both academically and spiritually. From 1941 through 2024, there have been approximately 10,000 graduates. I first arrived in 1987 as a Chemistry and Physics teacher and became Principal in 1988, and while it may not have been formally articulated until 1994, the Mission has always been - *To develop responsible Christian individuals by providing the finest in Catholic education.*

I know that slightly less of alumni living today graduated before my time at CHS started and I'm uncertain about your time here, but I believe that during my tenure this Mission has been at the heart of everything that the Administration, Faculty and Staff have done every day to serve our students. We would not be doing our jobs if we, and the leaders before us, did not periodically review our plans for the future. As most of you already know, we are striving to address the projects identified in our most recent Master Growth Plan which was updated in 2023. We are so excited to have just celebrated the Blessing and Dedication of the New Classroom Wing that will open to students in just a few short months when we return for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to visit the <u>Capital Campaign webpage</u> to review the remaining projects we have planned to accomplish. As part of the description of these projects, there are several videos featuring some of you, our alumni, as well as parents, and faculty.

We need your help in order for these projects to become a reality for our students and the CHS generations to come. Our Campaign, *Building on Faith, Family, and Tradition,* intends to raise \$6M to help extend the

wonderful legacy that is 'Catholic High'.

We are very grateful for the generosity of others who helped provide the facilities that you and some of your children and grandchildren are/have benefitted from during your/their years at Catholic High. We are also very grateful to those of you who have already stepped up during the early stages of this campaign to help!

Eric and Nina Blay, both alum from the Class of '78, have been leading the Alumni Division of the campaign and they, along with some of their committee members, recently teamed up with the Alumni Committee and some of the Alumni Class Representatives to develop an Alumni Challenge. The purpose of this challenge is to ignite the competitive Crusader Spirit in an effort to increase overall participation.

Please take a few minutes to review information about the Challenge linked on the <u>Campaign webpage</u>, and prayerfully consider participating. If you look at the impact that this Alumni group can have on the future of Catholic High, it is truly amazing!

Thank you again for all you do to support Pensacola Catholic High School and for your prayers for the success of our campaign. Please know that you and your family are remembered in prayer daily by the Catholic High community.

God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sr. Kerstin Martin

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Principal

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