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BECKMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Capital Campaign: 2014-2018



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BECKMAN ENDOWMENT CORPORATION

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In faith, to prepare future Catholic leaders
for our Church, communities and world.

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In academics, to provide a vital and vibrant 21st
century Catholic education option for area youth.

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In athletics, to shape collaborative and fair-minded
youth to lead us into the 21st century.

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In our community, to inspire and lead change
and growth vital to thriving communities.

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A capital campaign designed to position Beckman
Catholic High School as a premiere 21st century
Catholic high school open to all who choose it.

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As a community of believers.

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OUR STORY:

ONE OF VISION AND DEDICATION

Since 1966, Beckman Catholic High School has served as an outstanding Catholic high school option for those who choose it. Beckman Catholic was built on vision and sacrifice and maintained through vigilant and disciplined leadership and service.

Beckman was established as a consolidated Catholic high school for five corporate parishes: St. Francis Xavier, St. Paul, St. Boniface, St. Joseph, and Sts. Peter & Paul. In the early years, Christian Brothers, the Franciscan and Visitation Sisters and the laity, led and served Beckman Catholic High School.

The Christian Brothers Order designed a building that evidences a vision for a thriving future. The original air-conditioned building housed 33 classrooms, with a capacity of 1000 students. The gymnasium seats 1800 and the auditorium seats 520. While both the gym and the auditorium have undergone refurbishing, no structural upgrades have occurred. No additional classrooms have been built and the original library and Chapel remain at the center of the building as originally designed by the Christian Brothers. The design provided a facility ahead of its years; however, increased academic and extracurricular offerings and technology and instructional advancements have created emerging facility needs.

Five decades and counting, Beckman Catholic High School serves as a catalyst for lifelong learning, global awareness, personal growth, and spiritual development rooted in Catholic teachings. Every day and every class period begin with prayer and community intentions. Catholic teaching is integrated across the curriculum and taught specifically in theology using the U.S. Bishop's Framework.

Beckman's financial core has been strengthened through the establishment of the Beckman Endowment Board in 1973, the Annual Appeal in 1980, the annual Gala fundraiser in 1992, and a Capital Campaign in 2001. Today we embark on the Blazing Forward Capital Campaign 2014.

Your gift will advance our mission to blaze forward in faith, in academics, in extracurricular activities and in our belief that "if we are what we should be we will set the whole world ablaze" with our faith.



"While faith formation begins at home, Catholic schools provide a fertile place for those seeds to mature. I am impressed by the sacrifices made by parishioners associated with Beckman Catholic and the area it serves. Through continued faithful stewardship, the blessing of a Catholic education will be afforded to future generations."

- Archbishop Jackels

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: BECKMAN'S CALL TO ACTION

Inspired by the past generations who built and grew the Catholic education system in our communities, we recognize and honor their contributions, voices and vision for Beckman Catholic High School. The Beckman Endowment Board has committed to a 6.5 million dollar campaign to continue the legacy.

Guiding Principles

To maintain a strong, healthy endowment fund to keep Catholic education alive and affordable for all who seek it.

To retain a dedicated and qualified staff and the current student to teacher ratio of 1:15.

To prepare students to embrace their Catholic faith and succeed in the technological 21st century.

To provide facilities that support a top-notch 21st century education and the collaborative experiences of extracurricular activities.

Motivated by the present successes of Beckman Catholic High School:

- ✓ Recognized as a Top 50 Catholic high school by the National Catholic Honor Roll in 2010 and 2011
- ✓ Honored five consecutive years in the 2A division for the Bank Of Iowa Traveling Cup Challenge that recognizes achievement in academics and activities
- ✓ Earned a Top 50 designation on the 2012 Iowa Advanced Placement Index

Emboldened by our future possibilities as revealed through the Capital Campaign study, the Beckman Catholic High School community commits to a campaign to increase the endowment, renovate existing facilities as needed and build for future success.

"In a disposable culture, the marvel of our school standing strong with few repairs over the course of 50 years is amazing.

Our ancestors demonstrated amazing vision and skill.

With ongoing determination and commitment, we now not only make our contribution to maintain a sound facility, but also assure that its halls are filled with students of all economic means."

- Father Dennis Quint, Executive Coordinator



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THE PLAN: TO MOVE BOLDLY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

Build the Endowment

The Blazing Forward Campaign seeks to add 3 million to increase the current Beckman Endowment principal balance and prepare Beckman to meet future financial challenges.

Renovate existing structures in need of upgrades

- Front entrance to increase safety features and efficiency
- Science lab to improve ventilation and provide 21st century learning opportunities
- Fine arts area to upgrade storage
- Locker rooms and restrooms, student lockers, and hallway flooring to improve safety, efficiency and aesthetic appeal.

Construct New Facilities

- A 24/7 Adoration Chapel at the front entrance to proclaim to all who enter that Beckman Catholic High School exists to serve God.
- A multi-purpose room designed to accommodate the multitude of extracurricular activities requiring space and amenities to excel and to reduce or eliminate early morning and late evening practices.
- Upgrade the existing wrestling space
- Provide improved locker rooms
- Reduce interruptions to our academic schedule caused during events such as Toy Show, Prom and Gala.



“With this campaign may Beckman Catholic continue to be a place where students can flourish academically, socially, and spiritually.”

- Pat Meade, Principal

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- A laptop in every student's hands in a 1:1 technology environment
- Advanced Placement Program, a nationally recognized program that provides opportunities to take college level courses and earn college credit
- NICC partnership offering dual credit classes while at Beckman
- Articulated courses offering credit for NICC certification programs
- Project Lead the Way: a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) series of courses designed to explore STEM skills and careers
- Honors program to challenge students to reach full potential
- Resource program to assist students with academic challenges
- Mentoring with area businesses
- 15:1 student to teacher ratio
- 70% of the 2013 graduates earned honors and scholarships
- All varsity level teams consistently earn academic achievement awards

"Inspired and united in faith, we have the unique opportunity to engage young minds and hearts in a journey of continued spiritual, academic and emotional growth; to think critically, to ask the tough questions and to seek answers that help us grow as a community of believers and as individuals."

- Patricia Lehmann,
assistant principal

BCHS: ACADEMIC PROFILE

100% graduation rate

98% of graduates plan to attend postsecondary training

Average ACT score—22.8

92% of graduates take the ACT; 79% score above 20

29 instructors with 41% holding a master's degree



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CATHOLIC IDENTITY



- U.S. Bishop's Framework curriculum is taught in grades 9-12
- Junior high students meet daily for Catholic theology instruction
- Weekly celebrations of the Mass
- Prayer over the public address system at the start of each class
- Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday
- Reconciliation during Advent and Lent and various times throughout the year
- Class retreats
- National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)
- Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)
- Fun, Serious, Jesus (FSJ) youth group
- Archdiocesan Youth Rally
- Liturgy Committee
- KAIROS: senior-led junior Catholic leadership retreat

BCHS: LIFTS PEOPLE IN PRAYER

- Prayer for individuals and special intentions offered seven times each day
- Mass offered for the intentions of many each Tuesday morning, every Thursday with the entire student body, and every First Friday
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday supported by area communities

*"If [we] have
faith as small as
a mustard seed,
[we] can say to this
mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted
and planted in
the sea,' and it
will obey you."*

Luke 17:6.

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THE CALL

The vision for Beckman Catholic must be captured in our hearts and lived out in our daily lives.

It is a call to create a place of learning where God is center; where the grieving, the ill, the poor are lifted up in hourly prayer by a student body and staff of believers; where God's name can be uttered openly.

This vision requires sacrifice to meet the real challenges facing Beckman Catholic High School and the greater world. "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." Timothy 1:7

We are called as a community of believers to move boldly into the future. We undertake this revitalization of our Catholic schools because without it we have fewer prayers uttered in God's name for those in need; we have fewer youth exposed to the daily beliefs and practices of our Catholic faith; we have fewer minutes spent learning and talking about Catholicism.

"Being part of a Catholic community makes a difference in young lives. We all learn by watching and listening. Teachers, coaches, students and staff at school live the message. Parishioners, priests and our parishes live the message. The whole world does not live the message. Those who do make a difference."

- Father Neil Manternach '77



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THE RESPONSE

A comprehensive campaign is underway to raise \$6.5 million with the following breakdown:

- \$3 million to increase the current Beckman Endowment principal balance to \$5 million
- \$1.5 million to renovate the front entrance for security purposes, construct a chapel, and renovate lockers, locker rooms, flooring, restrooms, science labs and music and physical education storage
- \$2 million for construction of a multi-purpose room



GIVING LEVELS

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| \$500,000 or more | \$25,000-49,999 |
| \$250,000 - 499,000 | \$10,00-\$24,999 |
| \$100,000 - 249,999 | \$2,500-9,999 |
| \$50,000-99,999 | \$1-2,499 |

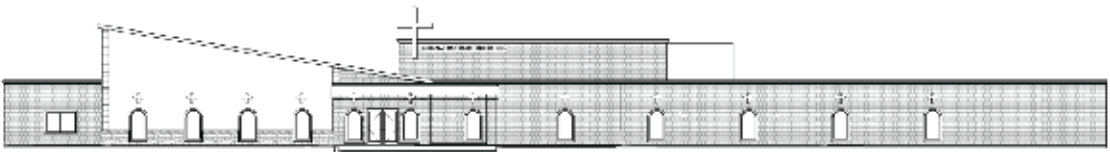
WAYS OF GIVING

The Campaign will accept a variety of contributions including cash, securities, property, life insurance, qualified charitable remainder trust and charitable income trust, pro-bono or in-kind services.

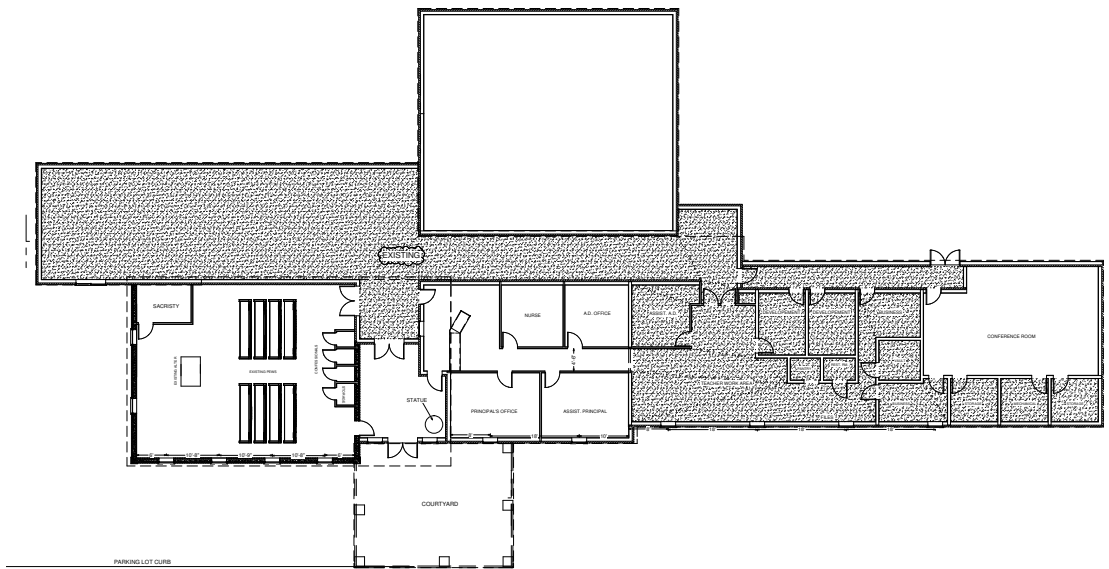
Beckman Endowment Corporation and the Beckman Catholic High School Capital Campaign Steering Committee shall oversee the campaign.

With a successful campaign, Catholic education will remain more affordable for all, and our communities of faith can blaze forward prepared to provide a premiere 21st century Catholic education for area students and families.





Front Elevation of Proposed Front Entrance with Chapel



Floor Plan of Proposed Front Entrance with Chapel



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Thank You
for your prayers and financial support.



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