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Our Mission Statement

St. John’s is an independent, co-educational day school presenting a 13-year sequence of college preparatory training. A non-profit institution, it was founded in 1946 to provide the community with a school of exacting standards in the development of individual, spiritual, and physical growth. While the means to achieve that purpose may change, it remains the basic mission of the School.

The School seeks to develop the whole person in preparation for a lifetime of personal fulfillment and contribution to society. In particular, it is dedicated to the enhancement and the expansion of future leadership for Houston and the country. The School offers talented, motivated, and energetic students a genuine challenge for academic accomplishment and for development of a sense of self-worth and of personal responsibility. The School in turn holds itself responsible for providing that challenge.
Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2016 St. John’s School received philanthropic gifts and pledges from 4,551 donors.

These contributions supported the Opportunity of a Lifetime comprehensive capital, endowment, and unrestricted giving effort.

This landmark investment in people, programs, and facilities totaled $100,539,797.
The past five years at St. John’s were marked by a number of transformative developments, from the new strategic and master campus plans, to the acquisition of 13 acres of the Taub Campus, to the construction of the new Flores Hall and Campus Center, to the strengthening of programs and mission delivery through significant growth in the St. John’s Endowment and the Annual Fund.

We also have completed or begun several new capital projects for innovative classrooms, field development, and Senior Country. Plans are underway for expansion of the fine arts facilities, a shared parking garage with St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, and increased learning commons space in the Upper School Taub Library.

The success of the Opportunity of a Lifetime Campaign has made all of these critical projects possible. This school is fortunate to have many community members who have chosen to invest in the students, faculty, programs, and facilities that make St. John’s School a premier institution not only in Houston, but the country.

As the mission clearly communicates, St. John’s objectives are centered on leadership and contribution to the greater good. Thank you to the many donors who help make this vital work possible. Your generosity is essential to St. John’s School’s future. It honors those who have come before us and those who will follow your lead in the future.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Desjardins, Ph. D.
Headmaster
“We share in the community’s great pride for St. John’s excellence in all areas including philanthropy.

It is our hope that the success of this effort and new levels of generosity will inspire others in the future to follow our lead.”
Congratulations! The Capital Campaign is a success. Thanks to your support, involvement, and leadership, the entire St. John’s community is able to benefit from a highly successful and landmark campaign. This effort not only transforms St. John’s and impacts the school community as well as the City of Houston, but it reached rarefied levels of support for a day school in the United States.

It has been gratifying to see such broad based and generous support from parents, alumni, grandparents, former trustees, parents of alumni, faculty and staff, and more. The community embraced the opportunity to redefine what is possible for the future of St. John’s School. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity see that happen and be a part of it.

Thank you for your patience as we have worked hard to let everyone know about the ambitious goals and objectives. We understand that you have endured numerous communications and appeals for the Campaign. However, thanks to you and all the donors over the last five years, we can all celebrate the success of achieving the ambitious goal of raising $100 million.

We thank the Campaign Steering Committee for five years of commitment and continued efforts on behalf of the Campaign. We thank all of the Annual Fund chairs and volunteers during the last five years who were all critical to the overall success. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for their leadership and support of the Campaign without which success would not have been possible. Most importantly, thank you again to all of our many donors. Each and every gift makes an impact and helps inspire others to be generous as well.

It has been an honor to lead this ambitious and transformational campaign. We share in the community’s great pride for St. John’s excellence in all areas including philanthropy. It is our hope that the success of this effort and new levels of generosity will inspire others in the future to follow our lead.

Thank you again for helping us be successful together. Hail St. John’s!

With gratitude,

Isabel ’83 & Ransom Lummis
Campaign Co-Chairs
The three primary categories for support in the Campaign included Endowment, Capital, and Annual Fund.

Endowment funds are permanent, self-sustaining sources of funding, which can be created to support financial aid, professional development, student assistance beyond financial aid, as well as unrestricted endowment for overall program support.

Capital funds are gifts and pledges made to support construction of new facilities, renovations of existing facilities, and land acquisition.

Gifts to the Annual Fund provide general support for the School’s annual operating budget and ensure the School has the necessary resources for delivery of its mission. This is primarily an investment in faculty and staff, student support services, financial aid, and departmental expenses. It also includes technology and plant expenses. The Annual Fund provides the measure of excellence that has a direct impact upon the daily student experience.
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Donors to the Opportunity of a Lifetime Campaign included a wide range of St. John’s community constituents. Alumni, foundations, current and former trustees, current and former parents and grandparents, as well as faculty and staff all gave to this community-wide effort.
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### Contributions by Category

- **Trustees**: $42,720,303
- **Former Trustees**: $20,946,567
- **Current Parents**: $16,780,377
- **Alumni**: $11,029,571
- **Grandparents**: $4,173,182
- **Parents of Alumni**: $3,436,056
- **Public Foundations**: $1,158,615
- **Faculty/Former Faculty**: $254,501
- **Corporations/Other**: $59,562

*Each Category Includes Associated Family Foundations*
The Opportunity of a Lifetime Campaign yielded several projects. Two of the projects were of a transformational magnitude for the campus.

The construction of Flores Hall and Campus Center has immediately and profoundly changed how students and faculty interact on a daily basis. Additionally it has provided the entire community with a gathering and meeting space for a wide range of functions including Commencement, Book Fair, Grandparents and Special Friends Day, and alumni Reunion Weekend. The Great Lawn also accommodates outdoor opportunities for events such as last year’s “Joseph and the Technicolor® Dreamcoat.”

The acquisition of the Taub Campus was truly an opportunity of a lifetime. St. John’s had hoped to acquire the Taub Property for decades and the strategic importance of this 13 acres of property could not be overstated.

As former Board Chair Johnny Johnson ’63 aptly stated, “This was just one of those things where you had to roll up your sleeves and do it or say we’re going to be in the same place for 15 or 20 years from now or the next generation or next generation.”

In addition to the acquisition of the Taub Property and the construction of Flores Hall and Campus Center, capital pledges and gifts are funding field development on the Taub Campus and the Ligums Indoor Practice Facility. Finnegan Field is receiving new state-of-the-art turf for field hockey. Fine Arts additions are also planned in response to the steady growth in extracurricular participation. St. John’s capital funds are helping to fund a shared parking garage with St. Luke’s United Methodist Church and renovations to the Upper School Taub Library space.

Finally, campaign capital pledges and gifts funded renovations in the Quadrangle for innovative classrooms, a new Senior Country, and modular office space and surface parking on the Taub Campus.
Flores Hall & Campus Center $36,500,000
Land Acquisition $21,000,000
Fine Arts Addition & Library Learning Commons $7,500,000
Finnegan Field Project $3,000,000
Shared Parking Garage $2,000,000
The Opportunity of a Lifetime Campaign strengthened the St. John’s Endowment with $12,530,312 in pledges and gifts. While we hope to grow the endowment from market performance, outright gifts and pledges to endowment as well as estate gifts are critical to securing the future for St. John’s School. These “ultimate” gifts and pledges are permanent gifts that have an impact in perpetuity.

Unrestricted endowment gifts provide the highest degree of flexibility for determining the best use of endowment yield in fulfilling the overall mission of the institution.

Financial-aid endowment is an endowment priority that helps provide accessibility to a St. John’s education regardless of families’ ability to pay the full cost of tuition. Additionally, it provides flexibility in one of the highest variable expenses for financial management of the organization budget. The Headmaster’s Students Assistance fund is critical in providing support to students for numerous costs that go beyond the reach of financial aid including field trips, SAT prep classes, extracurricular activities, and other costs that can be prohibitive for participation.

Endowment for faculty professional development is a major focus for St. John’s School. Robust professional development not only strengthens and enriches faculty and the student experience, but it also has a direct impact upon attracting and retaining the very best faculty.
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The St. John’s endowment is impacted by outright gifts as well as market performance. The following graph indicates endowment performance for the prior five fiscal years.

The growth of the endowment illustrated below does not indicate an additional $4,378,000 in anticipated pledge payments as a result of the Opportunity of a Lifetime Campaign.
Support for the St. John’s Annual Fund is an endorsement of the overall mission of St. John’s as it is the fundamental ongoing philanthropic priority for the School. By making the Annual Fund an integral component of the Campaign, the School was able to reinforce its importance to the continuing financial health of the institution.

In addition, it provided the entire community an opportunity to participate in the Campaign and serves as the broad-based, community-wide vehicle for participation.
CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE

The Campaign Steering Committee provided five years of service to the Opportunity of a Lifetime Campaign. This committee’s dedicated service was critical to ensuring the success of the effort. We are grateful for their outstanding volunteerism and overall commitment to St. John’s School.

Isabel Stude Lummis ’83
& Ransom Lummis
Campaign Chairs

Arthur Seeligson
Liz Stepanian
Ann Barnett Stern ’75
David M. Underwood *
Carl Vogt ’54

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Mark Desjardins, Ph.D.
Headmaster

Mark Dini, C.F.R.E.
Chief Advancement Officer

* Deceased
The Annual Fund was a critical part of the overall Campaign and the Campaign’s success. The steady growth of the Annual Fund during the Opportunity of a Lifetime Campaign was possible because of the outstanding volunteer leadership of the Annual Fund. We are grateful to all of our Annual Fund Volunteers.

**Annual Fund Chairs and Vice Chairs**

**2011-2012**
- Nicole & Jim ‘87 Perdue
- Julia & David Humphreys

**2012-2013**
- Martha & John ‘82 Britton
- Claire & John ‘85 Curtin

**2013-2014**
- Carson & Arthur Seeligson
- Jennifer & Fields ‘84 Alexander

**2014-2015**
- Randa & K. C. ’72 Weiner
- Catherine & Matt Hennessy

**2015-2016**
- Carrie ’89 & Ernie ’87 Miller
- Nita & Dinesh Singhal