



Future*Ready*

The Campaign for Mother McAuley



our vision

Before us lie our hopes and dreams reflected in the brilliant faces of the young women of Mother McAuley. To them and to all who will follow them, we commit ourselves to being the very best so that they might be their very best. For us to call them to excellence in all things, we must call ourselves to excellence.

Through minds sharpened by rigorous academics, talents honed through personal pursuits in the arts and athletics, and hearts enriched by the Mercy tradition and enduring personal relationships, Mother McAuley

prepares these young women to join the community of caring McAuley alumnae in making a world of difference.

Anchored in our rich Catholic tradition, we choose a future that is as bold and pioneering as Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy. The Campaign for Mother McAuley will support our commitment to be a premier school of choice for girls who will grow into confident, creative, and collaborative women in college and the workplace, in their families and communities.



New technologies and unlimited access to information are fundamentally changing classroom structures and teaching culture. School is no longer about the transmission of information. Rather, learning focuses on dynamic teachers helping students evaluate and apply information that then becomes new knowledge. The classroom and library no longer are teacher-centered. Learning is student-centered and often takes place beyond traditional classroom structures and static teacher-student relationships.

Mother McAuley graduates young women ready for the future.

They are ready for college. They are ready for life in business, family, and community. Both college and life require our alumnae to be healthy, confident, and collaborative lifelong learners. We need to be future ready if they are to be future ready. This means we teach our students by example as a learning community that exudes health and wellbeing. It means that all our financial, human, spiritual, and physical resources are effectively and efficiently placed in service of our Mercy mission.

Now is the time for Mother McAuley to refresh our 60-year old campus in service of that mission.

This includes:

- renovated classrooms that are dynamic in design.
- an Achievement Center where students and teachers collaborate and study.
- an expanded Athletic Center with health and sports facilities to accommodate individuals or teams.
- a Theater Lobby refreshed to welcome patrons and provide art exhibition space.
- a redesigned Circle Drive entrance and Student Commons.
- mechanical upgrades.

All this will happen within a welcoming and safe environment that unleashes the potential of our diverse community of young women to learn and develop lasting friendships.

campaign**priorities**

Learning Community

Mother McAuley confidently embraces the challenge to create a vibrant, rigorous, and engaging Learning Community. In this academic community there are opportunities for active learning, study teams, collaborative problem-solving, and formal and informal social interaction between students and teachers. We envision learning taking place throughout the campus.

Our physical learning environments will be re-imagined to reflect the need to quickly adapt to solitary study, group projects, dynamic and reciprocal teacher-student interactions, and web-based experiences, like engaging students in other Mercy schools.

The Future Ready campaign will fund these priorities:

- Flex Classrooms
- McAuley Achievement Center with Media Lab



medialab



Flex Classrooms. We know that girls learn differently than boys, and that all students need a variety of learning opportunities to keep them engaged and personally invested in their own education. Classrooms once conceived as one-size-fits-all, with neat rows of desks with the teacher in the front, will be remodeled to meet the need for IT-based instruction and flexible enough to adapt quickly to a variety of learning methods.



McAuley Achievement Center. The current library will be transformed into a learning hub, the heart of McAuley. The McAuley Achievement Center will symbolize the dynamic, open, and relational nature of learning today. It will incorporate spaces suitable for a diverse range of learning and teaching styles, from quiet study to group projects. It will connect students with important academic and personal support resources.



Imagine having all your academic support areas in one place, in the heart of learning at McAuley.

Health & Wellbeing

In an increasingly fast-paced and high-stress culture, health and wellbeing are essential lifelong skills to develop early in a young woman's life.

Staying healthy in mind, body, and spirit helps lay the foundation for success in life. And we know that the ability to learn depends on young people feeling invited, welcomed, and safe. We want to create an environment of overall wellbeing.

The Future Ready campaign will fund these priorities:

- **Redesigned Circle Drive entrance and Theater Lobby**
- **Enhanced Student Commons**
- **Expanded Athletic Center and team areas**

Welcome to McAuley. The main entrance at Circle Drive, the Theater Lobby, and the Gym entry are the school's main welcome areas. Students and their families, faculty and staff, alumnae and visitors should feel invited and at home when they enter, and secure and safe while on campus. We will renovate the McAuley Circle Drive entrance to provide additional security, a warm welcome to McAuley, and easy access to the school office. We will enliven the Theater Lobby to showcase the arts. And with the addition of the Athletic Center, we will open access to the gymnasium and team areas from the south and west parking areas.

Student Commons. The current Student Lounge will be enlarged to accommodate social and group project spaces where students can gather to relax, build community, work on projects, enjoy a refreshment, or browse the Macs Ltd. spirit shop. The Commons also will function as an event space for Mother McAuley convenient to the Dining Hall.

Athletic Center. The demands on our athletic and health areas require us to reconfigure our team areas and enlarge our fitness area to accommodate more students and faculty and staff. We will enlarge our Athletic Center by constructing a bright, open fitness center convenient to the gymnasiums and team areas. Updated locker areas and athletic storage are urgently needed and will be included in this reconfiguration.





Athletic Center. The updated Athletic Center will feature locker rooms to accommodate our 12 sports teams, and a fitness area available for all students, faculty and staff, inviting them to become active participants in their health and wellness.



Student Commons. Educators all agree that the need for quiet study will always be in demand. But there are times before and after school when students need a place to gather. There are times when clubs and project teams need breakout space to hash out their plans. There are times when hanging out with friends in the Student Commons helps form important and enduring relationships.

Stewardship

Mother McAuley can rightly boast of the careful and efficient stewardship of resources to deliver on the promise of our mission.

A conservatively managed reserve fund has allowed the school to keep pace with facility upkeep and improvements while keeping tuition reasonable and affordable. The school's financial aid program honors the commitment of the Mercy Sisters whose ministries are marked by a special concern for the needs of the poor, especially women and children.

We intend to build that fund to address priorities that will resolutely move us closer to our vision. The Future Ready Campaign will fund these priorities:

Faculty of Excellence. The most important investment Mother McAuley can provide our young women is to attract and retain outstanding teachers. Leaders in their fields, our teachers will live the spirit of Catherine McAuley and be as visionary as the first Mercy Sisters to come to Chicago. Competitive teacher salaries and professional development opportunities will ensure our young women have the best mentors possible.

Scholarships and Tuition Assistance. In the spirit of Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy, we are compelled to provide help to those young women outstanding in character who long for a Mother McAuley education.

The McAuley lifetime advantage does not happen by chance for our young women and alumnae. This advantage grows out of belonging to a vibrant learning community where students and faculty feel safe to explore ideas together. It is where girls become confident and caring women capable of accomplishing their deepest desires and goals. It is where life-giving and enduring relationships form, where alumnae are proud to proclaim, "We are McAuley girls because we are Future Ready."



fundinggoals

The Future Ready Campaign for Mother McAuley will fund a transformative plan to repurpose our learning spaces, increase accessibility to health and athletic opportunities, create our own efficient energy sources, and strengthen our ability to attract and retain faculty and students.

Learning Community

Transform and expand the library into a 2-story, McAuley Achievement Center.....	\$4.2 million
Redesign current classrooms as flex classrooms	\$4.3 million

Health and Wellbeing

Redesigned Circle Drive entrance and school offices.....	\$1.4 million
Enhanced Student Commons.....	\$1.2 million
Expanded Athletic Center and team areas	\$4.2 million
Updated Theater Lobby with addition of art exhibition space	\$750,400

Stewardship

Attracting and supporting a faculty of excellence	
Attracting and supporting talented and motivated students	
Goal to add to Reserve Fund.....	\$3,300,000

Included in these projects are costs to address mechanical upgrades that are necessary to be energy efficient and environmentally responsible. These preliminary estimates are subject to change.





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ways to give

Join us in this bold vision for McAuley. Partner with us through your support of this campaign to build a future of continued loving service to the young women of Mother McAuley.

Cash Gifts may be made through credit/debit card transactions, cash, personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders made payable to Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School.

Make a Pledge to the campaign and spread payments over time, for up to five years. Set up your own start date and payment schedule to suit your needs.

You can make a real difference, maybe even more than you first might think. This chart illustrates how you might increase the impact of your support through a five-year pledge.

Appreciated Securities are an attractive alternative to cash gifts. Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds that you have owned for more than one year and that have increased in value are popular assets used for charitable giving. And don't forget about your IRA. Please consult your financial advisor about the tax benefit to you of a gift of stock.

Matching Gift programs by corporations may allow donors to double or even triple the amount of their contribution. Matching gift forms are available from company personnel or human resource offices.

Gift Naming Opportunities are available for donors at various commitment levels. See accompanying materials for additional information.

To donate online or learn more about giving options, visit mothermcauley.org/futureready. There you will find helpful information about ways to give.

TOTAL GIFT	A Day	A Week	A Month	A Quarter	A Year
\$1,000,000	\$547.95	\$3,846.15	\$16,667	\$50,000	\$200,000
\$500,000	\$273.75	\$1,923.08	\$8,333	\$25,000	\$100,000
\$250,000	\$136.99	\$961.54	\$4,167	\$12,500	\$50,000
\$100,000	\$54.79	\$384.62	\$1,667	\$5,000	\$20,000
\$50,000	\$27.40	\$192.31	\$833	\$2,500	\$10,000
\$25,000	\$13.70	\$96.15	\$417	\$1,250	\$5,000
\$10,000	\$5.48	\$38.46	\$167	\$500	\$2,000
\$5,000	\$2.74	\$19.23	\$83	\$250	\$1,000
\$2,500	\$1.37	\$9.62	\$42	\$125	\$500
\$1,000	\$0.55	\$3.85	\$17	\$50	\$200



ourmission

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School is a Catholic educational community committed to providing a quality secondary education for young women. In the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy and their foundress, Catherine McAuley, we prepare students to live in a complex, dynamic society by teaching them to think critically, communicate effectively, respond compassionately to the needs of their community and assume roles of Christian leadership. In partnership with parents, we empower young women to acknowledge their giftedness and to make decisions with a well-developed moral conscience. We foster an appreciation of the diversity of the global community and a quest for knowledge and excellence as lifelong goals.

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