

Endowing the Campus

“While the facilities are beautiful additions to our campus, what happens within them is even more important—both to our students and to our school.”
—Andy Abbott, Head of School

In 1923, the Burroughs campus was less than 20 acres. Today, the campus is nearly 50 acres. Changes to the Burroughs campus have been measured and deliberate. The recently completed improvements to facilities and green spaces demonstrate how committed the Burroughs community remains to well-reasoned change to meet the needs of students. Land acquisition continues to be a priority to ensure the Burroughs campus has the flexibility to evolve into the future.

❖ Art Collection

Fine art is displayed throughout Burroughs’ campus. Stained-glass windows adorn classrooms in the Brauer and STAR Buildings, and multiple bas-reliefs are displayed inside and outside of multiple buildings - all designed and created by students. In addition, Burroughs has two professional galleries where local and national artists display their work. The Fine Arts Advisory Committee (FAAC) was established in 2007. Since the establishment of the FAAC, Burroughs’ art collection has expanded significantly and now totals more than 300 pieces including numerous sculptures, paintings and prints. Endowed gifts to support ongoing acquisition, curation, management, storage, cataloging, insurance and restoration of the collection are needed.

❖ Campus Improvements

- **Campus Safety, Security and Sustainability**

Sustainability has been a core value of Burroughs since the school’s founding. This value is infused in the curriculum, student activities and how the school cares for its campus. In addition, Burroughs is continuously working to assess and mediate safety and security. Implementing new technology to ensure Burroughs’ facilities are welcoming and secure, as well as environmentally and financially sustainable requires endowed funds to support continuous improvements in perpetuity.

- [Athletic Enhancements and Natatorium](#)

❖ Land Acquisition

Property acquisition adjacent to the school’s campus and to Drey Land is a priority for Burroughs. Currently, Burroughs owns four homes on the school’s campus. Housing is provided for the Head of School, the Athletic Director and the Director of Plant Operations. Campus residences ensure an adult presence is always nearby, and the homes are a point of attraction and retention for key staff. Burroughs-adjacent properties make the campus more attractive to staff/faculty for whom on-campus housing is a substantial benefit and serve as a strategy to attract/retain top talent. In addition, land acquisition is vital to the

school's athletics program given the constant need for fields and related green-space. When the school opened, Burroughs had 17.5-acres and now owns nearly 50 acres. As a result, endowed funds for land acquisition are needed.

❖ **Drey Land**

In 1969, Leo Drey '34 offered to lease 44 acres of Ozark woodland in the Pioneer Forest to Burroughs for an annual fee of \$1. Fifty-years later, the Burroughs community has built and maintained most of the facilities including cabins, a pavilion, bathhouses, and the main lodge. Burroughs also maintains the acreage which borders Sinking Creek, a tributary of the Current River. Endowed gifts are needed to support the ongoing management and maintenance of this unique and vital resource for Burroughs and the broader community.