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DePaul College Prep Announces \$57 Million Capital Campaign

One Dream, All In: The Campaign for the Future of DePaul College Prep supports continued renovations to the academic center, expansion of athletic facilities and growth of the school's endowment. Early significant support from Wintrust Financial Corporation strengthens its commitment to Chicago.

CHICAGO (September 30, 2021) - The DePaul College Prep Board of Directors and the DePaul College Prep Foundation have publicly launched ***One Dream, All In: The Campaign for the Future of DePaul College Prep*** with the announcement of a \$57 Million capital campaign. Since the June 2019 quiet phase launch of the campaign, \$31 million has been raised for *One Dream, All In*, a first for DePaul Prep. The school intends to raise an additional \$26 million to reach its goal of \$57 million by June 30, 2024.

With early and generous support from the DePaul Prep Board of Directors, parents, prospective parents, DePaul University Trustees, the Vincentians (the Congregation of the Mission), corporate partners, alumni, and friends, DePaul College Prep acquired a new 17-acre campus at 3300 North Campbell Avenue and developed the **Mary A. Dempsey Academic Center** comprised of: 43 classrooms, 7 science labs, 4 maker spaces, environmental studies organic garden, blackbox theater, weight room, St. Louise de Marillac chapel, library, dining hall, and a 1,500-seat field turf stadium for soccer, football, lacrosse, and track. Architecture firm **Moody Nolan** and contractors **Bulley & Andrews** designed and executed the renovations to the campus.

The next phase of the campaign will focus on raising funds for more academic facilities, indoor athletic facilities, and endowment support for financial aid and scholarships for students, and professional development for faculty. In addition to campus improvements already completed, future proceeds will be used to construct a dynamic indoor athletic complex featuring practice and competition courts, wrestling and fitness facilities, locker rooms, indoor track, and other athletic, health and wellness amenities.

DePaul College Prep President Mary Dempsey, said: "In the early, quiet phase of the campaign, the DePaul Prep Board of Directors, individual families, corporate partners, DePaul University Trustees, the Vincentians, and friends responded with generous support for the *One Dream, All In* campaign for which we are deeply grateful. As we launch the public phase of the campaign, we ask our entire community of supporters to help us continue the exciting momentum we have enjoyed since our founding in 2014. The

successful conclusion of the *One Dream, All In* campaign will firmly establish DePaul Prep's role as an anchor and a community of faith and learning for Chicago families. We are committed to our mission of Vincentian Catholic education for young women and men of Chicago. Their academic accomplishments and good works of service make us proud to call them students and graduates of DePaul College Prep."

DePaul Prep is also proud to announce that **Wintrust Financial Corporation** is generously supporting the *One Dream, All In* campaign. The scoreboard at DePaul Prep's new 1,500-seat field turf stadium is now named *Wintrust Scoreboard* in recognition of their commitment.

"Wintrust proudly supports the One Dream, All In campaign for the future of DePaul College Prep," said Ed Wehmer, Founder and CEO, Wintrust Financial Corporation. "As Chicago's Bank,[®] we are deeply committed to improving the community and pleased to extend our partnership in educating Chicago's young people to think independently, pursue intellectual excellence, practice compassion and value everyone."

In September 2020, the school dedicated the **Mary A. Dempsey Academic Center** and celebrated the blessing of the new 17-acre campus with Cardinal Blase Cupich and Mayor Lori Lightfoot. The Academic Center, named for school president Mary A. Dempsey, will be the legacy of her significant leadership, financial contributions, and dedication to the advancement of DePaul College Prep and its students. Chair of the DePaul Prep Board of Directors, Joe Haugh said, "We were pleased to honor and recognize Mary Dempsey. Mary has provided extraordinary leadership and financial support to DePaul College Prep over the past eight years, and has helped us to realize our new campus, a permanent home for DePaul College Prep. We are grateful for her leadership, generosity, and commitment to DePaul College Prep and to the *One Dream, All In* capital campaign."

As a Catholic, Vincentian high school, DePaul College Prep's mission of education is guided by five Core Values: Faith, Respect, Excellence, Service, and Health. Now in its eighth year of operation, DePaul Prep operates in academic partnership with DePaul University and is sponsored by the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians). DePaul Prep's enrollment is 960 students, 99% of whom are Chicago residents from 56 different zip codes. DePaul Prep's student body is religiously, racially, socially, and economically diverse, reflecting the city it serves. Students have the opportunity to take college prep, AP, Honors and International Baccalaureate classes and to attend dual enrollment classes at DePaul University. One hundred percent (100%) of its graduates are accepted to four-year colleges and universities. DePaul Prep's vision is to create an educated, compassionate and just world, one student at a time.

For more information about *One Dream, All In: The Campaign for the Future of DePaul College Prep*, including naming opportunities, contact Amy Golden, Director of Institutional Advancement at agolden@depaulprep.org at 773-423-5010.

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