

A Heart of Generosity

Since 1979, generous individuals and foundations have made extraordinary, endowed gifts to Duchesne to ensure that many more young women have access to a Sacred Heart education and to support the professional development of Duchesne's faculty. Duchesne is what it is today thanks to the generosity and commitment of those who have given so much to our school community in years past. We stand on their shoulders as we look to the future, knowing that their legacy lives on in everything we do.

Scholarship Endowment Funds

Sister Laura Ann Caire Alumnae Scholarship Endowment

In 1995, the Alumnae Association honored longtime Duchesne leader Sister Ann Caire by naming their scholarship fund in her honor. Sister Caire has served the Duchesne community since the school was founded in 1960, first as the founding Head of School, and then as Head of the Middle School from 2001 until 2009. Sister Caire retired from Duchesne's administration but continues to faithfully serve the school in the Advancement Department until 2024. Although retired and living in California, Sister Caire continues to share her love of Christ and her enthusiasm for education and service with the entire community.

Sister Paula Toner Scholarship Fund

Sr. Paula Toner was Duchesne's 5th Headmistress from 1985 to 1996. During her leadership, Duchesne was admitted to the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest. Several years of Sister Toner's tenure as Headmistress were spent in litigation with the City of Houston's over their plan to acquire land from Duchesne to extend Chimney Rock Road. With prayer and perseverance on the part of Duchesne, Duchesne was awarded a fair judgment! After retiring from Duchesne, Sister Toner continued her Sacred Heart work by serving as the Provincial of the US Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart. This scholarship fund was established through the donations of many Duchesne families and alumnae to honor Sister Toner on the occasion of her retirement.

Sister Lucy Lamy Scholarship Fund

Sister Lucy Lamy spent much of her career serving as Mother Superior or Treasurer at Sacred Heart schools in St. Louis, New Orleans, Grand Coteau, and Duchesne in Houston. Her final 22 years were spent at Duchesne, and families and alumnae created this scholarship fund in her memory upon her death in 1997 at the age of 93. Sr. Lamy was

beloved by all who knew her, and her life continues to impact Sacred Heart alumnae all over the world.

Sister Jan Dunn Scholarship Endowment

Sr. Dunn has devoted her life to education and enriching the lives of students. She taught English and was later Dean of Students for 15 years at Duchesne, Grand Coteau, and New Orleans. She was also Headmistress at Duchesne Academy in Omaha for six years. Sister Dunn was Duchesne's 6th Headmistress, serving from 1996 until her retirement in 2012.

During her tenure, Sr. Dunn ushered in the 1:1 laptop program, led the successful Reaching Up, Branching Out Capital Campaign, and worked to instill the five goals of the Sacred Heart in the young women of Duchesne. "I want each girl to be a child of the Sacred Heart – to know what that means personally to her and to live that vision." This tuition assistance fund was established as a part of the Reaching Up, Branching Out Capital Campaign to honor Sister Dunn's faithful service.

Sister Sharon Karam Scholarship Endowment

This scholarship endowment fund was established in 2023 through the generosity of our alumnae community during the Alumnae Annual Days of Giving campaign. The scholarship will be used to support need-based tuition assistance for a student in the Upper School who, in the spirit of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, is committed to Social Awareness activities as outlined in Sacred Heart Goal III.

Goizueta Tuition Assistance Endowment

Established by the Goizueta Foundation in 2002, this fund provides needs-based support for Hispanic/Latina girls in grades 5 through 12, helping Duchesne to honor our commitment to student diversity.

Lexi Rinicella Scholarship Endowment

This fund was established in 2013 to honor the memory of Duchesne alumna Alexis Theresa Rinicella. A 2010 Duchesne graduate, Lexi was deeply loved and a leader in her class. While at Duchesne, she pursued a number of interests, including drama and athletics. Lexi's family and other generous donors honor her life and legacy by providing tuition assistance for Duchesne students.

The Joyce and Maurice Beshouri Scholarship Endowment

The Joyce and Maurice Beshouri Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 2021 by Sharon Beshouri and Kirk Geno in honor of Sharon's parents. Joyce and Maurice were married for 63 years, the foundation of which was their Catholic faith. They valued

education and were proud their two granddaughters graduated from Duchesne. This fund provides needs-based support for any student demonstrating financial need.

The Grabowski Family Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Grabowski Family Scholarship Endowment was established in 2021 by the family of Paul, Kathleen, Marissa, and McKenna Grabowski. This endowment fund will be used to support needs-based tuition assistance for a rising 6th, 7th, or 8th grade girl from a diverse background or unique circumstances. The student selected for this award will have the recommendation of a faculty member or a coach and demonstrate strong academic performance and campus involvement.

The Mary and Andy Quinn Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Mary and Andy Quinn Scholarship Endowment was established in 2021 by the Andrew M. Quinn Estate. Mary and Andy were Duchesne parents and later grandparents who valued their Catholic faith and Catholic education. Their daughter, Mary Quinn Royston, is a 1980 graduate of Duchesne. Her daughters, Mary Day (Class of 2015), Grace (Class of 2018), and Rose (Class of 2025) are all Duchesne graduates. This endowment fund provides tuition assistance for Upper School students who have matriculated from a Catholic school within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Barbara Inaba Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Barbara Inaba Scholarship Endowment Fund was established by Duchesne Academy families in 2023 upon Barbara's retirement from the school. This endowment fund provides tuition assistance to a student in the Lower School who, in the spirit of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, is creative, spirited, and unafraid to take risks.

The Mary Margaret McCarthy and Harry Edwin Davis Scholarship

Established in 1990 by Duchesne alumna Donna Lee Davis ('80), the Mary Margaret McCarthy and Harry Edwin Davis Scholarship was endowed to honor the memory of Ms. Davis' mother and brother, who were both gifted artists. This tuition assistance grant is awarded annually to a student who is artistically gifted to ensure that she has the opportunity to receive a Duchesne education.

Traditions Capital Campaign Tuition Assistance Endowment

Donors to the 1994 Affirming Our Tradition – Creating Our Future Capital and Endowment Campaign funded the construction of Duchesne's chapel and renovations to the White House. It also established a generous endowment for tuition assistance that continues to

provide support to many young women who might otherwise not be able to attend Duchesne.

Cullen Foundation Scholarship Endowment

The Cullen Foundation was established by Hugh Roy and Lillie Crantz Cullen in 1947. Today, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen's family continues their legacy of generosity by supporting schools and nonprofit organizations throughout the Houston area. In 1997, the Cullen Foundation made a generous donation to establish an endowed fund that provides tuition assistance for deserving Duchesne students.

Marian Fox Martel Scholarship

In 1998, the Marian and Speros Martel Foundation made a generous donation to Duchesne's tuition assistance endowment to honor the life and legacy of the late Marian Fox Martel and to provide "assistance to Duchesne in a way that may touch the lives of many young women for years to come." The Martels had no children of their own, but shared their love through their tremendous support of schools and educational programming throughout Houston.

Noryne Pereira Jacob Memorial Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 1978 by Joseph C. Hutcheson II, Mary Catherine Hutcheson, and the Ladies of the Sacred Heart in honor of Mrs. Hutcheson's mother. The generosity of the Hutcheson family is still felt at Duchesne today as the fund continues to provide tuition assistance for many Duchesne students. As former Headmistress Sister Mary Burns wrote many years ago, "I thank you in the name of those who are working at Duchesne presently and for those who will follow us and who will continue our work of spreading the love of Jesus Christ."

William Joseph Youtt Scholarship

This needs-based tuition assistance fund supports minority students at Duchesne. Established in 2002 by the family of William Joseph Youtt in honor of his parents, Barbara Wilson Youtt and William Francis Youtt, the family recognized Duchesne Academy for providing a superior education for young women and expressed a strong desire to ensure students of all ethnicities have the opportunity for a Catholic education.

Lawrence G. Lowman Memorial Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 1980 by the Lowman Family in memory of Lawrence Gilbert Lowman. Lawrence and his wife, Stel, were members of the St. Michael Catholic

Community and stalwart supporters of Catholic education, endowing scholarships at Duchesne and a number of other institutions.

Instructional Endowment Funds

Allison Atwater Memorial Scholarship Award

Allison Atwater Allen was a member of Duchesne's Class of 1971. She came to Duchesne her junior year and became a leader in her class, serving as class president her senior year. Allison went on to college and then to law school, and she practiced law for just over a year before she was diagnosed with cancer. Allison died in 1984 at the age of 31. Her family and friends have made generous donations to Duchesne in honor of her memory and to support a student in her junior year who excels in Government. This award is given at Prize Day.

Theodore J. Munchak Student Athletic Award

The Munchak Student Athletic Award was established in 1995 by Dr. Jonathan Dora in honor of his uncle, Theodore J. Munchak. Mr. Munchak believed that his participation in sports had a tremendous positive impact on his life. The Munchak award is presented annually to a student in solid academic standing who also excels in athletics. This award is given at the Athletics Banquet.

AON Merit Scholarship Award

The AON Merit Scholarship was endowed in 1994 by AON (now AON Hewitt) as part of the *Affirming our Tradition – Creating Our Future Capital and Endowment Campaign*. This fund provides a merit tuition award to a rising 8th grader who has a strong aptitude and excellent grades in math and science.

The Anna M. Moran Speaker's Endowment

This fund was established in 2001 by the W.T. and Louise S. Moran Foundation in memory of Anna M. Moran, who had a lifelong love of literature and learning. Proceeds from the fund provide financial support for various speakers and programs enjoyed by Duchesne students and faculty every year.

Faculty Development Funds

The Cahill Faculty Award

Established by May Cahill in 2021, this cash award is used to support the professional development of an Upper School Faculty Member. The faculty member, selected by their peers, demonstrates a strong commitment to the Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart education.

Bean Family Faculty Development

In 2009, the Bean family made a generous donation to the *Reaching Up, Branching Out Capital and Endowment Campaign* to provide continuing support for Duchesne's professional development program.

The Shanna and Andrew Linbeck Endowment

In 2010, Shanna and Andrew Linbeck established a fund as a part of the *Reaching Up, Branching Out Capital and Endowment Campaign* to endow a portion of the salary of a middle school science teacher. The fund was given in memory of Constance Baird Linbeck, who earned a degree in Biology from St. Mary's University in South Bend, Indiana. Mrs. Linbeck was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Community and a steadfast supporter of Duchesne and Catholic education.

Duchesne Faculty Enrichment Program

The 1994 *Affirming Our Tradition – Creating Our Future Capital and Endowment Campaign* raised significant funds to endow professional development and lifelong learning for Duchesne's faculty. Duchesne's faculty continue to benefit from the generosity of the many Duchesne families and friends who have supported this effort.