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MISSION STATEMENT

Cardinal Newman School is a Catholic middle and high school whose mission is to provide an academically rigorous Christian education to young men and women from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. We challenge our students to embrace truth, pursue academic excellence, act with integrity, lead courageously, work for justice, and engage in generous service. We are a community where every student is known, the dignity of all is appreciated, and apparent and potential gifts are developed in mind, body and spirit.

Cardinal LEADERSHIP

Dear Cardinal Newman Community,

Greetings to our alumni, supporters and friends. I hope that you are energized and enthused by the wonderful work by our students and their families, our faculty and our staff, reflected in the Fall Issue of Cardinal Matters. We are blessed to have such dedicated, hardworking students at Cardinal Newman School, being taught by committed professionals who teach with passion and model Catholic values within the classroom, in the gymnasium and performance theater, and on the athletic fields each and every day.



During this past year as President, I have very much enjoyed having the time and opportunity to meet more of our CNS Alumni, Alumni parents and the school's many friends and donors whose generosity of time, talent and treasure is at the heart of what makes Cardinal Newman School such a special community. With each introduction and each conversation, I discover ties between long-time friends, classmates, and families - ties that often cross two or more generations and that include current CNS students. These ties are the essence of being a part of a community - a community of avid learners, a community of faith and shared values, and, a community of shared experiences that only become more treasured over the years.

I want to share my gratitude for all of our partners who travel this journey of providing Catholic education to the Columbia community with us. You are our advocates, our collaborators and our partners in shaping the future of Cardinal Newman School. As we celebrate our 10th Anniversary of moving to the Alpine Road campus, I invite you to join us and make your mark on this exciting chapter of our school's evolution across many generations of CNS alumni.

With heartfelt appreciation for your passion and support of Cardinal Newman School,

Kelly Burke

President

Dear Cardinal Newman Community,

My first year as your Principal has been nothing short of amazing, and I am deeply grateful for all the support I've received from students, parents, faculty, and alumni alike. I am excited for the growth that lies ahead as we continue to build upon our strong academic programming, our enduring values of faith, and our commitment to service.



I take great pride in this community and remain humbled by the trust you place in me to lead. Together, we will embrace new opportunities that continue to strengthen the traditions that make Cardinal Newman such a special place for our students, families, and generations to come.

With gratitude,

Charles Assey

Principal

Dear Cardinal Newman Community,

It's amazing how much can change in just one year! When I began as chaplain at Cardinal Newman, I felt a little like a deer in headlights—but the CN family quickly made me feel at home. The warmth and patience I have received from the entire Cardinal community has made my first year incredibly enjoyable and memorable.



Now, after getting acclimated and with the blessing of serving alongside Fr. Khiet Pham, I feel more confident than ever in the direction Cardinal Newman is headed, both spiritually and otherwise. Fr. Pham brings a rich background in education and a deep love for Catholic schools, and together we're excited to expand prayer, scripture, and sacramental opportunities, strengthen our chapel, and support the virtues program across campus.

We're grateful to be part of this community and will continue to keep you in our prayers. Please keep us in yours, that we may be good shepherds leading always to Christ.

In His name,

Father Peter O'Steen

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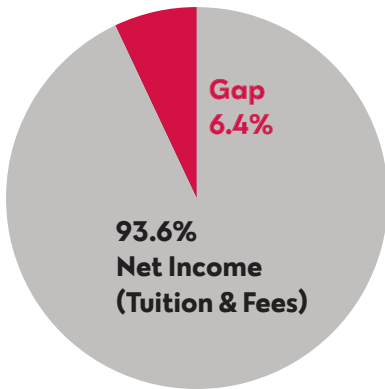
2024–2025 Stewardship Report

At Cardinal Newman, we are committed to being transparent with our community and demonstrating good stewardship with each gift. Our goal is to use every dollar wisely to strengthen our mission and provide the very best experience for our students – academically, spiritually, and personally.

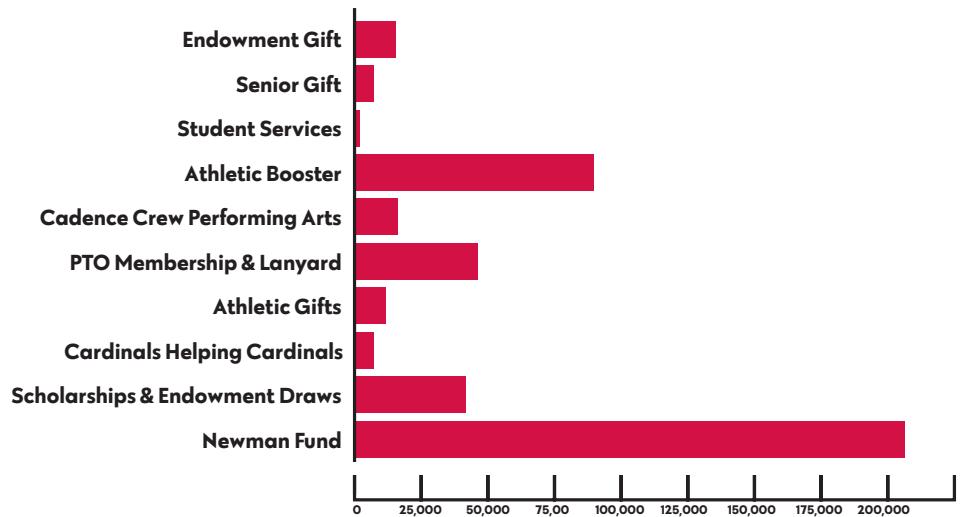
For the 2024–2025 school year, Cardinal Newman operated with net expenses of \$9,258,425 and net income (tuition and fees) of \$8,662,798, resulting in a gap of \$595,627 (6.4%). Thanks to the generosity of our community, donations through the Newman Fund and other targeted gifts helped bridge this difference. These figures represent last year’s final audited results.

Looking ahead, our projected operating budget is \$9 million, with tuition covering \$8.1 million, leaving a gap of \$900,000 — about 10% of our costs. While many gifts come through targeted programs like athletics or the arts, the Newman Fund is our only unrestricted source of support. These gifts allow us to meet immediate needs, invest in academic excellence, and keep tuition as accessible as possible for our families. By growing the Newman Fund, we ensure Cardinal Newman remains strong for today’s students and sustainable for the future.

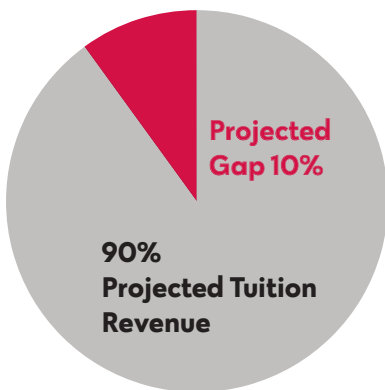
2024–2025 Audited Results



2024–2025 Gifts By Fund



2025–2026 Projected Budget



A generous gift from **Robert and Ann Leichtle**—parents of **Stephanie ('96)** and **Alan ('99)**, and grandparents of **Hailey ('00)**, **Taylor ('25)**, **Campbell ('30)**, and **Cully ('32)**—funded our new scoreboard, valued at \$280,000.



Annual Giving Recognition: 2024–25 Donors of \$500+

Thank you for your generosity!

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A Roadmap for the Future of Cardinal Newman School

A strong strategic plan is a roadmap—guiding a school from where it is today into the future with confidence and purpose.

When Bishop Lynch welcomed the Ursuline Sisters to Columbia in 1858 to open Valle Crucis School, they may not have had a formal strategic plan as we know it today. But they understood a timeless truth: change is inevitable. Guided by faith and determination, the Sisters and dedicated lay educators led the school through generations of change and evolution. Today, as Cardinal Newman School, we continue that legacy on our Alpine Road campus.

Change continues to be inevitable and rapid change has become the norm in the 21st century. It has become more important than ever that the leadership and governance board of Cardinal Newman School exercise well-informed, proactive decision-making, aided by an abundance of feedback and support from the school's vibrant and dedicated constituencies, to ensure the future of our treasured Cardinal Newman School.

Over the course of a year, school leadership, faculty and staff gathered historical data in eight key areas. This data, together with a detailed assessment, was distributed to Board members, faculty, staff, students, families, alumni, and friends. Several surveys were broadly distributed to CNS constituencies, feedback was analyzed, and priorities were refined through focus group sessions, interviews and a two-day workshop, followed by additional surveys and writing sessions.

The result is a comprehensive plan with clear goals, measurable objectives, and accountability for the next one to five years. It is ambitious, but like the Ursuline Sisters before us, we move forward with faith, collaboration, and conviction.

We could not have done this without the many dedicated members of our greater community who worked so tirelessly to shape this Plan. We are eternally grateful to them all and humbled by their generosity of time, dedication and vision. Like our founding Ursuline sisters, they have a strong passion for seeing Cardinal Newman School grow and thrive in Columbia. Most especially, we would like to thank our Strategic Planning Co-Chairs, Mr. Lee Xanthakos and Mrs. Jen Hydorn.

We look forward to seeing the Strategic Plan come to life and are invigorated by the work that has already started towards fulfilling our goals. We invite you to make this journey with us, into the joyous future of Cardinal Newman School.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Vision: Cardinal Newman School unapologetically promotes its commitment of bringing souls to Christ through the Catholic tradition of education, evangelization, and spiritual development, inspiring students to fall in love with Jesus Christ and live a lifelong commitment to His Gospel through servant leadership.

Objective: Explore ways to broaden the communication for existing Cardinal Newman Campus Ministry activities and introduce ideas to creatively involve parents more deeply in the faith life of their children to help bridge school and home, making faith a more integrated and shared journey.

Objective: Develop an engaging orientation program designed to enlighten all students and families about the values, expectations, and profound benefits of embracing a Catholic school education.

Objective: Explore alternative strategies to enhance hiring, onboarding, and training policies to encourage all faculty and staff in their vocation as ministers of the faith.

ACADEMICS/TECHNOLOGY

Vision: Cardinal Newman School sustains an academically rigorous, college preparatory curriculum that cultivates the hearts, minds, and talents of students for the sake of knowing Christ, preparing them to engage the world in which they live, and make an impact equipped with knowledge, Catholic values, integrity, and social teachings.

Objective: Review current credentialing requirements as they align with best practices to develop a plan that increases the expertise of faculty through ongoing differentiated professional development.

Objective: Research and implement a comprehensive STEM program that incorporates a unified system of devices and software, trains teachers, and meets student needs in preparation for post graduate studies. The program would explore ways to create and include both a uniformed academic and testing platform, and STEM electives.

Objective: Use data driven analysis of student outcomes to inform instructional decisions. Assess academic programs and curriculum on an ongoing basis to ensure the school provides a superior education for all students and levels of learning.

ADVANCEMENT

Vision: Cardinal Newman School will foster a resilient and financially sound school community that empowers its students to thrive. The school envisions a future where innovative stewardship, strategic partnerships, and a spirit of generosity ensure accessible, quality education grounded in faith. Through transparent financial practices and proactive fundraising efforts, Cardinal Newman School commits to building a stable foundation that nurtures its mission, enriches the lives of students, and strengthens the school community for generations to come.

Objective: Develop and implement a comprehensive advancement strategy that establishes a robust framework for sustainable growth and financial stability, including a long-term plan with defined measures and metrics for tracking progress, as well as standardized processes and protocols that adhere to best industry practices.

Objective: Evaluate and strengthen our alumni relationships and encourage their investment in the school's mission.

Objective: Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of current resources and projected needs to strengthen our capabilities in engaging the community, fostering donor relationships, and promoting the mission of the school.

ENROLLMENT

Vision: Cardinal Newman identifies, attracts, enrolls, and graduates students in a dynamic, inclusive community where students are inspired to reach their full, God-given potential across spiritual, academic, physical, artistic, and emotional dimensions. By cultivating this type of community, the school will achieve optimal enrollment and retention.

Objective: Develop and implement a comprehensive enrollment marketing strategy that addresses community misperceptions, strengthens relationships with partner schools, and effectively communicates the unique value proposition of Cardinal Newman School, ensuring greater awareness, trust, and engagement within the community.

Objective: Conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the recruitment, admissions, and acceptance processes to enhance their effectiveness in attracting qualified candidates, improving student retention, and clearly communicating the financial aid availability and process to enrolled and prospective families.

Objective: Establish a clear and unified plan for retention as a key aspect of enrollment management by educating all staff and stakeholders on best practices, defining roles and responsibilities, and fostering a school-wide culture that actively supports and contributes to student retention.

FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY

Vision: Cardinal Newman School maintains and further develops school facilities that amplify its educational mission, enhancing the current and future spiritual, academic, artistic, and athletic experiences of students and faculty.

Objective: Create a master plan addressing all buildings, athletic facilities, parking lots and technology infrastructure as well as identifying potential areas for expansion.

Objective: Assess the IS/IT needs of the school and build a sustainable model with appropriate staffing, resources, equipment, and support services to enhance overall educational experiences and operational efficiency of the school.

Objective: Develop a plan that addresses the short term and long range repair and replacement needs of the school to provide an operationally efficient, functional and welcoming environment.

FINANCE

Vision: Cardinal Newman School fulfills its stewardship responsibilities by seeking and practicing the highest standards of fiscal practices and oversight to ensure the ongoing viability and vitality of the school and meet the short- and long-term needs of the school's ever-changing demographic, economic, and social conditions.

Objective: Develop and communicate the budget planning process as it engages all relevant parties during all phases of preparation, building and final review.

Objective: Within the budget planning process, address the payment of the building debt and begin conversations with the Diocese of Charleston regarding the possibility of restructuring the debt to a more manageable monthly payment.

Objective: The Board of Advisors supports the establishment and growth of an endowment under Advancement efforts.

GOVERNANCE

Vision: Cardinal Newman School ensures that a cohesive, dedicated and well-informed structure is in place to reinforce the school's Mission and fully support its long term viability.

Objective: Initiate a sustainable, transparent, and formalized selection process through which the nominating committee can identify potential candidates who meet the needs of the Board and represent all stakeholders of Cardinal Newman School.

Objective: Define roles, responsibilities, and best practices of the board and develop an onboarding and continuing education process for new and existing members, as well as a midyear evaluation of board progress.

Objective: Conduct a thorough review of Board bylaws and committee charters to ensure that all membership criteria, processes, and protocols align with the Board's purpose, the mission of CNS, and best practices.

Objective: Clearly communicate to stakeholders the defined roles, responsibilities, and protocols for the President/Principal model, and ensure implementation of the model aligns with the Diocesan framework.

STUDENT LIFE

Vision: Cardinal Newman School seeks to nurture the unique gifts and talents of its diverse student body, focusing on the formation of the whole student in mind, body, and soul, rooted in the Catholic faith and Gospel values.

Objective: Create pathways for students to feel welcome, connected, and build community.

Objective: Assess and explore innovative ways to provide support for students' social, emotional, and mental health needs, and develop programs that address these specific needs.

Objective: Create a school atmosphere that includes initial and ongoing programming that welcomes a diverse body of new students and their families to CNS from the moment they are accepted and is sustained throughout their time at CNS.

VALEDICTORIAN

Nicole Boutros

Class of 2025



Valedictorian of the Class of 2025, **Nicole Boutros**, began her message with expressions of gratitude to the many members of the CNS Faculty and Staff who, “Helped shape our high school experience.” Nicole graciously added, “Your dedication has influenced not only our academics but our lives.”

Nicole added a special note of thanks to College Admissions Counselor, **Mrs. Mary Mann**, for her efforts guiding students through the college process, humorously recognizing **Dr. Stephanie Bailey**, Chairperson of the Science Department who had the unusual distinction of being her teacher for each of her science classes, along with **Dr. Lindsay McManus**, Chairperson of the English Department, who provided special support to her in her Advanced Placement English classes.

Lovingly, Nicole expressed her deep gratitude, “To my parents and family, I thank you for your endless support and sacrifices. I love you more than I can ever express.”

And to her classmates? Nicole thanked them for being extraordinary, acknowledging their giftedness through the unique lens of visual art. “For me, art has always been a way to express who we are when words aren’t enough,” explained Nicole, adding, “When I think about our class, I see a mural.”

Nicole envisioned each classmate as a tile in a mosaic - unique in shape, color, and story. As individuals, they seem unfinished, but together they create a masterpiece of shared laughter, resilience, victories, and experiences. Nicole stressed, “Like any mural, ours doesn’t stop at the edge of the wall. It stretches forward—beyond what we imagined four years ago. This isn’t the final piece of that mural; it’s the beginning of an even bigger picture.”

She encouraged her classmates to keep adding to that canvas, encouraging her classmates to, “Give your best effort, not someone else’s version of “best,” but your own. Be present. Be real. Caring isn’t a weakness; it’s a strength.”

Nicole finished her message to her classmates humorously quoting the motto, “The tassel was worth the hassle,” while reminding them that the best parts of their journey were still ahead, wisely stressing, “What we built together will last, but the mural isn’t finished.”

SALUTATORIAN

Precious Ochweri

Class of 2025



Salutatorian of the Class of 2025, **Precious Ochweri’s** message was truly a testament to Cardinal Newman School’s welcoming spirit and strong sense of community.

Transferring from another state, Precious explains, “Being told that I was moving to a new state, my first thought wasn’t excitement. It was fear. Fear of graduating with people I didn’t know, of missing senior nights with old friends, of never feeling like I belonged.”

“But I couldn’t have been more wrong.”

Welcomed warmly, Precious met her best friend on the first day of school. Her Bernadette House family embraced her right away, sharing school traditions, house games, and what it means to be a CN student. She quickly found herself swept into the school spirit — enjoying activities from Powderpuff games to late-night study sessions and countless vlog sessions in Alumni Hall.

A significant turning point for Precious was participating in a Mission Trip to Mexico. “That experience deepened my faith,” she explained. “I connected with upperclassmen and teachers in ways that stayed with me, and I realized something powerful: if I hadn’t moved to CNS, I never would have had this opportunity. What once felt like a disruption to my life became a blessing.”

Sports, theater productions, Kairos retreat, dances, and countless little moments in and out of the classroom made her feel truly at home as the years passed quickly.

Sharing a lesson that she will always carry with her, Precious thoughtfully advised, “Be present. Stop looking back, stop worrying about what’s next. Don’t let change or uncertainty hold you back from experiencing life as it’s happening. Be where your feet are. Laugh a little louder. Take the mental picture. Cherish the late nights, the chaos, the quiet moments, and the people around you. Because one day, you’ll look back and realize how magical it all really was. These moments are the ‘good old days’ that we will cherish forever.”

Precious expressed her sincere gratitude to her family and the faculty and staff of Cardinal Newman for their support, ending with words that truly reflect her deep faith and spiritual growth, “All Glory to God.”

To Precious, and all of our CN alumni, we want you to know that CN will always welcome you home.



Jalia Sept

Cardinal Newman Student Body President

Home, Sweet Homecoming: A Year of Spirit at Cardinal Newman

As Cardinal Newman School steps into the 2025–26 school year, Student Body President **Jalia Sept** is setting her sights on one goal that will touch every student, parent, and alum: building a stronger sense of school spirit across every grade level.

Jalia, together with the Student Leadership Team, has spent the summer gathering feedback from her peers to shape activities and themes designed to make student life more spirited, consistent, and fun throughout the year. From freshmen just beginning their Cardinal Newman journey to seniors preparing for graduation, the vision is clear—every student should feel connected to the school community.

At the heart of her plan is the House Program, which she believes plays a vital role in welcoming new students and younger grade students. By fostering loyalty and camaraderie early on, the House Program helps students find their place and pride within the Cardinal Newman family.

This year's lineup of events promises to bring students together

in exciting new ways. The highlight will be the Homecoming Dance, themed “Home, Sweet Homecoming: There’s No Place Like Home”, a celebration of community and tradition. Additional milestones include a Middle School formal dance and, of course, the Junior/Senior Prom—signature events that Jalia hopes will become lasting memories for all who attend.

Her leadership reflects her own deep involvement in the Newman experience. An athlete and active member of the Black Student Union, Spanish Club, and Student Government, Jalia has always embraced the diverse opportunities the school offers. Now, as president, she channels that same passion into ensuring every student feels the pride, joy, and unity of being part of Cardinal Newman School.

As the year unfolds, Jalia’s commitment to school spirit promises to bring together students, families, and alumni in a way that truly embodies the Cardinal Newman tradition.



Living Our Mission, Near and Far



Freshmen and Sophomores performed yard work, house painting, and other much needed community service projects in Jenkins, Kentucky where they stayed with the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's order.



Cardinal Newman students created memories to last a lifetime while building “Courts for Kids” in San Miguel, Panama.

Our very own Dr. Garane presented at the Congress of the International Council of Francophone Studies (CIÉF) this summer in South Africa.



CARDINAL NEWMAN ALUMNI HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024



ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024, the Cardinal Newman community gathered to celebrate the induction of the Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2024. The ceremony began with Mass and a prayer of thanksgiving, reminding us that the achievements of our alumni are not only a reflection of their talent and dedication, but also of God's providence and the foundation laid through their Catholic education.

The Alumni Hall of Fame was established to honor graduates of Ursuline High, Catholic High, and Cardinal Newman who have made significant contributions in their professions, communities, and service to the school. These honorees embody the values of Cardinal Newman and carry forward a tradition of excellence that spans more than 160 years of Catholic education in Columbia.

James Wilson '73

Founder of JE Wilson Advisor LLC, James established South Carolina's first fee-only financial planning firm. A national leader in his profession, he has been recognized as one of the country's top financial advisors and, with his wife Cathy, funds the Carolyn McLendon Excellence in Teaching Award at Cardinal Newman.

Cheryl Anderson '77

Director of Pharmacy Services for the SC Department of Health and Human Services, Cheryl has over 40 years of pharmacy experience, breaking barriers as the first female Chief Drug Inspector in South Carolina. She continues to shape healthcare policy and mentor the next generation of pharmacists.

Terri Rossi Boyle '81

Engineer and co-owner of AccuPad, Terri has also been a driving force behind Cardinal Newman's growth. She chaired key initiatives for the Capital Campaign that built the Alpine Road campus and helps sustain the Bobbi Rossi Memorial Scholarship.

Geralyn DeHihns Swygert '83

A beloved faculty and staff member for more than three decades, Geralyn has served Cardinal Newman in countless roles, from PE teacher and coach to Alumni Coordinator. Known for her humility and tireless service, she continues to be a cornerstone of the school community.

Peter Brown '83

President of Colite International and founder of Colite Technologies, Peter has grown his Columbia-based companies into international enterprises. In 2023, he was elected to Columbia City Council, where he serves as Chair of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee.

Monica Wyche '87

A professional actor in New York City, Monica's television credits include Law and Order: SVU and Five Days at Memorial. With a career spanning stage, film, and TV, she has become a powerful voice in the arts while also serving as an audiobook narrator, proud mother, and living kidney donor.

Ernest Haynes '91

President of Sonoco Metal Packaging, Ernest leads North America's largest aerosol can producer, driving revenues past \$1.7 billion. A leader at Sonoco for more than 25 years, he also serves on the Cardinal Newman Advisory Board and previously entered the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Katie Herbkersman

(John Henry Newman Society Award)

Katie has devoted her life to service through faith and family. She and her late husband Don established the Herbkersman Family Memorial Scholarship, which has awarded nearly \$80,000 to Cardinal Newman students. Her humble example continues to inspire generations.

The Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony is more than an opportunity to honor distinguished graduates; it is a reminder of the strength and importance of our alumni community. Since 1858, when the Ursuline Sisters opened the first Catholic school in Columbia, our alumni have been part of a legacy of faith and service that has shaped the Midlands.

As we celebrate this year's inductees, we also look ahead with hope to a future where Cardinal Newman alumni will play a vital role in building connections, supporting one another, and ensuring the continued growth of our school. May this Hall of Fame Class of 2024 inspire all of us to strengthen our ties to Cardinal Newman and to carry its mission into the world.



Save the Date! Alumni Calendar 2025–2026

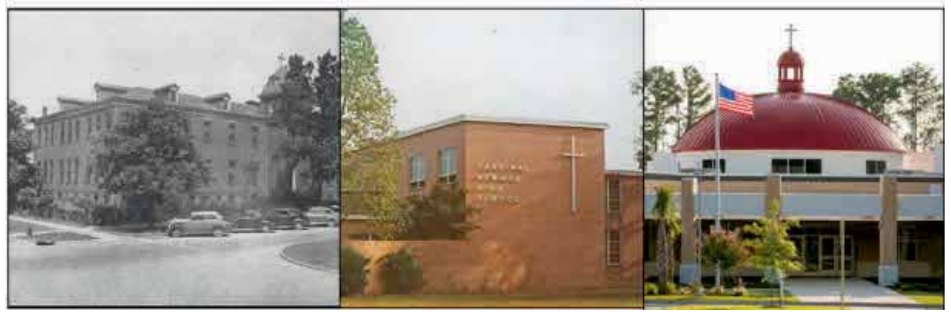
- Friday, October 10, 2025 @ 5–6:30 PM
Alumni Homecoming Reception (Cardinal Newman)
- Saturday, October 11, 2025 @ 10 AM–1 PM
Athletic Hall of Fame (Cardinal Newman)
- Saturday, October 11, 2025 @ 6:30–9:30 PM
Class of 1975 50th Reunion (Cardinal Newman)
- Sunday, October 12, 2025 @ 2 PM
Alumni Matinee (Cardinal Newman School)
- Monday, October 13, 2025 @ All Day
Ladies Breakfast & Annual Golf Tournament (Spring Valley)
cnhs.org/athletics/golf-tournament
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025 @ 6 PM
Alumni Association Meeting (Virtual)
- Friday, November 21, 2025
Class of 2005 20th Reunion (Savage Craft Brewery)
- Thursday, December 4, 2025 @ 6–9 PM
Alumni Christmas Party
(Savage Craft Brewery, Top Floor)
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026 @ 6 PM
Alumni Association Meeting (Virtual)
- Saturday, January 24, 2026
Class of 1985 40th Reunion (Cardinal Newman)
- Saturday, February 28, 2026
The Decades Gala (Spring Valley Country Club)
- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 @ 6 PM
Alumni Association Meeting (Virtual)
- April 2026 - **Alumni Happy Hour** (TBD)
- Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @ 6 PM
Alumni Association Meeting (Virtual)
- June 2026 - **Alumni Season Finale** (TBD)

For the most up-to-date event details, please visit cnhs.org/alumnievents

Coming Home to Cardinal Newman: A Legacy That Continues

This year we celebrate a very special milestone: ten years on our Alpine Road campus. While this campus has been our home for a decade, our story stretches much further. For more than 160 years, Catholic education in Columbia has been forming students in faith, knowledge, and service.

Our Alpine Road campus is more than just a building. It is the living heart of our tradition, our alumni story, and our shared legacy. Each graduate adds a new chapter to this story. Now, more than ever, we invite you to reconnect and help shape what comes next.



Capturing Our History

Last year, we launched a call to the Cardinal Newman community to share stories and preserve our history. If you missed that invitation, we extend it again today. With a new digital archive tool, we are safeguarding memories and milestones in ways that will last for generations. Soon, interactive touch screens will be installed in the main school building and athletic wing, making our shared history accessible to all who walk our halls.

A Strategic Future, Rooted in Tradition

Through our Strategic Plan, we have identified both challenges and opportunities that will shape the next generation of Cardinal Newman. One of the greatest challenges is the need to reconnect. Over the years, we've lost touch with many in our community, and our strength as an alumni family depends on how well we come together and respond.

We've also seen that many of our younger alumni are deeply committed to service. This is a wonderful gift, but it also calls us to think more intentionally about how we define and invite service. Service to the broader community is readily embraced, while service to the school is not always viewed in the same way.

The opportunity before us is for our alumni community to commit to reconnection and renewal—bringing fresh ideas for service, involvement, and engagement. By doing so, we not only strengthen our ties to one another but also ensure that Cardinal Newman's mission continues to flourish for generations to come.

Now Is the Time to Get Involved

Whether it's attending a reunion, joining the Alumni Association, or supporting today's students, your presence makes a difference. There are countless ways to contribute—through your involvement, your generosity, or by sharing your professional expertise.



Share Your History

Be part of our Decades Project by sharing your stories, memories, and photos. Your history helps us preserve Cardinal Newman's legacy for future generations.



AlumniFire

Join AlumniFire, our exclusive online network for alumni and parents of alumni. Connect, collaborate, and support one another through mentorship, career opportunities, and school connections.



Help Us Reconnect!

Not everyone is receiving school news and event invitations. Use this form to help us reconnect with classmates and alumni in your family.



Get Involved

Strengthen our alumni network by sharing your time, talents, and connections.

BY THE NUMBERS: The Class of 2025



The Class of 2025, with a total of **74 graduates**, earned **\$7.9 million in scholarships**, and **97%** qualified for State of South Carolina Academic Scholarships.

Students were accepted to a wide variety of colleges and universities — from close to home to as far away as the Czech Republic! Acceptances included **Catholic University, The Citadel, Furman, Hampton University, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Oxford College of Emory University, Savannah College of Art & Design, Sewanee, Spelman, UCLA, UNC Chapel Hill, University of Georgia, and Wake Forest**. Students also earned spots in several Honors Colleges, including **Clemson, College of Charleston, Erskine, George Mason University, North Carolina State University, University of Florida, University of Montana, University of South Carolina** and **Virginia State University**.

Nine 2025 Graduates Signed Letters of Intent to Continue their Athletic Career at the Collegiate Level

- **Alvin Murray III**—Newberry College (*Baseball*)
- **Lila Kaminski**—Virginia Wesleyan University (*Soccer*)
- **Jack Laird**—Marshall University (*Football*)
- **Fredrick Gillens**—Wake Forest University (*Football*)
- **Caleb Ford**—Murray State University (*Football*)
- **Tori Brandon**—Lander University (*Volleyball*)
- **Lillie Wells**—Newberry College (*Cheerleading*)
- **Adam Grassinger**—USC Sumter (*Golf*)
- **Christine Bresnahan**—Clemson University (*Sporting Clays*)



During the 2024-2025 school year, Cardinals won **nine State Titles**. (6 Individual, 3 Team)

- **Volleyball**
- **Boys' Soccer**
- **Wrestling**

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING:

Mr. Izzy Ayala

Each year, the **Carolyn McLendon Excellence in Teaching Award** honors one outstanding faculty member at Cardinal Newman who embodies the mission of the school and inspires both students and colleagues. Established by **Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson** in memory of beloved Cardinal Newman teacher Carolyn McLendon, the award provides a \$3,000 gift—half designated for classroom improvements and half as a personal award. Nominated by their peers, recipients must demonstrate at least two years of service at Cardinal Newman, excellence in teaching, a dedication to students, and a commitment to the values that define our community.

This year's honoree is **Mr. Israel Ayala**. Mr. Ayala, known as “Izzy” to his colleagues and “Coach Ayala” to students, exemplifies those qualities through his dedication in both the classroom and on the field. Born in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, Izzy spent his early years moving from military base to military base as the son of two teachers—his mother a kindergarten teacher and his father a high school biology teacher, who later served as an officer in the U.S.

Army. His childhood took him to Germany, Panama, Georgia, before finally settling in South Carolina, where Columbia became his home. After graduating from Richland Northeast High School, he served his country in the United States Marine Corps before building a successful career in the corporate world. Eventually, he felt the call to return to his roots in education, following in the footsteps of both his parents.

At Cardinal Newman, Izzy has found joy in both teaching and coaching. A lifelong soccer player, he first began coaching while teaching his own children to play the game and quickly discovered how naturally it complemented his role as a teacher. For him, the classroom and the field are spaces where he can encourage, challenge, and support students as they grow in knowledge, skill, and character.

His colleagues describe him as a **positive role model** who “embodies service to others, loyalty, and trustworthiness.” They note that “students know he cares about them and their education—even if that means tough love at times.” Others praise his consistency, his willingness to step in and help wherever needed, and his integration of faith into teaching: “He is a servant Catholic leader...a true advocate for Catholic education.”

Through his presence, his high standards, and his unwavering dedication, Izzy has earned the admiration of his peers and the respect of his students. It is with deep gratitude that the Cardinal Newman community recognizes him as the **2024 recipient of the Carolyn McLendon Excellence in Teaching Award**.



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My wife Cathy and I created the Carolyn McLendon Excellence in Teaching Award 24 years ago to provide some tangible recognition for exceptional teachers at Cardinal Newman. After all, teaching and formation are what Cardinal Newman is all about. This annual award is just one way I have chosen to give back to a place that tremendously impacted my life in a positive way. I am proud to be an alumnus of CN and firmly believe the best days for our school are just ahead!—Mr. James Wilson

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Honoring Mr. Frederick C. Perry, III and Mr. Patrick Kevin Greenwood

Cardinal Newman mourns the loss of two beloved educators whose lives and vocations shaped generations of Cardinals: **Mr. Frederick C. Perry, III** and **Mr. Patrick Kevin Greenwood**. Though they taught in different disciplines, they shared a singular call—to form young people in mind, heart, and character.



Mr. Frederick C. Perry, III (August 15, 1947 - September 21, 2024)

Mr. Perry brought the world into the classroom—specifically, the language and culture of France—and in doing so opened new horizons for his students. Known for his passion for French and his joy in sharing it, he invited generations of students to discover both the beauty of language and their own potential.

A native of Columbia, a USC graduate, and former small-business owner, Mr. Perry returned to the classroom mid-career and poured himself into teaching. He was present at countless athletic events, plays, and concerts, and even acted in French-language productions with the Alliance Française. Beyond Cardinal Newman, he served as a Minister of the Eucharist at St. Joseph Church for more than 35 years, and was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus and the

Cardinal Newman Football Chain Gang.

Even after retirement, Mr. Perry remained a familiar presence at Cardinal Newman, continuing to mentor and support students, families, and colleagues. His kindness, humor, and generosity of spirit touched everyone he met, and his influence will long be remembered.

Mr. Patrick Kevin Greenwood (December 21, 1953 - December 10, 2024)

Mr. Greenwood's life was woven tightly into the story of Cardinal Newman—from his own days as a student athlete to his decades on faculty. After overcoming a childhood illness and returning to the court as a standout basketball player, he carried the same determination and gratitude into teaching. A life-changing act of generosity from Cardinal Newman's Principal, Harold Bayerl, who supported his college and graduate education, inspired Mr. Greenwood to dedicate his life to education and to giving back.



Upon returning to his alma mater, Mr. Greenwood invested himself fully into his students' success. He coached with pride—most notably in Women's Basketball, but also in golf, softball, men's basketball, and even Driver's Ed—always finding new ways to serve. Former students remember his mentorship, the long conversations that extended well beyond the classroom, and his steady encouragement to pursue their dreams.

As a loving husband, and father of six, Mr. Greenwood was devoted to his family, never missing a game, recital, or performance. No matter how busy life got, he was always there, cheering his children on with unwavering love and support. His sudden passing in December 2024 left a deep void in our halls, and even more so in our hearts, but his example of presence, generosity, and faith lives on in all who were fortunate enough to know him.



Faith, Gratitude, and the Work That Remains

During their many years at Cardinal Newman, Mr. Perry and Mr. Greenwood helped thousands of young men and women learn well, live generously, and walk in faith. They did this not through grand gestures but through daily faithfulness—by showing up, listening, setting high expectations, and celebrating their students. Their influence lives on in classrooms and careers, in families and parishes, and in the lives of all who were blessed to know them.

We commend Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Perry to the mercy of God and give thanks for their witness among us. May we honor them best by carrying forward what they loved: faith that anchors, learning that lifts, and community that endures.



**PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
FOLLOWING THE MASS OF THE CROSS**

**The Bobbi Rossi Memorial Scholarship
Presented by Cathi Rider, CN '88**

The Bobbi Rossi Memorial Scholarship celebrates the life and legacy of Bobbi Rossi, whose optimism, enthusiasm, and commitment to others continue to inspire the Cardinal Newman community. Bobbi embodied a remarkable balance of character, heart, faith, and purpose — qualities she carried with vitality and integrity.

Her years at Cardinal Newman were among her happiest, as she poured her energy into student government, athletics, and a wide range of extracurricular activities. To honor her example, the scholarship is awarded each year to one or two rising seniors who not only share Bobbi's dedication and spirit, but who also have the ability to reach and touch the lives of others.

During their junior year, students are invited to nominate classmates who reflect these qualities. Nominees are then given the opportunity to apply, ensuring that the scholarship is rooted in peer recognition of those who best embody Bobbi's enduring light.

Awarded to: Ivy Thompson (\$5,000)



MAHONEY FAMILY - PRESENTED DURING THE VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

The Mahoney Family Scholarship

Presented by: Col. Mark Greenwood, USAF, Retired, CN '70

This endowment was first established as a tribute to Andrew Mahoney '93 and now also honors the memories of his parents, Christine and Donald Mahoney. Together, the Mahoneys embodied a deep commitment to Catholic education, Cardinal Newman, their Catholic faith, and to country through their service as a proud military family.

The Mahoney Family Scholarship is awarded to a child of a military family who participates in athletics and shows a strong aptitude for STEM. Once awarded, the scholarship can remain part of the student's financial aid package for every year they are enrolled at Cardinal Newman, continuing the Mahoney family's legacy of service, faith, and dedication.

Currently awarded to: Zachary Schroer (\$1,400)

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY - APRIL 2, 2025

The DeHihns Family Scholarship

Presented by Mrs. Mary Lu Dalton, CN '70 with Mrs. GERALYN Swygert CN '83 Present

This newly established scholarship honors the memory of sisters Margaret DeHihns Nauful '65 and Monica DeHihns Rook '73, who both passed away in 2023. Margaret and Monica shared a love of faith, family, friends, and learning. Even when faced with significant health challenges, they chose to meet them with courage and hope.

The sisters were part of a proud Cardinal Newman tradition, with five siblings graduating from the school. In their honor, the DeHihns Family Scholarship was first awarded in its inaugural year to a graduating senior. Going forward, it will be presented annually to an underclassman who plans to continue their education at a post-secondary institution, ensuring Margaret and Monica's enduring love of learning is carried forward.

Awarded to: Lila Kaminski (\$1,500)



The Parker DuBois Memorial Scholarship

Presented by: Kody Watson CN '13

Established in 2024, the Parker DuBois Memorial Scholarship is more than an award. It is a lasting tribute to the life of Parker DuBois, a cherished member of the Cardinal Newman Class of 2016.

The scholarship was created through the PD3 Foundation, which was formed in 2021 by Parker's family and friends to honor his memory and to promote positive mental health awareness. Through this mission, Parker's legacy continues to inspire hope, compassion, and resilience within the Cardinal Newman community and beyond.

Awarded to: Precious Ochweri (\$2,500)

The Ian Roof Memorial Scholarship and Coach's Award

Presented by: Cindy Todd Roof CN '71

To honor the legacy of Ian Roof, his parents, Gary and Cindy Todd Roof (CN '71), together with his sister, Stephanie Roof (CN '01), established the Ian Roof Memorial Scholarship. Each year, this scholarship provides an award to a student-athlete who demonstrates passion and leadership on the field or court, with a preference for basketball players at either the JV or Varsity level, male or female.

In addition, the Ian Roof Memorial Coach's Award provides an annual gift to a deserving assistant coach at Cardinal Newman, recognizing the dedication and mentorship that make such a lasting impact on student-athletes.

Awarded to: Katherine Wilkinson (\$1,000) Assistant Coach: Caleb-Scott Cohoon (\$500)



The Sohn Family Memorial Scholarship

Presented by: Will Sohn CN '66

The Sohn Family Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Paul and Peggy Sohn by their brother, Will Sohn. Each year, this special award is presented to a Cardinal Newman senior as a way of celebrating their legacy and continued connection to the school community. Mr. Sohn takes great joy in personally awarding this scholarship each year, seeing it as both a tribute to his family and a meaningful way to support the next generation of Cardinal Newman graduates.

Awarded to: Leif Austin and Matthew Andrews (\$1,000)

Awarded to: Cole Simmons (\$500)

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION MAY 19, 2025

The Herbkersman Family Memorial Scholarship

Presented by: James Courtney

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Cardinal Newman graduates Bern and Tom Herbkersman, along with their father, Don Herbkersman. For more than 30 years, the Herbkersman Family has generously funded this award, which is open to 8th grade students. Applicants are invited to submit either an essay or a video on the theme: "Joy in Life: How and Where to Find It."

Awarded to: Ryan Humber (\$2,000)



The Warren McCord Snoddy, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Presented by: Mrs. Amy Yoho with Dr. Snoddy Present

This endowed scholarship, established through a generous gift from Mr. Larry Bundschu in honor of Dr. Warren McCord Snoddy, Jr., the father of Dr. Snoddy and grandfather of Cardinal Newman alumni Mac and Madalyn Snoddy '14, supports deserving high school students in pursuing personal aspirations. Recipients may use the award to participate in specialized camps, workshops, summer intensives, or private training programs that foster growth and development in their chosen area of interest.

Awarded to: Ryan Humber, Taryn Hauburger, Sophie Xu, Jack Seezen and Cate Miles (In total \$2,500 awarded)

The Maxwell J. Lampl Memorial Scholarship

Presented by: Mr. George and Patricia Lampl

The Maxwell J. Lampl Memorial Scholarship was created in 2023 to honor the life of Max Lampl, who was part of the Cardinal Newman community from 2011 to 2014. Max's years at Cardinal Newman were highly influential in his formation as a young person. He thrived in the school's environment, where he grew in virtue and built lasting friendships.

Applicants for the scholarship are encouraged to be serious and intellectually curious students who are also active in Cardinal Newman athletics. Each applicant must also submit an essay identifying a virtue they intend to develop and practice during their time at Cardinal Newman, continuing the spirit of growth and purpose that Max so fully embraced.

Awarded to: Hannah Porres (\$2,000)





The Mary Evelyn Grindle Scholarship
Presented by: Mrs. Jacqueline Buzzetti

This scholarship was created by Richard W. Grindle and his daughter, Jackalyn G. Buzzetti, to honor Mr. Grindle's late wife and Jackie's mother, Mary Evelyn Grindle, and her commitment to support Catholic organizations. This scholarship provides support for a student from a practicing Catholic family with an emphasis on student involvement in the pro-life movement and a desire to pursue vocations or serve the church.

Awarded to: Monica Serrano (\$5,000)

The Wilson Boys/Graves Scholarship
Presented by: Mr. Will Eudy

Endowed in 2022, Jeremy and Maura Wilson established the Wilson Boys/Graves Scholarship, as a way to recognize the impact their time at Cardinal Newman had on their entire family, as well as the influential role Coach Graves played in their son's lives and the love they all shared for soccer. The Wilson Boys/Graves Scholarship is awarded annually to a male or female soccer player, who excels on the field and the classroom.

Awarded to: Jacob and Luke Stanek (\$1,000)



The Cardinal Club Scholar Athlete Awards
Presented by: Mr. Will Eudy

Each year, the Cardinal Club presents up to three Scholar Athlete Awards to students who exemplify the qualities of a true student-athlete. To be eligible, students must meet the established criteria and submit an essay on the topic, "What is most important to you about wearing the Cardinal Newman uniform?"

This past year, two deserving students were selected for the honor, carrying forward the tradition of celebrating excellence both in the classroom and in athletics.

Awarded to: Dylan Williams (\$1,000) and Jalia Sept (\$1,000)

The Musician's Scholarship
Presented by: Ms. Katie Gatch

The Cardinal Cadence Crew scholarship is presented to Cardinal Newman student musicians who meet the established criteria to apply for the award and submit an essay on the prompt: Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your musical development.

Awarded to: Izzy White (\$1,000) and Sophie Phillipy (\$1,000)



The Spirit of Cardinal Newman
Presented by: Mr. Charles Assey

Our PTO funds the Spirit of Cardinal Newman Award. Current Cardinal Newman students apply by composing an essay reflecting on an assigned grade-level quotation from St. John Henry Newman. In their essay, students share how their assigned quote related to them personally and to our school motto and virtues.

Awarded to: Jaxon Holub, Emely Carrillo, Murray Swindler, Claire Kaminski and Madeline Thoma (\$1,200 each)



Introducing the Cardinal's Legacy Circle



Planned giving is a powerful way to support Cardinal Newman School. By including the school in your estate plans, you join a lasting tradition of faith, generosity, and stewardship that ensures the gift of Catholic education continues to shape generations to come.

To honor these visionary commitments, Cardinal Newman is proud to announce the creation of the **Cardinal's Legacy Circle**. This new giving society recognizes alumni, parents, and friends who have made a planned gift through a will, trust, retirement plan, or other estate intention. Their generosity provides a strong foundation for the future and secures the mission of Cardinal Newman for years ahead.

If you have already included Cardinal Newman in your planned giving, please let us know so we can welcome you into the Cardinal's Legacy Circle. If you have not yet considered this type of gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a legacy gift that will touch the lives of future students. For more information, or to share your intentions, please contact **Mrs. Amy Yoho in the Advancement Office** at **ayoho@cnhs.org**

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The Importance of Supporting the Newman Fund

At Cardinal Newman, we are blessed with a rich tradition of academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community. Each year, we count on the generosity of alumni, parents, parents of alumni, grandparents, faculty, staff, and friends to carry this mission forward.

One of the most impactful ways to give is through the Newman Fund—our annual, unrestricted giving program.

What is the Newman Fund?

The Newman Fund is the cornerstone of charitable giving at Cardinal Newman. While tuition revenue is essential, it does not cover the full cost of operating our school.

- Annual Operating Budget: \$9 million
- Tuition Revenue: \$8.1 million
- This Year's Gap: Nearly \$900,000

Your gift helps bridge this gap every year by supporting:

- Small class sizes & academic excellence
- Faith formation & campus ministry
- Athletics, arts, & extracurricular opportunities
- Faculty support & professional development
- Safe, welcoming, and well-maintained facilities

Because it is unrestricted, the Newman Fund ensures resources go where they are most needed each year.

We Need All Constituency Groups to Participate

Every gift—no matter the size—makes a difference. Our 10-year plan calls on parents, alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents, faculty, and staff to steadily grow support of the Newman Fund so that together we can cover the annual gap. But we don't have to wait 10 years. With new supporters and broader participation today, we can accelerate this plan, close the gap faster, and strengthen the future of Cardinal Newman for generations to come.

Your involvement is not just appreciated—it is essential.

How to Give

Supporting the Newman Fund is easy and tax-deductible:

- Give online at cnhs.org/newmanfund
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