



SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL



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St. Francis High School Launches \$20.5 Million Capital Campaign with Record-Breaking Gifts

St. Francis High School launched its *Celebrating the Past, Securing the Future* campaign with a goal of \$20.5 million to enhance facilities, expand programs, and grow its endowment. The school has already raised \$15.3 million, highlighted by historic lead gifts totaling \$11 million. We are thrilled to announce the generosity of alumnus John Mastrantoni '76, whose \$5M gift served as the catalyst for the campaign, and Bill and Nancy Gacioch's \$6M gift, which funds the newly named *William and Nancy Gacioch Business Academy* and will support additional campaign initiatives. These transformative gifts represent the largest gifts in the nearly 100-year history of St. Francis High School and position the school well for the next century.

Fr. Matthew J. Foley, OFM Conv., President of St. Francis High School, formally announced the campaign during a reception at Wanakah Country Club on Thursday, October 30, 2025.

“St. Francis High School has always been a place where young men grow academically, spiritually, and personally,” said Fr. Foley. “Thanks to the generosity of John Mastrantoni, Bill and Nancy Gacioch, and our broader community, we are building facilities and resources that will allow future generations to thrive as confident, well-rounded individuals grounded in our Franciscan values of humility, respect, fraternity, and excellence.”

The campaign has already begun transforming the campus:

- **Student Dining Room:** Renovated and modernized thanks to Russell J. Salvatore, creating a welcoming space for meals and camaraderie.
- **Performing Arts Wing:** Nearing completion, providing dedicated spaces for choral and instrumental programs.
- **Fitness & Wellness Center:** Under construction in the former activity center, featuring an athletic training room and state-of-the-art strength and cardio equipment, slated for completion by year's end.

Additional priorities include classroom renovations, gym updates, and the creation of a STEAM facility and student center. Growing the school's endowment for scholarships and tuition assistance remains a central focus.

The campaign reflects the community's commitment to ensuring St. Francis High School continues to provide an exceptional education rooted in Franciscan values for generations to come.