THE 2025 WANSBORO AWARD RECIPIENT

In 1972, the Wansboro Award was initiated by the Alumnae Association and named in honor of Sr. Katherine Wansboro, who was the first head of school of this House Built on Confidence. It is presented annually to a member of the Sacred Heart family whose life has given evidence of their confidence in the Heart of Jesus.

We are so happy to have a number of previous recipients of this award celebrating with us today. If you have been honored with the Wansboro Award in the past, please stand so that we can recognize and thank you.

"One of my main goals is to live out my life like Mother Wansboro and the recipients of her prestigious award!" If you are fortunate to know Muffie well, you have heard her mention this award a time or two and how impressed she is with its beauty and honor.

Though not an alumna, Muffie's deep connection to Sacred Heart is undeniable. This award is an exquisite recognition of her extraordinary and unwavering dedication to the school community. Her sisters and sister-in-law (Elizabeth "Bitsy" Jennings Govern '72, Judith "Judy" Jennings Inglese '73 & Jody Hamill Jennings '73) attended Sacred Heart, and from a young age, Muffie dreamed of one day having a baby girl of her own to send to this elite institution. That dream became a reality, and her daughter, Bess, graduated in the class of 2010 and is the current president of the Alumnae Board.

Muffie's dedication to Sacred Heart extends beyond her family connections. She has worked in the early and aftercare programs, becoming a beloved figure among students and families. She took it upon herself to found the school's first Varsity & Junior Varsity golf teams and has coached athletes at every level, from the Upper School to the Middle and Lower Schools. Her incredible organizational skills were also on display as she meticulously planned and booked countless Project Term trips, ensuring each experience was enriching and transformative for every student in the upper school.

But perhaps most importantly, Muffie lives out the five Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart in everything she does. She consistently exemplifies a commitment to a personal and active faith in God, a deep respect for intellectual values, a concern for social justice, a dedication to building community, and a personal growth toward a life of service. Her actions and values align with the mission set forth by Mother Wansboro, and she strives every day to live out her life as she did—selflessly, with compassion, and in service to others. This has been shown through the countless ways she has offered her time, money & expertise within every facet of this institution. Every breath, thought and action that Muffie makes is with intention, purpose and most importantly, for everyone around her. She lives to see everyone around her smile.

Muffie's motto has always been to "never give up" and by winning this award, it just reiterates this simple yet powerful statement! Muffie, humble as she is, will be pinching herself for a long time having won this award. She has worked her entire life to do good for others and especially for her family and Sacred Heart family - Muffie is oh so deserving to be among the greats who have come before her with this award. Let us all share our warmest congratulations to Muffie Jennings Quick, the 2025 Mother Wansboro Award Recipient!