2024-25 Annual Report

Tri-Cities Prep

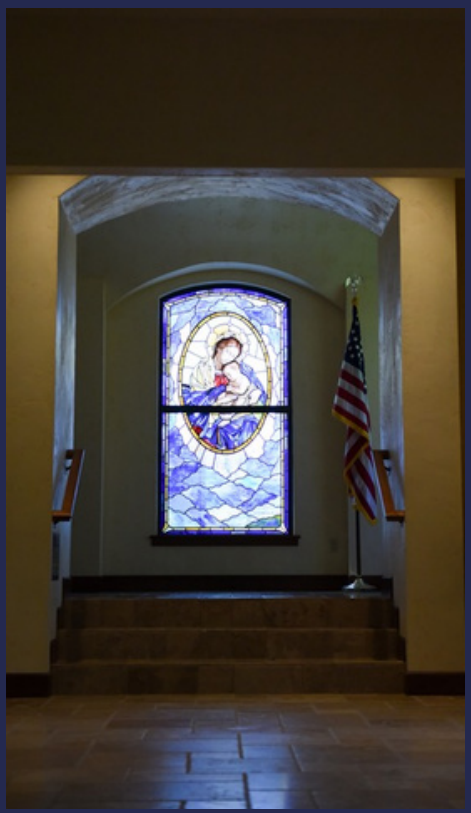
A Catholic High School

Mission

Tri-Cities Prep, a Catholic High School, is dedicated to providing the highest quality academic instruction in a faith-centered environment. While preparing students for higher education, we strive to form Christian leaders spiritually, intellectually, physically and culturally.

A high moral standard within the Judeo-Christian tradition provides the cornerstone for assisting our students in making sound decisions for a full and successful life.

Guided by the Gospel values of peace, love, and justice, students are challenged to critically seek the truth and dedicate themselves to improve the community and serve others.



Message from the President

Dear friends of Tri-Cities Prep,

This is my final letter for the Annual Report. Traditionally, this letter reflects on the past year accomplishments, but I hope you will allow me to take a moment to reflect on my entire time here at Tri-Cities Prep.

I am deeply grateful for the many students and families I have met throughout my years at Prep. It has been a joy and an honor to be part of this community. I will dearly miss welcoming new students and families each year. My focus has always been to make Prep a place where students could flourish—academically, in their faith, and through the many activities that shape their high school experience.

I have also been blessed to work alongside an extraordinary group of teachers and staff, each of whom has given their best for our students. Together, we have shared countless conversations about how to make the Prep experience even better—always learning, growing, and adapting to serve our students well.

And, of course, I am profoundly thankful for you—our loyal and generous supporters. Through your dedication, you have helped us remain steadfast in our mission: to provide a college-prep academics in a faith-centered environment.

I am truly excited for the future of Tri-Cities Prep. Under the leadership of our new President, Scott McNamee, I am confident the school will continue to fulfill its mission. A year from now, I have no doubt Scott will be celebrating the remarkable accomplishments of our students.

Thank you for your continued support of a school that makes a lasting difference in so many lives—a school that believes we can and should always strive for better—a school that works to shape young men and women we can all be proud to call Prep students.

And finally, a heartfelt thank you for the incredible support you have shown me personally during my time here. I am truly humbled when I think about it, and I will carry those memories with me always.

With sincere gratitude,

Lisa Jacobs

Lisa Jacobs, President 2015-2025

Dear Tri-Cities Prep Community,

As I reflect on my short time at Tri-Cities Prep, I'm reminded of why I accepted this role: community. From the start—through the interview process and my early conversations with students, faculty, board members, and partners—it was clear that TC Prep is a special place. Every day, I witness the pride and unique bond among our students, evident in how they support and uplift one another through words and actions.

Our dedicated faculty and staff are exceptional role models, guiding students in both academic and personal growth. I'm also inspired by the strong collaboration between our school and families. Together with community partners, they create a high school experience that truly prepares students for life beyond graduation. I want to offer special thanks to Lisa Jacobs for her years of leadership; her love for this community and example of servant leadership continue to inspire us all.

Finally, I extend heartfelt gratitude to our families, alumni, and community partners for their ongoing support and investment in Tri-Cities Prep. Your contributions make a meaningful difference every day. Together, we are building something extraordinary—a community defined by care, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the future of our students.

In His Name,

Scott McNamee

Scott McNamee, President

Reflection from the Board Chair

Tri-Cities Prep started the 2024/2025 academic year with its annual JagFest, a cherished community event that brings together students, families, and staff. This tradition offers the Board a chance to express gratitude and appreciation to both new and returning families, reinforcing the strong sense of community that defines Tri-Cities Prep.

This year marked a significant step forward in academic opportunities with the introduction of a partnership with Central Washington University. Through the College in the High School program, Tri-Cities Prep students now have the chance to earn college credits in select courses, preparing them for future academic success and broadening their educational horizons.

Additionally, the school's ministry program continued to grow, thanks to a generous private grant. This expansion ensures that Tri-Cities Prep maintains its commitment to high-quality academics within a faith-based environment, nurturing both the minds and faith of its students.

The 2024/2025 academic year saw Tri-Cities Prep reach its highest enrollment ever of 231 students, a clear testament to the dedication and hard work of the school's staff, teachers, and administration. Their daily efforts have established Tri-Cities Prep as a leading high school and private school in the Tri-Cities region.

Campus development also continued at a remarkable pace. Six new classrooms, funded entirely by generous donations from the Tri-Cities Prep community, were completed this year. These classrooms now house the entire student body under one roof, enhancing safety and security.

This year marked a bittersweet milestone for Tri-Cities Prep as we bid farewell to our treasured President, Lisa Jacobs, who retired at the end of the school year. Lisa's presence and spirit have left an indelible mark on the school, setting it on a path for continued success. In her honor, an exhaustive search was conducted for her successor, culminating in the hiring of Scott McNamee from Marian University in Indianapolis. The Board is enthusiastic about the future under Scott's leadership and looks forward to building on the strong foundation established by Lisa and previous presidents.

As the outgoing Chair of the Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 school year, I am honored and humbled to have served Tri-Cities Prep during this period of growth and transformation. Working alongside dedicated staff, teachers, families, donors, and the extended community has been a privilege. Our collective success would not be possible without your unwavering support. Thank you for all that you do for Tri-Cities Prep.

As we prepare for the next academic year, I am pleased to welcome Kevin Linn as the incoming Chair of the Board of Directors for 2025-2026. With Kevin's leadership, we will continue to build a bright and promising future for our students. May God bless our school, staff, teachers, and students as we embark on another year of excellence.

Jason Sweesy

Jason Sweesy, 2024-25 Board Chair

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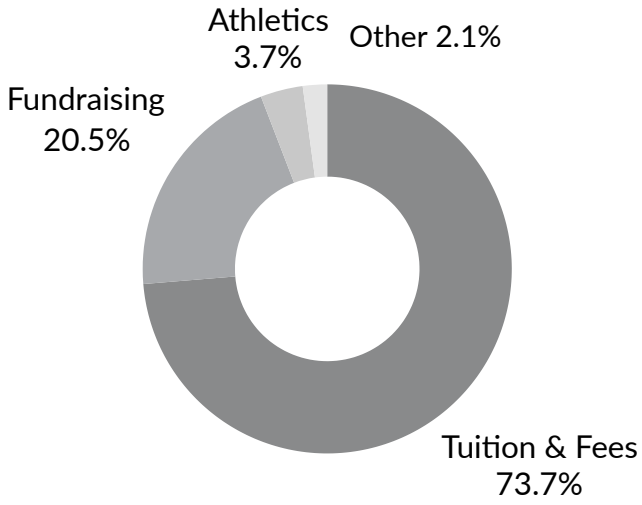
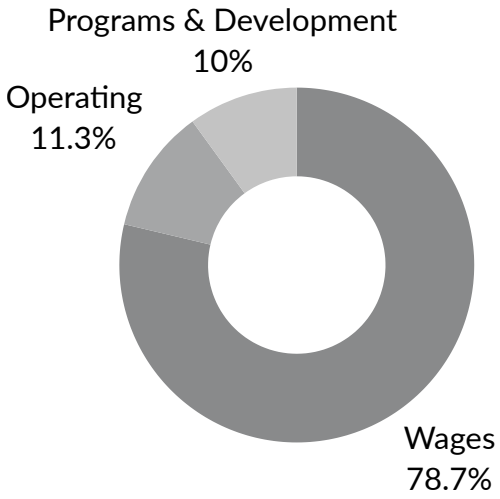
Financial Summary

"It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." - 1 Cor 4:2

Operating Revenue $2,678,215



Operating Expenses $2,557,215



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Students enrolled in 2024-25

$897,387

in tuition assistance offered to TCP students

45%

of students received tuition assistance

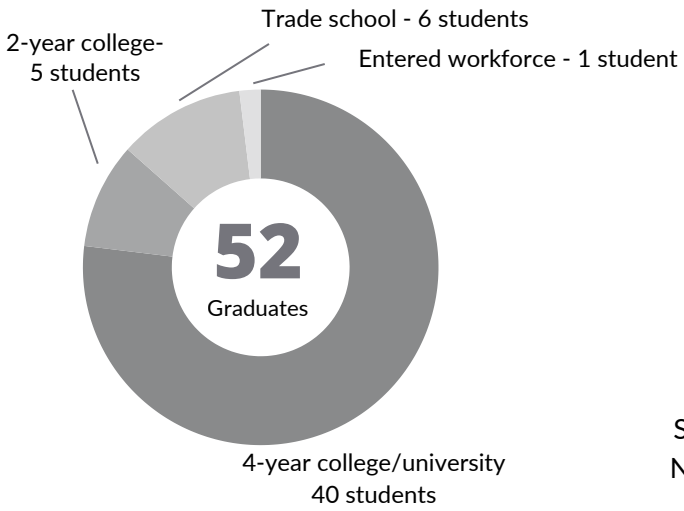
Tri-Cities PREP

Academics

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; wisdom and instruction fools despise." - Prv 1:7

Our goal in the classroom is to help students understand both the world in which they live and the responsibility they have as young Christian men and women of action in that world. Over 98% of Tri-Cities Prep graduates go on to further their education at colleges, universities, and trade schools throughout the country. While at Prep, students are guided by a highly experienced faculty and staff who support them on an academic journey that includes opportunities to earn college credit.

What's next?



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Students inducted into National Honor Society

College in the High School

Tri-Cities Prep students have the opportunity to earn college credit through our College in the High School (CiHS) partnership with Central Washington University. This program allows students to receive college credit for the advanced courses they are already taking as part of our curriculum—enabling them to maintain the full high school experience while getting a head start on their college education.

Courses available for college credit during 2024-25 school year:

- Honors Algebra II (CWU Math 152) - 26 students received dual credit
- Honors Psychology (CWU Psychology 101) - 16 students received dual credit

In 2025-26, in addition to the courses above, we are offering:

- Honors Pre-Calculus (CWU Math 153 & 154)
- Financial Literacy (CWU Finance 174)

Class of 2025 College Acceptances

attending in bold

Baylor University
Boise State University
California Polytechnic University
Carroll College
Central Washington University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia Basin College
DePaul University
Eastern Washington University
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Loyola University
Montana State University
Oregon State University
Pacific Lutheran University
Pepperdine
Reed College
Santa Clara University
Seattle University
Seattle University of Puget Sound
Seattle Pacific University
South Dakota School of Mines
St. Martin's University
Texas Christian University
University of California - Irvine
University of California - San Diego
University of Colorado - Boulder
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University of Montana
University of Oregon
University of Portland
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University of Utah
University of Washington
Walla Walla Community College
Walla Walla University
Washington State University
WSU Tri-Cities
Western Oregon University
Western Washington University
Westmount
Whitman College
Whitworth University
Xavier University

Over $12 million in college scholarships was offered to the Class of 2025

Campus Ministry

"He said to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" -Mt 4:19

During the last academic year, Campus Ministry invited students to reflect on a profound question: **"Who are you following?"**

We are all following something or someone—whether it's the latest trends, social media influencers, or the pursuit of comfort and success. But as we follow, we inevitably begin to imitate. Like toddlers mirroring their parents or teens modeling their idols, we become like who or what we follow.

This makes the decision of whom to follow the most important choice of our lives. Campus Ministry guides our students on making these choices through weekly Masses, retreats, Pro Vita Week, and other faith-centered activities which are part of daily life at Prep. The annual theme offers focus and discernment within all our Campus Ministry activities.

This theme invited students to consider Jesus' timeless invitation:

"come, follow me"

Student Life

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Mt 5:16

Service

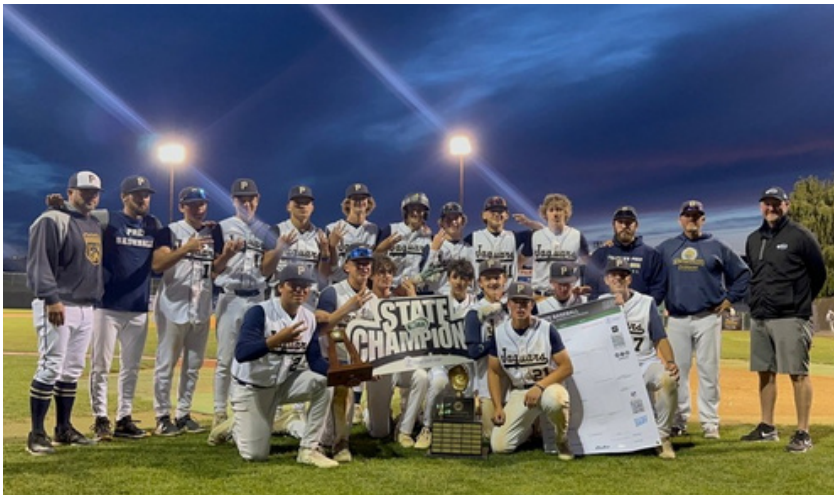
One of the most important aspects of the educational experience at Tri-Cities Prep is our focus on community service. By the time a student graduates, they will have completed at least 140 hours of service, culminating in a senior project focused on serving marginalized individuals in society. The Class of 2025 graduated with over **7,000 hours** of service to the Tri-Cities community over their four years of high school.

Clubs & Activities

At Tri-Cities Prep, students have endless opportunities to explore their passions through a variety of clubs and activities. From Math Club—who brought home top honors at the Washington Student Mathematics Council competition—to Chess Club, Science Olympiad, Red Cross Club, Recycling Club, and more, our students dive into learning, leadership, and service beyond the classroom. Prep clubs foster curiosity, collaboration, and community—hallmarks of the Jaguar spirit!

Athletics

Tri-Cities Prep proudly offers eight competitive athletic programs, providing students with opportunities to grow and excel on and off the field. As a member of the WIAA 2B classification and the EWAC conference, Prep teams continue to make their mark. This past year, the Jaguars celebrated multiple postseason appearances—including a third consecutive State Championship title for our baseball team (right).



Fundraising Events

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." -1 Thess 5:16-18

Annual Auction

On March 22, 2025, Tri-Cities Prep hosted its annual auction, themed "Let the Good Times Roll" in true 1950s style. Over 300 guests came together to celebrate and support our school, raising an impressive net total of $265,000. Proceeds benefit essential school operations and tuition assistance, helping ensure continued excellence in education for all who want to attend Prep. The evening was both a tremendous success and a joyful celebration of the Tri-Cities Prep community.

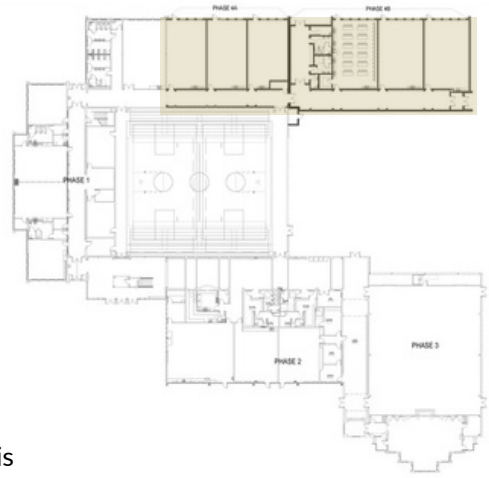
Ray Whitlow
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual golf outing honoring the late Ray Whitlow was a great success! Twenty teams of golfers and several generous sponsors made the event possible, including our title sponsors, UBS Schade-Fielder Group and Chieko Whitlow. Zintel Creek Golf Course once again provided the perfect setting, and with the help of several of our Jaguar student-athletes, guests enjoyed a wonderful day of golf, camaraderie, and community spirit—all in support of Jaguar Athletics.

Building a Legacy

"Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed." -Prv 16:3

On June 3, 2024, Tri-Cities Prep broke ground on Phase IV of the campus, a building expansion adding six new classrooms and additional bathrooms to accommodate our full enrollment. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, three classrooms were completed in December 2024, allowing us to move two classes out of portables and relocate our "makeshift" classroom from the multi-purpose room. By April 2025, all new classrooms were occupied and will be fully utilized in the 2025–26 school year. In total, more than $3.4 million in private funds was raised, exceeding our goal and making it possible for every student to learn within the main school building—fostering a more connected, secure, and inspiring environment for our Prep community.



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Community Partners

"The generous will be prosperous, and those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." - Prv 11:25

We extend a very special thank you to the friends and businesses who collaborate with us. Our community partners wholeheartedly embrace the school's mission by supporting our events and fundraising efforts. Their loyalty plays a pivotal role in shaping a sustainable future for our school.

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Voted Tri-Cities **"Best Private School"** 4 years in a row!

Tri-Cities Prep Foundation

"Wealth quickly gotten dwindles away, but amassed little by little, it grows." Prv 13:11

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The Tri-Cities Prep Foundation was established with the primary goal of furthering Tri-Cities Prep High School's mission. Even though it operates independently, the Foundation is closely associated with the school and is exclusively dedicated to raising and overseeing an endowment fund, the income from which is distributed to Prep at the end of each fiscal year.

Tri-Cities Prep Foundation Portfolio *Value as of 06/30/2025*

Fund	Value	Performance Returns (6/30/24 to 6/30/25)
Luke Roach Scholarship Fund	$220,516.70	13.15%
Ray and Betsy Baalman Scholarship Fund	$192,331.59	13.69%
Monsignor Dillon Legacy Fund	$128,186.61	14.10%
Ray Whitlow Memorial Scholarship Fund	$94,517.87	12.49%
Patricia Wilson Memorial Fund	$61,853.48	12.51%
Rosie & Carmen Armijo Scholarship Fund	$49,935.67	12.84%
Apley Family Scholarship Fund	$40,333.76	12.76%
BJ Hoover Scholarship Fund*	$24,942.95	-0.23%
Total Portfolio Value	**$812,618.62**	**12.89%**

*The BJ Hoover Fund was created on 4/8/25 with investments made after that date.

Named scholarship funds are established with a $30,000 cumulative contribution. Contributions in any amount to the Foundation will be temporarily added to the Msgr. Dillon Legacy Fund. Once $30,000 is collected from an individual or a family, a new named scholarship will be established.

To contribute to the Foundation contact 2025-26 President Pat Roach , proach@roachlaw.com, 509-539-3094

Benefactors 2024-25

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:7

Like most Catholic schools, Tri-Cities Prep depends on tuition proceeds and the generosity of donors to cover the costs to educate our students. We offer a sliding scale tuition model, and no student is turned away based on their inability to pay full tuition. We also rely on donations for capital projects to maintain and expand our growing school. Thank you to our many benefactors in our community and beyond who help us fulfill our mission!

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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."- 1Pt. 4:10

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Profile of the Graduate at Graduation

We, the community of Tri-Cities Prep, have great hopes for the young women and men who graduate from our school. St. Ignatius of Loyola challenged us to instill in students the desire to lead and to serve others for the greater glory of God. We humbly take up that challenge. Inspired by the four hundred year old Ignatian tradition, we strive to prepare young people to be men and women for others. The document that follows is our guide. It helps us clarify our purpose and direct our actions. *For a more in-depth profile, see the "Grad At Grad" page at tcprep.org.*

Open to Growth

Tri-Cities Prep students at the time of graduation have matured emotionally, intellectually, physically, socially, and religiously to a level that reflects an intentional responsibility for their own growth. In the tradition of Ignatian high schools, the graduate is at least beginning to stretch the mind, imagination, feelings, and religious consciousness.

Religious

By graduation the Tri-Cities Prep student will have a basic knowledge of the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church and their development. The graduate will also have examined personal religious feelings and beliefs in order to establish a relationship with God and a religious tradition and/or community.

Committed to Justice

The Tri-Cities Prep student at graduation is preparing to take a place in the local and wider community as a competent, concerned and responsible member. The graduate has begun to acquire the skills and motivation to live as a person for others.

Intellectually Competent

By graduation the Tri-Cities Prep student will exhibit a mastery of the fundamentals of the academic requirements for higher education. While these requirements are broken down into departmental areas, the student will have developed many intellectual skills and understandings, which cut across and go beyond academic requirements for college entrance. The student, moreover, is beginning to see the need for intellectual integrity, particularly the need to integrate the spiritual values of the school with all aspects of life.

Loving

The graduate is also on the threshold of being able to move beyond self-interest and self-centeredness in relationships with God and other people. The student is beginning to risk deeper involvement in relationships by disclosing him/herself, accepting the mystery of another person, and cherishing that person.

In Memoriam

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." -Mt 25:21

We deeply appreciate and treasure all gifts, and we are especially honored when our supporters choose to honor the legacy of a deceased loved one by making a contribution to our school in their name. Our goal is to always remain deserving of this meaningful gesture.

Kevin Ghirardo *08/13/1959 - 06/06/2025*

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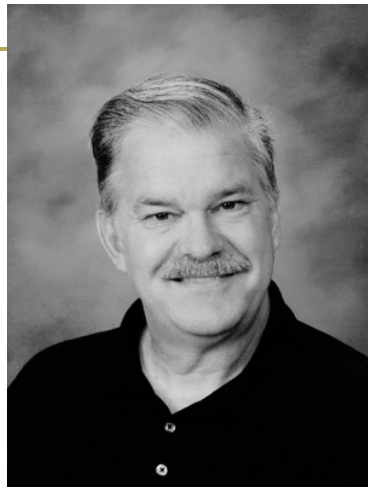

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