



ARCHBISHOP WOOD
HIGH SCHOOL

2021-2022
ANNUAL FUND REPORT

**A TRADITION OF
EXCELLENCE
FOR THE
LEADERS OF
TOMORROW**

The Magazine for Alumni, Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of Archbishop Wood High School.
Including the 2021-2022 Annual Fund Report of Gifts & Operating Budget.

Dear Viking Family,

If I have learned one thing after 40+ years working in Catholic education it is that we can always count on change. This has most certainly been true these past few years. I wish to thank you, our Viking Family, whether you are a member of the Class of 1967 or Class of 2022, parent or grandparent, friend or benefactor for your encouragement and support to help Wood continue to thrive and grow.

In September, 2021 we welcomed 200 freshmen and 700 sophomores, juniors and seniors to Archbishop Wood. The student body included almost 100 combined transfer students from Bishop McDevitt, Hallahan and St. Basil's. I am grateful to Wood's staff and administration for working tirelessly throughout the summer of 2021 to make the transition as smooth as possible for our students and their families.

AWHS was also thrilled to have Our Lady of Confidence Day School join the Wood community this year. It has been a joy to witness the OLC and Wood students partner together throughout the year in academic and extracurricular activities such as painting a still life with Mrs. Tabourini's Art Majors, flying drones and studying their mechanisms in Mr. Barkley's Engineering Class and playing on and/or cheering for the Bocce Ball Team.

It is because of YOU, our alumni and benefactors, that Wood had the funds and resources needed for our growth in enrollment. Your generous gifts and ongoing support provided tuition assistance, academic resources and building upgrades necessary for the 2021-2022 school year.

Archbishop Wood had many reasons to celebrate this year! The Girls' Basketball Team won the State Championship in Hershey; Gary Martin '22 set the PA State Record in the 3,200 meter run at the PIAA's; Dan Romano '23, was recognized at the 5th Annual National Community Service Awards for his extensive involvement in community service; Cesar Guerra-Solano '22 was named a National Merit Finalist and Scholar and awards were given to Anna Leonard '22 and Mairead McDermott '22 for the artwork they submitted to the annual Dad Vail Regatta poster contest.

Without you, the champions of Archbishop Wood, none of this would be possible without your investments in the school. I hope you enjoy reading the AWHS Annual Report and seeing for yourself the difference your contributions make so we may continue to provide a Tradition of Excellence for the Leaders of Tomorrow.

God's blessings,



Gary V. Zimmaro
President



Dear Friends,

My favorite event this school year was Archbishop Wood's Grandparents/ Godparents Appreciation Day. It was wonderful to witness AWHS students and their Grandparents/Godparents excitedly gathering in the auditorium for a special Mass and then eating breakfast together in the gym. Many of the Grandparents/Godparents were Wood alumni themselves and enjoyed sharing and comparing school experiences with their Grandchildren/Godchildren.

Grandparents/Godparents Day was a testament to the many blessings that are a direct result of Catholic education. Thank YOU for your support of Archbishop Wood so that our graduates of today may visit their Wood Grandchildren/Godchildren of tomorrow.

With 70% of our student body qualifying for financial aid, your support has been crucial in assisting families who choose Catholic education for their children. Please help AWHS continue to provide students with an excellent foundation of academic, extracurricular and spiritual education so they may explore and apply their God given talents throughout life.

Ms. Claire Repisky '14 joined Invent Medical, headquartered in the Czech Republic, 3 years ago as the Business Development Manager for the US office and travels throughout the world to help develop and implement breakthrough technology to create a new generation of prosthetic medical products to improve the lives of individuals.

Mr. Michael Fitzgerald '81 is not only the Market President of Univest but he teamed up with his business partner, Brian Damiani, to start ABLE Force (Classic Rock Auto Detail, Requip'd, Able Fulfillment and Shredable) in Richboro, PA with the mission of creating employment opportunities for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mr. Andrew (Andy) Allen '73 was a United States Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel Test Pilot and Top Gun before being selected into NASA's Astronaut Corps where he flew 3 Space Shuttle Missions and is now CEO of Aerodyne Industries where in 2022 he was named Entrepreneur Of The Year Florida Award winner by Ernst & Young.

This is my last year as Archbishop Wood's Director of Institutional Advancement. Thank you for welcoming me into the Viking Family and contributing your time, talent and/or treasure to help advance Archbishop Wood's philanthropic goals. Since I started in July of 2017, the school's fundraising amount has tripled, which is all thanks to YOU!

AWHS will always be part of my heart and you will forever be in my prayers.



Sarah Louise Hale
Director of Institutional Advancement



2021–2022 Points of Pride

Achieving Excellence 2021–2022

- The Class of 2022 was offered nearly \$40 million in scholarships & grants
- 670 Scholarships were awarded to 118 Graduates
- 100% Graduation Rate
- 7 Commended National Merit Scholars & 1 National Merit Scholar
- Average SAT score – 1145
- 17 Neumann Scholars, 45 Maguire Scholars & 15 Josephine Connelly Scholars
- 14 students achieved 3 college credits through the Dual Enrollment Program
- 9 students earned 12 credits through the Diocesan Scholar Program
- 170 Students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 sat for 250 Advanced Placement Examinations
- 3 Members – All Catholic Band
- 1 Member – All Catholic String Orchestra
- Robotics placed in the top 100 teams out of 3,790 teams in the world
- Robotics Imagery Award at the District Competition Level
- Robotics finished 16th out of 65 teams at District Championship

Philadelphia Catholic League Championships

- Girls Soccer
- Softball
- Girls Tennis (Doubles)

District XII Championships League

- Boys Soccer 3A
- Girls Soccer 2A
- Girls Basketball 4A
- Baseball 5A
- Softball 4A
- Field Hockey 1A
- Boys Cross Country 2A
- Girls Tennis 2A (Doubles)

PIAA State Champions

- Girls Basketball 4A

Individual Honors

- 88 All Catholic Athletes
- 4 PCL MVPs – 1 Girls Soccer, 1 Field Hockey, 1 Golf, 1 Girls Basketball
- 4 All State Athletes
- Cross Country – Gary Martin (senior) won 2A Individual State Title (15:46.7)
- Indoor Track – Gary Martin (senior) State Champion in mile race – set a state record for the mile (4:04.59)
- Spring Track – Gary Martin (senior) meet record time sub-four minute mile (3:57.98) at PCL Championships, becoming first ever PA high school runner to register a sub-four minute mile – State Champion in 800m (1:51.24) and set a meet record in the 1,600m (4:01.56)

Class of 2022 College & Career Paths

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2022

Did you know? Among the students in the Class of 2022, 93% of our students received college acceptance! Of the 93%, a total of 670 scholarships were offered, totaling nearly \$40 Million scholarship dollars. We are equally as proud of our 13 students who have chosen to go directly into the workforce/trades (The Airline Academy, Carpenters - Local 158, Computer Science, Automotive Training, Cosmetology, Film, Theatre, Music, and Construction) and the 3 students who have chosen to serve our country by joining the United States Military (Navy, Air Force, and Marines.)



Alvernia University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Barry University
Bloomsburg University
Bluefield State College
Bryn Athyn College of the
New Church
Bucknell University
Bucks County Community College
Cabrini University
Carnegie Mellon University
The Catholic University of America
Chestnut Hill College
Clemson University
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Community College of Philadelphia
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
Delaware Valley University
DeSales University
Drexel University
East Stroudsburg University
Elizabethtown College
Fordham University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Gwynedd Mercy University
Holy Family University
Hood College
Howard University

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
(Main Campus)
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Keystone University
King's College
Kutztown University
Lackawanna College
Lafayette College
LaSalle University
Lock Haven University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University (Maryland)
Lynn University
Marist College
Mercer County Community College
Montclair State University
Montgomery Community College
Moravian University
Morgan State University
Muhlenberg College
Neumann University
North Carolina State University
(Raleigh)
Penn State University
(Abington Campus)
Penn State University
(Altoona Campus)
Penn State University (Main Campus)
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Vincent College

St. Bonaventure University
St. John's University (New York)
St. Joseph's University
Stockton University
Stonehill College
Temple University
Thomas Jefferson University
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Alabama
(Huntsville Campus)
University of the Arts
University of Delaware
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
(Pittsburg Campus)
University of Pittsburgh
(Greensburg Campus)
University of Rhode Island
University of the Sciences
University of Scranton
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
University of Toronto
University of Virginia (Main Campus)
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Washington & Jefferson College
West Chester University
Widener University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Youngstown State University

17% of our students will venture out of state to attend college: These states include Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Canada, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington D.C.



This was your first school year as Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, can you tell us about the Roses & the Thorns and how you believe they have helped you grow in your role?

Roses: The roses were the joy I had engaging with all Wood students, not just the few I taught in class. I scheduled time to visit the classrooms to observe our students in different settings and discover the variety of wonderful ways our teachers relate to and educate their pupils. I also appreciated the opportunities I had to meet with the students on an individual basis so I could learn about them as a whole person including their interests and future plans after high school.

Thorns: It was terrific having everyone back together in the building this year, but there were challenges, as well. Wood's enrollment increased so we had many new students in every grade (a good problem to have) and we were excited to welcome everyone! In addition to the freshman class, Wood had an influx of new students from all grade levels due to the closing of St. Basil's, Hallahan, and Bishop McDevitt. On top of that, this was the first time our sophomore class was in school full-time, so it was like their freshman year.

As a result, the hallways were more crowded than usual, and more students needed help navigating the

building. I wished I could duplicate myself so I could be stationed around the building to assist the students. Fortunately, we have a tremendous faculty and staff who jumped right in and helped make the transition possible!

GROWTH: Being an administrator is not a desk job! I have learned that there is more to being an administrator than putting together rosters, helping students who are struggling, completing report cards, and teacher evaluations. I love that each day is different as I observe classes, meet with administration, check-in with teachers, help in the hallways and the cafeteria and lend a hand whenever and wherever needed. My office job does not really begin until after dismissal.

What are you looking forward to most in the upcoming 2022-2023 school year?

I am always excited about welcoming our new Vikings! I am also looking forward to witnessing the launch of our new course offerings such as the Fundamentals of Real Estate, Zoology, Botany and the LaSalle LEAP Program. LEAP started mid-June 2022 and is available for rising juniors. Students may take two courses during the summer on-site at LaSalle University and two virtual courses during the school year with the potential of earning up to thirty college credits absolutely free!

What would you love to see happen for Wood in FIVE years' time?

I hope that Archbishop Wood is still the same great high school that it is today and that we continue to find ways for our students to grow academically, socially and spiritually. It is important for us to continue to evaluate and advance our curriculum and programs on an ongoing basis in order to meet the needs of our students.

We would love to build a greenhouse for the Botany Class as well as the outdoor classroom that the Engineering class designed. My vision is for the Engineering students to design the greenhouse,

the Botany students use the greenhouse for their studies and then our friends from Our Lady of Confidence can harvest what is grown and use the ingredients in their cooking classes.

I would love for Archbishop Wood to have a twenty first century face lift!

Some of the items on my list include implementing more structure to our already successful Learning Support Program so that the 80+ students continue to have their academic needs met; establishing a space designated solely for Study Halls and upgrading Wood's Science Labs.

**All of these wonderful dreams and ideas can be made possible by the generosity of our alumni and benefactors.*

You started your career as an educator in the classroom, how would you say the education model has evolved since you first started?

I started teaching in November of 2012 and during those ten years I had the blessing of working in many different schools. I started at Little Flower, and then I went to Neumann Goretti, Father Judge, Wood, Roman Catholic and finally back here to Wood. I have taught in the city and the suburbs. I have taught single sex and co-ed. I also have private school experience as I was a student at St. Basil's.

All of these experiences have not only exposed me to various models of education, but they have also made me the educator I am today. My background has taught me to adapt quickly to any situation and, most importantly, to the needs of the students. I would say, and I am sure every teacher would agree, that the pandemic quickly taught us all to be very flexible. Wood went from a traditional to a virtual setting in just three days! We were able to make the change successfully despite the circumstances and challenges.

Teachers will also probably agree that we have needed to learn and use many different types of

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A Conversation with Ed Connolly Sr. '74 & Jr. '93

In the Spring of 2018, Archbishop Wood held its 28th Annual Alumni Golf Classic, where we met Ed Connolly Sr. ('74) & his son, Ed Connolly Jr. ('93) The dynamic father-son duo are not only part of a Wood legacy family, but they are the original 1st & 2nd generation to attend and graduate from Archbishop Wood High School. After getting to know a little more about their families and their interests, it was clear to us that Ed Sr. & Jr. were equally as passionate about the future sustainability of AWHS. What began as a friendship, has blossomed into a working relationship where Ed Connolly Jr. now serves as the Committee Chair for the Annual Alumni Golf Classic. We recently caught up with the father-son pair to reflect on both their time at Wood and the past four years of golf outings.

Where did you grow up and what parish did you belong to?

SR: I grew up in Northeast Philadelphia and attended St. Bartholomew until 6th grade. In 7th grade my family moved up to Bucks County and, as a result, I attended Our Lady of Good Counsel and then went on to Wood where I graduated in 1974.

JR: I grew up in Upper Moreland and attended St. John Bosco for grade school. Just like my dad, I then went on to Wood and graduated in 1993.

Having someone attend Archbishop Wood in the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, and 10s – we would consider you a Legacy Family – can you give us an idea of just how many people from your immediate and extended families attended Wood?

SR: My younger brother, younger sister, and I, all went to Wood. Since we hadn't moved to Bucks County yet, my two older sisters attended

high school in Northeast Philly. My wife, Megan, and her brother also attended Wood.

JR: I think between my family (Connolly/Halpin) and my wife's family (Johnson) there are roughly 20-25 people who attended Wood. Right now everyone is restarting their own families so there is a chance we may miss a decade, but we will be back in the 2030s!

What stood out to you the most during your time at Wood?

SR: My father died on December 9th of my freshman year. It changed some things about me, but I made it through. I had to give up participating in clubs and sports, because I had to work. Childhood was over and I was forced to grow up quicker than most. The entire freshman football team attended my father's funeral – it was a beautiful gesture to see all 60 kids there. The entire Wood community helped me get through a pretty hard time.

I met my high school sweetheart, Meg, at Wood in 1972. I was the class of 1974 and she was 1975. Wood definitely made an impact on me. To this day, a group of about 60 guys from the class of 1972 to 1976 still get together and play golf on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

It seems like you patterned your life after your dad. Can you tell us a little more about that?

JR: In short, both my dad and my mom are my heroes. Having me so young, I know that they both had to give up a lot. It couldn't have been easy to be that young and have a toddler, but I grew up knowing I was loved and we never went without. My dad started working at UPS and stayed there until he retired. My mom was a waitress and put herself through nursing school.

Over these past few years, you've blown us away with your dedication and commitment to Wood's future. What do you think is the root of that?

JR: Ever since my time at Wood began, the support of the community was there. My highest points and lowest points in life have all been supported within the Wood community. As a result, I have a strong connection to the people and the school and felt called to see what I could do to help. Right out of college, I was approached to help coach the Wood football team. Shortly after that, I was also helping out as a substitute teacher and then I was working with Ms. Fitzgibbons to teach Girls Phys. Ed. At one point, I even had my own homeroom and worked as a moderator.

Having been involved in all things Wood, it was only a matter of time before I signed up for the golf outing. I was 21 when I first participated as a golfer and, to this day, I have only missed three of the outings. As a young alumnus, the planning committee asked me to join their team as a way to encourage the younger generations to sign up and golf. Next thing I knew – I was the Golf Committee Chair and have been for the past five years.

In your experience and involvement, how has the golf outing evolved over the years?

JR: When the golf outing first got started it was a perfect excuse to get together and do something fun with your old friends and classmates. Thirty one years later, it is just as important to get together with those kids you went to school with, but now we have a bigger responsibility and that is the future sustainability of Wood.

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Viking Alumni in the Spotlight

John Iannarelli '82

What do you say when your high school Alma Mater and Sarah Hale, Director of Institutional Advancement, sends you an invitation to come back to check out the school via a tour after graduating just shy of 40 years ago? You say, "YES," of course!!!

I have to admit, I was just a bit curious to see the school, what had changed and what had remained the same after all these years. My years at Wood ('78-'82) were an awesome experience! College was fun, and grade school was neat, but high school was where this boy became a young man. Besides my parents, Wood probably had the most significant influence and impact on me, developing the character, skills and work ethic that would be the key ingredients in my future professional career success.

As I pulled into the front parking lot, the first thing I noticed was the Wood sign that read "A Tradition of Excellence for the Leaders of Tomorrow!" Not sure when the sign went up or when the vision statement was adopted, but 40 years later these words spoke volumes to me. You see as I went through high school, I was more focused on my sports career, getting good grades to please my parents, and maybe having a girlfriend by the time I was a junior or senior to take to the prom. While I focused on these more basic goals and needs, Wood challenged me to be the best I could be and provided an environment of support and encouragement. I learned what leadership looked like, the importance of mentors, finding your passion and helping others achieve their hopes and dreams while I pursued my own.

During the tour, I found my old locker where I went every day for 4 years; saw the paver stone in the Prayer Garden dedicated to my brother Michael who passed away of cancer in 2001; and visited the classrooms where I learned accounting (thank you Mr.

Boyle), how to type (thank you Fr Roebrecht) and World Cultures with a little bit (okay, A LOT) of basketball mixed in (thank you Mr. Sette). I also saw the brand-new Louise Ciabarra College & Career Counseling Center where students would come to explore their futures and pursue their dreams.

When the tour ended, Sarah and I sat down to chat about the school, its vision for the future and how I may be able to help. It was then that it struck me, "What if we created a real estate program for students that showed them all the career paths in real estate? I could sprinkle in basic accounting and management life skills, add some internship opportunities for hands-on learning and have students exit with their own portfolio of experience, contacts, and networking skills to be successful in whatever career they pursue!" That would go a long way to developing "A Tradition of Excellence for the Leaders of Tomorrow!"

We started small this past year with monthly "Real Estate Chats," where I would come into the school before the bell, pick a real estate topic and chat with interested students about the opportunities out there for them to explore. As the "Chats" became popular and the students wanted to learn more, we said, "What if we actually developed a Real Estate Elective Course?"

So, we pitched the idea to Gary Zimmaro, President of Archbishop Wood, got help and support from Dr. Katherine Nobles, Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs at Wood, put forth the course description and outline to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for approval and, lo and behold, this real estate elective course was approved for seniors to take and me to teach starting this September for the 22/23 school year!

And to think, it all started with an invite to come back and tour my Alma Mater!

Here's what I can tell you from



my recent experience over the last year at Archbishop Wood:

1. There is huge potential at Archbishop Wood, not only in sports, but through academics as well, to develop and groom the future leaders of tomorrow.
2. As Alumni, we all have time, talents and/or treasures that we might be able to give back to the school to help it achieve its vision.
3. It all starts with an awareness, that leads to involvement, that leads to a commitment, that leads to making this vision a reality.

I leave you with one simple question to ponder, "What can you do based on your experience, your passion and your abilities to give back to your Alma Mater?" Whatever it is, you now have an awareness. Take that first step and get involved!

I promise you that nothing is more rewarding than helping students find their passion, develop their skills and create the future leaders of tomorrow! Please join me in this pursuit of excellence at Archbishop Wood!



On Monday, May 9, 2022, Archbishop Wood hosted its 31st Annual Alumni Golf Classic! Our Vikings were blessed with beautiful weather for a fun day of golf, all to support our current and future Archbishop Wood families!

AWHS could not have done it without the help of our Golf Outing Committee! Thank you, Ed Connolly Jr. '93, John Iannarelli '82, Ed McCormick '81, Joe Winning '73 and Ed Waddington '77.

Thank you also to everyone who participated as a golfer and/or a sponsor/donor. Your investment directly contributes to the ongoing crusade of protecting and sustaining the future of Catholic Education. It is because of you that we were able to raise over \$25,000.00 to benefit Archbishop Wood students & their families by means of tuition assistance and campus/program upgrades as needed.



Golf Outing Premium Sponsors (\$1000+):

- Tee Boxed Golf
- Faulkner Buick GMC of Trevoze
- Faulkner Alfa Romeo Maserati of Willow Grove
- Blue Rock Construction
- MTD Construction
- Platinum Plumbing
- Shaeffer Electric
- Steam Pub

We are blessed to have a community of Vikings who show up for their Alma Mater, especially as our fundraising needs grow with each passing year. THANK YOU!

2022 VIKING SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you to our generous benefactors who make our Viking Scholarship Program possible!

Thanks to you, a grand total of \$208,000.00 was awarded to 101 incoming and current students to be put towards their promising future at Archbishop Wood High School.

2021-2022 Scholarships Available to Incoming Freshmen:

Visual Art
Jennifer Beerley Memorial
Alex Sakuma Visual Arts
Allen Family
Skip Duffy Memorial
Claire Finley
Giuseppe Giaimo
Hirschmann Family

The Michael S. Monaghan
Kelly Richards Performing Arts
Officer Brad Fox Foundation
The Henry J. and Margaret C. Schneider
The Class of 1967
The Class of 1986
Timothy Fallon
Alfio Rossillo Perseverance

2020-2021 Scholarships for Current Students:

Class of 1986 Legacy
Alumni Classic
Richard F. Ginieczki, Jr. Perseverance
Hirschmann Family
Christopher Muldoon Memorial
Henry J. Schneider
The Michael S. Monaghan
The Gerri Garofalo
The Michael Conricode Memorial

GREAT NEWS! Archbishop Wood is happy to introduce and award three new Viking Scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year: The Herbert (Herb) J. Hopkins '70 Memorial Scholarship, The Mary (Jester) D'Alonzo '83 Memorial Scholarship, and The John D. McKinney '89 Memorial Scholarship. We are so grateful to our alumni who helped create and fund these scholarships for our current and future students.

If you or someone you know is interested in starting a scholarship, please reach out to the Development Department to schedule a meeting. Please call 215-672-5050 ext. 227.

EITC + You =

Help Us Help Viking Families!

Did you know that individuals and businesses in Pennsylvania can receive up to a 90% tax credit by redirecting their tax dollars to Archbishop Wood through the EITC and OSTC programs?

This allows Archbishop Wood

High School to provide need-based tuition dollars for qualifying students and their families.

Contact the AWHs Development Office to learn how you can participate and it won't cost you a dime! Call 215-672-5050 ext. 227.

ARCHBISHOP WOOD FINANCIAL AID MODEL

DEMOGRAPHICS

576 of 814 students (70%) qualified for financial aid through FACTS.



TOTAL AND AVERAGE NEED

Total need of qualified applicants:

\$3,036,335.00

Average per student need:

\$5,271.00

TOTAL TUITION ASSISTANCE

In 2021-2022, nearly \$1 Million was raised for families in need of tuition assistance.

Only \$241,424.43 of that million was EITC/OSTC.

EITC/OSTC SIMPLIFIED

Individuals and businesses receive a Pennsylvania tax credit equal to **90%** of the contribution. Most donors will also receive federal benefit equal to approximately **4%**.



Many thanks to the following EITC participants:

Mr. Richard & Mrs. Rebecca Barkley
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Barone, Jr. '90
Mr. Louis A. Bencardino, III
Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS)
Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Boccella '79
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Bolger, Jr.
Bravo Foundation
Bridge Educational Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Callaghan '82
Joey Casey Foundation
Mr. Michael Coakley '84
Mr and Mrs. Anthony Conti
Mr. Timothy Corcoran '74
Mr. Edward & Mrs. Elizabeth '77
Courtney
Dr. Michael & Mrs. Lynn Conti
DeAngelis '93
Mr. Nicholas '88 & Mrs. Kristen '92
DeStephanis
Mr & Mrs. Francis Dougherty '80
Dr. Christine Dufner Newman '92
Mr. Christopher Eckert
Enterprise Holdings
Foundation for Catholic Education
Greenwood Gaming & Entertainment (Parx Casino)
Healthcare Services Group
Henkels Foundation
Mr. John '82 & Mrs. Paula Hocker
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Kafel '88
Mr. Edward Kohlhepp, Jr. '89
Mr. Andrew '82 & Mrs. Kellyanne '83
Lafond
Maguire Enterprises II, L.P.
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Matthews
Mr. & Mrs. Eric McCaffery '86
Mr. Daniel McCartney '69
Honorable James M McMaster '70
Ms. Dina Miller '81
PA Partners for Education
Blue Rock Construction
Mr. Daniel Wagner '91
Wastewater Management

"Giving to the EITC program allows taxpayers the opportunity to redirect their PA state tax dollars to an education institution of their choice; while at the same time offering a substantial PA state tax credit offset & a federal tax deduction which effectively makes the decision cash flow neutral. What better way to control where your tax dollars go than to direct them to Archbishop Wood High School." – Nick DeStephanis '88 CPA CCIFP CGMA

WAYS TO GIVE

There are several avenues for giving to Archbishop Wood that are designed to meet individual needs and stages of life. Please read below for more information about these ways to give.



- Make a gift to Archbishop Wood’s Viking Fund (online or by check/cash)
- Redirect your PA State Taxes to support Wood’s Financial Aid Program through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program
- Support students by participating in our Viking Scholarship Program
- Establish a long-term Planned Giving arrangement
- Purchase a Bench, Plant, Tree, or Paver in the AWHs Alumni Prayer Garden
- Adopt-A-Chair Program: Each adopted chair will help to enhance the auditorium while remaining as a permanent and special tribute of the donor’s loyalty and support of AWHs
- Purchase a double sided AWHs House and/or Garden Flag to fly proudly at your home

Visit www.archwood.org and click on the “Ways to Give” under the Alumni & Giving tab to learn more!

Archbishop Wood High School’s status as a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Service code makes contributions tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. Please consult your attorney or accountant for more information, or call the school’s Development Office at 215-672-5050, ext. 227

Archbishop Wood State of the School Forecast

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Total Operation Expenses	\$8,910,944	\$8,794,063	\$8,931,542	\$9,097,906
Total Revenues	\$9,162,900	\$9,061,358	\$9,242,296	\$9,452,334
NET INCOME	\$251,956	\$267,295	\$310,754	\$354,428
Net Parental Revenue per Student*	\$7,819	\$7,789	\$7,789	\$7,979
Total Cost to Educate per Student	\$11,573	\$11,436	\$11,539	\$11,754
Funding Gap per Student	\$3,754	\$3,647	\$3,750	\$3,775



*Net Parental Revenue is defined as Gross Tuition Revenues plus Total Student Fees less Total Tuition Assistance

The table above provides an overview of the state of Archbishop Wood High School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. It also includes the future forecast projections for the next three years. You will see in this table that your support through annual fund contributions is crucial for our students’ success and Archbishop Wood’s sustainability. We thank those of you who have made a gift to the Viking Fund and encourage those who have not to consider making one.

BECAUSE OF YOUR DONATIONS...

CLASS OF 2026
BY THE NUMBERS

190
INCOMING STUDENTS

24 
ZIP CODES

7 
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

3 
COUNTIES

53 
SCHOOLS

After two years of at-home instruction and hybrid schedules, Archbishop Wood High School was finally able to get back into the classroom for full-time in-person learning. Thanks to your help and generosity, we are pleased to share with you, the champions of Archbishop Wood, some more of the great things that occurred during the 2021–2022 school year, including:

- **With an education at Archbishop Wood High School costing just shy of \$10,000.00, the greatest need for our students and their families was affording tuition. That is where our Viking Family stepped up in the form of Scholarship donations and/or Viking Fund donations. Because of your commitment, AWHS was able to invest over \$830,512.50 towards our families in the form of scholarships and tuition assistance.**
- **To continue our mission of creating a welcoming and comfortable environment for our guests and students, AWHS was able to enhance & outfit our school cafeteria with new dining furniture and fresh paint.**
- **Additional security cameras were installed for the continued safety and well being of our Viking Family.**
- **AWHS was able to financially support the Shadow Program. The Shadow Program exists for the sole purpose of giving prospective students the full Viking Experience for a day. Complimentary lunch, Archbishop Wood SWAG, and more is gifted to each visitor.**



- **Archbishop Wood was able to start The Science National Honor Society. Through this program, 39 students entered 25 projects in many categories, and 11 projects won a place award at the Bucks County Science Fair. Out of these 11 projects, 4 moved on to the Delaware Valley Science Fair, which included schools from PA, NJ, and DE – several hundred project entries. AWHS proudly boasts that at the county level we had one single and one team 1st place winner, a single 2nd place winner, a single 3rd place winner, four single Honorable Mention winners, and one team Honorable Mention. It is thanks to your donations, Archbishop Wood was able to help fund materials needed and also award our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners cash prizes.**
- **With career discernment being a top priority, AWHS continues to advance and upgrade its programs and facilities to better guide our students in their college & career paths. As a result, this year 93% of the Class of 2022 have gone on to postsecondary education & were awarded nearly \$40 million in scholarships, 3 students have enlisted in the military to serve our country, & 13 students have chosen to go directly into the workforce/trades.**
- **AWHS Class of 2022 graduates are attending some of the most competitive colleges and universities throughout the country (see page 4 for more details).**

Even with all of the wonderful things happening at Archbishop Wood, your continued support is crucial so that we can thrive and grow in this competitive environment. Gifts to the school, such as donations to scholarships and tuition assistance, enable us to welcome and provide a comprehensive college-prep education for our current and future students.

Archbishop Wood's tradition of excellence for the leaders of tomorrow began fifty-eight years ago when its doors opened in September of 1964. With your help, we will be able to continue to provide a Catholic education for our students and guide them on their path to become productive and responsible Christian men and women for many years to come.

D'Alonzo Scholarship

The D'Alonzo family is pleased to announce the launch of the "Mary (Jester). D'Alonzo '83 Memorial Scholarship." This \$3,000.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to an Archbishop Wood freshman student coming from St. Catherine of Siena parish in Horsham, PA. We met with Mary's husband, Joe, this past year, to discuss how we could best honor Mary and her legacy of being a caring and devoted wife, mother, sister, daughter, and friend.

As a mother of three, Mary was often regarded as the matriarch of the family. She was always helping others and would drop everything to support the needs of her loved ones. The decision to start a scholarship in Mary's name couldn't have been easier – especially as it relates to helping students who wish to attend her alma mater.

The D'Alonzo Family hopes that this scholarship is the start of something special for each

student who receives it and attends Archbishop Wood. Mary practiced selflessness each and every day of her life and her family hopes that each scholarship recipient feels inspired to do the same. Mary was also known for working hard to ensure that her children could go out into the world and explore life's endless possibilities. She fervently believed that these opportunities started with education. Archbishop Wood is grateful to partner with Mary's family so that we may proudly continue to keep her legacy alive and close to our hearts.

With the tuition at Archbishop Wood now surpassing \$10,000.00, it is the goal of the D'Alonzo Family to offer the \$3,000.00 scholarship each year to an incoming freshman. If you would like to make a gift to the Mary D'Alonzo Scholarship Fund, please contact The AWHs Development Department at 215-672-5050 ext. 227



"Our dream is that this scholarship opens the door for students to explore, learn, make memories and walk through life with a positive outlook, inclusive of love, selflessness and kindness – values that our mother practiced in her daily life." – Alyssa Crawford, Mary D'Alonzo's daughter.

Total Tuition Assistance Invested: \$3,185,263.92

EVERY PENNY COUNTS!

With more than 441 AWHs families receiving tuition assistance, the Scholarship & EITC Programs are essential when it comes to providing students with a Catholic education. Tuition for just one student attending AWHs

now costs over \$10,000. As you can imagine, this will continue to cause financial strain for many of our families. That's where YOU, our Viking Allies, can help! The scholarship & tuition assistance totals listed here are a direct

result of the partnership of the AWHs Development Office with our benefactors in the pursuit to assist families who wish to have the Wood experience. As need increases, so do our efforts. Your contribution to the Viking Fund is CRUCIAL for the sustainability of Archbishop Wood and continuing our Tradition of Excellence for the Leaders of Tomorrow. For more information on how YOU can help AWHs bring in these much-needed funds to assist our Viking Families, please contact our Development Department at 215-672-5050 ext. 227. Thank you for your support of Archbishop Wood High School!

School Year	
2022-2023	\$863,704.00 +
2021-2022	\$830,512.50
2020-2021	\$696,824.22
2019-2020	\$794,223.20

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The Archbishop Wood Annual Fund is the most important form of development for the school. All of the unrestricted dollars contributed to the annual fund directly support Wood's operating budget, which benefits students by ways of tuition assistance/ financial aid, academic resources, program enhancement, & facilities maintenance. Your gift to the annual fund ensures the sustainability of Archbishop Wood H.S. as a leading institution of Catholic Education in our area. THANK YOU!

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Dr. Katherine Nobles *Continued from Page 5*

technology. Technology was once a luxury, and it is now a necessity in the classroom – that is the biggest shift I have seen in my 10 years as an educator.

What called you to the field of education?

I truly love my job and am always interested in learning about new and different educational techniques. I am still not content with just getting the answer; I continue to explore the “why.” I keep the perspective that I am always a student, which helps me be a better educator.

We live in a world where if a student needs to know something they are going to Google it, but education is not just about memorizing facts. It is exciting to teach students how to think, explain themselves well and focus on how they got that answer. When we ask

the students important questions such as, “What did you learn? How can it help you now? How can it help you in the future?” we are teaching the importance of a strong and healthy thought process.

What does Catholic education mean to you? Why did you choose Catholic education?

Catholic School does not just mean students have a Theology class for 45 minutes. Schools like Archbishop Wood teach students to respect all people, of God’s creation and the world we live in. Even though Wood is a Catholic School, we are open to everyone regardless of their background. We learn from and with each other, participate in clubs and activities together, and most importantly PRAY together. I have always valued my faith. I cannot imagine being in a place where we are not allowed to pray at the start

of class.

Catholic education is much more than just a profession, it is a vocation. I am blessed to work with people who share those same values and passion. It is no secret that Catholic School teachers and staff make very little money. What is beautiful is that despite this fact, we choose to work in Catholic education. We genuinely care about our students, not that other teachers don’t, but in Catholic School – it’s just more, there is more going on at the heart of our school.

The world can be a hard place and being a teenager is difficult. Catholic School provides students with that extra resource to talk to someone like our Campus Minister, Father Paul, go into the chapel and pray for a moment or follow the path through our Prayer Garden—it is all embraced and welcomed here.

The Connellys *Continued from Page 6*

With 70% of our students qualifying for financial aid, all of the money we raise directly impacts students and families by means of tuition assistance and program upgrades.

If you could improve/change some things about the golf outing what would it be and why?

JR: I would love to have more of a buy-in from the alumni that have the means to step up and do a little more to support their alma mater. We need more people to get involved. There are three ways to give back to Wood: Time, Talent and/or Treasure. It is not just about money. It is also about the involvement, volunteers, committee members, and outreach support to get donors and sponsors. This outing has grown and we are finally in a good place and doing well, but there is always room for improvement. The biggest thing is raising more money for these students and their families. Think about it, Wood has approximately 18,000+ alumni and of them, roughly 300 are involved in the

golf outing either as golfers, donors, and/or sponsors. I know Wood can do better than that.

It is obvious that Wood has made a pretty big impact on you and your extended family. What does Catholic Education mean to you?

JR: Catholic education appreciates and respects that parents are the teachers first. As parents, we want a place that reinforces the same values and traditions we teach at home and that’s what Wood does.

What would you tell someone who is considering sending their child to Wood?

JR: Speaking as a former high school and college athlete, I think it is important to know that Wood is not a niche environment. It has something for everyone. Despite what you may hear, it is not all about athletics. Before he graduated in 2019, my son was greatly involved with the Robotics program at Wood and he ended up making it to Worlds for the Junior Lego Robotics. The Performing Arts and Drama

department is phenomenal. Wood’s academics are second to none. So, if and when you are looking at Wood, keep in mind that it is very much like a private school, but just not as expensive. To me it is a no brainer.

If you could give one message to Wood alum reading this interview what would it be?

JR: I would want to first say, “THANK YOU,” to the Wood community for being there for me for these past 40 years. It’s pretty exceptional when you can meet a perfect stranger and end up with an immediate bond when you learn you’ve both attended Archbishop Wood. If Wood had an impact on you, feel free to reach out to me and see what you can do to help assure that the next generation of Wood Vikings come out feeling the same way as us. I believe it is important to leave something better than you found it. So let’s come together and make that happen. Get involved. Let’s work together to preserve our memories and promise them for Archbishop Wood’s future.

Gratitude & Grants

TRUMARK FINANCIAL LITERACY GRANT

TruMark Financial hosted the annual "Feed A Pig" (formerly "Kiss A Pig") fundraiser to support Financial Literacy. AWHS was eligible to receive a grant if our students raised \$750.00. Students purchased chances to vote on the Wood teacher who would win the opportunity of feeding Raines the Pig. Mrs. Murphy received the most votes and attended the Feed A Pig/ Kiss a Pig event which, once again, was hosted by Archbishop Wood graduate Marc Farzetta ('01.)

Because of the support of Wood students, staff, alumni and especially Ms. Murphy, TruMark Financial awarded Archbishop Wood a \$6,800.00 grant to support our Financial Literacy program.

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY EDUCATION RELIEF GRANTS



Archbishop Wood High School was awarded two grants from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER II) Fund under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act.

The first grant AWHS received was \$65,000.00 for Covid Reimbursement to put towards the \$150,000.00 in additional costs Wood incurred from purchasing required health and safety equipment.

The second grant provided AWHS with \$1,173,465.00 worth of technology, classroom

resources, academic materials, student instructional support and professional education. AWHS wishes to thank The Bucks County Intermediate Unit for supporting the school throughout the grant process and filing the paperwork on our behalf.

Gary Zimmaro, President of Archbishop Wood said, "We are grateful to the GEER Fund for these generous grants so Wood can continue to provide the best possible academic programs in a safe and healthy learning environment."

DAY OF GIVING 2022

Over the past three years, Archbishop Wood has hosted an Annual Day of Giving. It typically takes place on the Tuesday before the Thanksgiving holiday and everyone gets involved: students, parents, teachers, staff and, most importantly, our wonderful alumni! During this "Season of Giving" we are tremendously grateful

to our entire Viking Community for fully embracing this time of year by giving back to their alma mater. Because of YOU, we raised \$11,464.58 in November 2019; in November 2020 we raised \$21,751.00 and this year, November 2021, we raised \$45,950.00! How spectacular is our family of Vikings that on our third annual Day of Giving we were able to come together and raise such an amazing amount of money for our students and their families! Your donations have and will continue to directly impact the immediate need for tuition assistance and upgrades to our programs and campus. Archbishop Wood H.S. is a non-profit organization that does not receive government funding or support and that is what makes YOU such an important piece of the puzzle when it comes to Wood's future sustainability. Without you and your generosity, none of this would be possible. Please know your kindness and consideration is appreciated beyond words. THANK YOU!

THE GAROFALO SISTERS, THEIR SCHOLARSHIP, AND THEIR SANTAS:

Gerri Garofalo graduated from Archbishop Wood High School in 1968 as an accomplished student and athlete. She was a dedicated teacher at her alma mater inspiring her students to not only do well academically, but to achieve their fullest potential to succeed in life. It is because of her legacy that the Gerri Garofalo Scholarship was created for rising Seniors. For the past four years over \$30,000.00 has been raised to help fund this scholarship that is awarded to current Wood students. In addition to scholarship donations, Gerri's sisters (Gabbie & Gail) came up with the creative idea of hand making an heirloom Santa out of recycled Archbishop Wood school uniforms. The Santas are not only priceless keepsakes, but they are hand cut and sewn, making each of them one-of-a-kind. Each Santa now costs \$30 and 100% of the proceeds go directly towards the scholarship fund. As the years have gone by, demand has grown for these unique mementos and anyone may purchase one. Even if you aren't a Wood grad, you may donate a school uniform of your choosing and they will create one for you! To purchase a Santa, you can visit Wood's Annual Craft Fair in the Fall and/or contact Gabrielle Garofalo Snyder via email at dngsnyder1@verizon.net and put "Wood Santas" in the subject line of your email.





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STAY IN TOUCH WITH US!

On April 23, 2022 the Ladies of Archbishop Wood's Class of 1970 gathered together for their (long awaited!) 50th Reunion! It was a joyous occasion filled with laughter and love. We were thrilled to see them together and happy that it could finally take place - after it was a little delayed due to the pandemic. The reunion began in the auditorium with a small, but touching prayer service where candles were lit for classmates who are now in Heaven. After the service, a quick "All About Wood" trivia game took place, followed by a catered luncheon in the cafeteria.

Needless to say, we loved and enjoyed hearing from our Viking Alumni so much over this past school year!

Whether you graduated fifty years ago or five, stay in touch and keep us updated on what's new in your life by updating your information with the AWHs Development Office!

Your information is kept confidential and is strictly used for internal purposes. Having your updated information on file helps us to better communicate with you about all the great things happening at Wood. We keep our outreach limited to a few emails, postcards,



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