

2023-2024 IMPACT REPORT



Cretin-Derham Hall



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2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT
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THANK YOU!

Dear Cretin-Derham Hall Family,

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet remind us what we are called to do — to love God and the dear neighbor without distinction. The Brothers of the Christian Schools remind us why we do it — we are always in the holy presence of God. I am humbled by the generosity of the Cretin-Derham Hall community who make our mission possible with their time, treasure, and talent.

In my first year of serving as President, I have come to understand the power of this mission. Cretin-Derham Hall is more than a school — it is where our students find their place in a community while they develop their talents so they can make a lasting impact on the world.

Generations of people have gained not only an excellent education here, they acknowledge the impact of this faith-filled education that serves as a foundation for a lifetime of growth and opportunity. Our CDH community of alumni, parents, and friends truly have made this possible.

It is also an exciting time for our school as we address critical investments in our students. The **Campaign for Raider Excellence** is raising critical funds for tuition assistance and those facilities that our students use during and after the school day but are nearing the end of their functional life.

- **Tuition Assistance and Scholarships**
- **Wingerd Field** — replace turf
- **Joe Mauer Field House** — replace floor and bleachers
- **Shrode Baseball Field and Softball Field** — replace seating, batting cages, and dugouts
- **Pat Daulton Fitness Center** — update equipment

Through the generosity of our early benefactors, we made great progress and were able to open our school year with completely renovated locker rooms, new team meeting rooms, a new Dance studio/multi purpose room, and a new Wrestling room. We also updated the sound in the Lillian Theater and renovated multiple bathrooms. I would love to take you on a tour of our campus, so please let me know if you are interested.

We are grateful for your ongoing support to meet the growing needs of our students and families.

Thank you for ensuring our students are well-prepared, challenged, and encouraged to develop their God-given talents during these four transformational years of high school.

May God continue to bless you with health, purpose, and fulfillment.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

Jeb Myers
President



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You are encouraged to spend a few minutes with the online 2023-2024 Annual Report which highlights the unparalleled generosity of our benefactors who generously support Cretin-Derham Hall because they believe in the transformational impact of a CDH education in the lives of our students.



// On behalf of the students of Cretin-Derham Hall,
we *thank our donors* for your support.

Opportunities at CDH Impacted Personal and Professional Trajectory

By Greta Cunningham '23,
Communications Intern

For Kate Nicholson '08, her time at Cretin-Derham Hall helped her discern the direction of her career and empowered her with the skills to pursue it.

"The Catholic Social Teachings that we learned at CDH really impacted me," said Nicholson. "I worked in nonprofit and higher education for the first ten years of my career, and I chose a Jesuit college to attend to continue in that Catholic tradition. I think I really learned how to be what the Jesuits call 'men and women for others' at CDH, and I carry that with me to this day."

After CDH, Nicholson attended Marquette University where she majored in English and Spanish Language and Literature, having been particularly impacted by her English classes in high school.

Nicholson later received her MBA from Fordham University, where she worked as a fundraiser for Fordham Law School. Currently, she is an Account Executive at Zendesk, which helps New York City-based companies enhance their customer support tools.

"I think there has been a through line in my career around building relationships while solving problems," Nicholson said. "I've done everything from tenant organizing to non-profit micro-lending to eliminating funding gaps in higher ed. Now, I help small businesses solve problems with technology."



Kate Nicholson '08

Beyond providing the academic foundation for her future education and career, CDH also helped prepare Nicholson outside the classroom.

"I was, as many CDH students are, really involved during high school, and it taught me how to manage my time," she said. "It's helped me throughout my career and adult life to navigate a variety of activities and dynamics."

While in high school, Nicholson participated in theater and tennis. She was first exposed to CDH activities by supporting her older cousins growing up.

"I followed my mom Brenna Ryan Nicholson '76 and my cousins Megan Ehrmanntraut Moffatt '96, Dan Ehrmanntraut '99, and John Ehrmanntraut '01 to CDH. I got to go at the same time as my cousin Charlie Ehrmanntraut '08," she said. "Going to Megan's softball games and Dan's plays were my first introduction to CDH as a kid, which left a memorable impression."

Having seen the impact of Catholic education on her family, Nicholson hopes to help make it available for others by donating to CDH, which supports tuition assistance.

The statistics about participation levels at CDH are impressive, and it is widely reported to have a positive impact on students' education experience. At CDH, 93% of students participate in one or more sports, a rate that is twice the Minnesota state average (which is significant because Minnesota ranks an impressive 5th nationally!). CDH students enjoy outstanding opportunities, and our facilities are very well-utilized. To maintain excellence for our students, it is essential that we continue investing in and enhancing these resources.

"It can be hard to feel financially established as a young adult in order to make an impact, but every donation adds up to part of a larger transformation for the school," she said. "CDH is really where I learned how to think about others. I hope that my contribution and the collective impact of my support affords more students and families the opportunity to attend CDH, which is such a great institution that has had a lifelong impact on me."

Thanks, Donors!

Several current students share their experiences at CDH and how the opportunities have changed their lives.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

JANE STANGLER '25

Lacrosse, Soccer, Student Council, Letters of Love, Sustainability Club, ASL Club, National Honors Society



"I have three siblings. My oldest sister graduated from CDH in 2023 and my twin brothers are sophomores here. All four of us received scholarships which make it possible for my parents to afford to send us all to CDH. CDH and Catholic education are important to my family so I know my parents prioritize it and make choices and tradeoffs to support this values-based education for me and my siblings."

BELONGING/COMMUNITY

JIMMY DODIG '25

Hockey, Boys Volleyball, Super Fan, Student Ambassadors Club

"CDH is so special because it is a tight community where everyone cares for each other. Students support other students in their activities and push each other to be the best in the classroom and in their activities."



MERIT SCHOLAR

ANDREW EK '25

Theater, Dorothy Day Student Leaders, Highland Friendship Club, Fishing Club, JROTC and former Football and Wrestling

"The Schaller Scholarship for JROTC has really helped with tuition costs. It also helps with holding myself accountable in terms of academics and being in good standing with JROTC."



ACADEMICS

KARLA RIVERA '25

VentureNEXT Entrepreneurship Program, Carondolet Scholarship Recipient

"CDH has built a community that brings together every staff member and student. They genuinely care about fostering a supportive environment. CDH goes above and beyond to make students feel at home and help them thrive academically. The faculty here feels like family, and I never imagined I'd develop such a strong connection with the staff who have truly helped me grow as a student."



ATHLETICS

ELENA KRONSCHNABEL '25

Soccer, Basketball, Lacrosse. Excel Award Winner, Academic Excellence Award (soccer), All Conference (Lacrosse, Soccer), All Section (Lacrosse), All State (Soccer)

"As an athlete, my teammates make CDH special. I have played 3 varsity sports at CDH and have made most of my friends through them. Through these sports, I have become close with many people in my grade as well as those younger and older than me. Beyond my sports, I meet countless people going, supporting, and watching other events that go on at CDH. With the new space, everyone respects the space, keeping it clean and organized. I think that it is important to respect the space that we are given because everyone uses it and we all want it to stay nice."



NEW SPACES

JA'DALE THOMPSON '26

Football, Track, Link Crew, JROTC

"Having co-curricular spaces, like the theater and sports facilities, is very important for me and my classmates. These places give us chances to grow, work hard, and do what we enjoy outside of class. They also bring students together and make school more fun and exciting."



GRACE McSHERRY '25

JROTC, Track Captain, Soccer, Math team, Empty Bowls, Student Council, Peer Tutoring, Link Crew, Derham Hall Carondelet Award, American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award

"These spaces are important because it allows people to be able to explore their passions and be able to do more at CDH than just academics. I know as an athlete it is really nice to have the fitness center so that I can train on and off season, and the gyms are used all the time for PE, JROTC, Mass, Assemblies, and more. Your gift will help our CDH community thrive because it expands our school to have more athletic and creative opportunities."



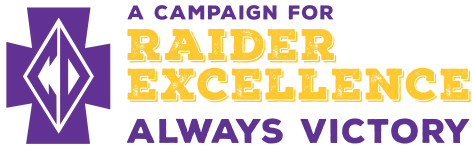
ARTS

MIQUELA OMOSOWON '25

Theater and Choir

"Theater improvements have helped make the space better especially since a lot of students in theater make that space our second home. Even small things like redoing the floors or updating the sound system make our performances better and more personal for us. These are where students come together outside of the classroom to work as a team and create meaningful work."





Thanks to Our Donors, Great Things are Happening at Cretin-Derham Hall!

Did you know that Cretin-Derham Hall has such a high level of students participating in sports and co-curriculars that we double Minnesota's rate of participation — and Minnesota ranks in the top 5 states for student participation in sports in the nation.

CDH students have amazing opportunities and they work hard to gain a well-rounded education!



Due to the generous support of the early donors of the **Campaign for Raider Excellence** in 2023-24, Cretin-Derham Hall was able to open our current school year with huge improvements on campus that affect every single student: locker rooms, meeting rooms, dance studio, wrestling room, bathrooms, concessions, and the Lillian Theater.

There is more to do and we will be wrapping up the \$11 million **Campaign for Raider Excellence** this year. This impactful campaign will enhance the experience of all current and future Raiders. The CDH community will ensure that we continue our commitment to vital tuition assistance and scholarships while upgrading campus facilities that impact our students' opportunities every day.

These spaces are very well-utilized, and many are beyond the projected lifespans and must be maintained to ensure our current and future students have appropriate access to the areas on campus that they use daily.

Your help is needed to ensure we reach our goal! For more information, visit our website.



PENELOPE DEIGNAN '25
Dance Team captain

Having these enhanced facilities mean to me that Cretin-Derham Hall truly believes in fostering well-rounded students. Whether it be athletically, artistically, socially, or academically, the CDH community has my back, unconditionally. I have been on the dance team for four years and I'm now a captain. I have loved having this dance studio to call our own as a team. Not only do I feel more productive as a team, but also truly feel valued as a female athlete in the Cretin-Derham Hall community.





ATHLETIC LOCKER ROOMS



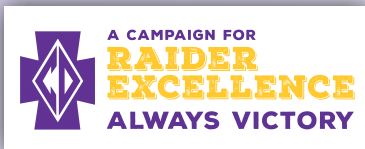
MEETING ROOMS



NEW DANCE STUDIO/MULTIPURPOSE ROOM



WRESTLING ROOM



Campaign For Raider Excellence

Early donors supported the **Campaign for Raider Excellence** in 2023-2024, enabling CDH to put those gifts to work for our students already. Students returned to campus this year with significant improvements to the Health and Wellness areas on campus. Check out some of these improvements on page 5.

The \$11 million campaign goal is within reach! Help us continue our commitment to vital tuition assistance while upgrading campus facilities that impact our students' opportunities every day. Be a part of this campaign and invest in our students.

The Title IX Matching Gift Challenge

\$200,000 Nancy Parlin, PhD '52[†] Title IX Challenge

Celebrating 50+ years of Title IX: All gifts matched dollar for dollar up to \$200,000!

On behalf of Nancy Parlin, PhD '52[†], a significant fundraising challenge is offered in this campaign, based on Title IX and its impact on our student athletes. At Derham Hall, Nancy was head of the Girls Athletic Association. She went on to establish an outstanding career in higher education in which she became the first woman to hold a vice chancellorship in the University of Wisconsin system.

Title IX, the landmark equity law passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972, banned sex discrimination in federally funded education programs, making a lasting impact by increasing the investment in and participation of girls and women in athletics.

The Legends

This distinction honors the lifetime achievement of Cretin-Derham Hall coaches who exemplify high standards of coaching success, show integrity on and off the field, demonstrate leadership and dedication to the development of each student-athlete's mind, body and spirit.

Dennis Denning '62[†]

Baseball Coach 1978-1994

Len Horyza[†]

Boys Basketball Coach 1965-1995

Football Coach 1966-1968

William "Ted" Joyce '46[†]

Hockey Coach 1952-1971

Football Coach 1954-1984

Rich Kallok

Football Coach 1981-2004

Jim O'Neill '74

Hockey Coach 1997-2018

Baseball Coach 1995-2016

Mal Scanlan '61

Football Coach 1983-1988, 1990-1992 and 1998-2021

Mike Scanlan '70

Football Coach 1987-2015

Lynn Strand

Gymnastics, Cross Country, Track and Field, Volleyball, and Softball Coach 1976-1989

Tom Warner[†]

Football and Baseball Coach 1956-1966

FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT TWO EXCITING
CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES
BY CONTACTING
PEGGY GILLIGAN AT
651-696-3319.

Change Lives!

Join us in ensuring CDH will flourish! Your generous gift ensures the continuation of a long tradition of innovative learning within a thriving community built upon our faith and values.

c-dh.org/givenow



Ways to Give

Here are 3 easy ways to give:



Mail your gift to
Cretin-Derham Hall



Give online at
c-dh.org/donate



Venmo@CretinDerhamHall

For more information on stock gifts, IRA Rollover, estate gifts, endowments, or other giving options, please let us help you!

Contact Rob Bollinger, Vice President of Advancement at 651-696-3343.

[†] Deceased

Why I Give to CDH

Cretin-Derham Hall has a very generous and dedicated network of benefactors. We asked several donors why they believe CDH is worth it.



BETSY KEYES '74
DEDICATED CDH VOLUNTEER LEADER

"I continue to support CDH because, among other things, CDH does an excellent job of incorporating in its culture and curriculum the values of Catholic Social Justice. Instilling such values in young people plants the seeds for thoughtful, successful adults."



MICHELE AND LON VAN GEMERT '68
ALUMNI, PARENTS OF AN ALUM,
CURRENT GRANDPARENTS

"Our family has been part of the Cretin/CDH community since 1962 and now our son and grandkids are Raiders. CDH empowers students to reach for their academic goals, make positive contributions to the community, and become responsible young adults. We are thrilled to be active in the CDH community whether through volunteering our time or financial contributions. CDH will always have a special place in our hearts, Go Raiders!"



DANIEL OTURU '18
PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER FOR
THE ANADOLU EFES, TURKEY

"CDH gave me the opportunity to pursue my goals and dreams. I am grateful for the opportunities and the coaches, teachers and staff that helped me along the way to get me where I am now. It is an honor to show my appreciation to the CDH community and give back."



RON '61 AND TERRY MICHEL BIERBAUM '62
40+ YEARS DONATING TO ANNUAL FUND,
RECENT PLANNED GIFT

"We included CDH in our estate plan to ensure that Christian values and academic excellence will be available to future generations. We are the beneficiaries of a CDH education and we are forever grateful to those who made it possible!"



JEFF AND JUSTINE FRITZ
PARENTS OF ALUMNI

"The education our daughters received at Cretin-Derham Hall was exceptional, combining a spiritual emphasis with academic challenges and athletic pursuits. The school's commitment to co-curricular activities like theater and music enriched their lives and fostered their growth in every aspect."



BRIAN McMAHON '87
CURRENT PARENT, CDH
ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

"I proudly give to CDH so that tuition remains affordable and all families are able to afford a CDH education for their child. Three generations of my family have attended CDH, so we know the impact of this education. Having served on the Board of Directors and, now, as a current parent, I see first hand all the great things that are happening at this school."

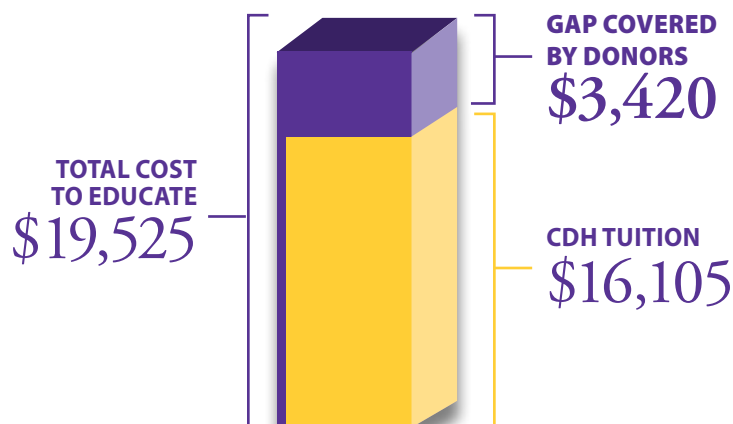
Cretin-Derham Hall Financial Highlights

As a school, we strive to build a community based on our values, focused on our mission and preserving our vision. We rely on donor gifts to ensure that the legacy and the leadership of our founders, the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is alive and well within our beloved community of Cretin-Derham Hall.

It cannot be overstated: The impact of donor dollars directly funds the excellence in academics and co-curriculars, provides significant tuition assistance to families, and positions the school for strength now and into the future.

Our generous donors enable CDH to flourish!

DONORS DECREASE TUITION FOR EVERY STUDENT



ADDITIONAL TUITION ASSISTANCE

\$3 MILLION AWARDED IN TUITION ASSISTANCE

3 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS:
– Academic
– Faith, Service, Leadership
– JROTC

64% OF ALL FAMILIES RECEIVE TUITION ASSISTANCE

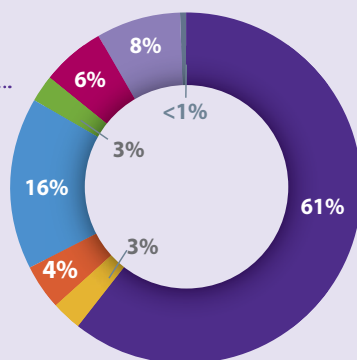
\$7,000 AVERAGE TUITION GRANT

2023–2024 Financial Overview

SOURCES OF FUNDS

- Tuition — \$15,095,141
- Student Activities — \$685,345
- Other Services — \$1,091,431
- Advancement:**
 - Annual Appeal — \$3,921,093
 - Contributions to Endowment — \$644,525
 - Transfer (from)\to Endowment for Tuition Assistance — \$1,470,000
 - Contributions for Capital Improvements — \$1,923,421
 - Event Revenue — \$85,375

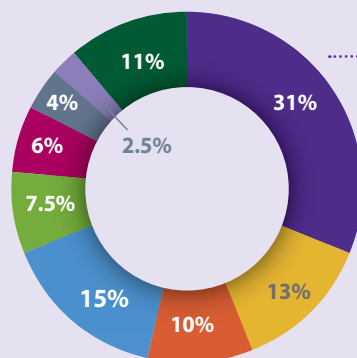
TOTAL — \$24,916,331



USES OF FUNDS

- Instructional — \$7,790,127
- Tuition Assistance/ Merit Scholarships — \$3,156,842
- Student Activities — \$2,459,745
- General & Administrative — \$3,783,861
- Maintenance — \$1,888,182
- Advancement — \$1,530,005
- Debt Reduction and Interest — \$959,677
- Transfer to Endowment — \$644,525
- Transfer to Capital Improvements and to Tuition Assistance Fund for Future Use — \$2,703,367

TOTAL — \$24,916,331



CDH BY THE NUMBERS

2023-2024

920



STUDENTS GRADES 9-12



19

AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE



11:1

STUDENT : TEACHER RATIO



19

AP COURSES

31.8

AVERAGE ACT
OF TOP 10%
TESTERS



47

HONORS/
ACCELERATED
COURSES



LEARNING LAB WITH

FOUR

STAFF SPECIALISTS

133



DIFFERENT ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS
REPRESENTED WITHIN STUDENT BODY

160+



COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM



EIGHT

DUAL-ENROLLMENT COURSES
(high school and college credit)



97

Years

as

JROTC UNIT
WITH DISTINCTION



21,800

STUDENT SERVICE HOURS
(average)



66%

STUDENTS RECEIVED
TUITION AID



\$3

MILLION DISTRIBUTED
IN TUITION AID
LAST YEAR

98%



PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR
MORE CO-CURRICULARS



50%

INVOLVED IN
FINE ARTS



93%

PLAY ONE OR
MORE SPORTS



28

SPORTS



13

NO-CUT
SPORTS



70+

CLUBS AND
ACTIVITIES



91%

CHOOSE
COLLEGE



83

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED
TO HIGHLY SELECTIVE
COLLEGES

38

STUDENTS
ATTENDING
HIGHLY SELECTIVE
COLLEGES

66%

STUDENTS
ATTENDING 4-YEAR
SCHOOLS RECEIVED
AT LEAST ONE MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP

9%

CHOSE MILITARY,
GAP YEAR, ATHLETIC
OR WORK
OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE



TASTE OF CDH

Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 6-10 pm
Joe Mauer Field House

The Taste of CDH is a celebration of food, fun, and community spirit!

Your ticket gives you access to a "taste" of over 25 incredible menu items donated by local restaurants and bars connected to CDH. It's a casual, welcoming evening — perfect for parents, grandparents, friends, family, and alumni to come together and enjoy great food.

For more information, contact Megan Fee Smith '00 at msmith@c-dh.org. *Tickets will be sold later this Spring.*



GIVECDH DAY — CAMPAIGN FOR RAIDER EXCELLENCE

Thursday, May 8, 2025
Early Giving begins May 1

Invest in Raider Excellence!
Watch your email for more information.



// **THANK YOU** for reading our 2023-2024 Impact Report. As a reminder, the complete Annual Report is available online and honors the generosity of our donors by name. We encourage you to take a moment to look at this Annual Report to understand and honor the community of benefactors that ensure our Raider Excellence at all levels!

Look for the next issue of our *Traditions* magazine later this summer which will highlight our graduating class, our Community Award honorees, and so much more!



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