

News Release

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Maryvale reaches \$11 million *Because of Maryvale Campaign* goal

Maryvale Preparatory School, a Catholic independent girls' school serving grades six through 12, has successfully surpassed a fundraising milestone of \$11 million.

The *Because of Maryvale Campaign* began with two lead donations, one above \$1 million from an alumna and the other above \$2 million from the grandmother of alumnae. Two alumnae gave the final gifts, helping Maryvale reach its \$11 million goal. This campaign was designed to be a transformational effort that would preserve the school's rich heritage while securing its future.

"From the start to the finish of this campaign, the driving force has been enabling Maryvale's mission to educate young women through experiences that prepare them for life," said Sherry Pudloski, a Maryvale Trustee and Class of 1985 alumna.

She went on to say, "while many years have passed since my days at the school, the heart of the experience is the same, a great education in a kind and supportive environment. I stay involved and prioritize Maryvale in my giving because I want young women to have that experience today, so they grow into the leaders of tomorrow."

The generous support from powerful women leaders in our community has affirmed the school's mission. To date, more than half of the donors are women.

Laura Nolan Holden, from Maryvale's Class of 2002, was one of them. She believes in empowering women as she was empowered at Maryvale.

"Maryvale taught me resilience and it taught me humility, but it also instilled in me an innate confidence," said Holden. She added, "part of my success as a D1 student-

athlete in college, success in an industry dominated by men, mother to two boys... the resilience I have as a person, the ambition, the willingness to help others and pull other women up is Because of Maryvale.”

In addition to individuals, Maryvale received gifts from major foundations including The France-Merrick Foundation, The Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Foundation, and The Thomas B. & Elizabeth M. Sheridan Foundation.

Tracey Ford, Maryvale’s President, was elated when Maryvale surpassed the ambitious \$11 million goal. “I am most proud that donors chose to invest in a school for women,” she said. “Clearly, our donors recognize the value of educating the next generation of leaders.”

Since the *Because of Maryvale Campaign* launched, there have been numerous educational programs and faculty development upgrades. Maryvale has completed renovations that added new academic spaces in the Castle, including the St. Julie Billiard wing; a new locker room complex in Maguire Hall, and a dance studio in McCarthy Hall. In addition, 14 new named endowment funds were created! [Click here to see the descriptions of these funds.](#)

Maryvale leaders are inspired by the success of this capital campaign and have set a new goal to raise another \$2 million, specifically for endowment.

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