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— ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN —



Thank you in advance for supporting *THE FOREVER McGUINNESS* annual fund. As our country is in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is rising to the challenge of moving “Toward the Top.” With your support, I am confident that COVID-19 will not cause us to take a step back, but rather unite for the present and future needs of our school. Our graduates go on to make a significant impact in the world as entrepreneurs, innovators, leaders, and difference-makers.

Your contribution to *THE FOREVER McGUINNESS* Annual Fund ensures the students of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School receive the support and funding necessary to keep the school on the cutting edge of ever-changing technology, innovative academic programs, and to keep Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School inclusive and diversified.

Please give generously to help further our mission and the legacy of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. Now, more than ever, your donation makes an impact on the lives of students and their families. Let’s keep Bishop McGuinness moving Toward the Top!

Yours in Christ,

David Morton,
Principal and President



MISSION STATEMENT

AS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH, BISHOP MCGUINNESS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS DEDICATED TO EDUCATING AND DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON, PROVIDING A MORAL, ETHICAL, AND CHRIST-CENTERED COMPASS FOR LIFE. THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH PERMEATE THE SCHOOL'S SPIRITUAL, ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE, FORMING "A PERSON FOR OTHERS."



MARK L. PLEDGER, DDS - As a class of 1982 Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School (BMCHS) graduate and past recipient of the work grant program, I am a living example of how other people's generosity allowed me not only to attend BMCHS but to excel at all the school has to offer.



Spiritually, BMCHS Christ-centered values and education have guided me in all my endeavors.

With the help of Mr. Lorne Thomas, I took an advanced theology course my senior year where he laid out all the tools I would need to defend my faith. He also encouraged me to study scriptures and formulate my own philosophy on how I would live and lead in my life.

Academically, Bishop McGuinness laid the foundation for me to excel

at Oklahoma State University (BS Biological Science '86) and then professional school at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry (DDS '91) and later Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery training in the United States Navy.

I participated in football, basketball, and track & field all four years. I was named "Athlete of the year" my junior year, and **I am most proud of my class of 1982 winning all 4 years of the BMCHS annual Olympics** thanks to excellent organization and an impressive group of co-ed athletes.

Being a byproduct of **the work grant program has instilled in me a strong work ethic.**

It taught me not to limit my own dreams and to appreciate other people's generosity. It has also led me to appreciate service. These lessons led to me serving as an Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon in the United States Navy. I have volunteered in multiple mission trips in third world countries as well as here in the United States. I currently reside and have a private practice in Temecula, CA with my wife Liz, and our three children: Madison, Lane and Logan.

I would ask during this difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic that each member of the extended BMCHS family consider donating to the FOREVER McGUINNESS Annual Support Campaign benefitting the financial aid scholarship program. Let us all help the institution fulfill its mission and philosophical statement of: "Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is available to students regardless of ethnic origin, religious preference or socioeconomic background."

The need has never been greater!

**MATTHEW
COOMES**



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The community at Bishop McGuinness has been welcoming since the beginning, inclusive to everyone's interests, and adaptable to any path. Throughout the past years, I have been involved in cross country, track, and all sorts of STEM activities. This is where I think I grew the most. The STEM program wasn't big when I came here, but Bishop McGuinness's supportive nature allowed me to expand our STEM impact in our school and surrounding communities through the robotics team and STEMbassadors. All of this has been possible through the financial aid program. Without it, I could have never experienced the growth opportunities fostered by the inclusive Bishop McGuinness environment and supportive teachers. The community was always there for me when I took on any task. I am sincerely thankful for these experiences and hope to take their lessons with me through college and into a future career, leaving a similar path of opportunity for others.

FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Annual Support Campaign provides funding each and every year for the Financial Aid Scholarship Program, to provide financial assistance to families who would otherwise be unable to attend Bishop McGuinness. For the 2020-2021 school year, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School awarded **\$825,000** in need-based scholarships. **Over 27%** of our student base receives financial assistance.

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