

The Campion Jesuit High School Scholarship Fund at Marquette University

1. History

The Campion Scholarship Fund was initiated in discussions between Campion Alumni of the Class of 1972 and then president of Marquette University, Fr. Robert Wild, SJ, his staff, and Jesuits who taught at Campion. The purpose of the Fund is to honor the ideals of Ignatian education, the Jesuits and lay faculty who taught us, and the shared experiences of all alumni of Campion.

The Campion Scholarship Fund at Marquette is perpetual. Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis, as long as Marquette University exists.

2. The Beneficiaries of The Campion Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund provides tuition assistance to students at Marquette University who are graduates of one of the five Cristo Rey high schools within the Midwest Province of the Jesuits. The schools are Christ the King Jesuit College Prep (Chicago), Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (Chicago), Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (Milwaukee), Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (Minneapolis), and Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep (Waukegan, Illinois). A sixth Cristo Rey high school within the Midwest Province, Saint Martin de Porres High School in Cleveland, will be added as soon as capital of the scholarship endowment allows.

Scholarships will be awarded annually to students who have a high school GPA of 3.0 or greater, who have shown leadership or service, and who demonstrate financial need. Students will also be eligible for other financial aid from the university. The office of student financial aid at Marquette will make the scholarship award, along with all other financial aid made available by the university. Awards will be renewable contingent on scholarship recipients making satisfactory progress toward degree completion, as determined by the University.

3. The Cristo Rey Network of High Schools

The Jesuits founded the first Cristo Rey high school in Chicago in 1996 and the Cristo Rey Network was official formed in 2000.

The Catholic academic scene at that time was a familiar, though depressing one. The diocesan high schools were facing serious financial challenges. Those schools had always been the ray of hope for struggling lower income families who dreamed of an education for their children. The Jesuits met with parishioners in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago and asked what they needed most. "A good high school" was the unequivocal response. Cristo Rey schools serve students from low-income families in urban areas who could not otherwise afford a private school education.

Cristo Rey schools combine a Corporate Work Study program with academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. The Corporate Work Study program is a cornerstone of the Cristo Rey movement—the backbone of their financial sustainability, an indispensable component of its educational programs, and a major differentiator of the Network.

Cristo Rey places every student in a professional job (on-site, remote or hybrid) five full days a month, all four years of high school. Student Associates connect classroom to career, while earning up to 50% of their own tuition cost. These young men and women contribute and strengthen their social and technical acumen as they develop newfound awareness to pursue and excel in careers or industries they may not have otherwise considered. Over 2,700 corporate businesses and organizations participate in the work study program.

Simply put, the Cristo Rey schools offer quality education for deserving students. There are now 38 Cristo Rey high schools in America.

4. Status of the Campion Scholarship Fund

The Fund, as of January 1, 2022, surpassed the minimum dollar amount Marquette required for scholarships to be awarded. Due to the generosity of twenty-four alumni of the class of '72 and two families of deceased classmates, the donated balance as of December 31, 2022 was;

Book Value: \$107,278 and
Market Value: \$120,256

Based on recurring annual contributions by the Class of 1972 and additional contributions from alumni, the end of year projections for the Book Value as of December 31, 2022 now totals \$164,894.

Linked to the [All Class Reunion Web page](#) you will find a financial report from Marquette University on the Status of the Fund at the close of their fiscal year of June 30, 2022.

4.1. The First Scholarship Awarded.

The current Campion Scholarship Fund at Marquette University is now in place and the first recipient received the award in September 2022.

Nailea is a graduate of Cristo Rey High School in Milwaukee and is a first-generation college student of her family. She has entered the College of Arts and Sciences at Marquette. With your generosity, the Campion Scholarship will expand and help additional students each year.

5. Who is supervising the scholarship?

We have, at the suggestion of the Jesuits, nominated the Provincial Assistant for Secondary Education of the Midwest Province to receive reports from Marquette and monitor the use of funds and the awardees. This will ensure oversight and perpetuity, upon our passing, as a new generation of Campion beneficiaries takes root.

Contributors to the Fund will receive annual reports.

6. Fundraising Target of the Campion Scholarship Fund at Marquette

In recent discussions between the members of the Campion All Class Organizing Committee and Marquette University, a fundraising target of \$1.25M in contributions to the Campion Scholarship Fund was established

This amount of \$1.25M contributed capital and the endowment's investment returns will allow Marquette to provide a 5% spendable amount each year for a full scholarship at Marquette or five partial scholarships each year: one each to a graduate from one of the five listed Cristo Rey high schools in the Midwest Province and then a sixth as noted above.

7. Help establish the legacy of Campion Jesuit High School

Campion closed in 1976, over 46 years ago. Based on research of the Midwest Province and the 14 alumni class representatives of the All Class Reunion scheduled for June 9-11, 2023 in Chicago, there are approximately 1,700 living alumni.

If 50% of us remaining on this earth contribute a one-time gift of \$1,500, we would slightly exceed the fundraising goal of the Campion Scholarship Fund at Marquette

However, any amount plus or minus the \$1,500 is deeply appreciated. Contributions to date have included one-time donations, annual payments each year over 5 years, monthly credit card debits, estate plans, and gifts from donor advised funds.

Individual alumni classes are welcome to take up the charge to match the contributions to date by the Class of 1972 and the families of deceased classmates.

A donation of \$50,000 was the first to qualify for matching funds. It was from an alumnus in a class of the 1970s, who wishes to be anonymous.

8. Charitable Gifting

Donations may be made online at this link:

<https://timetorise.marquette.edu/give?appeal=ADF3>

For the 'Select a Priority Fund' field, select 'Other Fund Designation' and type in 'Campion Scholarship Fund' to designate your gift accordingly.

Ms. Lisa Scalessi, director of development at Marquette, is our point person at the university. You may contact her at your convenience at lisa.scalessi@marquette.edu. She will also be able to explain the benefits of a one-time or recurring gift.

Campion has done so much for each of us, but with its unfortunate closing, we have never been bothered with fundraising requests from the school. Now, we have the opportunity to share the promise of a Jesuit university education with hardworking students. This is an endeavor that will make us proud of our time at Campion and establish a perpetual legacy of our times at the school.

Thank you for your consideration

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