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The new building for Seton Catholic, Vancouver, WA

Vancouver's Seton Catholic A Campus of Their Own

On Monday, September 26, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic College Preparatory High School (Seton Catholic) officially welcomed 172 students to their first day of school at their new and permanent campus situated on 12 acres in Vancouver, Washington. The new school facility will accommodate enrollment up to 300 students with future plans to expand and serve 500. Eighty percent of the student body is Catholic, from 15 school districts, with the majority of students attending from one of the four local Catholic elementary schools. On September 28, students, faculty, parents, board members and local deanery priests blessed the new school and chapel gathering to celebrate together the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

Having outgrown their temporary and rented 13,000 square foot facility, the new campus offers a two-story, 34,000 square foot school with eight large classrooms and a Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Center. In addition, the school features a dedicated Counseling Center, Student Commons, Fitness Center, Chapel and Performing Arts Center, Administrative Offices and space



for student leadership and campus ministry activities. A 10,000 square foot gymnasium is complemented by locker rooms and a planned football/multipurpose field to the south of the school building, with a separate comprehensive track and

field facility for athletic activities to the north. The school is wireless with students and teachers utilizing a 1:1 device program for most courses.

Seton Catholic is so grateful to so many generous benefactors, friends and business partners who believed in and have supported the dream of a Catholic high school in southwest Washington. Seton Catholic has been blessed by its partnership with so many champions in the Archdiocese of Seattle and the Fulcrum Foundation who were both early investors in this idea, and have helped the school grow from 38 students in a temporary location to over 170 students and growing, in this beautiful, state of the art, and permanent facility.

Learn more about Seton Catholic High School and view more photos of the new campus at: www.setonhigh.org

Fulcrum Welcomes New Board Members, Board Fellows and Emeriti Trustees

We are excited to announce the appointment of new members to the Fulcrum Foundation Board of Trustees: **Michael Maher**, Vice President of Finance, *Nordstrom*, President, Archdiocese of Seattle Catholic School Board; and **Matthew Shanahan**, Chief Operating Officer, *Globys, Inc.*

The University of Washington Board Fellows Program matches current MBA students from the Foster School of Business with local non-profit organizations where they serve as non-voting members. Fulcrum was one of 30 non-profits selected to participate in this prestigious program, and we are honored to have two new Board Fellows this year: **Kellen Axten**, Senior Manufacturing Engineer, *Terex Corporation*; and **Emily Garrett**, Campaign Manager AAP, *Amazon*.

Fulcrum recently created the "Emeritus Trustee" board position to recognize former Trustees who "have made singular and extraordinary contributions to the mission of the Fulcrum Foundation." We are pleased to announce the first two emeritus trustees who were instrumental in creating the Fulcrum Foundation over 14 years ago. The first is **George Hofbauer**, Fulcrum's first executive director, Principal at St. Joseph Catholic School (retired), and Principal at Holy Rosary Catholic School, West Seattle (retired). The second emeritus trustee is **Rev. Stephen C. Rowan**, founding Chair of the Fulcrum Board of Trustees, former Superintendent of Catholic Schools, and Priest of the Archdiocese of Seattle.



Rev. Stephen C. Rowan



George Hofbauer

A Brave Leader



Pictured (l-r): Fr. Paul Magnano (Fulcrum Trustee), Anthony Holter (Executive Director), BBHS alumni Tuan Ngyuen and Adree Aguas, Tony DeSapio (President, BBHS). Photo courtesy of Robert Lukevich, BBHS.

Fulcrum was recently honored with the 2016 Bishop Blanchet Brave Leader Award in recognition of our "abundant generosity to help make Bishop Blanchet accessible to families of all socio-economic backgrounds." Tuan Nguyen (transportation engineer) and Adree Aguas (current UW student) spoke after the award presentation about the positive impact of their education at Bishop Blanchet, and the importance of Fulcrum tuition assistance in helping them achieve their dreams.

Amici and a Partner in the North End

A Great Team

Amici has announced its 2016/2017 partnership with St. Mark Parish School in north Seattle! St. Mark educates approximately 153 students in the Shoreline neighborhood just north of Seattle. They are currently in the process of strengthening their S.T.E.A.M. focus (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and have recently designated a classroom for it. Amici's goal will be to raise \$2,500 for new tables and chairs for the newly designated space. In addition to fundraising, they will be spending a couple of Saturdays doing hands-on service for the school.

All are welcome to put on their best painting clothes and join them for

their first Service Day of the year at St. Mark on Saturday, November 19.



A New Chair

Amici welcomed a new board chair this year, David Redenbaugh. David hails from West Seattle and is an alumnus of Holy Rosary School (where he was recently recognized as a Distinguished Graduate) and Seattle Prep. He earned a computer engineering degree from Notre Dame and currently works as a lead engineer at a small tech startup, *Ripl*, a service geared to help small businesses stand out on social media. As an active member of the Holy Rosary community, he is a parish sacristan, a leader of the altar servers, and has devoted his time and effort to revitalizing the young adult group at the church. The past four years, he has been a mentor for the Lego robotics program at HRS.

David began his involvement with Amici and the Fulcrum Foundation when a friend invited him to attend

Spotlight on a Leader

Nicole St. Mary-Franson
Principal, St. Mary School
Aberdeen, WA



My parents are lifelong supporters and graduates of Catholic schools in the Yakima Valley and their passion, dedication, and unwavering support for

Catholic schools has become a way of life for our family. It is an inherent part of who I am. After many years of Catholic education and an unfulfilling career path, I believe I was called to serve others and give back in gratitude for all the gifts I have been given.

I began my journey by returning to graduate school, teaching for several years in the Archdiocese and then made the decision to continue with my principal credentials. I completed the program while I served as Principal of St. Mary School, Aberdeen.

an Amici event in 2010. What began as attending a few service project Saturdays, and Amici Trivia Nights, eventually grew into a bigger role as a member on the Amici service committee, and now, Chair.

David is grateful for the friendships he's formed and to be able to share in Fulcrum's mission with this built-in community of young professionals. Clearly, David continues to be inspired by the profound impact of Catholic education. As chair of Amici, he sits on the Fulcrum Board of Trustees, and actively participates in the quarterly meetings.

David (far right) is pictured here with an award winning Lego team and coach from HRS.



St. Mary's suffered a catastrophic flood last year. Though it was challenging, I learned a lot about leadership and how to turn a challenging situation into a platform to teach our students in a real life, tangible way. While we were displaced from our school building for many months, the students watched the teachers and administrators learn to cope with the stress of setting up and taking down classrooms each week; they learned that it is ok to ask for help, to be humble, how to show gratitude, and most of all the importance of community.

I have learned that it's celebrating the small accomplishments along the way, saying "thank you" often, and praying together that makes a community stronger. The hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff, benefactors and friends, and the partnership of community organizations is what makes St. Mary School dynamic and able to overcome the challenges that face our nation and schools. I look at the increasing needs of our young people and I am overwhelmed at the challenges and obstacles that many of them are going to face and have to overcome

in their future. For me, if we can help give them the tools, resources, and skills to address these issues head on, we have done our job. Catholic schools give our students and families hope for the future. We are able to educate and lift up our learning communities in a unique way that other schools cannot.

Being a Catholic school leader is how I pay my blessings forward. It is my way of showing gratitude to my parents for the many sacrifices they made for me. It is how I give back to my community for all the gifts they have given me. Being a Catholic school leader is a vocation. I made a choice to say "yes" to God when He asked me to step up and help educate, motivate, and inspire future generations of active, responsible, accountable, life-long learning, Christians.



Fulcrum Foundation Committee Focus

Committees are invaluable assets to the work of Fulcrum's Board of Trustees. By taking on specific and detailed tasks and developing recommendations to the Board of Trustees, committees increase the overall efficiency of the board and engage community in the important work of the Foundation. Fulcrum's committees of the board include executive, finance, distribution, development, governance, and human resources.



Distribution Committee Phil VanDerhoef, Chair

The Distribution Committee is at the very heart of Fulcrum's programming, reviewing and recommending funding for all grant programs—totalling nearly \$4M last year—and discussing new ways for our programs to meet the needs of and leverage opportunities for Catholic schools and families.

The Distribution Committee has subcommittees focused on four unique priority areas—tuition assistance, school partnerships, diversity and leadership. Each subcommittee is chaired by a member of the Distribution Committee and contains at least one Fulcrum team member. The Distribution Committee meets four times per year while subcommittees meet as needed.



Our Success is Because of You!

Last year, Fulcrum distributed nearly \$3.8M to assist students and their families, create Catholic school partnerships and help in forming emerging leaders, solely through your generosity—thank you! We hope you will continue to support Fulcrum’s mission this year. Donate now, by scanning this code with your smart phone’s QR code app or by visiting our website at www.fulcrumfoundation.org.

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Celebration of Light 2017 Sponsorship Opportunities

Help sponsor the region’s largest Catholic education fundraiser—get your business in front of thousands of community leaders! We are now accepting sponsorships for the 15th annual Celebration of Light Gala. Sponsorship levels start at \$5,000.

For more information please visit our website at www.fulcrumfoundation.org or contact Stephanie Singler: (206) 219-5811 or stephanie.singler@fulcrumfoundation.org.



Do You Want to Attend Celebration of Light?

Please join us! The Celebration of Light Gala is the Fulcrum Foundation’s primary fundraising event of the year. Celebration of Light 2017 will be held on Friday, January 27, at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. This is a fun, festive event bringing together supporters of excellent and accessible Catholic education.

For ticket information please email us at info@fulcrum.org.

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