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## LEVERAGING SUPPORT for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### Spotlight on a Leader: Daniel Mullen *Teacher and House Director at O'Dea High School*

For Daniel Mullen, the importance of a Catholic education was evident at an early age. As one of six children, he learned to appreciate the sacrifice his parents made—working multiple jobs and exchanging manual labor for tuition payments—to make Catholic education possible for him and his siblings.

Daniel is invested in Catholic education because, "Catholic education has been a blessing and a gift my entire life. It is a tremendous privilege to be a Catholic school educator, and I want to become the best leader I can possibly be."

Daniel's growing commitment to Catholic education gave him the confidence to move from the corporate sector to teaching and



Photos: (above left) Daniel Mullen; (above right column) Leaders in the 2017 summer session of the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program in the Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame.



then directing the O'Dea High School house program. He is now pursuing his Educational Administrative degree at the University of Notre Dame in the Alliance for Catholic Education's (ACE) Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program—a graduate program for educators seeking to become transformational leaders in Catholic schools.

With a grant through the Fulcrum Foundation Transformational Leadership Program, he studies online and spends summers on campus with plans to become a Catholic school principal. Last summer, Daniel's family, wife Olivia and daughters Fiona and Nora, joined him at Notre Dame for a few days. They enjoyed meeting the cohort of classmates and attending Mass at the Basilica with other ACE leaders from across the country.

When reflecting on his time on campus last summer, he said, "The work is intense but so applicable

and inspiring. I enjoy being around so many people so passionate about Catholic education." Like many Catholic school educators, he views his job as a vocation. "It is a privilege to be part of a young student's educational journey, and it's also an awesome challenge and responsibility."

Daniel is grateful for Fulcrum's support of Catholic educators and to be able to live out this vocation and grow his passion and zeal for the mission of Catholic schools. "Fulcrum supporters are leaving a legacy that continues through all the students who experience the joy and blessing of a Catholic education."

Photo: Daniel's daughters, Fiona and Nora, on campus with Notre Dame's Golden Dome in the distance



# Fulcrum's New Board Members

We are honored and excited to welcome four new members to the Fulcrum Foundation Board of Trustees. These individuals will add great professional insight, strategic vision and direction, and important new community connections that will continue to strengthen our work and mission. Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg, not pictured, is joining as Archbishop Sartain's appointee to the board.

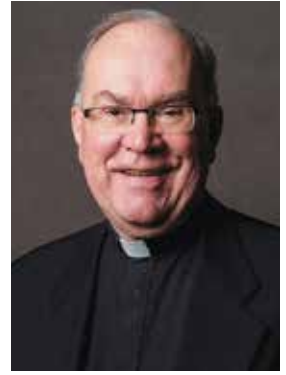
We are privileged again this year to have two new trustees join us for a one-year appointment through the University of Washington's Foster School of Business Board Fellows Program: Lindsay O'Connell and Alex Schoemann.



Michelle Audino



Mike Lee



Rev. Stephen Sundborg, S.J.



Lindsay O'Connell



Alex Schoemann



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# Amici Networking Event

Amici enjoyed a record crowd at their Fall Kick-off Party in October at Rhein Haus Seattle.

The purpose of the party was to gather current members, welcome potential members, and to share plans for upcoming activities. These young professionals enjoyed networking, playing bocce ball, and eating delicious brats! Events like this also raise funds for the Amici volunteer project selected for the year.

This year, Amici selected Holy Family Bilingual Catholic School, in Seattle's White Center, as their partner school, and the site of their new volunteer projects. The Holy Family service days, scheduled in November, February, and April will include painting and landscaping projects to spruce up the school grounds.

Additionally, Amici will bring back popular events like the Trivia Night and Theology on Tap fundraisers to support their volunteer efforts.



Visit our website to learn more about Amici: [FulcrumFoundation.org/get-involved/amici](http://FulcrumFoundation.org/get-involved/amici)





## School Partnerships: Assumption Catholic School, Bellingham

Assumption Catholic School in Bellingham is a wonderful example of strong leadership, targeted funding, and strategic partnerships all working together to lift a school up and move it towards sustainability.

When Principal Dan Anderson arrived at the school last year, he faced declining enrollment, budget challenges, and unfunded technology upgrades. In addition to extraordinary financial support from the parish and the school community, Dan applied for and was awarded a Fulcrum School Partnership Grant in order to help balance the budget. With the budget in order, Dan focused on increasing enrollment and tackling the technology upgrades.

Financial support from Fulcrum's IT Network Modernization Fund and a partnership with Tom and Jan O'Callahan, and the Office for Catholic Schools enabled the school to

upgrade cabling and wireless internet access over the summer. Students are now able to reliably participate in online learning and testing and, in January, the school will roll out a 1-1 device program for grades 5-8. Targeted enrollment marketing efforts

brought new families to the school, too. Dan very happily reported that Assumption opened this school year with 20 new students. In a recent note to Fulcrum Dan wrote, "Thanks for believing in us and making all of this happen."



## 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 the broader community in the important work of the Foundation. Fulcrum's committees of the board include executive, finance, distribution, development, governance, human resources and engagement.*



### Finance Committee Bob Breshock, Chair

Fulcrum's Finance Committee is tasked by the Board of Trustees with overseeing the investments of the Foundation, reviewing the budget, overseeing the annual audit, and recommending endowment spending policies so the Foundation will remain financially sound for future generations.

The committee also serves as a resource for schools who participate in Fulcrum's Custodial Endowment Program, which manages over \$46M for Catholic schools. These funds are owned and used by schools, and by partnering with Fulcrum's investment program, schools benefit from the advice and services of Fulcrum's investment consultant at a reduced fee.

Last month, the Finance Committee hosted an educational session for participating schools to learn about best practices in endowment spending methods. These sessions help strengthen school endowment programs which in turn will provide critical long-term support for generations to come.



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Catholic schools build a future full of hope for children and families, for our communities, and for the world. The Annual Drive supports access for students, school partnership grants, and transformational leaders. We need the support of the entire community to continue our programs for our schools and families. You can make a difference with a gift to the Annual Drive.

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