

Members of the MICDS Community,

We are beyond delighted to announce that MICDS has surpassed its \$90 million goal for *Bold Action: A Campaign for MICDS* four months before the official end of the campaign on June 30, 2018. To date, this comprehensive campaign has generated \$94.7 million for the School—which is 105.2% of our goal. It is one of the most successful independent day school campaigns in history! Even as gifts continue to come in, we want to pause and celebrate this accomplishment.

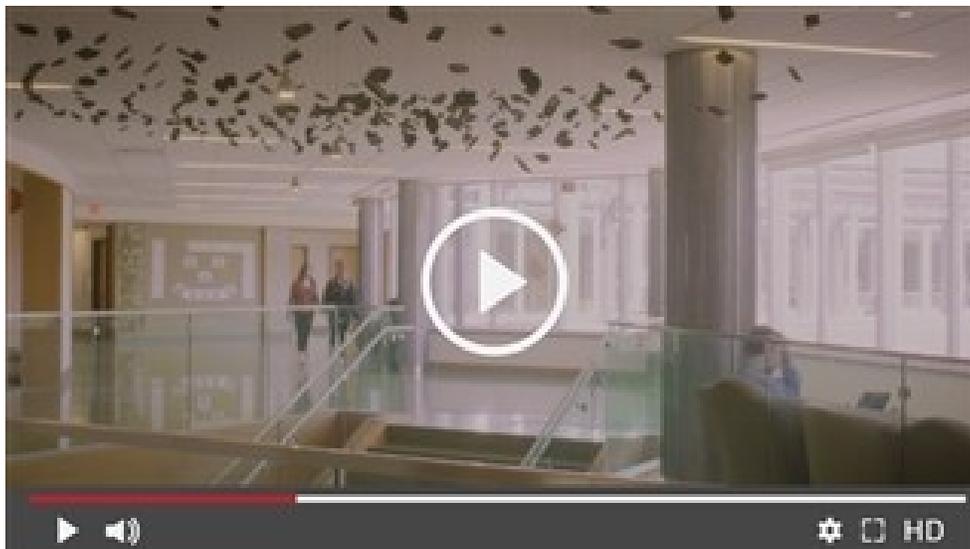


To date, 5,863 donors have participated in Bold Action, representing MICDS parents, grandparents, parents of alumni, alumni from classes 1926 to 2017 and friends of the School. Gifts have ranged from one dollar to \$21.5 million.

The 2009-2015 Strategic Plan guided the Campaign’s conception with the aim to meaningfully differentiate MICDS in a highly competitive market. In addition, it aligns with the 2015-2022 Strategic Plan and centers on our Mission to prepare leaders for lives of purpose and service. Initial donor momentum began to build in the summer of 2011. By the onset of the Bold Action Campaign public announcement on April 12, 2013, donors had already given \$45 million. With such strong momentum already underway, we set a \$65 million goal at the Campaign's public launch.

At that time, the comprehensive campaign included the Annual Fund, McDonnell Hall and Brauer Hall (STEM facility), the Steward Family Aquatic Center and William R. Orthwein Sr. Pool and endowments for Faculty Excellence and Student Access. After exceeding that \$65 million goal, we set our sights even higher. In January of 2015, the School added several more key capital campaign priorities—Ron Holtman Stadium, the new multi-sport stadium, giving our community a new space to come together to watch athletic contests; O’Hara Field, a state-of-the-art turf field for football, soccer and lacrosse; Holekamp Stadium, the new track and field grandstand; and a yet-to-be-named hospitality hub.

Today, these new facilities and our endowment initiatives have completely transformed the student experience at MICDS. We find evidence of this through our dedicated faculty and staff, our elevated STEM curriculum and the pride and school spirit found at athletics contests throughout campus. Check out these key highlights from the Campaign:



As we embark on these last four months of the Campaign, we hope to build on this momentum and invite every member of our community to participate. If there is one thing we've learned from this Campaign, it's that our School—grounded in history and rich in tradition—is deeply cherished and celebrated throughout our MICDS community. We hope this exceptional result gives our community a stronger sense of pride in our School and further resolve to continue to prepare the next generation's leaders for the world that awaits them.

Thank you,

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