



*A 1,500 year tradition in preparing young men for life*

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**THE HOWLEY FOUNDATION PLEDGES \$2 MILLION TO BENEDICTINE HIGH SCHOOL  
FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE, STUDENT TRANSITION SUPPORT AND CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS**

**CLEVELAND, OHIO** – Benedictine High School has received a \$2 million gift from the Howley Foundation for continued support of tuition assistance for low-income students, as well as an investment to remodel the school’s science wing and student transition support.

The Foundation supports high-quality private schools in Cleveland, Philadelphia and other select locations that emphasize support for strong character formation in students. It was founded more than 20 years ago by Nick Howley, the Founder and Executive Chairman of TransDigm, an international New York Stock Exchange aerospace company, and his wife, Lorie.

The Foundation sponsors 40 students at Benedictine High School (10 per class) with tuition assistance and mentoring. Additionally, the Foundation has made a generous commitment to the school’s Centennial Campaign: A Present and Future Community of Faith for the remodel and transformation of the science wing, which will officially be named The Howley Science Wing. Included in this generous gift, the Foundation has also made a commitment to wraparound services and financial support for selected students as they transition from high school to the collegiate environment.

Ryan Ryzner, Benedictine High School President/Principal, states, “We are inspired by Nick and Lorie’s philanthropic spirit. Their generosity not only provides the young men of Benedictine with opportunities to experience a dynamic Catholic education, but the transformation of the science wing is an important part of our overall campaign to give students the chance to learn in a first-class facility for years to come.”

The Foundation’s investment in the Centennial Campaign, specifically to The Howley Science Wing, adds additional excitement to the campus’ capital improvement projects, which include a courtyard named after Joe Rufus, longtime Benedictine High School

administrator and coach; a 5,000-square-foot atrium connecting the school's main academic building with the science wing; a remodeled cafeteria; and capital improvements to St. Andrew Abbey.

Nick Howley states, "We are proud to support Benedictine High School's Centennial Campaign. Their work is well aligned with our mission. The Howley Foundation supports schools that offer strong educational opportunities for economically disadvantaged inner-city students. We strongly believe that issues of equality and upward social and economic mobility are most positively impacted by access to high-quality educational opportunities that also offer strong character formation. Benedictine has a long history of providing such opportunity."

Chris Lorber '04, VP of Advancement, states, "The Benedictine community is so grateful for The Howley Foundation's commitment to our mission, as well as the significant impact their gifts provide to our students and campus. Their generosity to the transformation of the science wing provides so much excitement to our growth and development efforts."

Initial projects of the Benedictine Order of Cleveland's Centennial Campaign commence in the spring of 2021.

For more information about the Centennial Campaign, please contact Chris Lorber '04, VP of Advancement, at 216-421-2080 ext. 246 or [lorber@cbhs.edu](mailto:lorber@cbhs.edu).

### **About Benedictine High School**

Benedictine High School was established in 1927 by the Benedictine Monks of Cleveland. The school's role as an educational community is to model, educate and challenge each student to become a part of the tradition and spirit of St. Benedict. Benedictine is a community made up of enthusiastic young men who strive academically, spiritually and physically to become the future leaders of their family, business and community. Benedictine High School offers an exciting experience of growth and development for young men from around Northeast Ohio.

### **About The Howley Foundation**

The Howley Foundation's mission is to provide high quality, educational opportunities to economically disadvantaged students as an integral part of addressing issues of equality and promoting upward social and economic mobility. For nearly 20 years, the foundation has provided high quality educational opportunities to inner city students in Cleveland, Philadelphia, and other areas.