

Dear Garces Community Member,

The mission of Garces Memorial High School is simple: to offer our students a Catholic, faith centered, college preparatory education in a safe, nurturing environment. Providing "excellence in Catholic education" is costly. To keep tuition as affordable as possible, we have a "gap" between the actual cost to educate a Garces student versus the amount of tuition we charge our families. We are asking for our Catholic school supporters, to prayerfully consider a donation that helps us to "Bridge the Gap".

Garces Memorial, like other Catholic schools, utilizes tax-deductible donations rather than significant tuition increases to provide the best college preparatory education possible. This year, The Garces Fund is our most critical fundraising effort to bridge the gap.

While Garces could increase tuition to close the gap, by doing so, many Catholic families might be unable to send their child to Garces. It is core to our mission to make a Garces education accessible to the many families who want their child to have the opportunity to grow spiritually, academically, and socially. By all of us contributing what we can, we make it possible to provide the Garces Experience to many. We can all take great pride in what a Garces education means to so many as it extends beyond the classroom, developing our students for the future God has planned for them.

In appreciation for our donors who give at the "Bridge the Gap" level, or higher, by December 31, 2024, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Garces Gala as our guest. This year's Gala is Saturday, March 15, 2025. If you have any questions, please call me at 661-327-2578 ext. 130.

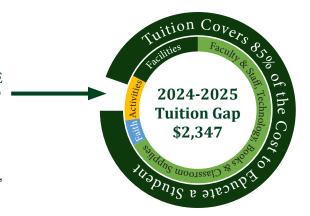
In Christ.

Steven Antongiovanni Steven Antongiovanni '76 President

## WHAT IS THE GAP?

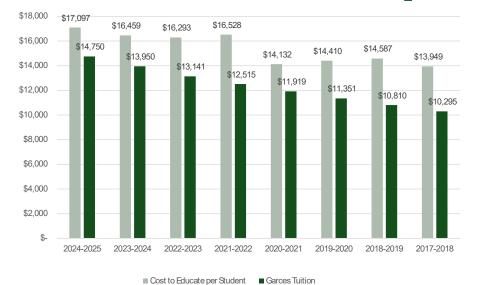
THE "GAP" IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TUITION AND THE ACTUAL COST TO EDUCATE A GARCES MEMORIAL STUDENT DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

The average tuition for the 2024-2025 school will be \$2,347 short from the full cost of educating each student at Garces Memorial. The Garces Fund helps us to bridge that gap and ensures that every year, every student, every day receives a faith-based education rooted in excellence. Through your support, we will continue to provide graduates who are the leaders of tomorrow.



"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." ~ Ephesians 2:10

## Historial Data on the Gap



## Percentage of Students Receiving Tuition Assistance

Since 2017, the number of families who require tuition assistance in order to send thier child to Garces has significantly increased. In 2017, 33% of our students received aid. This year, 53% of our families require assistance. That is a 61% increase in our operating budget for financial aid.

