



# BOLDLY BROOK HILL

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE BROOK HILL SCHOOL





**The story of Brook Hill is the story of God's faithfulness:** how He took the dream of one man and built something great with it. That is the story of all our lives. God can take little things, little dreams, and do great things. Now we see how great a school Brook Hill is, all because of one man, one dream, and God's faithfulness.

**DR. GLEN GRAVES**  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER AND PARENT





Dear Brook Hill Families,

## THE BROOK HILL SCHOOL IS FLOURISHING.

In the classroom, on the stage, and on the practice field, our students learn to make wise decisions grounded in faith; to face the challenges of the real world without being sheltered from them; and to impact others for God's glory. When they graduate, they are fully prepared—academically and spiritually—for college and life.

Every step we've taken throughout Brook Hill's history—from the first brick laid for Ornelas Hall to the last for our Athletic Development Center—has reinforced our strong foundation, affirmed our dedication to our mission, pushed us to achieve new levels of excellence, and—above all—honored God.

The coming year has the potential to be a defining moment in the life of our school. As we prepare to celebrate our 25th year as an independent, Christ-centered, college preparatory school, we are proud to launch **BOLDLY BROOK HILL: A CAMPAIGN FOR THE BROOK HILL SCHOOL**.

Through this **\$22.5 MILLION CAMPAIGN**, we will achieve our vision for Brook Hill's campus, secure the school's future, and create new opportunities for our students to know Christ and honor Him through their academic, artistic, and athletic gifts.

We invite you to join us as we embark on this campaign, and we thank you for your partnership with us as Brook Hill moves **BOLDLY** forward.

*Blessings,*



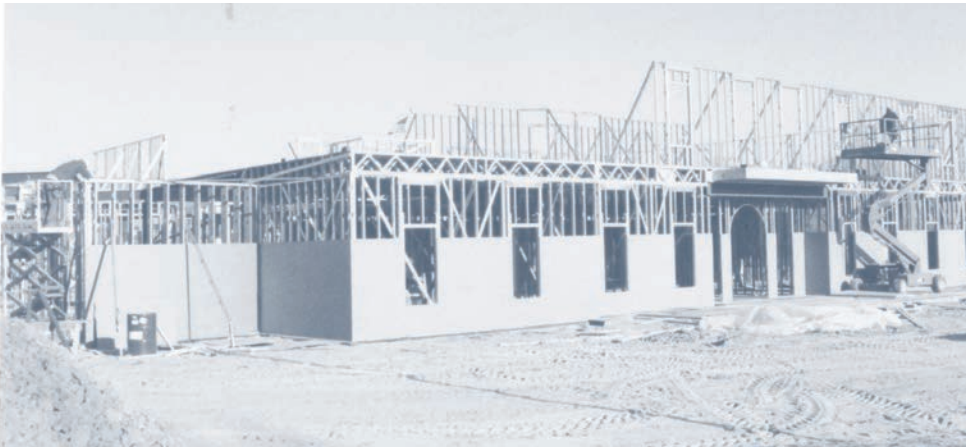
**STEVE DEMENT**  
Founder and Chairman  
of the Board of Trustees



**ROD FLETCHER**  
Head of School

**GOD'S PROVISION**

From the moment God planted the seed for The Brook Hill School to our upcoming 25th anniversary celebration, God has provided for this special school, our students, and our families so that we have the opportunity to engage His world.





# THE BROOK HILL STORY

**ONE SUNDAY EVENING IN THE LATE 1980s**, Steve Dement found himself deep in a discussion about education with a group of high school boys in a Bible study he led at First Baptist Church. “From talking with those kids, it was clear the public system was not offering what they needed,” says Dement.

After visiting Eton College in England and The Stony Brook School in New York, an idea took hold in Steve’s mind: an idea for a school in East Texas with small classes and a deep sense of history and tradition, a school where students from all over the world could flourish and realize their potential, all within the context of a Christian worldview. “I began to sense in a very real way that God wanted to use me to start a new school,” Steve remembers.

Every week he and his Bible study group prayed for God’s direction and the hope for this school. Even though the boys in Steve’s Bible study were at the end of their own high school careers, they were excited because they knew how transformational a school like the one Steve imagined could be.

## THAT’S WHEN STEVE DECIDED TO STEP BOLDLY FORWARD.

It was time to trust God and start this school, a school that came to be called The Brook Hill School. God provided for Brook Hill at every step along the way. Land with a hill in Bullard, TX. A team to lay the foundation—a mission, a curriculum, a plan for growth. All Brook Hill lacked were the resources to start building. And God provided again. When Louise and Joseph Z. Ornelas visited the property and learned about Steve’s vision for Brook Hill, they made a \$1 million gift for the construction of Ornelas Hall and Herrington Gymnasium. Shortly after Labor Day in September of 1997, Brook Hill opened its doors to 31 students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th—Brook Hill’s first Guard.

**TODAY WE ARE 760 STUDENTS STRONG.** “I’ve often said that Brook Hill is like a symphony where God is the conductor, and He brings in just the right people, at just the right time, to play just the right part, and accomplish what He wants to do. That’s been true over and over again,” says Steve. “When I think about how Brook Hill has changed so many peoples’ lives, it really makes me speechless. I’m overwhelmed that God would allow me to be a part of something so big.”

Brook Hill keeps its feet planted in the present—doing the best we can with what we have, where we are.

At the same time, Brook Hill is always looking forward—to where we are headed and how we can grow.

Our leadership does this all while respecting our past—our mission, our purpose, and our reason for doing what we are doing.

**To be able to accomplish all three simultaneously is such a rare feat.**

**JENNA WINEGEART**  
CLASS OF '06 AND PARENT



# BOLDLY BROOK HILL

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$22.5 MILLION

I love this school.  
I love the mission.  
I love the people  
I get to work with every day.

**But ultimately, I love these kids.**

The opportunity to  
influence, impact, and train  
the next generation—  
that's incredible.

**ROD FLETCHER**  
HEAD OF SCHOOL



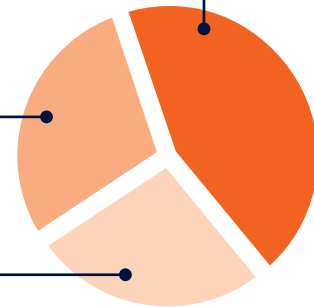
**FINE ARTS CENTER  
& CHAPEL:**  
\$10 MILLION



**CAMPUS-WIDE  
ENHANCEMENTS:**  
\$6.5 MILLION



**ENDOWMENT:**  
\$6 MILLION



By emphasizing three pillars—Education, Potential, and Character—we show the world that we are more than students, artists, and athletes. We are a community using and discovering our gifts, talents, and abilities to engage God's world.

Just as we challenge each of our students to grow and reach their individual potential, so must The Brook Hill School strive for continual improvement. We must reflect and then innovate to reach new heights.

As we approach the 25th anniversary of Brook Hill's founding, it's time to step boldly forward to complete our vision for Brook Hill's campus, establish an endowment to secure the school's future, and build key capital projects that will impact every student every day by providing new opportunities to grow their talents, their character, and their love of God.



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BY MAKING A GIFT TO THIS CAMPAIGN YOU CAN HONOR  
ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR THE BROOK HILL SCHOOL IN  
THE PAST AND ALL THAT HE WILL PROVIDE IN THE FUTURE.

# THE DURRETT FAMILY

“AT BROOK HILL, OUR CHILDREN ARE BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST.”



Campaign Co-Chairs, Ashley and Drew Durrett, with their children, Braxton '25 and Daylee Grace '27.

**R**esidents of nearby Jacksonville, Ashley and Drew Durrett planned to send their kids to the local public school. Then, after hearing several good things about Brook Hill, they decided to schedule a tour and weigh their options. Witnessing a chapel service where children of all ages were singing and worshipping together was all it took. Soon thereafter, Braxton and Daylee Grace became members of the Brook Hill family.

Ask the Durrett family why they love Brook Hill today, and they'll quickly point to Brook Hill's family-like community and Christ-centered education. "There's not a lot of places you can go where people are speaking life into your kids and demonstrating and living out the examples you want for

your children," says Drew. "At Brook Hill, our children are becoming more like Christ."

What cemented their commitment to Brook Hill even further was how the school responded to Daylee Grace's diagnosis of dyslexia. The Durrett family didn't want to leave Brook Hill, but they weren't sure Brook Hill could meet her needs. So they came to Rod Fletcher and shared their concerns. "They listened. But more than that, they responded and took action," says Drew. "Rod said that they couldn't call themselves a leading school for all children if they weren't ready to serve students that learned differently." Less than a year later, the LEAP program was born to provide needed services for bright students like Daylee Grace.

The Durrett family is equally excited about Brook Hill's future. "We need spaces that will allow Brook Hill to do and act with intentionality, spaces for the arts, space for gatherings, and space for chapel," says Drew.

The Durrett family views their role in the campaign like they view their role at their church. "It's an extension of our tithes. This is mission work for us. Our support will make an impact on Brook Hill's ability to serve children as they grow into all that God calls them to be," Drew explains. "We've benefited so much from Brook Hill that we couldn't imagine not paying it forward." As the Durrett family sees it, "the world is going to need a lot of Brook Hill graduates."



# BUILD A FINE ARTS CENTER AND CHAPEL

\$10 MILLION

Brook Hill has a world-class arts faculty that could help our students accomplish so much more if they had the proper spaces.

**Right now there aren't adequate facilities available.**

With the right spaces, Brook Hill could absolutely be on the cusp of creating one of the greatest fine arts programs in the country.

MASON LIEBERMAN  
CLASS OF 2010



## IN ORDER TO LEAD IN TODAY'S WORLD, OUR GRADUATES NEED CREATIVITY + INGENUITY.

We believe every student's God-given creativity is deepened through the practice of the arts. That's why the fine arts are foundational to a Brook Hill education.

Our faculty are second to none. Every day they collaborate to discover and nurture our students' gifts in voice, music, theater, and the visual arts. The results of their efforts are extraordinary. Our productions are on par with those at leading universities. Students in Brook Hill's visual arts, choirs, orchestra, performances, and musicals win regional and state-wide awards.

## OUR LIMITED FACILITIES HAVE NEVER LIMITED OUR VISION FOR THE PROGRAM.

Through the **BOLDLY BROOK HILL** campaign, you can help us build a new Fine Arts Center and Chapel to match the caliber of Brook Hill's award-winning fine arts program, inspire our student artists to reach new artistic heights, and create a sacred space for the worship and fellowship that ties our community together.



**A FINE ARTS CENTER AND CHAPEL IS THE LAST MAJOR, MISSING PIECE TO THE BROOK HILL PUZZLE.**

This facility will complete our original vision for the campus.

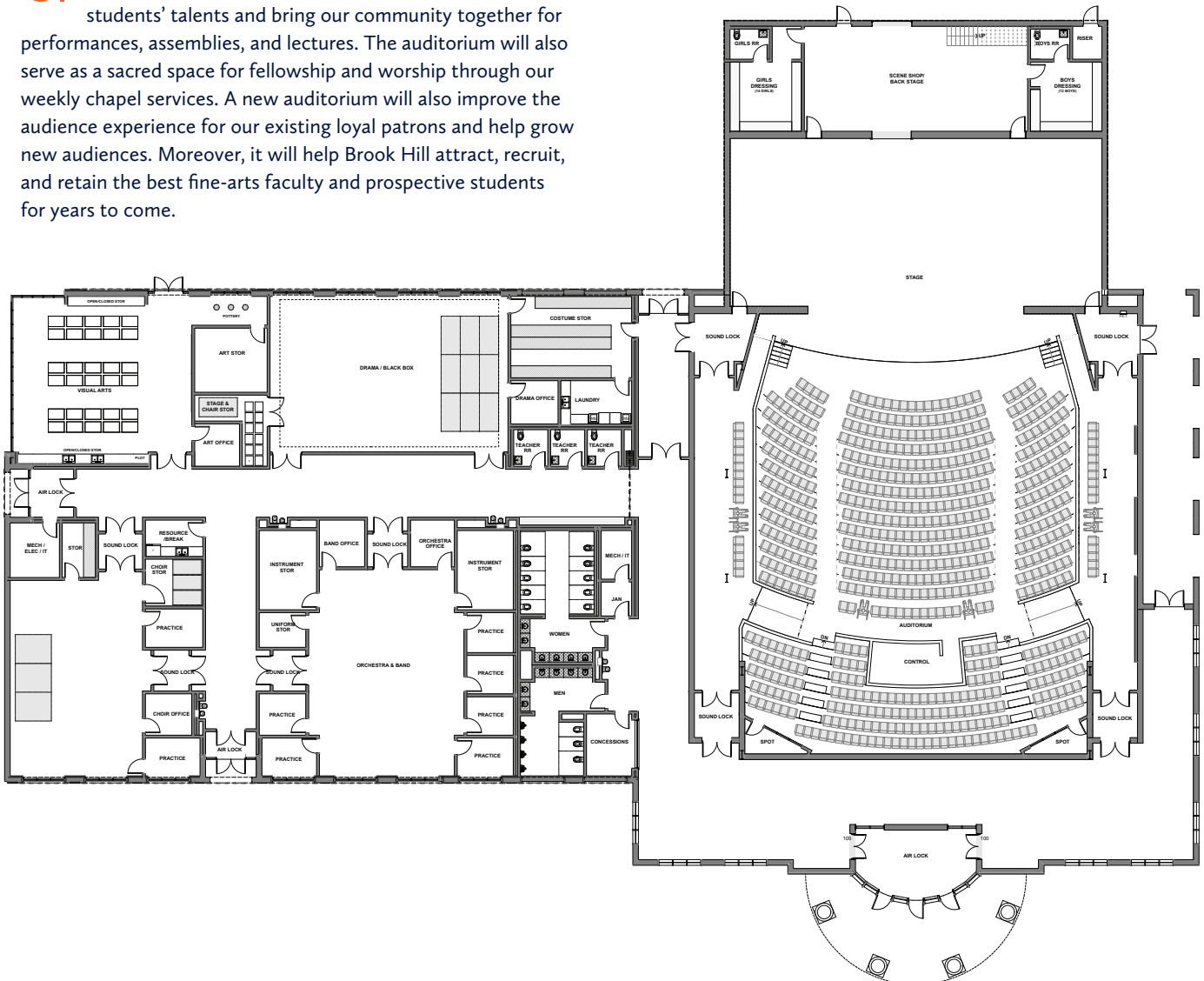
**YOUR GIFT WILL CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDING BROOK HILL'S STUDENTS WITH:**

1. **SPECIALIZED CLASSROOMS** designed for vocal, instrumental, dramatic, and visual arts instruction, including an orchestra room with room for students and their instruments; a visual arts classroom with the space and materials for students to paint, draw, sculpt, and create; a drama room with a black box for rehearsals and smaller performances, and a choir room with excellent acoustics.
2. **INSTRUCTION, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT** necessary for students to hone their skills.
3. **AN AUDITORIUM AND STAGE**—complete with wings, proper lighting, and sound equipment—to showcase our students' talents and bring our community together for performances, assemblies, and lectures. The auditorium will also serve as a sacred space for fellowship and worship through our weekly chapel services. A new auditorium will also improve the audience experience for our existing loyal patrons and help grow new audiences. Moreover, it will help Brook Hill attract, recruit, and retain the best fine-arts faculty and prospective students for years to come.

When students leave Brook Hill, we want them to look back on their fine arts experience—that moment when they stepped on stage for the first time, became first chair violinist, made all region choir, or received an award for their painting—as one of the defining moments of their high school years.

**Just imagine how many defining moments will take place in the new Fine Arts Center and Chapel.**

**GLENN BALLARD**  
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT CHAIR



# THE KUMMERFELD FAMILY

“THE TEACHERS KNOW WHO YOUR CHILD IS, WHERE THEY ARE IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST, WHERE THEY ARE ACADEMICALLY AND SOCIALLY.”



Campaign Co-Chairs, Katy and David Kummerfeld, with their children, Lily '28 and Paige '29.

**W**hen Katy and David Kummerfeld were undergraduate students at Baylor University, Kyle Lake was their Pastor. Years later when the Lord led the Kummerfelds back to Tyler, where David had grown up, it was their relationship with Kyle, for whom our Athletic Center is named, that brought them to Brook Hill. “Brook Hill provided every single thing we were looking for in a school,” says Katy. “They checked every box, providing great academics and engaging extra curriculums while teaching character centered on Christ.” Today the Kummerfeld’s

daughter Lily is in 6th grade, and their daughter Paige is in 5th grade. “Every single year gets better,” Katy adds. “The teachers know who your child is, where they are in their walk with Christ, where they are academically and socially.” The Kummerfelds love their broader Brook Hill community as well. “You’re there with people who share your values, your commitment to Christ, your goals and expectations for your children. You’re with family,” explains Katy.

Katy is thrilled about the opportunities the new Fine Arts

Center and Chapel will make possible. “Paige is very creative and artistic. We felt other schools would stifle that creativity. Not at Brook Hill,” she says. “They’ve encouraged her and supported her so much.” Despite her young age, Paige has been part of the high school musicals since 1st grade. “The Fine Arts faculty has over 100 years of teaching experience. They enrich the lives of every Brook Hill student. Our kids absolutely excel in the fine arts with limited resources. Can you imagine how much more they could do with a space to call their own?”



# BOLDLY

BROOK HILL



At The Brook Hill School,  
college preparatory academics,  
exceptional fine arts,  
and championship athletics  
go hand-in-hand with a  
Christ-centered education.

**THIS IS WHAT  
SETS US APART.**





## CAMPUS-WIDE ENHANCEMENTS

\$6.5 MILLION

Physical education does so much for cognitive function and the relationship between the brain and body. At a young age, the brain begins to establish how it's going to use energy, how it's going to engage in play and recreation.

Outdoor play and physical education are vital to this process and help strengthen good habits that impact their entire life.

**This period is vital; you don't get that time back.**

**BOBBY STROUPE**  
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF APEC



### BRICKS AND MORTAR MATTER.

Capital projects focused on academics, athletics, and campus safety will **IMPACT EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY**. These are not “pie-in-the-sky” wishes. They are the projects that faculty, staff, and parents support because they will help all our students learn, grow, and prosper.

#### YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE:

**A NEW LOWER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND** will provide space for organized play and recreation, along with physical education. Students learn through play. As they stretch and strengthen their bodies, they also strengthen their friendships and grow their minds.

**RENOVATIONS TO THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY** will transform our current space into a welcoming, engaging, kid-friendly space where we can nurture a love for reading.

**ENHANCEMENTS TO THE UPPER SCHOOL SCIENCE EXPERIENCE** will create new opportunities for students to explore cutting-edge science and technology through updated laboratory spaces and equipment.



**A COMPREHENSIVE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND DYSLEXIA CENTER FOR GRADES 6 THROUGH 12**

will ensure bright students who learn differently have access to the specially trained staff, curriculum, equipment, and space they need to make a seamless transition from the Lower School and achieve success in their Middle and Upper School years.

**THE EXPANSION OF ORNELAS HALL** will provide four additional classrooms allowing Brook Hill to expand course offerings and keep class sizes small. In addition, this expansion will physically tie the new Fine Arts Center and Chapel to Ornelas Hall, providing easy passage between the two buildings.

**UPGRADES TO RESIDENTIAL LIFE FACILITIES** will give our on-campus community a true sense of place and foster life-long relationships among students by creating a central entry point, connecting the five houses with pathways, and enhancing the park at the community's center.

**ON-CAMPUS TENNIS COURTS** will provide tennis players space to hone their skills, while introducing more students to the sport and creating a new recreation opportunity for students living on campus.

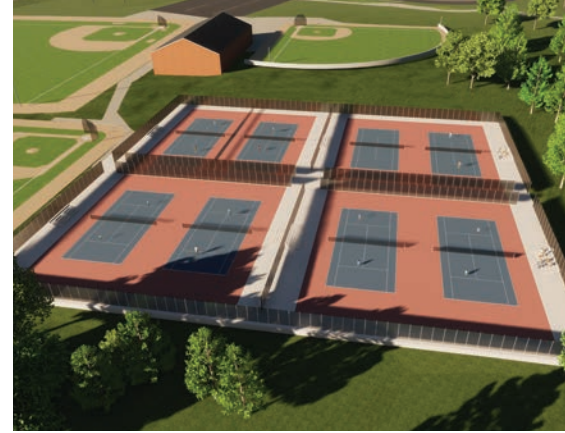
**REPLACING THE AGING TURF** on Young Field at Herrington Stadium will ensure our student athletes have a high-quality field for practices and competitions.

**SECURITY UPGRADES** will help us keep our students, families, faculty, and staff safe and secure. A fence will provide a barrier between the school and the soon-to-be five-lane Old Jacksonville Highway; a guard house will allow us to better control campus access; and additional campus lighting will provide better visibility for our community at after-hours events.

**THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS** will facilitate a more connected campus environment and make travel easier around campus.

We've been so blessed, not only to know Philip and Isaiah, but also for the opportunity for our children to meet, become friends with, and grow up with the diversity that our boarding program offers.

**LEANN AND GREG FREIMER**  
PARENTS OF ABBY '26 AND ALEX '29





## ESTABLISHING AN ENDOWMENT

\$6 MILLION

I'm not going to be at Brook Hill forever, but I want Brook Hill to be here forever. Making a gift to the endowment is about making sure Brook Hill will still be impacting lives for Christ long into the future.

Not just ten years from now,  
but 100 years from now.

**LAURIE HUMPHRIES**

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT  
AND PARENT TO THREE  
BROOK HILL GRADUATES



### AS BROOK HILL APPROACHES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY,

we have a bright future ahead of us. The single most important step we can take to secure that future is to establish an endowment. The interest generated from our endowment will provide an income stream to support our operations **IN PERPETUITY.**

#### MOREOVER, IT WILL:

- Reduce our exposure to risk during periods of economic uncertainty.
- Improve the schools' sustainability over the long-term and reduce our dependence on annual fundraising.
- Allow for additional enhancements and improvements to the school as they are needed.
- Help us retain and recruit the best teachers through competitive salaries.
- Enable our leaders to flex and change, take advantage of opportunities as they arise, and innovate so that we can deliver on our promise of excellence for every student, every year.

Because the revenue The Brook Hill School can utilize from the endowment each year only represents a portion of the endowment's projected investment income, the endowment fund and the revenue stream will grow year after year.

**QUITE LITERALLY, YOUR GIFT TO THE ENDOWMENT IS A GIFT THAT WILL KEEP ON GIVING AND KEEP ALLOWING GOD TO WORK THROUGH BROOK HILL.**



**BOLDLY BROOK HILL  
STEERING COMMITTEE**

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*Renderings, floor plans,  
and designs as of print date.*

# YOUR NEXT BOLD STEP FOR BROOK HILL

Brook Hill's mission is to provide excellence in college preparatory education, affirm the gifts and challenge the potential of each student, and encourage students to honor God through Christ-like character.

Today, we are the premier Christian day and boarding school in East Texas because **WE STRIVE TO FULFILL THAT MISSION WITH EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY.** Our students graduate prepared for college and for whatever the Lord calls them to pursue next.

As we look towards the 25th anniversary of our school's founding, we invite you to become part of this defining moment in Brook Hill's history by joining **BOLDLY BROOK HILL: A CAMPAIGN FOR THE BROOK HILL SCHOOL.** Through this campaign we have the opportunity to come together to honor all that God has provided Brook Hill in the past by pursuing new levels of excellence in the future.

## WITH YOU AS OUR PARTNER,

**WE CAN COMPLETE OUR FOUNDER'S VISION FOR THE CAMPUS BY BUILDING A NEW FINE ARTS CENTER AND CHAPEL.**

**YOUR GIFTS WILL ALSO HELP US MAKE IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE CAMPUS**—from a new playground and updated library for our youngest students to tennis courts, science labs, learning enrichment and dyslexia center, security enhancements, and renovations at the Boarding Village that ensure our students feel right at home no matter how far they've come to be part of this incredible place we call The Brook Hill School.

**FINALLY, BY ESTABLISHING AN ENDOWMENT, YOU WILL PROVIDE AN INCOME STREAM FOR BROOK HILL IN PERPETUITY.** You will ensure that the school we cherish today is still impacting lives for Christ and His Kingdom for decades to come.

**IT'S TIME TO STEP BOLDLY FORWARD FOR BROOK HILL'S STUDENTS TODAY AND TOMORROW.**

**IT'S TIME FOR...**



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