



CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Gaudeamus

ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
OVERLAND PARK CONVENTION CENTER

Honoring Peter and Veronica Mallouk

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Sponsorship Opportunities



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Give a Student the Opportunity of Catholic Education

A Catholic education has the power to shape a student's future — academically, spiritually, and personally.

The Catholic Education Foundation exists to ensure that this opportunity is available to families who seek it, regardless of financial circumstance.



When you give, you do more than support a school — you make a life-changing education possible, strengthening families, schools, and the future of our Catholic community.



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A Celebration of Catholic Education

The Catholic Education Foundation's signature fundraising event, Gaudeamus — Latin for "Let Us Rejoice" — has been a catalyst for the transformation of students, families, and communities in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

Thanks to your support of last year's Gaudeamus, CEF raised a **record-breaking over \$4.4 million** towards scholarships for students most in need, bringing access to **high-quality, faith-based education** throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

Why Sponsor This Year?

- CEF awarded \$5.5 million in scholarships for the 2025–26 school year and is on track to award more than \$6 million in scholarships next school year.
- For the 2025-26 school year, CEF awarded more than 2,000 scholarships.
- The average scholarship award has increased by 46% compared to five years ago because of growing financial need.
- CEF students have a 100% graduation and advancement rate.
- Since 2020, the amount of funding that CEF is providing annually has increased by 101%.
- Scholarship funding from Gaudeamus inspires hope and creates opportunity for students most in need to thrive in faith. More than 90% of CEF graduates plan to continue their education.



"Receiving a CEF scholarship to attend Bishop Ward High School is truly a blessing in helping me pave the way for my future. At Bishop Ward, I have been able to grow stronger in my faith and meet some of my closest friends. But it's not just that — the teachers and faculty really do care for me and want me to reach my full potential. They provide support and opportunities that I couldn't have imagined."

– Leonardo Estrada Pineda, Gaudeamus student speaker and proud CEF scholarship recipient





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Be the catalyst for the transformation of students, families, and communities in Northeast Kansas, providing scholarship funding to help children most in need receive a Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

Become a Sponsor

CORNERSTONE GOLD \$250,000
CORNERSTONE \$100,000
BENEFACTOR \$75,000
HONOR ROLL \$50,000
EDUCATOR \$25,000
SCHOLAR \$15,000
MENTOR \$10,000
PARTNER \$7,500
TUTOR \$5,000

YOUR IMPACT	10 classrooms	4 classrooms	3 classrooms	2 classrooms	1 classroom	11 students	7 students	5 students	3 students
Concierge service at event	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Premium wine at table	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Live recognition by emcee during event	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Recognition in promo materials	All	All	All	All	Select	Select			
Private VIP pre-gala reception	20 guests	20 guests	20 guests	20 guests	10 guests	4 guests	2 guests		
Premier seating	Up to 20 guests	Up to 20 guests	Up to 20 guests	Up to 20 guests	Up to 10 guests	Up to 10 guests	Up to 10 guests		
Preferred seating								Up to 10 guests	Up to 10 guests
Recognition on-screen at event	Full-screen	Full-screen	Full-screen	Full-screen	On-screen	On-screen	On-screen	On-screen	On-screen
Logolname in event program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in CEF social media	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

SECURE YOUR SPONSORSHIP TODAY!
 Email cefevents@archkck.org or visit cefgala.org

Join us for *Gaudeamus*

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Together, we honor the lasting legacy of Peter and Veronica Mallouk's support for Catholic education and unite to provide scholarship opportunities that make our Catholic schools accessible to more families.

Their enduring commitment to Catholic education and faith formation has strengthened schools and inspired countless students, families, and educators.

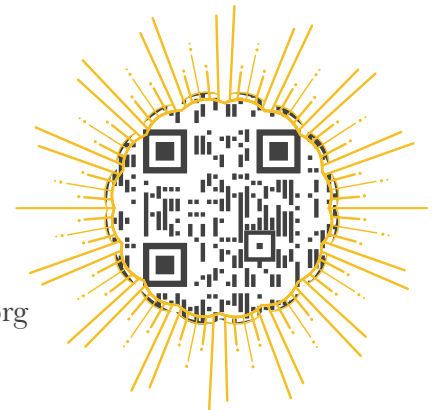


“CEF is about giving kids an education. It’s about truly giving that opportunity for a quality academic education, but — even more importantly — an education in coming to know and to love and to serve Jesus. And that really is what our life is about.”

– Monsignor Thomas Tank, 2025 CEF Lifetime Achievement Award recipient

Important Information

- To sponsor, visit cefgala.org or scan the QR code.
- Deadline for sponsorship is September 23, 2026 (to be recognized on print materials)
- Deadline for final payment is October 1, 2026
- All sponsorship levels are warmly invited to a special Mass prior to the event. More details to come and to share with your guests.
- Following sponsorship registration, a web link will be sent to the email associated with this sponsorship to register your guests.
- Questions about Gaudeamus or sponsorship, please email cefevents@archkck.org



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