



Dear Magnolia Community,

In the Gospel of John 15:5, Jesus tells us *“I am the Vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.”* We believe our beloved Magnolia School, with its exemplary faculty and staff, authentically personifies this teaching of Christ. In four short years, we have seen an outpouring of shared dedication, support and divine graces pave way for necessary expansion, and growth to ensure the shared vision of our school’s founders. The Annual Fund is our opportunity to ensure a uniquely different academic experience serving all Monarchs past, present and future.

It is hard to believe that Magnolia is entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year! 2 of our daughters, Beatrice and Lucy Laudadio started at Magnolia the first year it opened. Beatrice will now be starting 5<sup>th</sup> and Lucy is now a sophomore in high school. Beatrice’s sweet spirit has flourished and for that we are so grateful. Magnolia prepared Lucy beautifully for her next journey into high school. Magnolia was instrumental in preparing her academically, but more importantly helping mold her into the young lady she is today. Magnolia does a beautiful job of fostering a love of learning and spiritual growth and emphasizes the importance of serving others. Our girls have grown in confidence, strengthened their faith and have made lifelong friendships.

Our daughter, Cate Shofner, entered Magnolia School in its inaugural year and we immediately saw the impacts of the promised strong liberal arts education. She went from floundering to absolutely flourishing as her sense of wonder, joy and confidence in her own unique abilities grew. We watched as she grew in virtue and received the “more” we had always desired for her. The pastoral care, mentorship and genuine friendship she received have left indescribable marks, and have better equipped her for our world’s confusing messaging. She graduated class of 2022, with her mind prepared for higher education and most important to us, her heart rooted with an authentic awareness of her intrinsic dignity, and value as a daughter of God.

As an independent school, Magnolia relies heavily on the Annual Fund combined with tuition and other fundraising efforts to provide for its yearly operational needs. Our fundraising goal is \$300,000. First, we ask for your fervent prayers. Second, we ask for 100% of our community’s participation as no gift is too small. Your financial gift of any size is welcome as a single pledge or monthly contribution. We also ask you to investigate possible options for a company match if offered. Please consider donating online, <https://www.magnoliaschool.org/support-us>, or through personal payment by check. 100% participation shows the strength of our shared community commitment to this school, and allows Magnolia School to be eligible to receive additional funding through grants and charitable donations.

We invite you to contact our families with any questions about the mission of the Annual Fund. In addition, we welcome any questions regarding our own experiences past and present from our time at Magnolia School and the impact it has had and continues to foster in our families.

With gratitude,

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