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Each year, more young men are welcomed into the Hurtado Scholars Program. In addition to participating in summer and after-school academic programs, students give back through community service.



Hurtado Scholars Program Begins Its Sixth Year

The Hurtado Scholars Program at Rockhurst High School grows each year as a new group of young men join the ranks of "Hurtado Scholars." The past summer, 14 rising sixth-graders entered the program, joining the eight seventh-graders, seven eighth-graders, eight freshmen and seven sophomores who have been enrolled since their summer following fifth grade.

The program began in 2013 and was a vision of Rev. William Sheahan, SJ; Rev. Terrence A. Baum, SJ; and Gregory Harkness '81. They spent months researching similar programs in the country and meeting with local school officials. Enrollment in the program is based on

recommendations from the principals at three diocesan urban grade schools—Holy Cross (MO), Our Lady of Hope and St. John Francis Regis.

Each student who is selected into and completes the program will receive the necessary financial support to attend Rockhurst, thanks to a generous grant from the McGowan Charitable Fund and the support of a large number of community donors.

The Scholars spend five weeks in the summer, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Rockhurst. They spend their days

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on intensive math and language arts, lab science, pottery, chess, computer science and physical activity (soccer, basketball, disc golf and Ultimate Frisbee). Their teachers are all Rockhurst faculty members, and current students and alums serve as mentors. During the school year, the Scholars participate in the after-school program every Tuesday and Thursday from September through May at the Rockhurst University Community Center.

"It is exciting that the Scholars are not only coming to Rockhurst but are also doing well academically and socially. They are putting in the necessary work to improve academically," said Mr. Marvin Grilliot, director of Hurtado Scholars. "While doing so, they are building community among themselves. That community is growing through their continued dedication to community service. So we always have an opportunity to give back."

Your Path to the Perfect Gift

It's not easy choosing the perfect gift, especially when it comes to charitable giving from your estate. When to give, how much to give and the affordability of giving are common concerns. And then there's the choice about how you want the gift to benefit you.

Whether you aim to enjoy tax savings or maintain your current lifestyle, there's a charitable gift that meets your needs. Use the chart below to navigate these advantages and find the perfect gift—one that benefits you and makes a significant impact on a cause close to your heart.

If You Want to...

Make a larger gift now or in the future that has little or no effect on cash flow, and:

- Qualify for an income tax charitable deduction
- Avoid taxes on assets that have increased in value
- Transfer the expense of insuring or maintaining assets you no longer need

Make a simple gift after your lifetime, and:

- Maintain your current lifestyle by controlling your assets during your lifetime
- Enjoy the flexibility to change plans
- Pass your retirement plan assets to us tax-free

Choose From These Options...

- » Stock or other securities
- » Real estate
- » Personal property

- » Gift in your will or trust
- » Beneficiary designation

Then Enjoy the True Reward!

Feel good knowing that you've created a brighter future for Rockhurst High School.

DON'T SEE A GIFT THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU?

Contact Mike Kleinman '59 at mkleinma@rockhursths.edu or 816-363-2036 (ext. 561). We'll help you find another option that is better suited to your goals.



Your Will: A Reflection of Your Life

A well-planned will relieves family members from having to guess your final wishes during their time of grief, and it ensures they are taken care of in the manner you specify. When you provide for Rockhurst High School in your will, you also extend your legacy of caring and generosity to our students today and in the future.

A will has extraordinary potential, yet the 2017 NMI Healthy Aging Database® study found that 68 percent of Americans over the age of 18 don't have one. Are you one of the 68 percent? If so, consider what a will can do for you:

- Name a guardian for minor children
- Make financial arrangements for family members
- Provide for a pet
- Protect your business
- Forgive a debt
- Direct the division of your property (so the state does not)
- Choose the executor for your estate
- Reduce estate administration expenses
- Provide for a charitable organization

Student Success: By the Numbers

Last fall the varsity soccer team captured its seventh state title. The Hawklets topped off a 27–3 season and did not lose a game to any Missouri school.



Pianist Matthew Roxas '18 was selected winner of the Grand Prize Virtuoso International Music Competition. As part of his prize, he performed in December at the Auditorium Parco della Musica, Teatro Studio, in Rome, Italy, which is considered the equivalent to Carnegie Hall in the U.S.



As we went to press, four students have already qualified to compete in the National Debate finals in June in Miami, Florida. They are Grant Lander '18, William Kanatzar '18, Noah DeHardt '19 and Jake Gose '19.



In March, during spring break, Rockhurst High School hosted a STEM summit. The summit's goal was to help lift up the whole Kansas City education ecosystem. Last year, Rockhurst became just the 80th school in the nation and the first in Kansas or Missouri to earn STEM certification from AdvancED.



Families enjoyed food and entertainment from many cultures at the 28th Annual Heritage Mass and Ethnic Food Festival in October.



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Receive Tax Savings With a Gift From Your IRA

The leading edge of the baby boomer generation (1946 to 1964) has begun turning age 70½. If they maintain an IRA (or other similar retirement plans), they will be faced with taking a taxable distribution known as required minimum distribution (RMD) from their plan. If one does not need to withdraw money for cash flow purposes, there is an alternative.

You should be aware that there are tax savings available for making qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from an IRA. While there is no income tax charitable deduction allowed, the QCD can take the place of the required minimum distribution and avail the tax that would otherwise be paid. Even amounts in excess of the RMD can pass tax-free, up to \$100,000 annually.

The fall issue of *Founded on Rock* will discuss this issue in greater detail, including the proper form to send to your IRA custodian to initiate such a transfer.

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