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### **Topeka Collegiate Celebrates Dedication of “The Center for Curiosity, Awe, and Wonder”**

TOPEKA, KS – Topeka Collegiate proudly hosted a reception and dedication ceremony on June 1 to celebrate the opening of The Center for Curiosity, Awe, and Wonder. The event marked a significant milestone in the completion of the school's Sustain Campaign, an ambitious initiative aimed at improving and expanding the school's facilities.

Special guests joined the Topeka Collegiate community in honoring Susan and Kent Garlinghouse and their family, whose generous contributions made this new classroom and collaboration space possible. The Center for Curiosity, Awe, and Wonder, named by the Garlinghouse family, represents a monumental achievement in fostering an environment of innovation and a passion for learning.

“The Garlinghouse family's contributions have touched countless lives, and this building will continue to bring people together to learn, grow, and thrive. It reflects their belief in the power of community and their desire to create a brighter future for others whom they will never meet,” said Head of School Dr. Lyn Rantz.

The dedication ceremony included remarks from Susan Garlinghouse who, along with her husband Kent Garlinghouse and others, founded the school. Garlinghouse expressed gratitude to attendees, “This all exists because of you friends, generous people who support Topeka Collegiate- the only independent school in Shawnee County. A school that believes in a child’s hope and promise by creating a space with attention to their potential to become active citizens, critical thinkers, competent adults, and humanitarians.”

The Sustain Campaign, chaired by Mr. Sean Frost, successfully raised \$7.3 M, enabling the construction of four new classrooms, an art room, a music room, multiple collaboration spaces, and a secure storm shelter. This expansion not only enhances the educational experience but also brings the entire Topeka Collegiate community together under one roof. Of the \$7.3 M raised in gifts and pledges, \$845,000 was dedicated to the school’s Endowment.

Topeka Collegiate remains committed to providing an exceptional education that nurtures creativity and a lifelong love of learning. The opening of The Center for Curiosity, Awe, and Wonder is a testament to this commitment and a celebration of the collective efforts of the entire school community.