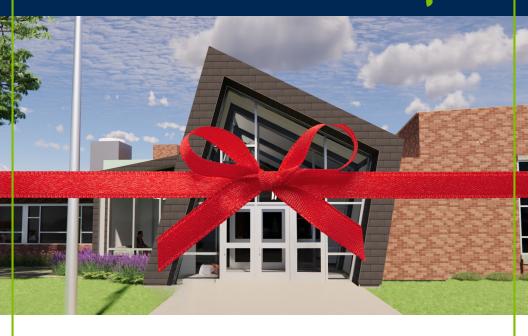


# Ribbon Cutting eremony JANUARY 4, 2024



Topeka Collegiate's mission is to inspire and prepare every student for a successful future through academic excellence, active citizenship, and humanitarian ideals. Our mission statement guides the work of the Sustain Campaign. Together, we lay the foundation for a successful future through strategic investments.



### Cutting of the Ribbon by Topeka Collegiate's Most-tenured faculty

Mrs. Ruth Bammes, 2nd grade teacher for 33 years

Ms. Mary Kate Baldwin, Lower school science teacher for 32 years

Mr. Ken Park, 4th grade teacher for 28 years

Mrs. Kelley Berryman, Kindergarten teacher for 26 years

Mrs. Kay Siebert, Music teacher for 25 years

# Inaugural first entry by Topeka Collegiate's Class of 2024

Maci Alderson
Ivan Beach
Noah Harrison
Nithya Suravarapu
Cooper Wells
Wegan Alderson
Winter Frendle
Laurel Sorrenti
Jay van Doren
Delaney Williams

Thank you for joining us this morning to celebrate this significant moment in our school's history.

We are well on our way to completing Phase One of the Sustain Campaign. As expected, with any major construction, we have encountered some delays in procurement. For example, you will see that the front aluminum siding panels and some glass panes have been delayed. Within days, those and other final touches will be completed. We are thrilled to open our new main entry for the first time. Here are some highlights:

- The entire building will soon be complete with a new video surveillance system and controlled access. In total, 57 new doors will be installed.
- The original building has unique features incorporated into the new architectural design, such as brick masonry and the angled front hallway.
- The school song was the inspiration for our commissioned steel Eagle of Destiny sculpture, created by Lyman Edwards, parent of Mina (2) and Henry (K), husband of Bridget Elmer ('91).
- The exposed structural steel beam in the office suite gives a glimpse of the roofline's strength. A new roof has been installed on over 60% of the original building.
- Take a peek into our Boiler Room, which houses our efficient, modern, and long-lasting HVAC system. The school paired its original tunnels and pipelines with the new system.
- Classrooms now have user-controlled thermostats and continuous fresh air intake. High-efficiency window replacement has begun and will be complete within eight weeks. Please take a look at the new windows within the new office suite.
- The Building Addition, with four classrooms, two fine arts classrooms, and multiple collaboration spaces, is on track for completion in mid-April 2024. We invite you to return for its Ribbon Cutting.

The Sustain Campaign's success is made possible by the generosity of over 300 donors. As of January 1, 2024, we are close to our goal of \$7 million for Construction and \$1 million for Endowment.

> **\$6,484,768 Total Gifts and Pledges** for Construction

\$845,000 **Total Gifts and Pledges** 

for Endowment

#### Check out our **Weekly Updates**



## Save the Date

February 10, 2024 - Pre-K/Kindergarten Round-Up & STEAM Expo: Registration Now Open

April 27, 2024 - An Evening on Eveningside:

A Night of Giving in Celebration of Topeka Collegiate May 16, 2024 - Topeka Collegiate 41st Graduation

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