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## **FATHER JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GIFT COMMITMENT**

Father Judge High School and The Friends of Father Judge High School, Inc. (The Friends) recently received a \$1 million commitment from Joseph Carleone, Ph.D. ('63), Chairman of Avid Bioservices. Dr. Carleone's gift is the fourth of its kind and follows \$1 million commitments in 2021 made by Larry Berran ('89), Mike Sicilia ('89), and the Faulkner Automotive Group.

Dr. Carleone joins a group of growing supporters who are investing in strategic initiatives to benefit a diverse population of students. Father Judge is launching a capital campaign to raise \$15 million for the construction of a 20,000 square foot Career Pathways Academy, the renovation of Science Labs, Athletic Facility improvements, and an aggressive push towards building a robust endowment – all to ensure the long-term viability of the school. To date, Father Judge has raised over \$8 million as it prepares to launch the public phase of its campaign this year.

When asked about his financial commitment to Father Judge, Dr. Carleone said, "I was blessed to have loving, supportive parents who instilled a passion for education in me and I want to express my support for the importance of the 'Salesian Gentleman' aspect of the education. This gift is a way for Shirley and me to support the school's visionary initiative and also honor my parents' legacy." Brian Patrick King ('97), President of Father Judge High School said, "Dr. Carleone is very generous with his time, talent, and treasure. He speaks of the great impact that a Father Judge education had on his life and his financial commitment is a testament to his gratitude as well as his desire for Father Judge to grow and thrive."

Reverend Joseph Campellone, OSFS, President Emeritus of Father Judge High School echoed King's comments, "While growing up in Tacony, Dr. Carleone learned the importance of faith and family. He and his wife of more than 55 years, Shirley, never forgot where they came from and their commitment to Catholic education at Father Judge is extraordinary."

Currently in the second phase of construction, the Career Pathways Academy will be anchored by the Faulkner Institute for Automotive Excellence and will be home to Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs on campus. The Welding Program was established in 2019 and the continued expansion of CTE offerings along with rigorous college-prep academics will provide students with unique "pathway" options during their time at Father Judge.

Established in May 2002, The Friends is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation with Officers and Directors who fundraise on behalf of Father Judge High School. All funds raised by this organization are managed and securely designated for use at the school. Since its formation, The Friends have raised and invested over \$16 million to make improvements to the school campus, provide financial aid, and fund academic programs that complement the traditional curriculum.

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**Editor's Note:** Father Judge High School was founded in 1954. The all-boys school is dedicated to educating its students' minds and souls in the spirit of Saint Francis de Sales. For more information visit [www.fatherjudge.com/](http://www.fatherjudge.com/).