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**YAWKEY FOUNDATIONS AWARDS MAJOR CAPITAL  
GRANT TO CATHOLIC MEMORIAL**

**School to Create Integrated and Applied Learning Center  
for Innovative Educational Experience**



**West Roxbury, MA** — Catholic Memorial, a college-preparatory school for boys in grades 7 to 12, today announced that they are the recipients of a major capital grant from Boston’s Yawkey Foundations. The \$2.5 million grant will provide a significant boost for the school’s capital campaign to build The Center for Integrated and Applied Learning, enhancing its strong liberal arts and progressive educational curriculum. The hands-on experiential learning approach was introduced to Catholic Memorial three years ago, and with the Yawkey grant, the expansion will provide a space which is specifically designed for these programs and will enhance types of innovation and problem solving which can be introduced to the students.

“Catholic Memorial is a school whose values and mission align with ours here at the Foundations,” said James Healey, President and Trustee of the Yawkey Foundations. “We are very pleased to support this innovative Center to enhance learning so that the school can continue to provide innovative and challenging private school education to a diverse community of urban and suburban young men and to prioritize financial support for a large number of deserving students.”

The Center for Integrated and Applied Learning will become the focal point of the current 12-acre campus. It will offer cutting edge studio classrooms and collaborative workspaces which encourage the learning and skills development which will prepare the students for success in college and the workplace. The flexible space will foster 21<sup>st</sup> century instruction for students to test concepts, engage in scientific discovery and artistic expression while utilizing 3-D printers, laser cutters, and the newest technology. The design will promote strong student-teacher relationships, enhance the close-knit community and offer a progressive approach to learning and problem-solving.

“Research demonstrates that boys thrive in hands-on, real-world relevant, and interdisciplinary educational settings,” said Dr. Peter Folan, Head of School and a national expert on single-sex and Catholic education. “The Center is designed to enhance the education of young men through project-based and applied learning, which fosters the skills necessary to succeed in the tech-

heavy Fourth Industrial Revolution. We are extremely grateful to the Yawkey Foundations for this generous gift and their support in how we educate students from diverse backgrounds.”

Catholic Memorial’s student population is a mix of various ethnicities and socioeconomic levels, with 48% residing in Boston and 28% identifying as minorities. Over 60% of the students receive financial aid, currently budgeted at \$3.3 million, which has always been a priority in the school’s mission.

“This transformative gift is the springboard to raising the remaining funds necessary to make The Center for Integrated and Applied Learning a reality” said Jack Moynihan, Vice President of Advancement. “Over the years, the Yawkey Foundations continued support of our mission has had a profound effect on the lives of countless students and families, and we are deeply grateful”.

The cost to renovate an existing building into a nucleus of 21<sup>st</sup> century education and teaching activities is \$8.5 million. With the Yawkey gift, Catholic Memorial has now raised \$5.3 million from generous donors towards this project. In 2017, Catholic Memorial had its most successful fundraising year in the school’s history.



Existing Exterior Elevation - Spring Street



Proposed Exterior Elevation - Spring Street

### About Catholic Memorial

Catholic Memorial is a college preparatory school for boys in Boston. Dedicated to transforming boys’ lives, the school challenges students to pursue excellence, embrace Christian values and lead through service at its Boston campus and in the larger world.

### About Yawkey Foundations

The Yawkey Foundations stem from the philanthropic commitments of Tom and Jean Yawkey, perhaps best known for their longtime ownership of the Boston Red Sox. As a result of Tom and Jean Yawkey’s generosity, the Yawkey Foundations have awarded more than \$470 million in grants to nonprofit organizations serving the people of New England and Georgetown, South Carolina since 1977.