

GROWING  
*Beyond*

THE CAMPAIGN FOR LSMSA

# *Beyond* B O U N D A R I E S

For over 40 years, the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts has provided students from every parish in Louisiana with an educational experience that is second-to-none. Champions for curiosity, exploration, and service, we inspire students to reach their full potential and provide life-changing opportunities that prepare our graduates to become innovative leaders who will change the world.

Our pride in our students, faculty, and alumni is unmatched, and our determination to advance their progress is unyielding. We dream big, and big dreams are not achieved alone. With your partnership, we have an unprecedented opportunity to create a future even more distinctive than our past.

Growing Beyond is the catalyst to make our vision a reality. Your support for students ensures Louisiana's high achievers have access to the advantages of an LSMSA education. Your support for modern buildings, rigorous curriculum, and engaging programming allows us to compete for Louisiana's best and brightest students as the marketplace rapidly changes. Your support for faculty helps attract and retain world-class scholars who make the LSMSA educational experience so unique. And your support of the Eagles SOAR Fund provides our academic leaders with working capital to respond nimbly to emerging opportunities, seek out big ideas with long-term impact, and meet every challenge with clarity and confidence.

The next generation of LSMSA students is counting on us to turn passion into purpose. Together, we will secure a future — for them and for LSMSA — that is beyond what anyone could have imagined.





# *Beyond* EXPECTATIONS

*“Louisiana’s leaders realized a bold vision in creating the state’s first public residential high school for students who excel in math, science, and the arts. We must continue to be bold in our pursuits while remaining steadfast to our mission. Your investment will not only transform LSMSA, but will also transform lives. Thank you for helping us connect tomorrow’s leaders with the educational opportunities they deserve.”*

*Dr. Steve Horton*

LSMSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# *Campaign* P I L L A R S

Growing Beyond is the most ambitious campaign in the history of the Louisiana School. Its bold vision will not only transform our campus for a new era but will also ensure that we continue to attract and challenge top students and faculty with cutting-edge resources and one-of-a-kind opportunities. This campaign supports four key areas to lead, thrive, build and soar beyond all expectations.



### **Leading Beyond**

**Providing transformational opportunities for tomorrow's leaders**

Gifts will establish a signature leadership program to deliver a comprehensive curriculum in the classroom that is complemented by experiential learning opportunities on campus and beyond.



### **Thriving Beyond**

**Fostering a healthy culture of achievement and overall well-being**

Gifts to support student life and wellness will grow our professional staff, enhance mental health services, upgrade physical fitness facilities and equipment, and provide students with ongoing wellness training and education.



### **Building Beyond**

**Transcending academic boundaries and transforming the educational experience**

Gifts to support the Innovation Center will build a new state-of-the-art facility at LSMSA, allowing students to create, collaborate, and connect through hands-on learning, interdisciplinary instruction, and strategic industry partnerships.



### **Soaring Beyond**

**Staying at the forefront of innovation while maintaining a commitment to excellence**

Gifts to the Eagles SOAR Fund will provide essential funding that makes it possible for LSMSA to do more than keep pace with peer institutions: We will set the curve.

# LEADING *Beyond*



## **We provide transformational opportunities for tomorrow's leaders.**

Preparing our graduates to prosper in an increasingly complex world means offering a 21st-century education that cultivates depth and versatility alongside academic excellence. We believe an LSMSA education should be rooted in a unique combination of innovative teaching and hands-on experiences that equips our students to become culturally adept problem-solvers who lead and serve in communities throughout Louisiana and beyond.

**Your gift to establish a signature leadership program will allow us to deliver a comprehensive curriculum in the classroom that is complemented by experiential learning opportunities on campus and beyond.**

A new First Semester Seminar course will expand our extended orientation offerings and prepare incoming students for success as they make the transition to LSMSA. Weekly small-group sessions will offer students guidance and encouragement from faculty and staff mentors in areas that develop a stronger sense of identity, community, and leadership. The curriculum will focus on topics such as social/emotional literacy, LSMSA culture, support systems and resources, academic success, peer relationships, leadership competencies, and service.

*“Through rigorous college-level academics, highly qualified faculty, and a community of motivated peers, I learned how to think independently and collaborate with others while pursuing my passions with confidence. What has made my experience especially meaningful is the people. Classmates from different backgrounds, mentors who genuinely invested in our success, and the wide range of organizations have allowed me to discover my strengths and interests. Moreover, the relationships I’ve built and the experiences I’ve gained at LSMSA have shaped both my goals and my perspective. I hope more students will be able to learn from the same supportive and inspiring environment in the future.”*

*Bryan Chen, '26*

Integrating these leadership development themes into seminar courses that help students explore career options and navigate the college search and selection process in their junior and senior years will continue skill-building and competency development throughout their time at LSMSA. The annual Special Projects Week is another chance for students to grow and learn outside the parameters of a typical classroom experience. Projects offered by faculty give students the opportunity to engage in topics pertaining to careers, areas of personal interest, and practical life skills.

Rounding out this program will be the launch of a new mentorship and research initiative, which will ensure every rising senior pursues a summer experience that requires them to apply knowledge gained in the classroom and further develops their leadership potential.



**Gifts to establish experiential learning scholarships will provide the funding for students to participate in research that solves real-world problems, pursue experiences that enhance learning, study abroad to expand their worldview, or serve their community to fill resource gaps and better understand complex societal issues.**

# THRIVING *Beyond*

## **We foster a healthy culture of achievement and overall well-being.**

We are committed to maintaining a safe and supportive campus culture that fosters lifelong achievement through intellectual, emotional, social, physical, and communal well-being.

Research identifying the top environmental conditions harming adolescent wellness today – poverty, trauma, and excessive pressure to excel — reinforces the unique needs of LSMSA students and underscores existing data on the long-term effects elevated levels of chronic stress can have on health and well-being.

**Gifts to support student life and wellness will grow our professional staff, enhance mental health services, upgrade physical fitness facilities and equipment, and provide students with ongoing wellness training and education.**

We must also prepare our students to become engaged citizens who thrive in a global society by advancing positive learning and working environments for all through ongoing study, self-reflection, and open dialogue.

Gifts will fund programming, staffing, and resources to ensure all members of our campus community feel welcome and are able to participate in everything LSMSA has to offer.



*"I'm the director of the EXCEL program, and it simply could not function without the Foundation. Gifts from donors ensure that we can help these students achieve academic confidence without worries or financial distress, providing some fun and rewards along the way. The Foundation has affected my professional life at LSMSA quite profoundly. I've received Brown Funds almost every time I've been eligible. I cannot begin to explain what seeing places in person has meant for my own scholarship and the enthusiasm that I can bring back into my classes. I make sure that the students are aware that the Foundation made those trips possible for me, so that they can see the direct connection between internal donations and their own education. In addition, I've been immensely grateful over the years for the ways that I've seen Foundation money make decisions and life better for students."*

*Dr. Kelly Lankford*

PRINCIPAL LECTURER, HISTORY | DIRECTOR, EXCEL PROGRAM



# BUILDING *Beyond*

## What we build today will transform tomorrow.

Makerspaces and active learning labs have become the cornerstone of STEAM education nationwide. Offering this type of experiential learning environment requires dedicated and flexible spaces equipped with tools, technology, and resources to meet the evolving needs of students and curricula over time.

**Your gift to support the Innovation Center, a partnership between Northwestern State University, LSMSA, and the state of Louisiana, will build a new state-of-the-art facility that transcends academic boundaries and transforms the educational experience at LSMSA, allowing students to create, collaborate, and connect through hands-on learning, interdisciplinary instruction, and strategic industry partnerships. Naming opportunities are available for spaces throughout the Center.**

Innovation Park will serve as a high-visibility entrance to Natchitoches from Interstate 49, anchoring the revitalized Campus Edge District along University Parkway. This dynamic development will feature the state-of-the-art New Family Makerspace, a Business Development Center, and flexible conference and meeting space designed to support entrepreneurs, students, and the community.

Students will learn to take ideas from conception to production in this applied learning environment where creativity meets technology and resources. Exposure to





this type of experiential education will also provide for career exploration and job-readiness skills development of manual, mechanical, and technical proficiencies that are applicable in business and industry today.

The Innovation Center will be equipped with flexible learning spaces that broaden course offerings and encourage multidisciplinary collaboration. Students will engage in project-based learning that teaches them how to work effectively as part of a team, strategize how to successfully move a project forward, and have the resilience to embrace and learn from failure.

Having this type of facility on our campus will also dramatically expand opportunities to partner with businesses and industries in our region. Industry partnerships will connect students with experiential learning opportunities that boost academic achievement and serve as a driver of workforce and economic development — from designing solutions to real-world problems to internships, externships, job shadowing, and mentorship programs.

# S O A R I N G *Beyond*

## **We don't keep the pace. We set it.**

Though we can't predict everything tomorrow will bring, we can be ready for anything that comes our way. A reliable source of flexible funds allows LSMSA leadership to act swiftly and strategically for maximum effectiveness, especially when any member of our community requires assistance.

Robust working capital provides the flexibility to meet student and faculty needs that might otherwise go unfunded and to pursue new opportunities as they arise. It also allows LSMSA leaders to plan for the future, ensuring our students have access to life-changing experiences that enhance their education.

**Gifts to the Eagles SOAR Fund will provide essential funding that makes it possible for LSMSA to do more than keep pace with peer institutions: We will set the curve.**

Staying at the forefront of innovation while maintaining a commitment to excellence requires continual investments in our students, faculty, programs, and infrastructure. Your generosity will ensure every student who desires to attend LSMSA and earns admission will have access to the opportunities we offer. You will help us recruit and retain high-caliber faculty who remain the hallmark of the LSMSA experience. You will infuse academic and residential life programming with much-needed resources that enhance student learning and engagement. You will allow us to invest in equipment, technology, and facility upgrades that will foster a productive, safe, and welcoming environment for the LSMSA community to learn, serve, and grow.



*"LSMSA will always be home to me, and as we celebrate more than 40 years of thriving, let's pay tribute to the past while we invest in the future. No gift builds our future better than the gift of education."*

*Lenny Richoux, '85*

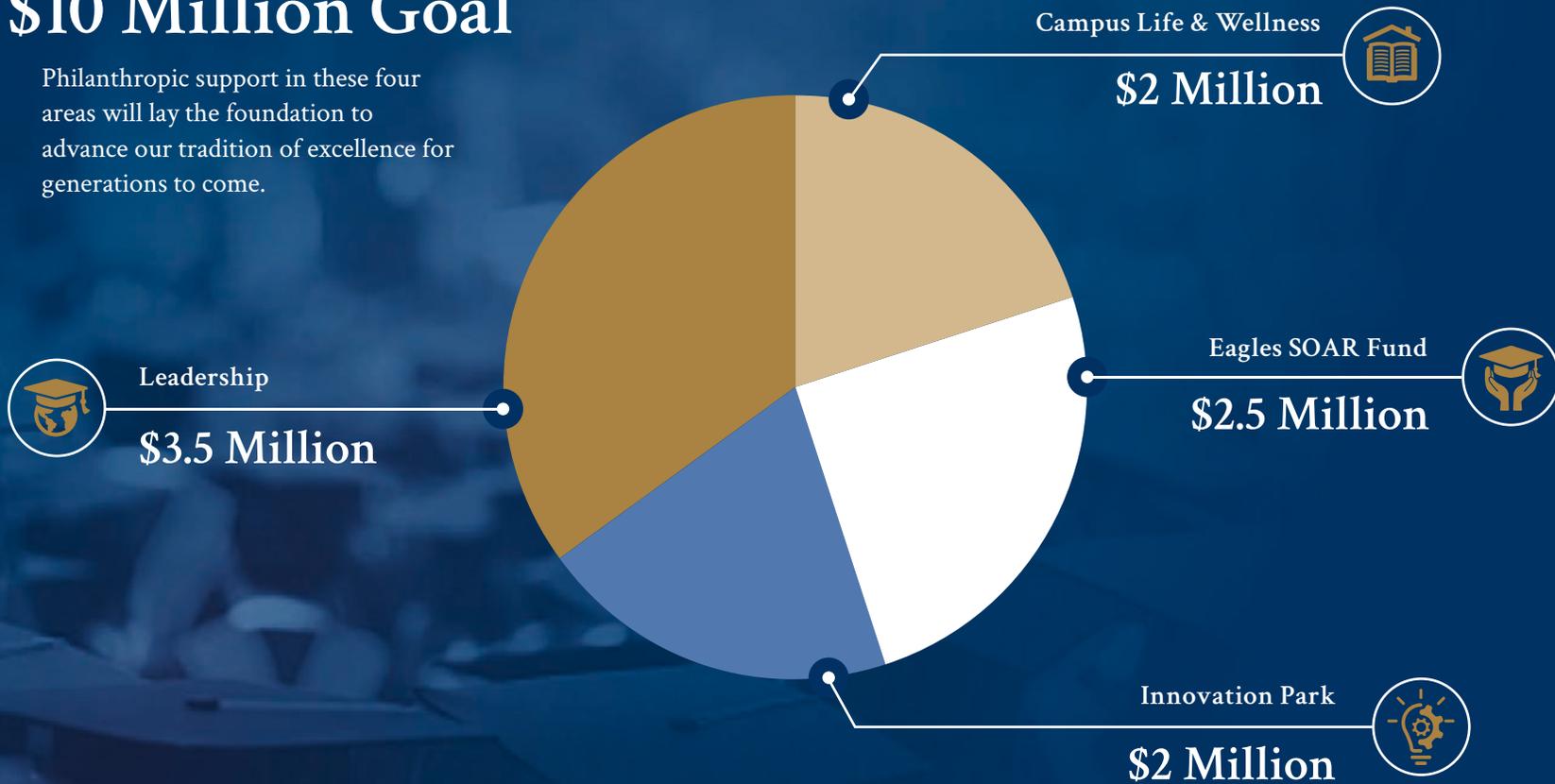
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# G R O W I N G *Beyond*

## \$10 Million Goal

Philanthropic support in these four areas will lay the foundation to advance our tradition of excellence for generations to come.



We can't reach these ambitious goals without your support. You have the power to ensure that every qualified student can access the unique opportunities only LSMSA offers — to keep our education exceptional, and to sustain a campus community that brings together students from all backgrounds to form lasting friendships and mutual understanding.

Your investment — your belief in us — will empower our students and faculty to succeed on campus and beyond. You will lighten financial burdens, enhance professional development opportunities, and produce life-changing experiences that guarantee every student walks across the stage with pride on graduation day.

Now is the time for bold action. Now, more than ever, it's time to soar above and beyond.

**Learn more about how you can be  
part of Growing Beyond.**

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