

# The Derryfield School Capital Campaign History

**1964** 39 families contributed \$1,000 each to found The Derryfield School.

1965 - 108 students enrolled in grades 7-10

1966 - 160 students enrolled in grades 7-11

1967 - anticipated 200 enrolled in grades 7-12

**1966** A \$300,000 campaign to construct the original school building. The campaign was run by the Board of Trustees in consultation with Hogan Winters.

**1973** The addition of a gym/auditorium. Howard Keegan, Board Chair, and fellow trustee John Reilly co-chaired the capital campaign. John Carter was the architect for the project and Blanchard Stebbins was the contractor. John Roche was retained as fund-raising counsel. The campaign raised \$281,000 towards the \$350,000 goal.

**1981** The creation of the Milne Library capital campaign included connecting the main building and the gym, adding administrative office space and a student forum, and renovating the Art House. Trustee John Graf was campaign chair and John Roche campaign consultant. Approximately \$600,000 was raised toward the \$750,000 campaign goal.

**1988** The \$1.2 million Campaign for Derryfield was launched to build a performing arts center. Upon reaching the original goal, the Board elevated the goal to \$1.7 million, of which \$1.5 million was raised. Trustee Pauline Elkin chaired the campaign and The Wayland Group served as campaign consultants. The firm of Lavalley/Brensinger was hired as the architect for the project and ProCon Construction built the auditorium.

**1996** The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of additional land from New Hampshire College expanding the campus from 12 to 84 acres. They also initiated a capital campaign to construct a new Middle School, renovate the existing school building, create additional playing fields, and establish an endowment for faculty enrichment, financial aid, and the Summerbridge program. Trustee Bill Dunlap was Chair of the successful \$4 million campaign. Tim Hogen provided fund-raising counsel and the firm of Lavalley/Brensinger served as the project's architectural consultant.

**2009** The Turf Field was built over the summer of 2009 with money from re-financing the bond. Upon completion, a campaign was launched to add lights on the field which raised \$80,522.

**2010** A campaign was initiated for construction of the Gateway Building for administrative, class, and seminar spaces to replace the obsolete Art House. Partial funding for the project came from the refinance of the NH HEFA bond and a grant from the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) which awarded \$450,000 tax credits to businesses with a yield of \$360,000 to support the Breakthrough Manchester portion of the building. Drs. Lou Fink and Pam Grich chaired the campaign. Bill Dunlap, alumni parent and former trustee provided fund-raising counsel, Lavalley Brensinger served as the project's architectural consultant and ProCon as the construction firm. The Campaign raised \$1,078,200 toward a \$1 million goal. The Gateway Building opened in August 2011 with an official ribbon cutting in September.

**2015** A campaign was initiated, The Thinking Forward Campaign 2015-2020, to build the Science & Innovation Center, The Athletic & Wellness Center, the tennis complex, and enhance endowment funds. In total, \$7,000,000 was raised, \$6,000,000 toward facilities, and \$1,000,000 towards endowment. Dr. Mary Halpin Carter was Head of School, Board of Trustees was led by Brad Benson, Chair, and Chris Cikacz, Vice Chair. Campaign Chairs were Bill Zorn and Shannon McGinley. Philanthropy and Engagement was led by Anna Moskov.

**2021** A project campaign was launched for The Commons—a dining facility in the heart of campus. With the lead gift of \$2,500,000 secured in the summer of 2020, the following year a full campaign was launched to build the facility. The project was initiated under the leadership of Dr. Mary Halpin Carter, Head of school. Board of Trustees was led by Chair Brad Benson, Chair, and Vice Chair Chris Cikacz and transitioned in 2021 to Chair Susan Rand King '81 and Vice Chair Lauren Hines. Lauren Hines and Bob Grunbeck serve as Campaign Co-Chairs. Philanthropy and Engagement led by Anna Moskov.