

WELCOME

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September 10, 2020

Thank you for joining us this evening for our virtual celebration of President's Circle 2020. We are tremendously grateful for your passion for Ursuline and your invaluable support for our students.

Tonight, I am very excited to share with you Ursuline's vision for the future of our school. We are preparing for incredible growth, innovation, and leadership in the education of the young women we serve, today and for decades to come.

Without question, the year ahead will be extraordinary in so many ways. Because of you, Ursuline is poised and ready to fully embrace change and new opportunities to advance the Ursuline mission.

Guided by our strategic roadmap, we have reached a pivotal moment in Ursuline's history. Significant achievements have been made in each of our strategic imperatives, with a focus on three school-wide priorities – Personalized Learning, Student Well-Being, and Community and Inclusion.

None of this would have been possible without you. And now, we look forward to an amazing future, for our partnership with you and the entire Ursuline community. Stay tuned to the close of tonight's program for a very special announcement on what comes next!

“We can have courage and perseverance when we are united in God...Have hope and firm faith in God, for He will help you in everything.”

St. Angela Merici, Counsels Prologue



Yours in Christ,

GRETCHEN Z. KANE
President

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE 2020

A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

Thursday, September 10, 2020

7:00-7:30 p.m.

Order of the Evening

Welcome & Prayer

TOM MERKEL

Chair, Ursuline Academy Board of Trustees

GRETCHEN KANE

President, Ursuline Academy of Dallas



Presentation of the 2020 President's Award

KAREN DRAWZ



Program & Special Announcement

GRETCHEN KANE

To view tonight's President's Circle presentation visit
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*Please enjoy this celebration basket curated
in partnership with The Adolphus Hotel.*



THE
PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

THE 2020 PRESIDENT'S AWARD



KAREN DRAWZ

Karen Drawz is an extraordinary educator and accomplished professional who has worked tirelessly for Ursuline Academy of Dallas, behind the scenes for many years. Her quiet leadership and partnership have played an immense role in shaping the Ursuline we know today. Every step of the way, Karen's support and invaluable counsel has been instrumental in charting our path forward.

Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Karen's immersion into Catholic education started in 6th grade when she attended a Catholic elementary school. She then went on to an all-girls high school taught by the Dominican Sisters. Drawn by the charisma of the Sisters, Karen joined the Dominicans after high school and served 17 years in religious life, teaching at elementary parish schools in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

In the late 1970s, Karen moved to Texas to be with her family in Dallas. She joined The Hockaday School, first teaching English, then working as Head of Middle School for 13 years and Assistant Head of School for 19 years.

After retiring from Hockaday in 2010, Karen established a consulting business for independent schools. She also completed a four-year commitment as committee co-chair for the Catholic Diocese of Dallas' strategic plan on educational excellence.

For the last six years, Karen Drawz has been a senior consultant for The Education Group leading nationwide searches for heads, presidents, and senior administrators of independent schools, including key administrative positions at Ursuline.

She served two terms as a member of the Ursuline Board of Trustees and also on the committee that created Ursuline's current strategic roadmap.

Karen received the 2014 Distinguished Service Award from the Diocese of Dallas and Hockaday's 2008 Honorary Alumna Award. She recently completed a one-year term as Corporate Secretary for the Cristo Rey Dallas Board of Directors and currently serves on the Education and Student Life Committee of the Board at St. John's Episcopal School of Dallas.

She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Coppell and is devoted to her four nieces and nephews as well as her rescue golden retriever Jessie.



*Congratulations to
Karen Drawz, 2020
Recipient of the President's
Award, from a grateful
Ursuline community!*

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