DEAR FRIENDS,

LIVE FROM UA! Welcome to the 2016 President’s Circle Dinner. What better venue for our celebration of Excellence in Teaching at Ursuline than the learning environment our students experience each and every day!

There is no doubt in my mind that teachers are the greatest asset of any school. Here is what a recent graduate said about Ursuline teachers at the start of her senior year:

"My time at Ursuline has shown me how much the teachers truly care about their students. They possess a passion for their subject that inspires students to be excited about learning. In the classroom, they take into consideration everyone’s different learning styles and are always available to help. Their involvement in the Ursuline community proves their love for the school and their desire to make Ursuline the best learning environment possible. It is because of them that I love learning and going to school so much."

The Pillars of Teaching Excellence, developed by our faculty, provide the fundamental values and teaching qualities expected of teachers as they guide our students on their formational journeys through Ursuline Academy of Dallas.

We are proud of our dedicated, competent, and caring teachers who are ready and eager to help their students create knowledge, risk new things, and above all, nurture their strengths and dreams.

This evening it is our great pleasure to provide you with a small window into the world of teaching and learning at Ursuline Academy of Dallas. Thank you for your incredible generosity and Serviam spirit which inspire our work for the young people we teach, guide, and care for.

Yours in Christ,

Gretchen Z. Kane
President
THE 2016 PRESIDENT’S AWARD
PAT BROWN O’BRIEN ’52 AND NEIL O’BRIEN

Spanning more than four generations, the Ursuline tradition runs deep in the O’Brien family. Pat and Neil O’Brien have four married children, 16 grandchildren, of whom eight are married, and seven great-grandchildren.

They are the parents of Cynthia O’Brien Robinson ’76, Lauretta O’Brien Todd ’79, Scot O’Brien, who is married to Ann Wunderlick O’Brien ’78, and Rick O’Brien. They are grandparents of Ursuline graduates Laurie Robinson Schmidt ’02, Jill Robinson Hylden ’04, and Molly O’Brien ’11. Neil is also the son of Alice Hickey O’Brien ’22, and the uncle, nephew, and cousin of 15 other Ursuline graduates.

Committed to servant leadership, Pat and Neil have been active in many Catholic, philanthropic, and civic organizations throughout the community. They are loyal friends and devoted supporters of Ursuline Academy, and have played important roles in the growth of Ursuline education in Dallas.

Pat has served on the Ursuline Foundation Board and Neil has served on the Ursuline Academy Board. Both have been volunteer leaders for Academy capital campaigns. Pat is a past member of the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities, past Chairman of the Board of United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, and past member of the Board of Trustees of the Notre Dame School of Dallas. Among his many involvements, Neil served for eight years as President of The Catholic Foundation and has been a member of the Cooper Institute Board of Trustees for 35 years.

Pat O’Brien attended St. Mary’s of Notre Dame and graduated from Southern Methodist University. A graduate of Jesuit College Preparatory School, Neil O’Brien earned his undergraduate degree at Rice University, a law degree at SMU, and postgraduate honors at Georgetown University Law School. He is a retired partner at the Dallas law firm of Gardere and Wynne.

Pat enjoys playing bridge, and Neil is teaching himself to play the banjo.

The 2016 President’s Award is presented to Pat and Neil O’Brien, with gratitude for their extraordinary leadership and Serviam spirit.
Reflecting the writings of St. Angela Merici, Ursuline educators demonstrate the following pillars of excellence:

### Ursuline educators promote the mission by exhibiting a disposition to teach in an all-girls Catholic environment by
- valuing teaching as a vocation and ministry
- providing an environment from which to engage ethically, critically, and empathetically with their society and the world at large
- living out a commitment to Serviam
- serving as role models for students and other faculty and staff members

_Give good example – teaching more by what you do than what you say._
_St. Angela’s 5th Counsel_

### Ursuline educators act in a loving and empathetic manner with their students by
- helping students to develop a strong sense of the dignity inherent in themselves and others
- actively listening and communicating with students individually while providing productive feedback
- supporting students outside of the classroom, encouraging them to recognize talents other than academic success
- developing their craft with the consistent understanding of their students’ needs

_You will achieve more with kindness and gentleness than with harshness and strong rebukes._
_St. Angela’s 2nd Counsel_

### Ursuline educators show enthusiasm and knowledge about their subject by
- pursuing academic depth while fostering a deep connection to Serviam within a global society
- teaching with both passion and creativity
- incorporating innovations from their own and other disciplines
- creating a culture of high expectations for themselves and their students

_May you sustain and carry out vigorously and faithfully the charge laid upon you._
_St. Angela’s Prologue to the Councils_

### Ursuline educators seek to develop themselves by self-reflection, interaction with colleagues, professional development opportunities, and subject based research by
- displaying a disposition of curiosity and life-long learning for and with the students
- modeling up-to-date pedagogy

_And if, according to times and circumstances, the need arises to make new rules or do something differently, do it prudently and with good advice._
_St. Angela’s Last Legacy_

### Ursuline educators continually foster an attitude of cooperation and partnership with students, colleagues, and parents by
- collaborating with colleagues in other disciplines to help students draw connections across subjects
- being humble before the challenge of learning, not merely delivering knowledge but entering into meaningful dialogue with students, fellow teachers, and administrators
- setting and communicating clear expectations through organization, preparation, and consistency
- promoting open communication with students and parents

_Cling together with bonds of charity, esteeming one another, helping one another, supporting one another in Christ Jesus._
_St. Angela’s 9th Counsel_
It’s Teaching Excellence in Action!

Tonight you are invited to participate in two sample classes taught by our very own Ursuline faculty. While this is only a glimpse into life at UA, we hope that the evening will give you a taste of the art of teaching that our students experience every day.

Teacher: Pat Mendina  
**ENGLISH**  
Class Title: *The Fish Bowl*  
The study of English at Ursuline encompasses not only the critical exploration of various genres of literature but also the development of personal voice through the writing process and discussion. One technique used is the "Fish Bowl," where you will be challenged to voice your views while others analyze the responses.

Teacher: Terri Ferguson  
**PERFORMING ARTS**  
Class Title: *Acting 101 – Warmups and Trust*  
Two things every actor must be able to do: have a nimble tongue for speaking and the ability to trust those sharing the stage with you. We’ll start off by learning some physical and vocal warm-ups, then end the lesson with a quick trust exercise.

Teacher: Tammy Yung  
**MATHEMATICS**  
Class Title: *The Wonders of a Circle*  
This interactive Geometry lesson uses a circle to create triangles, trapezoids, rhombi, pyramids, and tetrahedrons. Your lesson will reach a stunning geometric finale with the creation of an icosahedron!

Teacher: Matt Lepley  
**SCIENCE**  
Class Title: *BioDigital Human*  
Learn about the spine and scoliosis through biodigitalhuman.com. We will then use that information to examine an x-ray, determine the Cobb angle for a patient, and ultimately develop a basic treatment plan (surgery vs. brace, etc.) based on the data.

Teacher: Eve Juarez  
**COMPUTER SCIENCE**  
Class Title: *Learning to Code is as Easy as 1, 2, 3*  
You, too, can learn to code in three easy steps. Using powerful drag and drop languages, programming is now available to everyone at every level. You’ll learn and practice some basic meet-and-greet expressions and gestures in French, and leave ready for your next trip to Europe!
The President’s Circle includes major donors to Ursuline Academy of Dallas through gifts made to The Ursuline Fund, Mardi Gras Ball and Lunch With A View, other scholarship funds, endowments, The Ursuline Society planned giving, building programs, and other campus needs. The Academy wishes to acknowledge the following community of individuals, members of The President’s Circle 2015-2016, whose financial commitment to the Academy has helped ensure continued excellence in Catholic education and the future of the Ursuline mission in Dallas.

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$1,248,393

MARDI GRAS 2016
“Fund a Tuition”: $31,850
Auction: $338,150
Total Event Proceeds: $370,000

ENDOWMENTS
New: $350,000
Gifts to Existing Endowments: $266,373*
*INCLUDES $27,670 IN EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

LUNCH WITH A VIEW
TOTAL PROCEEDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS: $92,393

GIFTS TO GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
$38,928

SPECIAL GIFTS
$2,500

GRANTS
$250,000

COMMUNITY'S TOTAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT
FOR 2015-2016: $2,618,587

SAVE THE DATES
LUNCH WITH A VIEW
September 9, 2016
MARDI GRAS BALL
February 25, 2017
At Ursuline Academy, these are our core values:

- Spiritual formation and faith development
- Respect for the uniqueness of the individual
- Development of the whole person
- Development of a nurturing community spirit
- Commitment to peacemaking
- Serviam (I will serve) as a lived reality

Academic excellence is a hallmark of an Ursuline sponsored school.