



The Howley Foundation Grantee Spotlight: Gilmour Academy

MISSION:

To develop the competence to see and the courage to act in creating a more humane and just society.

WHAT THE HOWLEY FOUNDATION FUNDED:

The Howley Foundation made an unprecedented commitment of \$28 million to Gilmour Academy to support 48 students in grades 7-12 with annual scholarships, and for a variety of capital needs, including a new Student Commons and dining hall, as well as the restoration of Tudor House and Tudor Gardens.

THE NEED:

Educational costs continue to rise and especially challenge families who are struggling to make ends meet. Pathways that may seem out of reach can be more accessible through scholarships, but many only scratch the surface in covering a small portion of the full cost of a quality education.

The Howley Foundation has been providing **multi-year scholarships** at Gilmour since 2005. This recent gift provides for a nearly **five-fold increase** in the Howley Scholars Program, growing the number of Howley Scholars from the 11 enrolled in 2021-2022 to 48 each year by 2026—an expansion they wish to continue in perpetuity.

The gift also makes a substantial investment in physical improvements to the school, allowing for future growth in enrollment.

PROUD PROGRAM MOMENT:

Recently, members of The Howley Foundation had the opportunity to have lunch with the Howley Scholars at Gilmour, along with administrators and Gilmour's Howley Scholars Coordinator, who works individually with each Howley Scholar. It was a wonderful opportunity for Foundation members to get to know their scholars and to see all the ways they are taking advantage of the opportunity to be at Gilmour. In addition to working hard in the classroom, Howley Scholars are involved in everything from drama to athletics to service clubs. One was recently named a National Merit Scholar!

WHY THE HOWLEY FOUNDATION FUNDED THIS WORK:

“Education is one of the most important catalysts in promoting positive change in individuals and society as a whole,” says Nick Howley III, co-founder of the Foundation and a former member of Gilmour's board of directors. “Our Foundation's goals align well with Gilmour's mission of providing a strong academic foundation and significant character formation to students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. We know firsthand the impact a Gilmour education can have, as our children, Michael and Meg, are both graduates.”

ABOUT GILMOUR ACADEMY:

- Located in Gates Mills, Ohio (just east of downtown Cleveland) on an historic 144-acre campus
- Founded in 1946 by the Congregation of Holy Cross of Notre Dame, Indiana
- Independent, Catholic, coed, day and boarding school
- Total enrollment of approximately 750 students, ranging in age from 18 months to grade 12
- Current student body represents 17 states and 6 countries
- Average class size= 16 students
- Average teacher: student ratio=1:11
- 79% of the faculty members hold an advanced degree in their field
- Rigorous college-preparatory education combines real-world enrichment opportunities, authentic spiritual development and focused leadership development
- Service work is a required part of curriculum and students are provided a host of volunteer opportunities on and off campus

A UNIQUE APPROACH TO EDUCATION:

Gilmour is committed to educating the mind and the heart of every student. Recognizing that the school environment has significant influence on children's value systems and sense of social correctness, Gilmour Academy nurtures the quest for spirituality carefully and with intention.

Rather than handing down doctrine, they encourage students to ask big questions and seek answers, embolden them to form deep friendships and connect with the world around them, and provide every opportunity for inward reflection.

Inspired by the Holy Cross tradition of hospitality and inclusivity, Gilmour Academy welcomes students of all religious and spiritual backgrounds. Approximately 20% of their students practice faiths other than Catholicism.