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## Athletics gets an assist - the O'Dowd Center!

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 Reply-To: nferdinando@bishopodowd.org  
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Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 11:39 AM



Dear Dragon Alumni,

Athletics are fundamental to the fabric of being a Dragon. Our students learn the power of teams and the discipline of working towards a common goal. Our families and alumni bond through cheering on the sidelines. And our community is invigorated by winning together, or taking a loss in stride.

Our gym is filled with so many memories, and we love when our alumni come back and point up at the walls, saying, '*That's my banner!*'

Because athletics are so important to us, we could not be more thrilled about the **new O'Dowd Center**, which includes:

- a modern gymnasium with a full 94-foot competition court
- retractable bleachers revealing basketball and volleyball cross courts
- tripled seating capacity - more than 1,300 spectators - with an overlook onto the gym floor
- a state-of-the-art athletic performance lab to support all student-athletes at every stage of fitness

The O'Dowd Center is going to be beautiful. And not just for athletics. PE is going to benefit from the new strength and conditioning facilities. Drama and band are going to thrive in their new spaces. And we can't wait to sit on the terrace and watch a baseball game!

Each of us has made a gift in support of the O'Dowd Center to honor **YOU**, our alumni who built a tradition of athletic excellence. And we gave to ensure that today's student-athletes have the best opportunities to succeed.

Through February 14, alumni are offering generous matching challenges, in addition to the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation matching grant. With these *special alumni matches*, your gift will go **THREE TIMES** as far - **\$25 becomes \$75!**

Please join us in *making a gift in support of the O'Dowd Center*, and show how **YOU** ❤️ **O'Dowd!**

### DONATE HERE!

### Let's Go Dragons!



**Nova Bramed**  
Head Coach  
Varsity Women's and Men's Volleyball



**Shannon Donahue '95**  
Assistant Coach  
Varsity Women's Basketball



**Malik McCord**  
Head Coach  
Varsity Women's Basketball



**Carlos Reed**  
Director of Athletics



**Lou Richie '89**  
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**We ♥ O'Dowd Class of '94**

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**Chris Duncan, Class of '94** <alumni@bishopodowd.org>

Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 11:41 AM

Reply-To: nferdinando@bishopodowd.org

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

I hope this email finds you and your family healthy and well.

I'm reaching out because O'Dowd is nearing the finish line for its historic project, the **O'Dowd Center**, and I'm so excited! This new state-of-the-art facility will house our award-winning performing arts, championship athletic teams and time-honored community celebrations.

We, the Dragon faithful, know that our amazing athletic and performing arts programs deserve upgraded facilities.

The new Center will be a gathering place for students, families, faculty and staff, and alumni – the heartbeat of Dragon Pride for generations to come.

It has taken years of planning and hard work, but this ambitious goal is within reach. You might know that O'Dowd is fortunate to have a matching grant from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation. *All gifts and pledges in support of the new Center are being matched, dollar-for-dollar.*

**What I love about O'Dowd is how our alumni community shows up to root for today's students, no matter what. And it's going to take all of us to make the Center come to life.**

I hope you'll show your ♥ for O'Dowd and [join me in making a gift](#) in support of the O'Dowd Center today. Each contribution, regardless of the size, is a symbol of our love and appreciation for O'Dowd.

Go Dragons!

Chris Duncan '94

**DONATE HERE!**

P.S. Generous alumni are offering additional matching gifts until February 14 as part of the We ♥ Heart O'Dowd giving effort!

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Your gift of **\$250** becomes **\$500** !



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GIVING CHALLENGE  
2.4.21-2.14.21



**Help us reach our goal of \$36.5 million by March 31, 2021!**

To maximize the match, I'll make a pledge of:

- \$1,250 over 5 years (\$2,500 after the match)
  - Gift per year: \$250
  - Gift per month: \$21
- Other: \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years

I'll make a one-time gift of:

- \$125 (\$250 after the match)
- \$250 (\$500 after the match)
- \$375 (\$750 after the match)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

VISA  M/C  DISCOVER  AMEX

Card# \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is my check made payable to Bishop O'Dowd High School
- My gift is coming from a Donor Advised Fund: \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish for my gift to be anonymous.

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Make a multi-year pledge or monthly gift quickly & securely at [odowdcorunum.org/weheartodowd](http://odowdcorunum.org/weheartodowd)



**WE ♥ O'DOWD GIVING CHALLENGE**  
2.4.21-2.14.21

Nicole and Justin, we are counting on you to make the We ♥ O'Dowd Giving Challenge a success. Here's how you can help:

1. Make your gift at [odowdcorunum.org/weheartodowd](http://odowdcorunum.org/weheartodowd) or by returning the enclosed form.
2. Follow O'Dowd for updates and special announcements throughout the challenge.
  - f ODowdAlums @ODowd\_alumni
3. Share why you ♥ O'Dowd and encourage fellow Dragons to join you and support the O'Dowd Center. Be sure to tag us and use #WeHeartODowd.

We ♥ O'Dowd! And know you do too.

The We ♥ O'Dowd Giving Challenge (Feb. 4 through Feb. 14) is an opportunity to show your love for our community — by giving to the Cor Unum (One Heart) Campaign for the new O'Dowd Center! The O'Dowd Center will be a gathering place for our entire community, featuring a new gym with a full-size court and triple seating capacity, updated strength and conditioning facilities, sophisticated drama and music studios, and two state-of-the-art classrooms. The moments in the new Center will sustain students, families, and alumni for generations to come.

Each contribution, no matter the size, is a symbol of your love and appreciation for O'Dowd. And through the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, every gift and pledge is 100% matched. That means your gift will go twice as far to support O'Dowd students as they:

CONNECT PERFORM COMPETE LEARN

Because of the incredible generosity and faith of the O'Dowd community, we are within reach of our goal with **less than \$900,000 to raise!** But to make the O'Dowd Center come to life we need all of us, together.

Your gift of \$250 becomes \$500!

Please make your gift today, and show how YOU ♥ O'Dowd.

**ADD YOUR NAME ON THE COURT!**



If you ♥ Dragon basketball, volleyball, rallies, assemblies, Mass, and community traditions like the Crab Feed and the Transforming Lives Dinner, then get your name ON THE COURT!

With a gift or pledge of \$10,000 or above, your name (or family name) will be commemorated on the gymnasium floor of the new O'Dowd Center! O'Dowd graduates of the last 15 years (Classes '05-'20) will be recognized with a gift or pledge of \$2,500 or above. Let's do this, Dragons!

- Names will be printed around the center court circle, inside the three-point lines, and on the perimeter of the court.

Sample Five-Year Pledge		
Total Pledge	Monthly	Annually
\$10,000	\$166.67	\$2,000
\$2,500	\$41.67	\$500

QUESTIONS? Contact Capital Campaign Director Tracey Broadhead Frith '85 at (510) 553-8625 or [tbroadheadfrith@bishopodowd.org](mailto:tbroadheadfrith@bishopodowd.org)



# We ♥ O'Dowd Giving Challenge (Feb. 4 through Feb. 14)

**243**

Donors

162% of 150 Donor goal

**\$275,907**

Donated

This campaign ended on February 14, 2021, but you can still make a gift to Bishop O'Dowd High School by clicking [here!](#)

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Felicity Meu matched \$70

Meghan Bailey Wallingford '89  
matched \$250**About**

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