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TO OUR FRIENDS AND DONORS

A Note from Our President



The V Foundation of South Louisiana has been very active this past year. A few highlights can be found in this publication. First and foremost, I want to thank all of our board members and those who have donated their time and/or dollars to the goal of supporting the teachers at Vandebilt Catholic High School. The efforts of the V Foundation will help shrink the nearly \$14,000 disparity in teacher pay between VCHS and the public school system while keeping tuition increases to a minimum. Yes, this may seem like a daunting task, but we have taken the first steps to do just that. Because of increased donations and investment returns on our endowed dollars, the V Foundation has given teacher bonuses for the first time in May of 2024. These bonuses were only \$200 per classroom teacher, but they are a first. With increased support, we hope to include bonuses to other vital employees at the school and increase the bonus amounts significantly. I invite everyone who understands the importance of a Catholic education to join us in this endeavor. Help us take the next step in ensuring that Vandebilt Catholic will continue fulfilling its faith-based mission for years to come.

Teacher appreciation week is celebrated in May of each year. Please consider making a donation to the V Foundation in the name of a teacher who had an impact on your life. This donation will be placed in an endowed fund and the interest will be used to show thanks to VCHS teachers forever.

This old Japanese proverb underscores the importance of rewarding great teachers and attracting the finest educators when openings occur:

“Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.”

Sincerely,

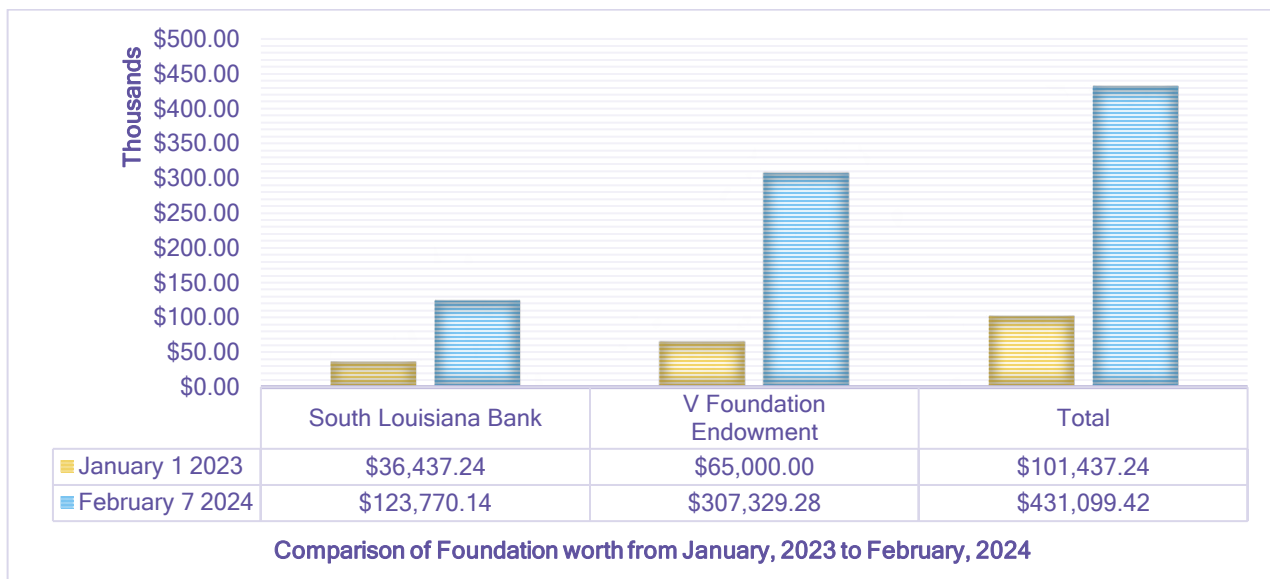
David Boudreaux

President of the V Foundation of South Louisiana

Financial Highlights



This year has been very successful for the V Foundation of South Louisiana. The investments have increased fourfold because of generous donations and healthy returns on our money invested through the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana.



The total operational expenses of the foundation for all of 2023 were \$53.72 for banking fees and \$131.00 for printing for a total of \$184.72.

Income for 2023 was \$311,904.63 - \$5,288.90 investment income - \$131.00 gifts in kind - \$306,484.73 in donations. From these profits, \$558.97 were given to teachers in awards and grants. This means that for every dollar we spent, \$1,688.53 were donated and/or earned. One of the main reasons for such low expenses is that board members often donate to cover costs or buy items needed by the foundation themselves. Board members receive no compensation for serving on the V Foundation board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Chris Saal

Treasurer and Finance Chairperson of the V Foundation of South Louisiana

V FOUNDATION ACTIVITY

Planned Giving Meeting

"A Legacy Giving Social", sponsored by VCHS, The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana, and The V Foundation, was held on April 26, 2023 at Ellendale Country Club. Attendees learned about planned giving opportunities and the benefits of doing so in a relaxed setting. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Angelique Barker and Mrs. Rachel Boquet for serving as guest panelists. Mrs. Amy Ponson of the Catholic Foundation, Mr. Jeremy Gueldner of VCHS, and Dr. Chris Saal representing the V Foundation also spoke. If you are interested in planned giving opportunities with the V Foundation, please contact a board member.



Teacher of the Year Awards 2023

Each year, the V Foundation sponsors the Teacher of the Year awards at Vandebilt Catholic. Dr. Kayce Sevier was on hand to represent the V Foundation at the awards ceremony. Pictured below on the left are Principal Ginny Medina-Hamilton, New Teacher of the Year recipient Misty Rosamond, and Dr. Kayce Sevier. Pictured on the right with Principal Medina-Hamilton and Dr. Sevier is Veteran Teacher of the Year, Kelsi Mason. Congratulations to these outstanding educators!



iGive Catholic 2023



Monique Trahan led the V Foundation's efforts for iGive Catholic. Sarah Chauvin put together an effective video for the fundraising drive. In total, \$69,950 was raised for the V Foundation. Please consider donating next year!

Link to the iGive Catholic video: <https://youtu.be/tbThWZxWcwc>

Start of the Year Teacher Luncheon 2023



Board members, Ann Robichaux and David Boudreaux spoke to VCHS teachers at the start of the school year. To show support for teachers, The V Foundation provided Canes chicken and gave an update on the efforts of the V Foundation to support teachers.



Alumni Softball Tournament 2023



Dr. David Baughman and Monique Trahan attended the VCHS Alumni Softball Tournament to offer V Foundation water to all participants. The bottled water was donated by board members and had a QR code on it to offer alumni an opportunity to learn more about the V Foundation. Look for us next year!

Back to School Night 2023



The V Foundation manned a table at “*Back to School Night*” to help welcome parents to the 2023 - 2024 school year. It was a great way to connect with current parents of VCHS and spread the news of the V Foundation’s mission.

The V Foundation Wins the VCHS Crawfish Cookoff!



The V Foundation Cooking Team, headed by Dr. David Baughman, was named “Top Dawg!” at the Terrier Club Crawfish Cookout held in May of 2023. The team was able to use the new V Foundation tent that was donated by board members. When you see the tent at VCHS functions, come by and hear more about the V Foundation and how it supports the mission of VCHS!

IN CONCLUSION

The V Foundation of South Louisiana exists because we believe that Catholic education is vital to the spiritual and intellectual growth of young people and that Vanderbilt Catholic High School has been fulfilling this role for over 150 years. Now, VCHS faces many challenges. Increased facility maintenance costs, increased insurance costs, damage from Hurricane Ida, the desire to make Catholic education affordable, and challenges finding dedicated teachers while offering approximately \$14,000 less than the public school system are but a few. Join us in helping the school tackle the challenge of inequity in teacher pay. We believe that endowed dollars are the solution. Whether by immediate contributions or by planned gifts in wills through estate planning, together, we can ensure that Vanderbilt Catholic can continue its crucial role in our diocese and community.

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Learn More

Use the links here to learn more about The V Foundation of South Louisiana, The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana, and to see the great work being done now at Vandebilt Catholic High School.



*“Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools.
Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.” Pope Francis*