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Central Catholic High School awarded \$750,000 grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 22, 2015 – The Richard King Mellon Foundation awarded a \$750,000 grant to Central Catholic High School in support of the construction of a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) building.

The all-boys, college preparatory Catholic high school, has launched *The Campaign for Central Catholic: Together in Faith, Scholarship, and Service* to expand facilities and accommodate an advancing curriculum. The new STEM facility will allow Central Catholic to enhance the way STEM subjects are taught and will create a collaborative learning environment with classrooms designed for lectures, labs, and engineering project construction. The building is the first new building since Alumni Hall (the school's gymnasium) was constructed in the 1970s. The project has a scheduled completion date of August 2016.

Principal, Brother Robert Schaefer said, "Central Catholic is deeply grateful for the Richard King Mellon Foundation's confidence and financial investment. The new STEM building will position us to continue educating the region's young men in our Lasallian tradition while incorporating technological advances and new learning dynamics. Just like our over 20,000 alumni, our future graduates will contribute to the vitality and growth of our region."

Central Catholic High School, a college preparatory school for boys, is guided by the educational principles of St. John Baptist de La Salle. The school strives to provide a challenging, relevant, and diverse program of studies and extracurricular activities in an environment that fosters a life of faith and learning and develops leaders rooted in the Gospel values of integrity, respect, service, justice, and peace. The school is currently at capacity with 870 young men from all across southwestern Pennsylvania.

For more than 60 years the **Richard King Mellon Foundation** has invested in the competitive future and quality of life in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and in the protection, preservation, and restoration of America's environmental heritage.

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