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Christian Brothers High School Board of Trustees Approves \$1 Million in Tuition Assistance for Students in Need

At its Feb. 19, 2008 meeting, the Christian Brothers High School (CBHS) Board of Trustees unanimously voted to approve \$1 million in tuition assistance for the 2008-09 school year. As Sacramento's longest-thriving Catholic high school, CBHS remains steadfastly dedicated to the principles of its founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle and the Brothers of the Christian Schools who continue his efforts to provide an excellent, faith-based education to young people – regardless of their ability to pay.

"Time and time again, it's been shown that education is truly the only long-term solution to breaking the cycle of poverty," says CBHS President Lorcan Barnes. "Today, 99 percent of our graduates go on to college. We're blessed and fortunate to have a Board of Trustees who wants to ensure that a Christian Brothers education is available to students whose families would otherwise not be able to afford to send their children here."

At CBHS, tuition assistance is based on financial need. Students' families submit financial information to an independent company that evaluates and recommends the amount of assistance needed by each student. Awards are based on the company's recommendations and other compelling circumstances affecting families when necessary.

Christian Brothers High School – Sacramento was founded in 1876. The school's college preparatory curriculum is designed to help each student succeed, academically and personally, in college. Each year, the demand for tuition assistance increases. Currently, 158 of the school's 1,054 students receive tuition assistance. Tuition and fees for the 2007-08 school year will be \$11,605, a 5.3 percent increase over last year. Offering \$1 million in tuition assistance is thought to be a first among the area's Catholic high schools and will help preserve access to the high quality, Catholic education at CBHS.

"At Christian Brothers, a quality college preparatory education is not just for the wealthy," says Barnes. "Students are welcomed from all walks of life and the school is blessed by this diversity. I also believe that our students go on to make our community a better place. Reaching this \$1 million milestone helps us help more students to do that."

This bold step forward is only possible with generous alumni support of the school's Alumni Fund. This mission-driven initiative reflects the school's prioritizing aid to modest and low/middle income families as well. Current Board of Trustees policy calls for 5 percent of CBHS students to come from families living below the federal poverty level. These students receive additional academic and personal counseling to help address the many issues facing young people living in poverty.

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