



# BUILDING VANGUARD *for the* NEXT 50 YEARS



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Taking Vanguard to a New Level of Excellence



## Every child who has ever entered Vanguard has been on a journey.

In many ways, it's the most important journey they'll ever take, because it is one of self-discovery and preparation for many more journeys to come.

Vanguard has always taken each of these journeys very seriously. It is why we set a standard of education that emphasizes the individuality of our students and for the school itself. It is why we put so much emphasis on our core values of **Rigor**, **Respect**, and **Responsibility**. We believe deeply that the students who embrace the school's standards and values most completely end up leading lives that make themselves and their families proud. And that is a wonderful thing for our community as a whole.

Vanguard is now on a journey of its own. The infrastructure that has served us well for half a century needs to be re-imagined for the demands of the next 50 years. Vanguard must grow and evolve in much the same way that our students do if we're going to continue to provide the best college preparatory education in Central Texas. This brochure provides a look at what that evolution requires.

The school's successful evolution demands one other thing: the support of everyone who loves Vanguard and treasures what it has done for you and your family as well as the families of Waco. *With your help, we will continue this legacy for another 50 years.*

### STEERING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS



Shanna Mattson



Mike Raymond

Gifts to the scholarship endowment fund are welcome to continue to make Vanguard accessible for all Central Texas families.

### STEERING COMMITTEE

- David Akins
- Liz Anderson
- Beth Boehm
- Bill Borg
- Jed Cole
- Diane Deaver
- Ben Lacy
- Ryan Lindsey
- Brad Livingstone
- Shanna Mattson
- Michael McNamara
- Mike Raymond
- Nate Taylor



Making a difference in the lives of Central Texas families since 1973

16 AP Classes

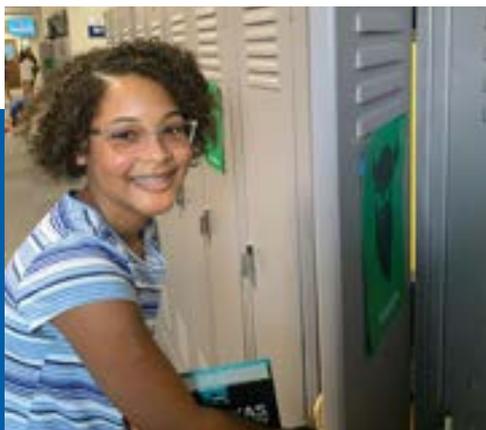
“Vanguard allowed me to play multiple sports, which helped me grow as a leader. Vanguard taught me how to balance academics and athletics, which is critical as a college athlete and in life.” — **Kendee Hilliard**, *Illinois State University College Athlete (Vanguard Class of 2019)*



41 Athletic Teams



Average Class Size 13



Diverse and Inclusive Community



Over 15 Clubs and Extracurricular Activities



Active Vanguard Parent Crew

# VANGUARD TODAY

As we prepare to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, **VANGUARD is STRONGER THAN EVER**



Annual 8th Grade Rocket Launch – Science Department



Award winning arts, robotics, music, drama, writing, debate, mock trial and more

## HIGHEST ENROLLMENT

in school history, with active waiting list



## \$4 MILLION

per year average college scholarship awards since 2017



Esteemed faculty with advanced Master and Ph.D. degrees

## AVERAGE SAT 1350

(2020-2021)



International population and diverse community of students from 13 zip codes and 6 countries



## OVER 50

State Team titles in 15 sports



**36** National Merit Scholars since 2012



“The intellectually creative and demanding nature of the coursework at Vanguard gave me the skills and the courage to take on new challenges and prepared me to overcome occasional failures. Vanguard gives opportunities to explore new passions and to build your intellectual toolkit so you can confidently and successfully tackle whatever you choose to do next.”

— **Mallory Sorelle**, *Assistant Professor, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University (Vanguard Class of 2002)*

# SMALL SCHOOL BIG EDUCATION

*Providing outstanding  
education since 1973*



↑  
**1973**  
Vanguard  
Founded



**1980**  
Gym 1 Built



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**1987**  
Jaworski  
Built



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**1992**  
Gym  
Expansion



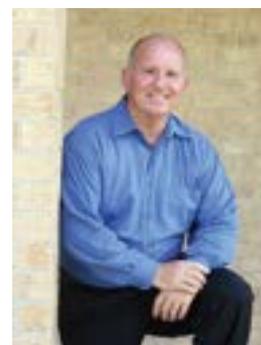
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**2000**  
Brown Academic  
and Getterman  
Lounge Built



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**2004**  
Smith Fine Arts  
Art Building Built



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**2006**  
Gym Remodeled  
and named Swanson  
Athletic Complex



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**2007**  
Bill Borg  
named Head  
of School



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**2011**  
Bostick Hall  
Built

# VANGUARD TOMORROW

With your help, Vanguard *will* continue to be at the forefront of Education in Central Texas



## A Goal of \$15 Million

TO ELEVATE VANGUARD FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS



### Extensive Campus Modifications and New Construction Include:

- State-of-the-art Performing Arts Center
- Re-imagined Gym, Weight Rooms, and Turf Field
- 12 New Cutting Edge Classrooms, including Robotics and Coding Center
- Outdoor Campus Learning
- Collaborative Learning Spaces
- Creative Community Spaces featuring Student and Alumni Accomplishments
- Enhanced Security and Gated Campus



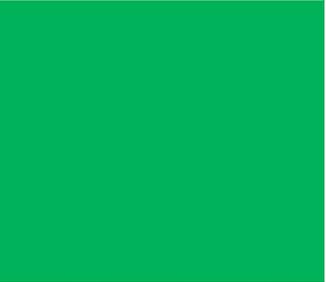
“My time at Vanguard was some of the most important, formative years. I learned how to critically think, research, and study. Along with academics, I learned the importance of being an active member of not only my school community, but the community at large.”

— **Katie Kaga**, *Business Consultant, University of Maryland graduate (Vanguard Class of 1999)*



“Vanguard gave me the opportunity to be on state championship teams in sports and robotics. Throughout my time at Vanguard, I was allowed creativity in robotics and computer sciences with college level instruction in the classroom. Vanguard has been on the cutting edge of technology from its beginning and will continue to be in the future.”

— **Adrian Northcutt**, *student, University of Colorado Boulder, Aerospace Engineering, Vanguard State Championship Robotics (Vanguard Class of 2021)*



Re-imagined Gym / Weight Room



Athletics Hall of Fame

# THE VISION FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS

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was built on many focus groups and which formed these guiding principals

## COLLABORATION

The new Vanguard College Prep School campus shall be a **collaborative think tank** - one that promotes individualized and group **problem solving led by students**. The design will aim to create a **welcoming and inviting** environment where students are excited to come to school because this is where **academic agency is encouraged, strong relationships with peers and mentors are built, and connections are made**.

## SANCTUARY

The new Vanguard College Prep School shall be a safe and secure campus - one that calms you with **a sense of peace and safety** to learn and explore both inside and outside of the classroom. The design will aim to create **opportunities for students to grow** their creativity and confidence to become a **successful, well-rounded graduate**.

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The spaces shall reinforce connections to nature by creating a relationship to the **outdoors, natural daylight**, and blurring the threshold of interior and exterior environments. The outdoor learning spaces and pathways across campus create a **college campus feel** that excites students with spaces for **active, hands-on learning** and provides opportunities for peers to share personal connections in **unexpected educational settings**.

## STUDENT EMPOWERMENT

The campus shall allow for dynamic spaces to be **flexible** and functional teaching tools for dynamic learning. The design shall create opportunities to **break away from the traditional lecture model** and encourage a sense of collaboration while nurturing opportunities for a **student's individuality** while achieving their goals and dreams.



“As a Vanguard Alumna and passionate arts supporter, I love that Vanguard is working to add a performing arts center that can be utilized not only by Vanguard but also by the Waco community.”

— **Carolyn Kannwisher Bess**,  
*Executive Director,*  
*Waco Symphony Association*  
*(Vanguard Class of 1989)*

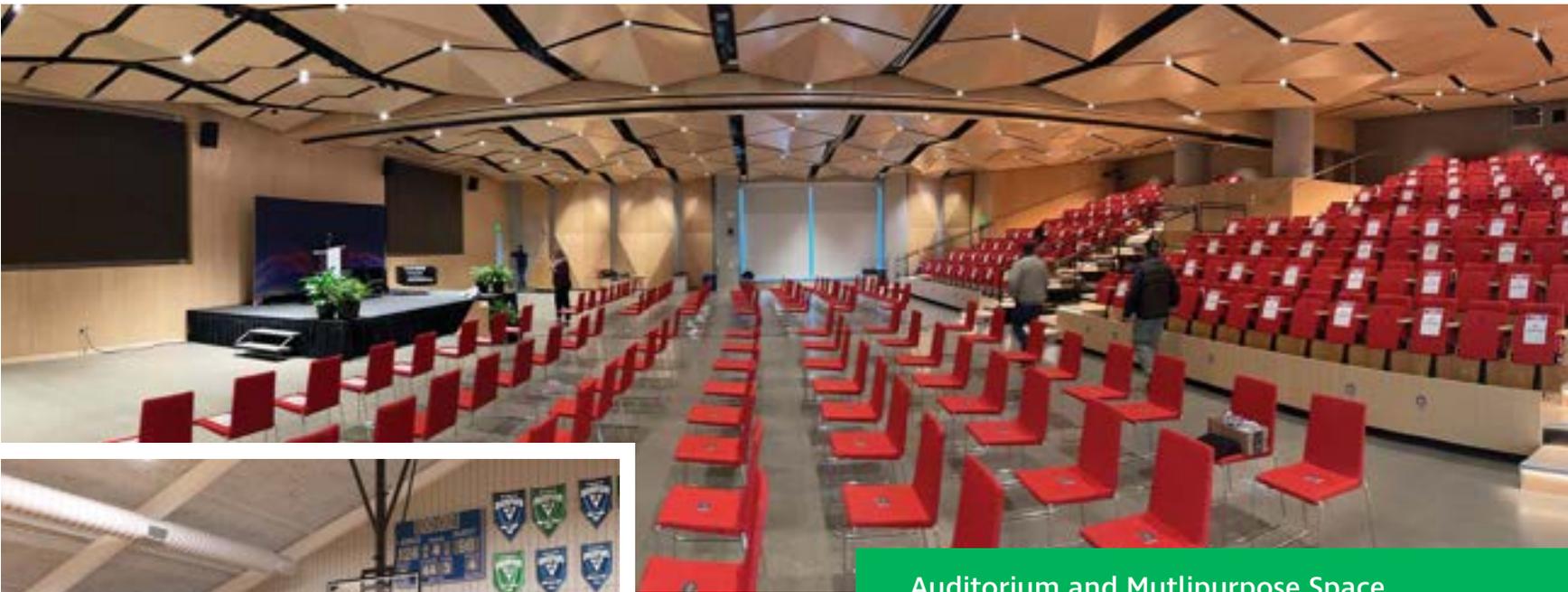


“As a passionate Vanguard alum and alumni parent, I am excited about the expansion of the performing arts center for Vanguard. Not only will this impact Vanguard students for years to come it will also increase the arts in Central Texas!”

— **Stewart Kelly**,  
*Alumni Parent*  
*(Vanguard Class of 1975)*

**THESE RENDERINGS ARE ONLY POSSIBLE  
WITH YOUR HELP AS WE BUILD  
VANGUARD FOR THE FUTURE.**

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**Auditorium and Mutlipurpose Space**



**Revitalized Swanson Athletic Complex  
and Locker Rooms**



**State-of-the-art Robotics Classrooms  
& Innovative Creative Spaces**

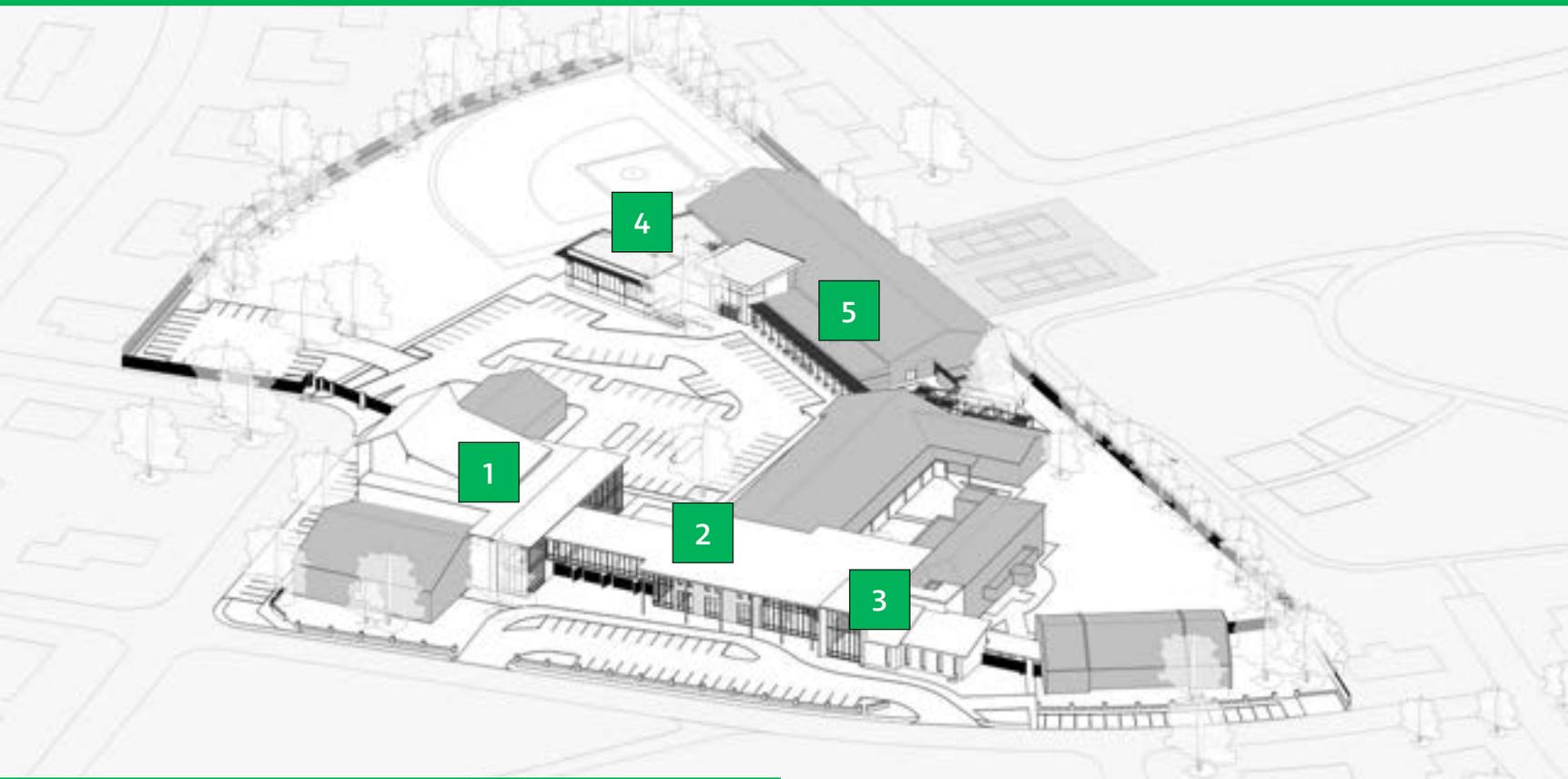


**Fine Arts Center**



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“Vanguard has thrived for 50 years because of the values held by teachers and students that pass through. I don’t recall the values on the wall, but I do remember the classroom **Rigor** of Mr. Flowers, Ms. Johns, and Ms. Davis that equipped us. I’ll never forget the **Respect** our basketball team had for each other. And, I know each of us left with a feeling of **Responsibility** to do more. These values can impact the world for the better.” — **Chris Wilke**, *Vice President, Product Management at P2 Energy Solutions (Vanguard Class of 1993)*



## Help Build Vanguard *for Tomorrow*

These dreams and images are only attainable with your help and by reaching our fundraising goals.



- 1 Performing Arts Center and Art Gallery
- 2 Classroom and Administration
- 3 New Robotics & Innovation Center
- 4 Weight Room and Lockers
- 5 Renovated Swanson Athletic Complex



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*for the* **NEXT 50 YEARS**

Inside Back Pocket



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