

VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



# SECURE + THE FUTURE

HELP US SECURE THE FUTURE FOR VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS







## SECURE THE FUTURE



Thank you for your interest in and support for Valley Christian Schools, and especially our *Secure the Future Campaign*. In the recent sense, we have been working toward this campaign since 2016, as we worked on our current Strategic Plan, Valley Christian 2020: Renewed and Ready. In a truer sense, we have been working toward this campaign

since we moved to our permanent campus in 1997. And in reality, we've been working toward the goal of this campaign – equipping more students to be culture changers for Christ today and tomorrow – since we opened our doors in 1982.

As you consider your involvement in the campaign, I encourage you to think of your own experiences with Valley Christian. How has God used

VCS to impact you, your kids, your grandkids, your friends, your church, your community? At Valley Christian we have an incredible opportunity to equip students to be culture changers for Christ. That eternal impact is first and foremost because of God's direct hand, and second because of donors and partners like you – and perhaps exactly you – who have helped lay the foundations of what we were and what we are today. Now, we are asking you to come alongside us in developing what we will become.

We are thrilled to be sharing the *Secure the Future Campaign* with you. Please contact us – and feel free to contact me directly – with questions and comments. And thank you in advance for your support.

Dan Kuiper  
Head of Schools



My first interaction with Valley Christian was in 1999, when my family was deciding where to send my siblings and I to high school. At the time, there was perhaps a better chance I'd be at the local public high school than I'd be a Trojan. On my shadow day, I didn't have the "warm fuzzies," and I wasn't immediately convinced that this was where I should be.

Sometimes we pray for clarity, and when things aren't clear, God does His work, anyway.

It eventually became clear. It became clear when I developed friendships with fellow students who would become my closest and lifelong friends. It became clear when countless teachers poured into me, spending extra hours to help me understand the material, or to help them understand me. It became clear when I saw my coaches model what it looked like to be a Christian husband and father, and when they continued to care about me long after I graduated. And this part of my story is not unique – countless alumni can and do share the same experience. Perhaps you do, too. The rest of my story is somewhat more unique, although it's becoming more and more common.

I married a fellow Valley alumnus, even though we never dated in high school. I not only married an incredible Christian woman, but married into a wonderful Christian family. And now, more than 6% of our alumni marry another Valley Christian graduate. All of my groomsmen were

alumni, too, and it doesn't take much scrolling on social media to see our alumni hanging out with their closest friends... other alumni. When I started working for VCS in 2013, I was the 4th full-time alumnus on staff. Now, more than 10% of our full-time staff across K-12 are fellow alumni, not to mention the countless alumni we have on our coaching staff or our volunteer community. I always knew my kids would be Trojans, and in 2019, that happened more quickly than I imagined. Now my son is part of the first 13-year Valley Christian class, from Kindergarten all the way through 12th grade. And, oh, he's in the same class as Dan Kuiper's granddaughter.

The *Secure the Future Campaign* is about stories like these. The truth is... I can't tell any story of my life without including Valley Christian prominently, and even more so, the people from Valley Christian. My teachers, my mentors, my friends, and now my coworkers, my kids' teachers, and my kids' friends. God uses people to tell His stories, and God has used Valley Christian to tell my story. He will use Valley Christian to tell thousands and thousands of stories going forward, and that's why I work here: to help us tell as many of God's stories as we can. And I invite you to be part of it.

It is an honor and a privilege to work alongside you, for His glory.

Troy A. Thelen '03  
Legacy Director

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*Valley Christian Schools began in 1982 at Sun Valley Community Church in Tempe with 25 students. The school continued to grow every year and moved to a rundown strip mall at Broadway and Price in 1992. In the fall of 1997, God worked miraculously to provide our current location in Chandler.*

*"Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress,  
and for their children it will be a refuge."*

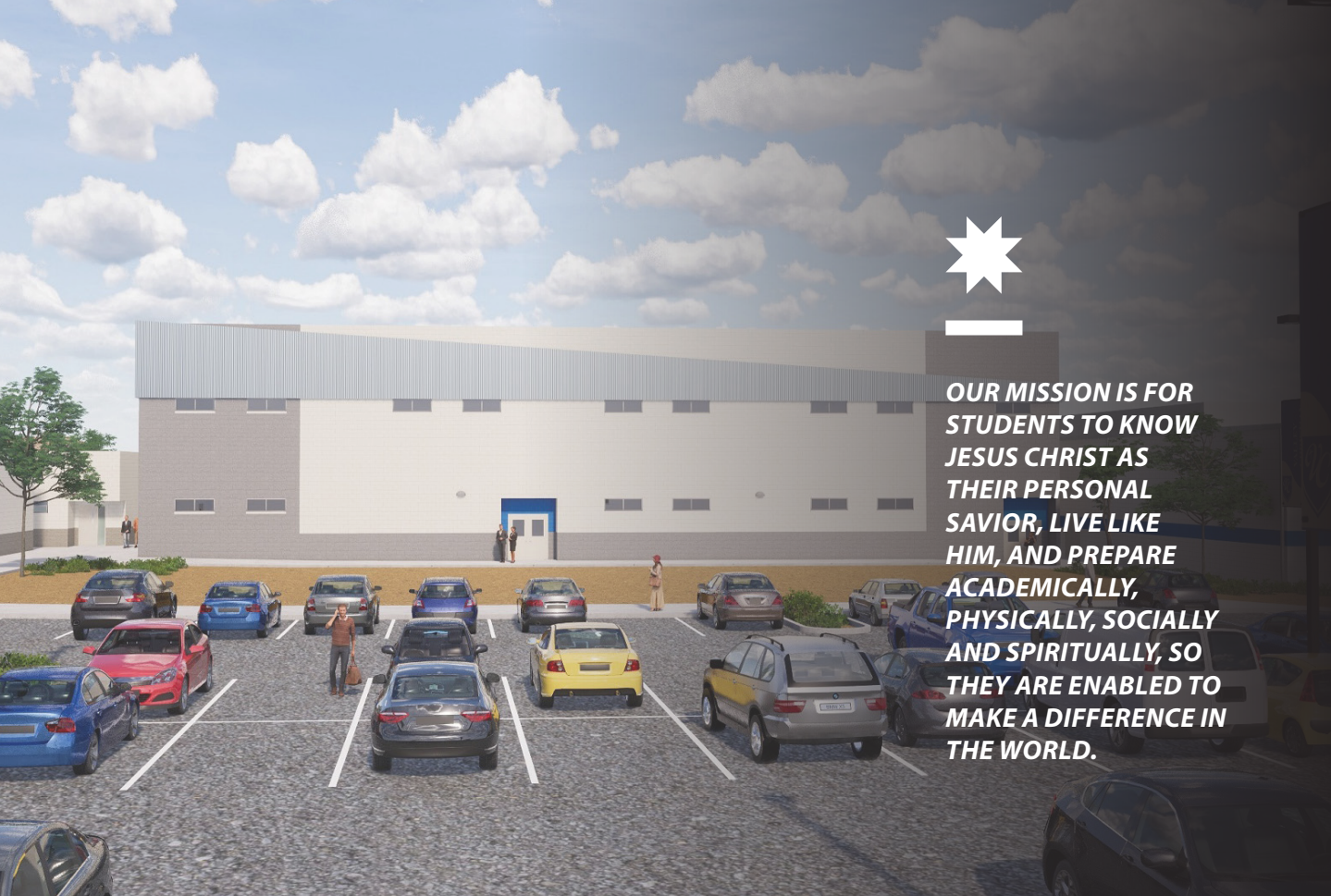
*-Proverbs 14:26*

# PRAY. GIVE. CONNECT.

**GOD HAS CLEARED A PATH FOR VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S EXPANSION.  
WHAT ROLE WILL YOU PLAY?**

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**OUR MISSION IS FOR  
STUDENTS TO KNOW  
JESUS CHRIST AS  
THEIR PERSONAL  
SAVIOR, LIVE LIKE  
HIM, AND PREPARE  
ACADEMICALLY,  
PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY  
AND SPIRITUALLY, SO  
THEY ARE ENABLED TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN  
THE WORLD.**

## ***SECURE THE FUTURE***

Since opening its doors in 1982, Valley Christian has been providing the East Valley with a premier Christian high school. VCS educated high schoolers for 36 years before opening a junior high in 2018 and an elementary school in 2019. The school now educates more than 700 students in grades K-12.

Valley Christian provides big school opportunities in a small school environment. Through the first phase of our Secure the Future campaign, we are expanding our high school facilities to serve 650 high school students, offering more opportunities and programs for students (most notably in STEM), enhancing our athletic facilities, and building a long-awaited Performing Arts Center. Future phases of the campaign will include the building of the permanent home for our junior high and elementary and a second gymnasium.



# GROWING TO 33 ACRES

On April 3rd of 2019, the school acquired nearly 14 acres of land just south of our current property in Chandler, growing our current footprint to 33 acres.







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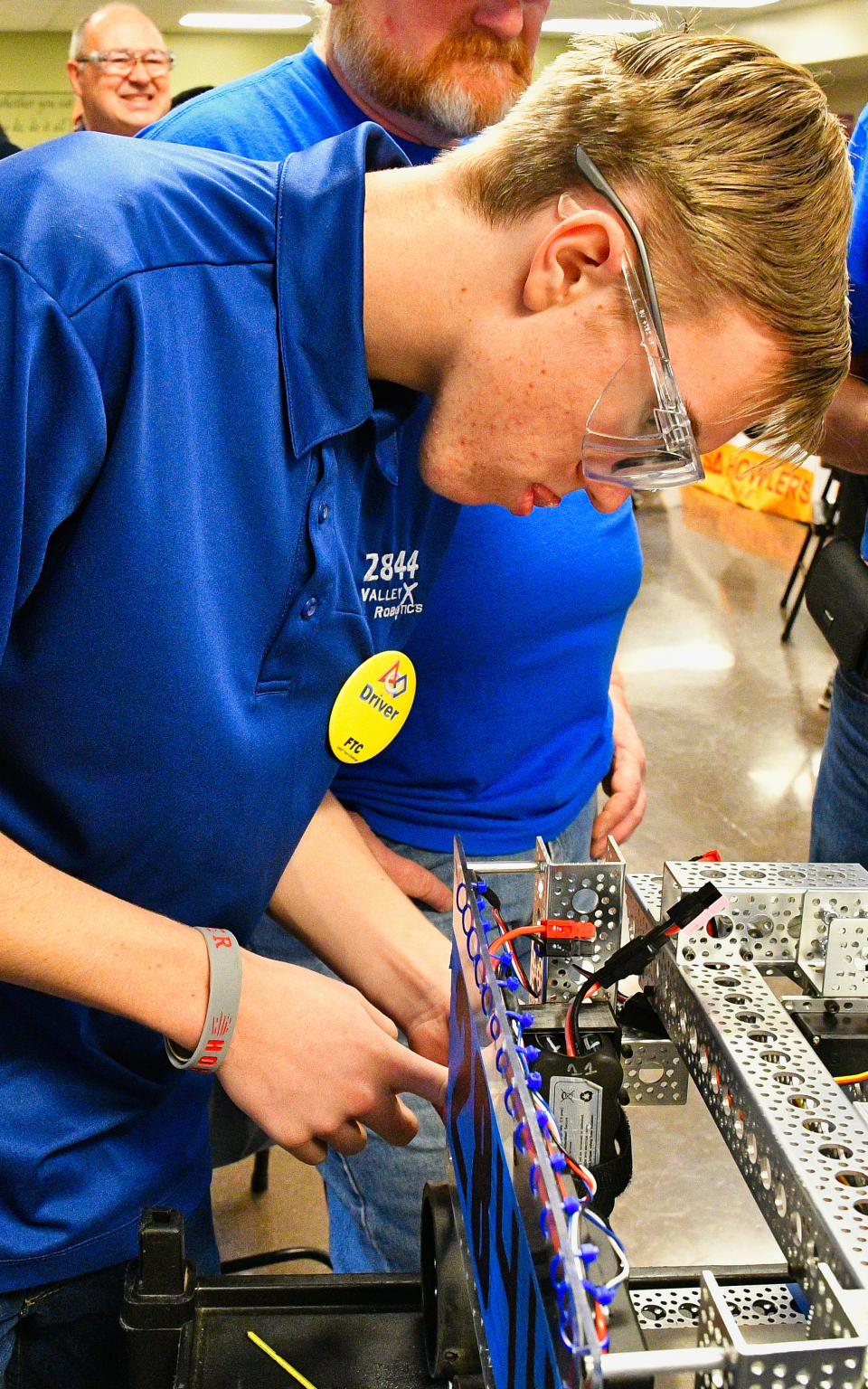
*Longtime and beloved teacher, coach, and friend, Al Nelson, joined the Valley Christian family in 1987, and spent 31 years at the school as a math teacher and as a coach of numerous sports. The Lord took Al home in April of 2018. VCS proudly honors Mr. Nelson's legacy by dedicating the new STEM floor in his name.*



# HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC BUILDING







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*Our current facilities have served us well since 1997, and will continue to serve us well for many more years. Because the maximum capacity is around 440 students, we have already had to turn away families and students who desire a Valley Christian education. In order to accommodate more families, and in order to meet the expanding need for interactive and innovative classrooms, we plan to add a state-of-the-art academic building. This additional building will allow us to serve approximately 650 students at the high school, and will enable us to expand our course offerings, most notably additional STEM courses (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).*

**BIG SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES  
SMALL SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**



# PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

***"SINCE GOD CREATED MUSIC, CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE  
MUSICALLY LITERATE."***



*Aerial view of Performing Arts Center*





*More than a dozen years ago, the Board of Directors at Valley Christian identified the need for a Performing Arts Center on our campus. In the years since, the need has grown significantly. Our gymnasium currently hosts our weekly chapels and all-school gatherings. One of our biggest community events each year, Christmas Extravaganza, is hosted offsite to accommodate nearly 2,000 guests. The Drama team hosts their performances in our cafeteria, and other Fine Arts performances are hosted in the courtyard, Music Hall, and even small classrooms. Numerous alumni have gone on to do big things in the arts, as our Fine Arts program has done a lot with a little for many years. A Performing Arts Center will help us to better fulfill our ongoing vision of well-rounded, Christ-centered students.*

## **THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: \$7.0M**

Our goal is to fund this project in two ways:

One major donor giving \$3M-\$4M. Naming rights of the PAC are being offered to this generous donor, family, or organization.

The 'Performing Arts 200'. These 200 donors or families will each give \$10,000 or more, and combine to give approximately \$3.9M of the total cost of the Performing Arts Center.

*Members of the Performing Arts 200 will be honored in the Center lobby, alongside a dedication to our Founders.*







**IN 30+ YEARS,  
VALLEY CHRISTIAN  
HAS WON 71 STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ACROSS  
THE 19 AIA  
INTERSCHOLASTIC  
SPORTS OFFERED  
AT THE HIGH  
SCHOOL.**

*A growing student body means larger athletic teams and competition against bigger schools. Our athletic program has a long history of success, including 29 straight years with at least one state championship (active through 2018-19). A full weight room enhancement, along with additional locker facilities, will support our entire athletic program, as well as address academic needs in PE, Health, Weight Training, and more.*



# ATHLETIC FACILITY UPGRADES



**+ WEIGHT ROOM EXPANSION**  
**+ ADDITIONAL LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES**

## OUR \$19.9M FINANCIAL GOAL

<b>14-ACRE LAND ACQUISITION:</b>	<b>\$5M</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC BUILDING:</b>	<b>\$4M</b>
<b>PERFORMING ARTS CENTER:</b>	<b>\$7M</b>
<b>ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$600K</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL PARKING:</b>	<b>\$1M</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN COSTS:</b>	<b>\$2.3M</b>

## FOUNDATIONAL NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

<b>PERFORMING ARTS CENTER</b>	<b>\$3,500,000-\$7,000,000</b>
<b>2-STORY HIGH SCHOOL STEM BUILDING</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>21ST-CENTURY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN ALL 11 CLASSROOMS</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>LOBBY OF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL STEM CLASSROOM (4)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL NEW CLASSROOM (7)</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>NEW TEACHER'S LOUNGE</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

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## GIFT CHART FOR \$19.9M CAMPAIGN



**\$1.8M**

**1 donor**  
9% of campaign



**\$900k**

**2 donors**  
9% of campaign



**\$300k**

**8 donors**  
12% of campaign



**\$100k**

**15 donors**  
8% of campaign



**\$75k**

**24 donors**  
9% of campaign



**\$50k**

**50 donors**  
13% of campaign



**\$30k**

**80 donors**  
12% of campaign



**\$15k**

**90 donors**  
7% of campaign



**\$5k**

**180 donors**  
9% of campaign



**\$2k**

**210 donors**  
5% of campaign

*Additionally, we will need 750 donors at an average of \$2,000 (7.5% of the campaign).  
Overall, we anticipate approximately 1,410 donors to the campaign.*



### Your Role

We invite you to partner with us in these three ways:

1. **PRAY** that Valley Christian Schools will continue to make an impact for eternity in the lives of its students.
2. **GIVE** a generous gift, over and above your current giving, to the Valley Christian Schools Capital Campaign.
3. **CONNECT** your friends and family to VCS to support this worthy effort.

Based upon your understanding and appreciation of Valley Christian Schools, **would you prayerfully consider giving a generous gifts to this campaign over the next three years?**

### Your Commitment

Can be in the form of:

- Cash/Check/Credit Card
- Appreciated Assets
- Real Estate
- In-kind Gifts
- Securities

A photograph of three graduates, two men and one woman, standing in front of a background of bare tree branches. They are all wearing blue graduation gowns over white shirts. The man on the left is wearing a light blue tie, the woman in the center is wearing a white top, and the man on the right is wearing a striped tie. They are all smiling. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

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