

# Creating a Legacy for Future Generations

The Kitchin family has been steadfast advocates of Catholic education and Marist School for over three decades.

Their involvement began in 1992, when they moved to Atlanta from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Their older children (Craig Kitchin, Thomas “Jeff” Kitchin, and Matt Kitchin) had already graduated from high school, but Tom Kitchin and his late wife, Judy, enrolled their three youngest— Alexander Kitchin '93, John Kitchin '98, and Karen Kitchin Groslimond '01 — at Marist. Over the years that followed, the entire Kitchin family became woven into the fabric of the Marist community. Their connection grew stronger as they developed a close friendship with Fr. James Hartnett, S.M., the respected former president of Marist School.

Fr. Hartnett encouraged the Kitchins’ active participation at Marist and introduced them to the importance of philanthropy in sustaining the Marist mission.

Tom made a leadership gift and served as a campaign volunteer for Marist’s Second Century Campaign, which made a transformative impact on the school’s campus. “It was meaningful, not just to my children and grandchildren, but to all Marist students and to future generations,” Tom reflected. Marist’s softball facility, Kitchin Field, is named in honor of the



Tom Kitchin and his wife Anne Kitchin

family’s generosity. Tom served on the Marist School Board of Trustees from 1997 until 2006.

To date, five of Tom Kitchin’s grandchildren have graduated from Marist: Craig and Becki’s children William “MacKenzie” Kitchin '11, Madeleine “Maddie” Kitchin '13, and Mary Kathryn Kitchin '16 and Jeff and Nicole’s children Reagan Kitchin '21 and Clara “Riley” Kitchin '23. “It’s nice to have that legacy continue, and I hope it will go on for a long time,” Tom Kitchin shared.

In 1995, Tom joined the Heritage Circle by generously naming Marist as a beneficiary of a new whole-life insurance policy. He later gifted the policy to the school, and he continues to make



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tax-deductible gifts to Marist annually to pay the policy’s premiums. Upon his death, the policy will payout a significant amount to the school. Through this unique giving vehicle, Tom is leveraging his annual contributions to create a legacy that will impact future generations of Marist students.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Matt Kitchin, John Kitchin '98, Tom Kitchin, Karen Kitchin Groslimond '01, Alexander Kitchin '93, Craig Kitchin and Thomas “Jeff” Kitchin

Tom encourages supporters of Marist to consider giving back to Marist in this way. “In so many cases, when a person is young and raising a family, they acquire life insurance so their family is safe if something happens to them. As years go by, that purpose is no longer in play. It’s an easy way to provide for the future growth of a school like Marist,” Tom explains. Planned gifts such as this add to Marist’s endowment, which supports the excellence and accessibility of the Marist educational experience for generations to come.

Marist School is deeply grateful for Tom Kitchin’s thoughtful gift of a life insurance policy. In this newsletter, **we invite you to explore opportunities to support Marist through a beneficiary designation gift.**

For more information on making a planned gift to support Marist School, please contact the Advancement Office at [giving@marist.com](mailto:giving@marist.com) or **(770) 936-6424**.



Marist School's tradition of excellence shapes every aspect of the student experience from academics and extracurricular activities to spiritual, leadership, and service programs. Marist students know that achieving excellence requires thoughtful planning.

**A successful plan has three parts:**

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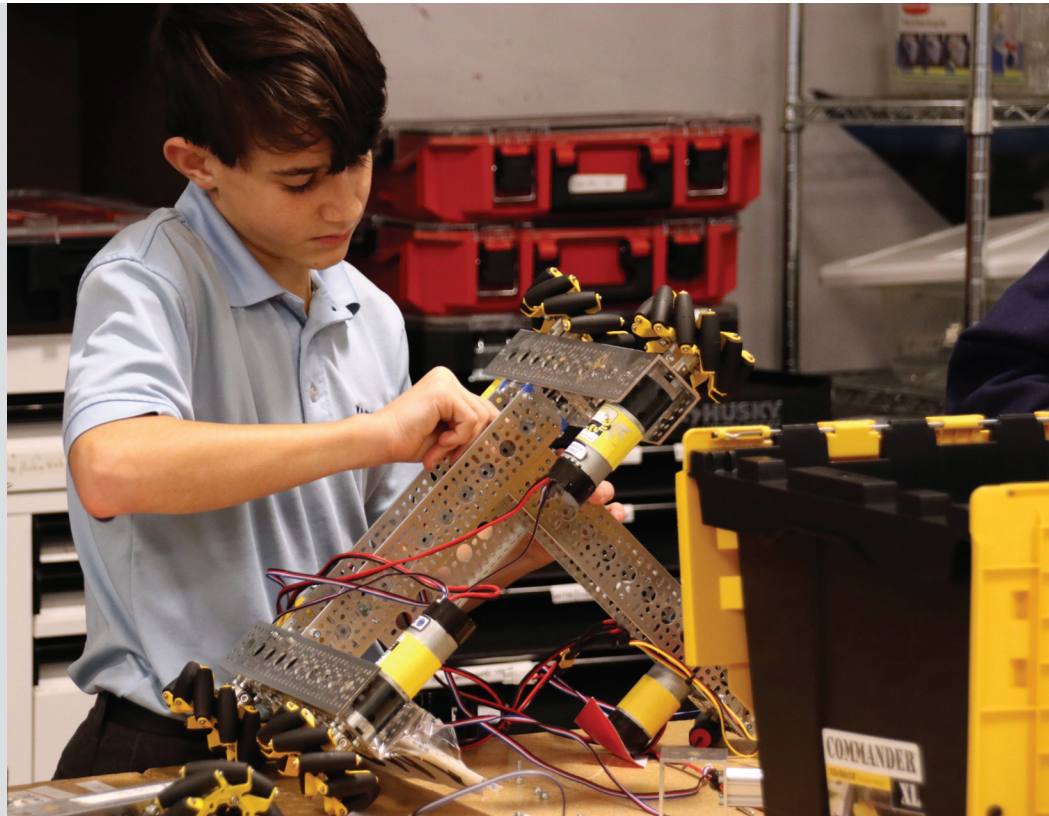


PREPARE

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## Planning to Succeed

Participation in athletics, arts, clubs, and community service greatly enhances the educational journey for students at Marist. With 86% of students engaging in extracurricular pursuits, they have ample opportunities to develop skills, teamwork, artistic talents, and a sense of community.

Just as planning is crucial to succeeding in a class, performance, or competition, it is important to have a plan for your legacy. By planning in advance, you can ensure that your assets will be distributed in a way that supports the people and causes you care about, honors your values, and lasts for generations to come.

To help you begin the process, Marist School offers free tools that make getting started easy. Once you use them, you will have already accomplished step two — preparation. The final step is the easiest — completion. It comes when you take action, such as designating beneficiaries for your financial accounts or creating a will, thus turning your preparation into a solid, thoughtful plan that follows your wishes.

**Visit [maristlegacy.org](http://maristlegacy.org) to view resources and tools available to help you make a winning plan.**

# Starting Off Strong

Marist School students know that preparing for a competition is not just about physical training or practice. They must also develop values such as teamwork, sportsmanship, dedication, and personal responsibility. In the same way, estate planning is never about the property you own; it is about the values and people who are most important to you. Estate planning helps you decide how to provide for the people and causes you cherish, and it does not have to be challenging.

### A Simple Step: Beneficiary Designation

When you hear the words estate planning, perhaps you think of complicated legal arrangements. But did you know that you can create a legacy for Marist School by completing a simple form? Beneficiary designation allows your assets to be transferred to your loved ones or benefit Marist School without you ever writing or updating your will. Assets that can be transferred via beneficiary designation include:

**LIFE INSURANCE** — Complete a beneficiary designation form designating a person or charitable beneficiary, like Marist School, of your life insurance policy.

**RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS** — Complete a beneficiary designation form to benefit your loved ones and Marist School. Many administrators make these forms available online.

**BANKING AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS** — List your loved ones or favorite charitable organization, like Marist School, as payable on death beneficiaries on a form provided by your account administrator.

Beneficiary designation allows you to enjoy your assets throughout your lifetime, and then the assets pass automatically at your death. You can designate Marist as a full, partial, or contingent beneficiary of an account or insurance policy.

Contact Marist School's Advancement Office for all the ways you can make modest changes to your plans and help advance the Marist mission of forming the whole person in the image of Christ.



With smart  
estate planning  
everyone  
can win!





# MAKE A PLAN FOR YOUR LEGACY



## Marist School's Heritage Circle

We are grateful for the members of the school community who have thoughtfully included Marist School in their estate plans. We recognize this outstanding commitment through membership in the Heritage Circle, Marist's planned giving society. Contact us today to learn more.



Just like students plan and rehearse for a performance, a thoughtful estate plan can help you achieve your philanthropic goals. There are many different giving vehicles available to help you create a winning strategy — here are just a few of them:

**BEQUEST** - The most common and powerful tool. You can use your will to list the people and causes important to you and direct almost any assets you own to them.

**BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION** - A simple and straightforward way to transfer assets directly to your intended recipient. You can designate a loved one or Marist School as the beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), or other financial account. The transition happens almost automatically, does not require you to create or update your will, and is often done by completing a simple form.

**CHARITABLE TRUSTS** - Special estate planning tools that can provide benefits now and secure your legacy for the future. There are several types of charitable trusts that can offer immediate financial benefits, such as tax savings and income payments, and support the mission of Marist School. There are many options to choose from, such as a charitable lead trust or charitable remainder trust.

By including Marist School in your estate plan, you can help sustain our school's tradition of excellence for future generations.

## MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY

As you plan for your future legacy, we invite you to make an impact today by supporting Marist School's Annual Fund before June 30, if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so. The Annual Fund addresses the school's most pressing financial needs and supports the academic, extracurricular, and spiritual programming that define a Marist education. Visit [marist.com/annualfundgiving](http://marist.com/annualfundgiving) to make your gift.

**Contact the Marist School Advancement Office to learn more about gift planning options.**



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