

Why I Am Helping Get Our Padua Students There



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We'll Get You There™ is Padua's promise to our students and their families, and truly captures how many of our graduates feel about their Padua experience – of course with the benefit of hindsight! I know that the older I get, the more I come to appreciate the impact that Padua had on my life.

I learned early on that life would present many challenges and felt better prepared to face them because of the foundation I received at Padua. I learned that leading is hard, and not always popular. I learned that our personal success should be shared in a variety of ways – from our time and talents to our resources. These Padua lessons and many others have guided me throughout my life, and for that I could not be more grateful. Recognizing the role that Padua played has kindled a desire to give back for the benefit of the next generation.

However, nearly 40 years later, Padua and the student body are facing even greater challenges. Despite our constant vigilance in managing costs, the price of tuition at a Catholic high school threatens our ability to offer this important opportunity for all who are interested in such a gift. I firmly believe that we cannot allow Catholic education to become elitist – and we must take action to prevent this now.

As a Padua parent and as Mayor of Parma Heights, I see first hand the pressures that face our kids at every turn. In many ways, the advances of the past four decades have made it increasingly difficult to raise children with strong moral character who are faith-filled individuals. Of course it is possible, just harder! I submit to you that our youth need the strong foundation that the Franciscan influence at Padua brings.

To get our students there – to college, career, and beyond – we need the help of every member of our Padua community. I have personally pledged my financial support as well as my time serving as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. I hope that you will join me in giving such an amazing institution your fullest support. Please contact Laurie Keco Grabowski '89 or Jerry Jindra '70 in the Office of Institutional Advancement (440.845.8224) to learn more about ways to get involved.