

Gonzaga Prep Mission, Talking Points and Sample Questions and Responses

As a table captain, you may receive questions regarding Gonzaga Prep's financial aid and mission. Please read the following material and familiarize yourself with this information. If you happen to receive a question for which you do not have an answer, please forward that question to sdebarros@gprep.com and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Gonzaga Prep Mission and Diversity Statement

Gonzaga Preparatory School exists to support the life of the Catholic Church in the Inland Northwest by seeking to serve all families who desire for their children Catholic education in the Jesuit tradition.

Our pledge is to provide--in concert with the parents, alumni, and community--an educational opportunity which seeks to form Christian leaders spiritually, intellectually, physically, and culturally.

Guided by the Gospel values of love and justice, students are challenged to fulfill their potential as life-long learners in service to others.

As a Catholic school, in the Jesuit tradition, Gonzaga Preparatory School's commitment to diversity is based on the core Ignatian value of "Seeing God in All People." We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where the individual differences among us are understood and respected as a source of strength for the community and a reflection of God's creation. Respecting and understanding diversity enriches our school community and prepares our students to engage within the global community using insight, conviction, and compassion.

We strive to accomplish this mission by:

- helping students discover their spiritual and academic identity and reflect upon their uniqueness;
- raising awareness among students of the impact individual differences have on their lives and the lives of others;
- recognizing that commitment to justice includes a commitment to diversity: a shared commitment for which all members of the community are accountable;
- preparing students for a purposeful life as a global citizen within the context of an interconnected and rapidly changing world;
- fostering a practical, real-life understanding of the God given dignity of all human beings.

Talking Points

- Gonzaga Preparatory School has a unique income-based Financial Assistance Tuition Program that assists 6 out of every 10 students or 60%.
- Without our Financial Assistance program, Gonzaga Prep would consist of 347 students and a significantly reduced faculty/staff. With an approximate class size of 85 students, Prep would be a 1A school and offer fewer choices athletically and academically.

- Gonzaga Preparatory School has the third lowest tuition of all other Jesuit High School in the country.
- 97% of graduating seniors continue on to college. 85% of Prep students go to a 4-year college. Approximately 95% of those college students graduate from college.
- Over \$15 million in college grants and scholarships were offered to the graduates of the Class of 2014. \$8.1 million in college grants and scholarships were accepted.

Potential Questions and Responses

Is there a cost to attend the luncheon?

There is no cost to attend the luncheon, however there will be a formal “ask” for contributions as part of the program. There is no minimum or maximum contribution amount.

How is the money to be spent?

100% of the funds raised at the event will go towards student education

I already pay full tuition for my kids. Why should I donate more?

6 out of every 10 students - our student's friends, classmates and teammates - would not be at this school if we did not offer Financial Assistance. Gonzaga Prep would be a 1A high school with approximately 347 students. Faculty and staff would be reduced dramatically, as well as the academic and athletic offerings.

Gonzaga Prep is an inclusive Jesuit community charged with the mission of providing an academically challenging, college preparatory education for all students. As a result, Gonzaga Prep is able to offer a dynamic student community with a breadth and diversity - economic, ethnic, academic and athletic - unlike any other school in the region. Fundamentally, the Financial Assistance program is how we live out the Jesuit mission.