



Howley Scholarship Offerings In High School >>>>>> Through College

MISSION:

Expanding access to a Drexel education for students from Philadelphia's West Catholic Preparatory High School .

THE NEED:

Access to higher education continues to be a major barrier for students from lower-income households, limiting their ability to pursue careers in critical fields.

WHAT THE HOWLEY FOUNDATION FUNDED:

The Howley Foundation pledged up to \$15 million over a 14-year period for college scholarships for up to 10 promising graduates of seven Philadelphia high schools, including West Catholic Prep. Combined with Drexel scholarships, the program ensures that each scholar sustains zero out-of-pocket expenses for tuition, room, and board, covering the full cost of attendance when combined with other sources of financial aid.

WHY THE HOWLEY FOUNDATION FUNDED THIS WORK:

The Howley Foundation has enjoyed a long and successful history with both Drexel University and West Catholic Prep. The Howley Foundation's founder and Chairman, Nick Howley, is an alumnus and trustee of Drexel, where he earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

The collaboration between The Howley Foundation and West Catholic Prep dates to 2014. In 2023 they joined forces to launch an Engineering Technology Academy at West Catholic Prep to provide a hands-on, interdisciplinary approach to learning basic engineering skills throughout high school. The Howley College Scholars Program formally launched at West Catholic Prep in 2022, offering scholarships to up to five students moving on to attend Drexel. The development of a new STEM program within West Catholic Prep is currently underway.

PROUD PROGRAM MOMENT:

Sirak Tedla is a 2023 graduate of West Catholic Prep and recently completed his freshman year at Drexel, where he is studying architectural engineering. Thanks to the scholarships provided by Drexel and The Howley Foundation, Sirak is able to focus on his studies instead of worrying about incurring college debt. After completing the five-year program, which includes three co-op experiences, Sirak will have gained 18 months of work experience before stepping foot into the full-time workforce. He hopes to serve as a role model to other young people pursuing a career in engineering.

HOWLEY COLLEGE SCHOLARS ELIGIBILITY:

Up to 10 students each year will be chosen, based on demonstration of the following:

- Graduation from a designated Howley-supported high school
- Track record of academic success
- Perseverance in the face of adversity, including financial or family hardship
- Acceptance into one of Drexel's academic programs in Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Business, Nursing, or Computing & Informatics
- Agreement to live on campus in a Living Learning Community for the first two years of college
- Continued good standing while enrolled as a full-time student in a five-year Drexel program

OTHER SUPPORTS RECEIVED BY HOWLEY SCHOLARS AT DREXEL INCLUDE:

- Assistance through Drexel's Center for Inclusive Education & Scholarship (CIES), which empowers persistence to graduation through academic support, relevant programming, and advocacy.
- Inclusion in the Liberty Scholars program, which fosters success and holistic support through a dedicated faculty or professional staff mentor, a Living Learning Community, co-curricular programming, extracurricular and developmental programming, and active engagement with campus life.

OTHER ELIGIBLE HOWLEY-SUPPORTED HIGH SCHOOLS:

- Roman Catholic High School
- St. Joseph's Preparatory School
- Merion Mercy Academy
- Saints John Neumann and Marie Goretti Catholic High School
- Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School
- Little Flower High School