



Dear Friends of Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy,

It is with great excitement that we invite you to participate in a very special event. For the past 99 years, Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy has been a vital part of the South Tacoma community, serving not only its children, but the community at large. By committing to serving a range of students across all socioeconomic groups and demographics, our mission is to journey alongside our youth as they work to realize their ambitions, for it is our youth that are to be the future scholars, engineers, scientists, mathematicians, artists, teachers, and leaders in our community.

But, unfortunately, a mission to serve our youth and community doesn't come for free. Grounded in a Catholic call to serve the youth and particularly the marginalized, Pope St. John XXIII is committed to providing its exceptional STEM-focused curriculum to any family, regardless of ability to pay. In fact, approximately 75% of families receive tuition assistance. Of course, in the process of opening doors, we must humbly reach out to our community to help make possible this essential mission.

We are asking for your support to provide expert teaching, excellence in learning, and enriching faith formation. The funds from our annual auction allow us to offer generous tuition assistance and strengthen our academic programs. In 2023, we were able to raise over \$70,000 for our school's tuition assistance program. These funds helped provide much-needed financial aid for families and enriched programs for all students, including the arts, theater, and extracurricular athletics. Join us as we celebrate "Havana Nights" on April 13, 2024, at Saint Charles Borromeo's Feist Hall, as we ambitiously aim to raise over \$130,000.00!

We have two ways for you to show your support.

1. **Partner Sponsorship:** Sponsor the auction directly. There are various levels of sponsorship, and all include distinct benefits or perks, including advertising opportunities and seating at the auction. [Please see the attached document regarding this unique opportunity.](#)
2. **Item(s) Contribution/Donation:** Donate an item(s), service, or experience that will be auctioned off live or online at our Gala.

**All donations must be made to Pope St. John STEM Academy no later than March 1, 2024.** As always, your financial support is 100% tax-deductible and our **tax-ID number 91-1743368** is provided on the attached forms for your own records. Please complete the enclosed partner sponsorship and/or donation form and return to:

Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy  
Attn: Auction Chair  
3306 South 58th Street  
Tacoma, WA 98409

Thank you in advance for your support of this important event. Together, we can close opportunity gaps, enrich the lives of our children, and ensure the ongoing vibrancy of our South Tacoma neighborhood!

Sincerely,  
Tara Sitienei, Auction Chair  
Pope St. John XXIII STEM Academy