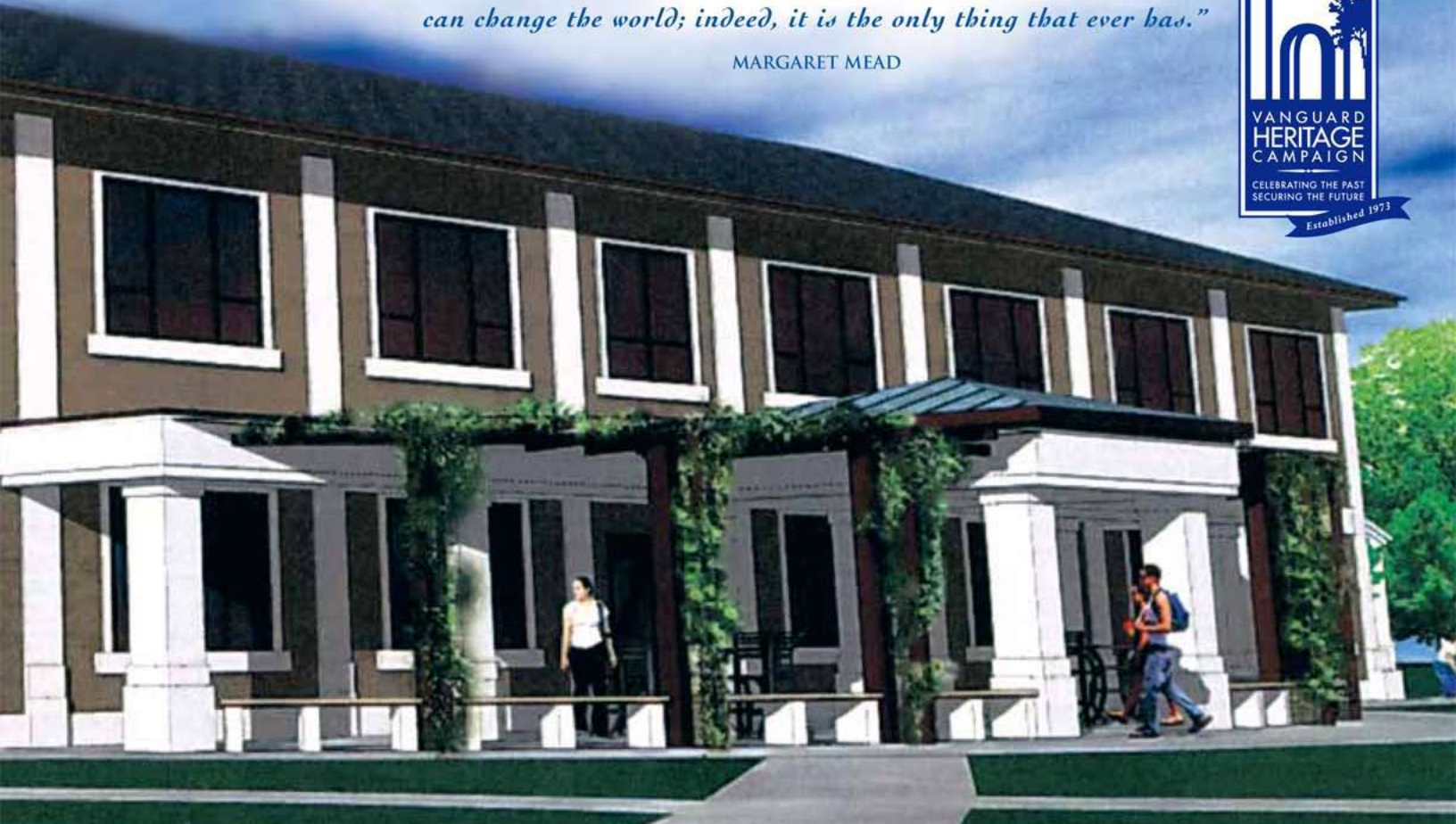


*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people
can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

MARGARET MEAD



A blue-tinted photograph of a two-story building with a person walking in the foreground. The building has several windows and a large arched doorway on the left. The person is walking from left to right in the lower right portion of the frame.

"WE NEVER KNOW HOW GOOD WE ARE UNTIL WE ARE CALLED TO RISE."

Emily Dickinson

DEAR FRIENDS OF VANGUARD

We are extremely fortunate to have a school like Vanguard College Preparatory School in Waco. Founded in 1973, Vanguard has placed more than 99% of its graduates into four-year colleges, with most having received merit scholarships to fund a portion of their tuition. Every year, many of our graduates receive full merit scholarships.

Vanguard provides extraordinary benefits to Waco and Central Texas. Many of the young leaders in our community are products of a Vanguard education. Vanguard serves as a complementary alternative to local and suburban public schools' approach to secondary education. This option allows many Waco families to live in Waco and contribute to Waco's tax base, while at the same time sending their children to the school of their choice.

The Board of Trustees has set an ambitious but attainable goal of raising \$4.3 million over three years to support Vanguard. We are calling this effort the Heritage Campaign, and I am pleased to say that every member of the Board has pledged his or her financial support to this campaign. We hope this brochure will give you a sense of why all of Vanguard's trustees are so committed to Celebrating the Past and Securing the Future of Vanguard College Preparatory School, and we invite you to join us in this important initiative.

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees,



Kyle Deaver, Board Chair



Back Row: David Littlewood, Ben Lacy, Mike Raymond, Jeff Hamilton, Martin Schwartz, Kyle Deaver, Scott Steinbach, Trey Boehm, Jeff Lawler Front Row: Bill Borg (Head of School), Susan DeWitt, Marcia Olmsted, Jay Losey, Karen Spross, Sarah Downs, Lisa Chenot



OUR CORE VALUES MAKE US DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

Vanguard's mission is to provide the best college preparation in Central Texas. Vanguard College Preparatory School is a non-parochial, independent school that prepares our students for academic success and fulfilling lives. The foundation of the Vanguard experience is based on our core values - rigor, respect and responsibility. The community of Vanguard students, faculty, administrators, and parents is committed to a personalized learning experience that prepares each student to excel at the collegiate level.

Rigor: Our collegiate-style campus and small class sizes provide students with the academic freedom to discover intellectual and personal passions through a demanding curriculum taught by motivated educators. Beyond a robust regimen of core subjects, our students are challenged by their peers and the faculty to explore the meaning of complex information and to apply knowledge in the service of their communities and careers.

Respect: We provide a supportive, safe environment for our students. The foundation of this environment is based on mutual respect among individuals,

students, faculty, parents, and the administration. The culture of mutual respect extends beyond the classroom onto the campus, athletic fields, students' homes, and the surrounding community. Our students' self-respect and their respect for others are foundational to success in any endeavor after Vanguard.

Responsibility: We develop responsible students by entrusting them with an age-appropriate degree of freedom, balanced with clearly defined standards of behavior and accountability. The interaction of freedom and accountability between students, faculty, and administration helps each student exercise the integrity, self-discipline, and responsibility necessary for success at the collegiate level.



"My friends in college are always shocked when I tell them that I knew everyone at my school. I have to tell them that this was something that made my high school experience really special! Your class is like your family - you get to know everyone so well. I still keep in touch with most of my Vanguard classmates, although it's been three years since graduation and we're all at different schools."

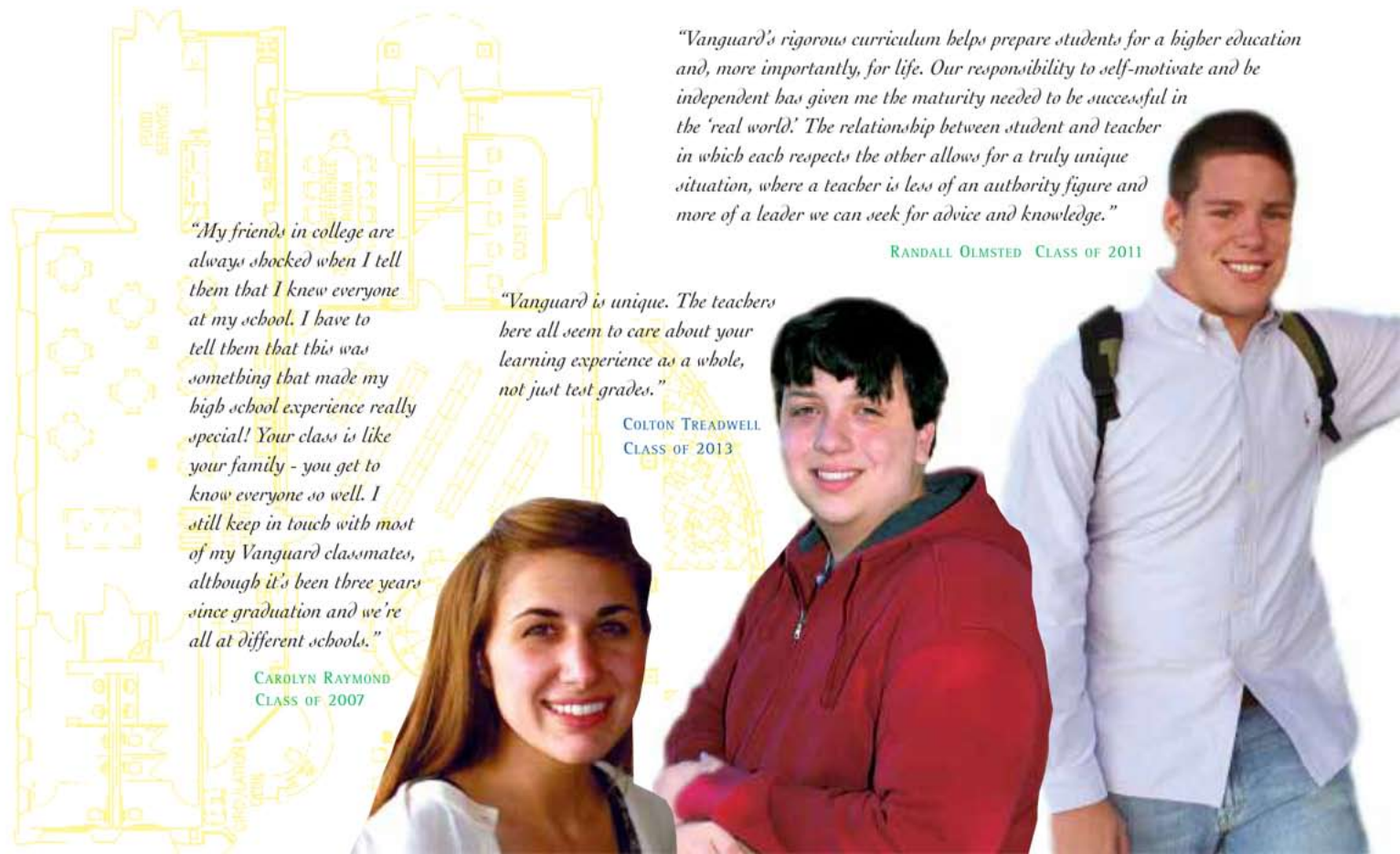
CAROLYN RAYMOND
CLASS OF 2007

"Vanguard is unique. The teachers here all seem to care about your learning experience as a whole, not just test grades."

COLTON TREADWELL
CLASS OF 2013

"Vanguard's rigorous curriculum helps prepare students for a higher education and, more importantly, for life. Our responsibility to self-motivate and be independent has given me the maturity needed to be successful in the 'real world.' The relationship between student and teacher in which each respects the other allows for a truly unique situation, where a teacher is less of an authority figure and more of a leader we can seek for advice and knowledge."

RANDALL OLMSTED CLASS OF 2011



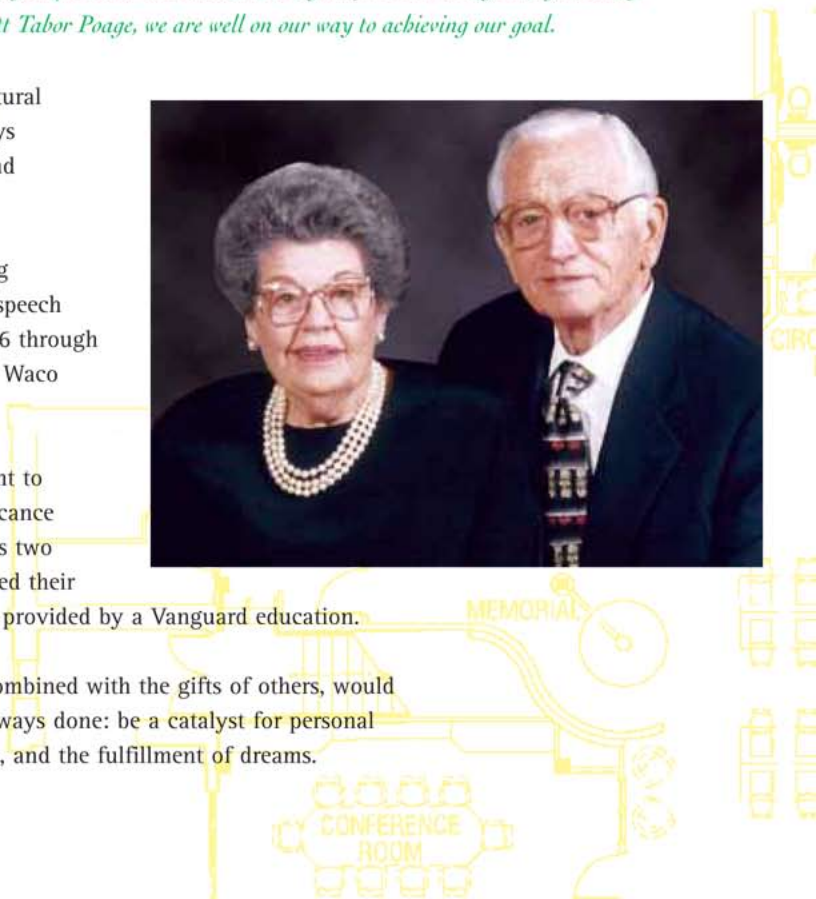
The goal for the Heritage Campaign, raising \$4.5 million over a three year period, is ambitious. We're grateful that through the generosity of our lead donors, Mr. and Mrs. M.N. Bostick and Dr. Scott Tabor Poage, we are well on our way to achieving our goal.

For M. N. and Virginia Bostick, a gift to Vanguard School was a natural outgrowth of their lifelong commitment to education. Both have always believed that education is the foundation for personal achievement, and personal achievement is the foundation for a community's success.

M. N. "Buddy" Bostick has lived all his life in Central Texas, meeting Virginia Muller at Baylor University, where he pursued his interest in speech and radio broadcasting. He has served the Waco community since 1946 through KWTX Broadcasting Co., which began as a radio station in downtown Waco and later expanded into television broadcasting.

Buddy and Virginia have continually demonstrated their commitment to education through gifts of scholarship and have recognized the significance to Waco of maintaining a school like Vanguard. They have observed as two grandsons and three great-grandchildren have discovered and developed their unique abilities through the opportunities provided by a Vanguard education.

Their desire is that their gift, when combined with the gifts of others, would allow Vanguard to do what it has always done: be a catalyst for personal achievement, community leadership, and the fulfillment of dreams.



Dr. Scott Tabor Poage admired the men and women whose vision led to the founding of a fine college preparatory school in his hometown of Waco. Through his generous bequest in 2008, Vanguard received funding for The Scott Poage Family Reference Center, which is now located on the ground floor of the beautifully renovated historic building at the heart of campus.



Dr. Poage spent a lifetime contributing his expertise to the field of Industrial Engineering as an author, professor, and professional advisor. He earned his B.A. at Texas Tech University, his M.S. at Texas A&M University, and his Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University. He was a professor and researcher at University of Texas at Arlington and at the University of Houston, where he served as Chairman of the Industrial Engineering Department for many years. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Industrial Engineers and served as national Vice-President and Editorial Board member of the *Institute of Industrial Engineers Transactions Journal*. He is listed in *Who's Who in Education* and in *American Men of Science*.

Dr. Poage was an avid reader with an appreciation for academic achievement. Housed in the Poage Reference Center are several engineering books he authored as well as numerous volumes from his personal library. It is with a sense of pride that Vanguard's outstanding new study and research center bears the name of Dr. Scott Tabor Poage.



CELEBRATING THE PAST, SECURING THE FUTURE

The campaign will celebrate the school's past by funding the renovation of Buddy and Virginia Bostick Hall, formerly known as Building One. This is the sole remaining original structure on the Vanguard campus and has served in the past as the administration and math/science building.





When renovation is complete, it will feature the Scott Poage Family Reference Center and a student activities center on the first floor, with the second floor housing state-of-the-art chemistry and physics labs.

Upon meeting our fundraising goal, the Heritage Campaign will allow Vanguard to retire much of its existing debt and to create endowments and operating reserves to secure its success into the future.



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT VANGUARD

- Our teacher to student ratio is 1:8 and class size ranges from 3 to 18.
- 100% of graduating seniors enroll in colleges or universities.
- The 29 members of the Class of 2011 had an SAT average of 1220. The average score in Texas in 2010 was 989.
- The Class of 2011 has 2 National Merit Semifinalists, 4 National Merit Commended Scholars, 1 National Hispanic Scholar, and 1 National Hispanic Honorable Mention student.
- The 61 members of the combined graduating classes of 2009 and 2010 received more than \$6.7 million in academic scholarship offers.
- Vanguard has an award-winning faculty, including the winner of the KWTX-TV Golden Apple Award for Excellence in the Classroom and the 2009 *Waco Tribune-Herald* Super Centex Coach of the Year.
- Vanguard students have achieved excellence in a number of activities and athletic areas:
 - The debate team has had qualifiers for the national tournament for eight consecutive years (2002-2009).
 - The varsity golf team has won six consecutive TAPPS State Championships (2005-2010).
 - Our literary magazine, *Liquid Paper*, won a 2009 Gold Medal with Columbia Scholastic Press Association, 1st Place with Special Merit with American Scholastic Press Association, and was ranked "excellent" by the National Council Teachers of English.



HERITAGE CAMPAIGN CHAIRS INVITE YOUR SUPPORT

As Chair of the Heritage Campaign, I am honored to be serving along with Mr. Bill Pakis and Mr. Cullen Smith. Both Bill and Cullen were founding members of the Vanguard Board of Trustees and are highly respected business, professional, and cultural leaders in the Waco community. They are totally committed to this project, and their stewardship has been invaluable to the progress of the campaign.

Recently, my oldest son expressed to me that out of all of his educational experiences, he thinks Vanguard best prepared him for his current law school studies. I truly believe that the education my children have received at Vanguard will be a strong force in all of their future achievements.



Bill, Cullen and I agree on Vanguard's positive influence upon generations both past and present. For that reason, we ask that you seriously consider a donation to the Heritage Campaign as a commitment to the next generation.

Sincerely,

Melissa Boss

Chair, Vanguard Heritage Campaign

*Bill Pakis, Honorary Chair,
Melissa Boss, Heritage Campaign Chair,
Cullen Smith, Honorary Chair*

MAJOR GIFT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Donors may leave a legacy through a significant contribution to the Vanguard Heritage Campaign. Specific features of Buddy and Virginia Bostick Hall and the Scott Poage Family Reference Center will be named for individuals who choose to make a commitment of \$10,000 or more.

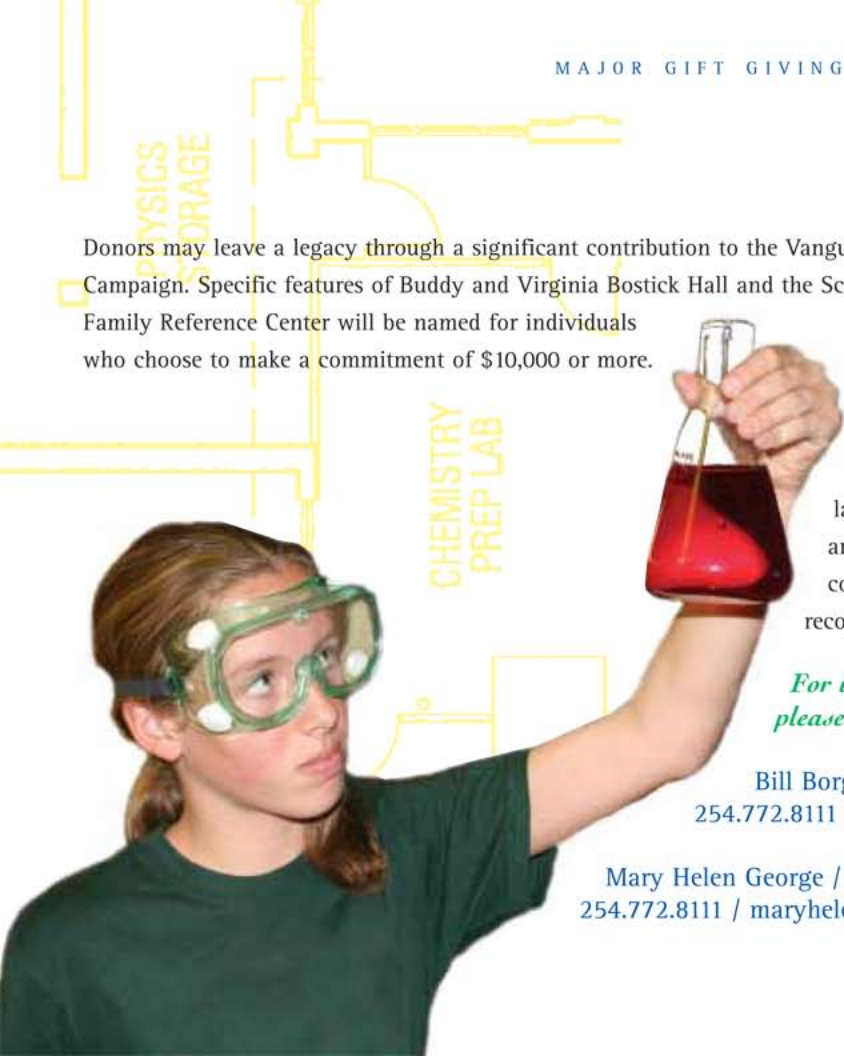


Underwriting opportunities are available for science labs, conference rooms, furnishings, a faculty lounge, architectural features and more. Personal or corporate contributions used for this purpose will receive permanent recognition, depending on the level of contribution.

For information on making a gift of one of these features, please contact:

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CELEBRATE AND SECURE WITH A PLEDGE

Please help us secure Vanguard's future by contributing today!

Pledges may be paid over a three-year period. All donors will be recognized in print and media throughout the campaign. Donors in the Heritage Society, Founders Circle and Vanguard Fellows will be honored with a 12" x 12" engraved paver in the Heritage Walkway. Donors in the Masters and Collegiate levels will be honored with an 8" x 8" engraved paver.

- Heritage Society \$10,000 and up
- Founders Circle \$5,000-\$9,999
- Vanguard Fellow \$2,500-\$4,999
- Masters Level \$1,000-\$2,499
- Collegiate Level \$500-\$999
- Vanguard Champion \$100-\$499

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A blue-tinted photograph of a modern building with large windows and a covered entrance. The building has a curved facade and several large windows. In the foreground, there is a covered entrance area with columns and a railing. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the blue tint giving it a serene and contemplative feel.

"TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IS NOT A MATTER OF ACCIDENT, A MATTER OF CASUAL OCCURRENCE OF THE TIDES. PEOPLE CHOOSE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

Maya Angelou



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