



DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

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After 17 years of dedicated service to Dominican High School, including 14 years as president, Leanne Giese has announced her retirement **effective at the conclusion of the 2026–2027 academic year.**

Leanne has been an exceptional leader whose steadfast commitment to Dominican's mission and core values has shaped every aspect of our school community. Under her guidance, Dominican strengthened its academic programs, faith formation opportunities, athletics, arts, and student activities, creating an environment where students are challenged to grow intellectually, spiritually, and personally. Throughout her presidency, Leanne remained deeply committed to preparing students not only for post-secondary success, but also to become faith-filled, service-minded leaders.

As president, Leanne successfully guided Dominican through the transition of sponsorship from the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa to Dominican Veritas Ministries. During her tenure, Dominican received Exemplary Recognition status from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for Mission and Catholic Identity and welcomed a dedicated chaplain who now leads weekly Mass in the newly renovated St. Dominic Chapel.

Leanne also had an extraordinary gift for building meaningful relationships and championing Dominican's excellence among alumni, students, current and former parents, foundation leaders, and the broader community. Her deep love for Dominican was unmistakable and reflected in her unwavering support of every facet of school life. Through authenticity, generosity, and genuine care for others, she strengthened the Dominican mission and fostered a strong sense of community across generations.

Among her many accomplishments, Leanne led two successful capital campaigns that raised more than \$13 million in support of Dominican's future. These efforts resulted in transformational campus enhancements, including new STEM classrooms and labs, a Robotics workshop, Palermo's Field, a beautiful on-campus multi-sport field, and a complete renovation of the Crowley Gymnasium. Together, these investments have significantly enriched the student experience and will benefit generations of Dominican students to come.

In addition, through her dedication to expanding access to a Dominican education, the school's endowment fund grew nearly 400% during her presidency, providing critical financial assistance to students and families.



While we all hoped Leanne would remain Dominican's president for many years to come, she has certainly earned a long and fulfilling retirement. On behalf of the Board of Directors, past and present, we extend our deepest gratitude for her extraordinary leadership, enthusiasm, and service. Dominican High School would not be the thriving community it is today without Leanne's vision, compassion, and unwavering commitment.

The Board of Directors has formed a search committee with the goal of identifying Dominican's next president by the spring of 2027, with a planned start date of July 1, 2027. To help ensure a smooth and successful transition, Leanne has graciously agreed to remain involved as a consultant to both Dominican and the incoming president during the 2027–2028 school year.