

**Seton Catholic Central
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**Seton Catholic Central Announces Capital Campaign to
Renovate Science Laboratories**

Two Major Gifts Put Campaign at the Half-Way Mark

(Binghamton, NY) Richard Bucci, principal of Seton Catholic Central today announced a \$225,000 capital campaign to upgrade and re-equip the four senior high science laboratories. Bucci was joined by Richard Cole, Chairman of the Investment Committee for the McDevitt Trust and John Mirabito, Trustee of the Mirabito Family Foundation.

“In order for our students to successfully compete in a global economy it is imperative that they have a solid foundation in math and science,” said Bucci. “To facilitate this objective it is critical that they have the equipment and resources to meet the curricular requirements of the sciences.”

The details of two major donations totaling \$112,500 were publicized at the news conference. Richard J. Cole, Chairman of the Investment Committee for the McDevitt Trust announced a gift of \$100,000. “Robert and Catherine McDevitt were benefactors of a wide range of educational and charitable organizations. Their Trust Fund continues this legacy,” explained Cole. “After reviewing the scope of this vital project we believe it meets the guidelines of the Trust and enthusiastically support it,” he continued.

John Mirabito, Trustee of the Mirabito Family Foundation made a donation of \$12,500 on behalf of his family’s Foundation. “Our family believes that Catholic schools play an essential role in the Southern Tier. Seton Catholic Central offers a comprehensive educational program that enriches our region, said Mirabito. “In this increasingly technological age we believe it is imperative that these students have the science resources they need to succeed.”

Bucci was appreciative that the campaign begins with 50% of its goal realized. He hopes the remainder of the funds will be raised from parents, alumni, community members and businesses. “I’m grateful to the McDevitt Trust Investment Committee and the Mirabito Family Foundation for their generosity and commitment to Catholic education. Seton Catholic Central

makes our region more competitive and attractive as we market it to potential residents and business owners. An exceptional Catholic secondary campus is a true community asset," Bucci said.

Donations can be made to the Catholic Education Foundation of the Southern Tier, 70 Seminary Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13905.

Renovation work on the Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics laboratories is expected to begin July 1.

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