



**D**enny Smith loved Bishop McNamara High School. To Denny, Bishop McNamara was more than a school. Bishop McNamara was a special place where students received personal attention and flourished because of it. Denny valued how students at Bishop McNamara are challenged academically, nurtured spiritually and allowed to grow socially. Denny also appreciated the opportunities presented to students and graduates because of Bishop McNamara's loyal network of alumni, friends and supporters.

### **ABOUT DENNY AND THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Denny graduated from Bishop McNamara and the University of Notre Dame. After college, Denny worked in Manteno as a banker, helping local families and businesses. He was also very involved in local civic and charitable causes and organizations, especially Bishop McNamara High School. Denny died at age 56 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Denny's family established the Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation to honor and continue Denny's leadership and commitment to our community. The Legacy Foundation has awarded over \$400,000 in scholarships to Bishop McNamara students since it began its work in 2007. Denny was posthumously inducted in the Bishop McNamara High School Hall of Honor in 2009.

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

This scholarship is for anyone who is considering attending Bishop McNamara High School and believes in the importance of education, community service and leadership.

### **SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

This is a 4-year scholarship to Bishop McNamara High School. The number of scholarships awarded to incoming freshmen each year varies. We plan to award approximately 20 scholarships to students who start at Bishop McNamara in the fall of 2017. The dollar amount of each recipient's scholarship varies based on demand and need. Once awarded, the scholarship amount is set for all four years of high school. The deadline for applications is March 24, 2017.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Positive leadership and character exhibited in school, community and church activities; willingness to be an active member of the Bishop McNamara High School community; commitment to do one's best in the classroom and financial need.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please contact Emily Skelly of Bishop McNamara High School. Emily's phone number is 815-933-7620 x134. Her email address is [ESkelly@bishopmac.org](mailto:ESkelly@bishopmac.org). Applications are also available on our website, [SmithLegacyFoundation.org](http://SmithLegacyFoundation.org) beginning in September 2016. Applications must be submitted no later than March 24, 2017.



# WHY BISHOP MCNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL?

## SUPERIOR ACADEMICS

Bishop McNamara is the premier college prep high school in our community. Bishop McNamara students complete a college prep curriculum including Advanced Placement courses and courses qualifying for college credit. Students are challenged with regular exams and an extensive writing curriculum, preparing them for college and life beyond high school. Bishop McNamara students achieve the highest average ACT score of any local high school.



## ...AND SUPERIOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Every year Bishop McNamara seniors are awarded millions of dollars in college scholarships, including some scholarships that are available exclusively to Bishop McNamara graduates. For example, the Kathryn Smith Matkov Scholarship is a \$10,000 per year scholarship to Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois that is available only to Bishop McNamara High School graduates. More than 30 Bishop McNamara students have graduated from Knox College with the help of this scholarship. Most Knox students also receive substantial financial aid from Knox College, meaning the out of pocket cost for Bishop McNamara graduates attending Knox is less than it would cost to attend most state universities. This is a great example of a door opened exclusively to Bishop McNamara students.



## SPIRITUAL & CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Bishop McNamara students experience a joyful, faith-centered environment that enriches their minds and hearts. Respect and kindness are clearly evident in the classroom, hallways and on the athletic fields. In this setting, Bishop McNamara students learn to be leaders in service of their fellow students, our community and the world.



## INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

Every Bishop McNamara student is known by name and treated as an individual. Class sizes are limited to 20-25 students, allowing teachers to identify each student's individual learning style and guide each student with highly personalized instruction. Faculty members have high expectations for the students and encourage individual students to discover their creativity and unique talents.

## A SAFE, CARING COMMUNITY

Students enjoy the safe, stable and caring environment at Bishop McNamara. Students are accepted and respected individually and never lost in the crowd. Bishop McNamara also encourages and supports family involvement at the school, allowing the family to connect with school.