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**Unity High School teams with Pursuit Academy**

*Pursuit Academy to play an integral part in Real World Wednesday curriculum*

Unity High School and Pursuit Academy have formed an important partnership that will include the teaching of six critical life skills that will provide opportunities for students to value using their imaginations to pursue and manage risk, and to live as ethical and strong Catholic leaders.

On Real World Wednesdays, the ninth graders will experience the importance of being ready to Teach and Learn, Build Parallel Interests, Oppose Peer Pressure, Be an Architect of the Future, Communicate by Showing - Not Telling, and to Be Ethical to a Fault. Students in grades 10 through 12 will carry on with the program by having opportunities to serve in their communities through a Practicum and to teach the six skills to elementary students. Partnerships with charitable organizations and businesses will be fostered. Most importantly, Pursuit Academy is not just a course of study; it is a way of life that will help to create a school climate where students put their Catholic Faith into action each day by always "Doing the RIGHT thing...For the RIGHT reason!"

Coordinating the Pursuit Academy program will be Thomas Joseph who has served in Catholic schools for 43 years. Mr. Joseph received his BA and MA at the University of Wisconsin and his Educational Specialist Degree from the University of St. Thomas. After serving as principal at St. Joseph School in Rosemount for 30 years, he retired three years ago. Since retiring, Mr. Joseph has been writing curriculum for Pursuit Academy, and in 2017 traveled to Kenya as a part of an Archdiocesan Delegation. While in Kenya, he spent time at St. Joseph Junior Seminary where he was able to learn about the important principles that make up the total educational experience at that school. These principles form the core of the first skill lesson – Teaching and Learning. Currently, Mr. Joseph serves on the Spirit of Justice Committee at his parish, St. Thomas Becket in Eagan.

Unity High School will open this Fall with ninth grade. Tenth grade will be added in 2020, with grades added each year thereafter until the school fills out its 9th-12th grade educational format. Registrations are being accepted now. Please visit [www.UnityHighSchoolMN.com](http://www.UnityHighSchoolMN.com) for more information.

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