



### J. Craig Paris, Assistant Headmaster for Advancement Delbarton School



Delbarton's Assistant Headmaster for Advancement, J. Craig Paris, a 1982 graduate of the school, has managed, developed, and led the Delbarton Advancement team since returning to the school in July 1987.

Craig has been instrumental in creating and fostering the culture of philanthropy at Delbarton through years of cultivating and stewarding thousands of donors from the parent and alumni constituencies. His focus on Delbarton's philanthropic culture includes emphasizing a highly engaged alumni network, encouraging intergenerational giving, traveling extensively to visit alumni and parents near and far, and hosting numerous outreach events throughout the United States and internationally. His years of Advancement experience translate into expertise in the annual fund, major gifts, capital campaigns, planned giving, grants, endowment, donor research, and strategic planning.

An alumnus of Delbarton, Craig has an encyclopedic knowledge of every Delbarton class since its first graduates in 1947-1948. He built and continues to develop an extremely active Delbarton Alumni Board, including its committees and sub-committees and over 300 class reps. Constantly endeavoring to keep its 6,000+ living alumni engaged, Craig and the Advancement Office annually host numerous events, including: Homecoming/Reunion attended by over 3,000 people each year, 12-16 regional gatherings, two class reps dinners and the Alumni Association Annual Meeting, lunches and dinners with college-age alumni, and Career Day.

During his tenure as Assistant Headmaster for Advancement, Delbarton's large fundraising initiatives have included: \$11 million Cornerstone Campaign for construction of the Science Pavilion in 1995; \$55 million Campaign for Delbarton, which culminated in the construction of the Fine Arts Center and 40 Acre Fields in 2006; restoration of the School's signature building, Old Main, in 2014 for \$1 million; the \$15 million 75th Anniversary Campaign to renovate Trinity Hall's academic spaces; and the current Brotherhood Campaign with nearly \$52 million raised to date and the construction of St. Benedict Hall completed.

Additionally, Delbarton's annual fund—the Delbarton Fund—has grown from \$300,000 in the late-1980s to its current mark of more than \$3.8 million dollars this year. One of Craig's most heralded achievements has been raising alumni annual giving participation, regularly topping 35-40% each year since the mid-2000s.

## Outstanding Philanthropic Innovator

Over 34 years of leading by example, assembling a dedicated and long-serving Advancement team, creating an institution-wide culture of philanthropy, and maintaining deep, lifelong relationships with alumni and parents, these are the enduring hallmarks of Craig's immeasurable contribution to the success of Delbarton School.

