“Being a Murphy Scholar has changed my life in ways I can’t comprehend. I’m a firm believer that it’s not what you’re born into, but what you grow to become. No matter the circumstances that I was born into, no matter the statistics placed on me Doomimg me for failure, they don’t matter. Because I’m not a statistic. I’m a young man with dreams and aspirations.

“And I, for one, aspire to become successful in this world. You have changed the course of my life and for that I am forever grateful.”

EDGAR
Murphy Scholar, St. Ignatius College Prep
Class of 2019, Evans Scholar
University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana
Class of 2023

Edgar with his parents.
WELCOME TO THE MURPHY SCHOLAR CLASS OF 2023

This past spring, DMSF hosted the annual awards ceremony for the incoming freshman class of 2023. The awards ceremony is the official bestowing and awarding of the Daniel Murphy Scholarship. Nearly 140 Murphy Scholars along with their parents, teachers and families attended the ceremony at the Harris Theater in downtown Chicago bringing the total number of Murphy Scholars to more than 460 students.

DMSF BY THE NUMBERS

72%
from Class of 2019 will be the first in their family to attend college

$37,444
median family income of a Murphy Scholar family

3.4
cumulative GPA for Class of 2019

$44,384
average amount of scholarships and grants received by the Class of 2019 at the college they are attending

Murphy Scholar representation by neighborhood

Murphy Scholars represent 68 of Chicago’s 77 neighborhoods

Scholars per zip code

- 1-4
- 5-9
- 10-14
- 15-19
- 20+
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Tom Kearney and Steve Elkins honored at the Awards Ceremony

Longtime supporters to DMSF, Tom Kearney and Steve Elkins were recognized for their numerous contributions to the organization as DMSF kicked off its yearlong 30th Anniversary Celebration. Elkins, who created the Awards Ceremony to honor each incoming Murphy Scholar class, was the longest serving Chair of the Education Committee for DMSF. Kearney, a past President of the organization, was influential in creating the DMSF Caddie Program, a signature program for the Murphy Scholars. Congratulations to Steve and Tom for all they have devoted to DMSF and the thousands of Murphy Scholars they have served.

Katie Gottfred honored at DMSF’s Annual Summer Bridge

Katie Gottfred, DMSF Board Member and founder of LEAP Learning Systems, was honored at the mid-July ‘Summer Bridge’ program for all incoming freshman Murphy Scholars. Katie and her non-profit, Language Empowers All People (LEAP), provide speech, language and communications skills that advance success in life, school and work. Katie has been an instrumental part of DMSF’s programming for over two decades helping more than 1,700 Murphy Scholars. Many Murphy Scholars point to the LEAP program in helping build confidence, enhance interpersonal communication and in sharpening debate and research skills in preparation for the rigors of high school. Thank you Katie and LEAP for investing in our Murphy Scholars!

Nancy Van Grinsven, Katie Gottfred and DMSF Executive Director Jose Rodriguez
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30th Annual Golf Classic—Chicago’s largest charitable golf tournament raises more than $1.8 million

DMSF welcomed nearly 500 golfers on June 3rd at the 30th Annual DMSF Golf Classic. It was a historic event with record-breaking fundraising. A dynamic program after golf featured Scholar speaker Edgar Morales, a silent and live auction, and a paddle raise highlighted by a generous donation from a Murphy Scholar alum. The event raised more than $1.8 million for DMSF thanks to the leadership of the Golf Classic Committee, event chair Chris Klingenstein, and all of our sponsors.
To commemorate the 30th Anniversary of its founding, DMSF is excited to celebrate Murphy Scholars at our 30th Anniversary Gala.

The event is being chaired by Mike and Lindy Keiser and will honor longtime DMSF advocates and investors Loretta and Bob Cooney.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
Revel Fulton Market
6:30 pm cocktails
7:30 pm dinner
Live music and dancing to follow

Sponsorship opportunities, tickets and event info are available at dmsf.org/gala.
DMSF launches new Planned Giving Society—The 1989 Society

When Chuck and Barbara Gately, pictured below, needed to update their wills to account for life changes, they took the opportunity to include the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund. They are longtime friends and supporters of the organization, and made the decision to document their support in their estate plans. For more information on including DMSF in your estate plans and The 1989 Society, please visit dmsf1989society.org.

“This is a great place to invest your charitable dollars. The education of talented students of limited economic means is immeasurably impactful.”

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Their belief that education provides opportunity to expand talents and capabilities aligns so closely to the DMSF mission and we are extremely grateful for their investments and proud to call them a partner!

IMC

For almost ten years, the charitable fund of IMC, a global trading company that prizes innovation and impact, has supported DMSF. As a firm, IMC champions education and access to opportunities for young people. IMC partners with DMSF to ensure more Chicago high school students can afford college-preparatory secondary education and support. Some IMC employees even volunteer at DMSF as Scholar interviewers!

“We first connected with DMSF because of the Murphys’ legacy in Chicago’s trading industry. …we remain committed partners because this is a thriving community of students, parents and supporters who share our belief in the power of education.”

LISA WIERSMA
Executive Director, IMC Chicago Charitable Foundation

IMC is also celebrating the 30th anniversary of its founding in 1989, just like DMSF!

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