

## Queen of Peace to put laptops in the hands of all students

School rallies to raise \$100,000 in matching grant money by December 31

In November, Queen of Peace High School launched a \$400,000 *Tech 4 Learning Initiative* to put laptop computers in the hands of every student and make the high school completely wireless. The program will give students 24/7 access to valuable learning tools and make Queen of Peace the first girls' high school in Chicago to provide computers to all of its students.

Queen of Peace is aggressively trying to raise all of the *Tech 4* funds by Dec. 31, 2006 so that all students have computers by the start of the 2007-2008 school year. To kick off the effort, an anonymous alumna has offered to contribute up to \$100,000 by matching the funds Queen of Peace raises by the end of the year. If the school is successful, the \$100,000 gift will be the largest single donation in Queen of Peace's history.

"The Peace Community is thrilled by the generosity of our alumna and all who support and recognize the value of computers in the education of our students," said Dr. Kathleen Hanlon, chief administrator at Queen of Peace. "The *Tech 4*



*Learning Initiative* will help empower Peace students to learn in many different ways: critical thinking, problem solving, mastering information and communications illiteracies, and promoting global awareness and interaction. We ask for everyone's help in funding this new pathway to learning."

Queen of Peace has been on the cutting edge of computer technology for many years, infusing technology in all discipline areas. Queen of Peace currently features school-wide Internet access, nine wireless rooms, several computer centers, and a video broadcasting/graphic design lab. For the past four years, Peace faculty has been trained in and equipped with the second generation of mobile technology – the tablet. Once the *Tech 4* program is in place, the high school plans to open

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Queen of Peace High School is a Catholic Sinsinawa Dominican secondary school community educating a diverse adolescent female population. The school is committed to preparing women not only for college, but for lifelong learning by empowering intellectual, spiritual, moral and emotional growth.

Queen of Peace's mission calls for it to search for truth, to encourage collaboration, to instill leadership, to promote dedication to service, and to inspire a passion for peace and justice. For information about Queen of Peace, visit [www.queenofpeacehs.org](http://www.queenofpeacehs.org).

*Left to right: Peace Administrator Dr. Hanlon accepts a \$10,000 check from Board Member and 1976 Peace alumna, Ellen Jordan Reidy, for Peace's Tech 4 Learning Initiative.*

a computer lab and institute a "self-maintainer" program, providing students with a course option that teaches laptop repair. This entrepreneurial program will also teach the students to manage the lab facility, order parts and supplies, and repair other technology equipment, as well as hone customer service skills.

To date, many parents, faculty, staff, alumna and Board members have already contributed generously to the *Tech 4 Learning Initiative*, and donations continue to come in daily. Letters soliciting contributions have been mailed to all alumnae and friends and The Peace Parent Association is hosting a *Tech 4 Learning* raffle through December 18. For information or to find how you can participate, visit [www.queenofpeacehs.org](http://www.queenofpeacehs.org) or contact Development Director Cindy