



1899 BEQUEST SOCIETY

*Bob Murphy '86
stands at the entrance of
Gonzmart Hall*

Bob Murphy '86 honors his parents, Jesuit's brotherhood



Growing up, Bob Murphy '86 seemed destined to attend Jesuit. Not only was he the youngest of six children in a household that stressed education – mom and dad were both professors at the University of South Florida, and mom also taught at the University of Tampa – but all five older siblings were girls. Jesuit could be his girl-free oasis, except ...

"I initially resisted going to an all-boys school, even though I grew up with five sisters and no brothers," Murphy said.

Mom and dad's influence won the day, and it made a major impact on Murphy's life.

"Once on campus, I became involved in many different clubs and was a swimmer all four years," Murphy said.

His involvement in clubs and sports helped foster the close-knit brotherhood that so many Jesuit alumni fondly recollect years later, even decades later.

"I consider my fellow swimmers and my 1986 classmates to be my brothers," Murphy said. "I am thankful for the education I received at Jesuit and lifelong friendships that I have made."

Murphy is the owner and president of Brick House Marketing, Inc., a successful, full service advertising agency located in Tampa. He enjoys boating, fishing, occasional masters swimming and going to football games, especially the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Florida Gators.

And he embraced the opportunity to give back to the school that means so much to him by joining the 1899 Bequest Society at Jesuit. Bequest Society

members are those who have indicated in writing that they have made provisions for Jesuit in their will or estate plans. Murphy said he left Jesuit a percentage of his estate.

"I want my donation to go towards scholarships for deserving young men who need financial assistance to attend the school," Murphy said.

Murphy is grateful for the foundation provided by his parents, and later by Jesuit, and it inspires him to give back.

"(My parents) made many sacrifices to enable us to have the best education possible," Murphy said. "Giving other young men the same opportunity that I was given at Jesuit is one small way of honoring my parents.

"I'm glad to have the opportunity to support the school in this way!" 

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