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## Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory's Best Buddies Club Raises \$10,319 for Friendship Walk

Hollywood, FL – Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory's Best Buddies Club raised a total of \$10,319 for the annual Best Buddies Friendship Walk. Approximately half of the money was raised by three of its club members. The Chapter's President, Lauren Longman, raised \$2,012. Brianna Vogt, Chapter Vice President procured \$1,510 and Rachel Godfrey, who will be Chapter President next year, was able to fundraise \$975.

The Best Buddies Friendship Walk is the leading walk in the country supporting inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Funds raised at the walks help move Best Buddies' mission forward by funding local programs. Last year, the CMCP Best Buddies Club raised \$3,055 for the cause, denoting a \$7,264 increase from last year's goal.

Chaminade-Madonna's Best Buddies Club is also heavily involved with its host site, The Quest Center. The club plans exciting events with The Quest Center's students to promote inclusion, provide opportunities for their members to interact with individuals with intellectual and development disabilities, and raise awareness about Best Buddies within the community.

Lynzi Hammett, Moderator of the Best Buddies Club says, "I am so impressed with these three girls, as well as all of our devoted members. Our leaders have worked hard all year long and their dedication to the organization sets an example for all students to follow. Their passion inspires me every day to be more caring and understanding of all students, with and without disabilities. Their ability to band together to raise awareness for such an amazing cause is incredible."

## About Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory

Chaminade-Madonna, a Catholic and Marianist high school, educates the heart and soul as well as the mind and body. It is a family-like community in which individuals of all backgrounds shape and share their faith, achieve excellence, and become caring participants and leaders in the service of community, church and those in need.

For 59 years, Chaminade-Madonna has provided a quality, Catholic education to the South Florida community. It is one of nineteen schools in the United States sponsored by the Marianist Province of the United States. The high school is accredited by AdvancED, and has received recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, the highest award given by the U.S. Department of Education. Chaminade-Madonna has been voted the "Best School in Hollywood" each year since 2010.

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