



## Elevating Animas

Animas High School is known for delivering a 21<sup>st</sup> Century education with an innovative program that allows young adults to choose their own path. Our Ospreys have achieved an impressive 100% college admissions rate. 88% of our graduates enroll and persist in college, compared to a national average of 69%. Students reflect the community in which they live, and Animas strives to be inclusive and accepting of each student's personal academic and career journey.

So how could we possibly elevate Animas High School?

- 1) Our nest will be gaining elevation as we build our new home, atop a mesa on the beautiful Fort Lewis College campus.
- 2) Elevating Animas means increasing opportunities for a relevant, rigorous, and engaging college preparatory experience for our students.
- 3) We know that Elevating Animas means expanding our student population and giving flight to more Ospreys and their families in Southwest Colorado.

### Our Osprey Family

Just as the Ospreys' strong wings give them greater lift, our Animas students are elevated by a solid community of trusted and caring teachers, helping them to reach their unique potential.

Our students are known. Every member of our Osprey family has at least one caring adult at Animas High School dedicated to their success. These adults serve as mentors and are committed to our students' personal and academic well-being. Being known means never being alone and always having the comfort of a trusted adult on campus to help navigate challenges big and small.

Animas students have agency to determine their distinct path in the world and grow to be thoughtful engaged citizens with a passion for lifelong learning.

## Our New Nest



The quality of our students, faculty and program is mismatched with our current facility. Last fall, we broke ground on a new 40,500 square foot facility on the campus of Fort Lewis College.

The building was designed for project-based learning and includes small break-out spaces, larger convening areas and ample access to natural light. It also includes walls that can open for multi-class

collaboration and spaces for curating and displaying student work, a Maker Space, an Audio-Visual Lab and connected indoor/outdoor spaces to support large scale projects.

A college-preparatory school adjacent to a college campus increases opportunities for student and faculty collaboration and offers greater access to academic opportunity, as well as to Fort Lewis College's coveted Outdoor Pursuits program. This proximity will enable our Ospreys to shift more seamlessly to a college mindset.

## The Campaign

Animas High School is thrilled to announce the Elevating Animas Campaign to expand our programming and college preparatory experience, while extending our wingspan and our footprint. The total budget for the campaign is \$18.1 million and we are proud to have successfully reached 80% of our goal.



Animas was awarded one of the state's highly competitive BEST Grants for \$13.7 million. To receive the grant, Animas High School was required to provide a match of \$4.3 million, which we achieved with the generosity of the SW Community Foundation and the 9R Bond Initiative.



For the final phase of the Elevating Animas Campaign, we seek to raise an additional \$1.5 million, which will allow us to elevate our efforts to prepare our students for success by creating critical thinkers and engaged citizens through an innovative, student-centered, project-based curriculum.

Please join us in Elevating Animas! We have many opportunities to support this comprehensive campaign, including naming opportunities and program support. Please contact Jesse Hutt at [jesse.hutt@animashighschool.com](mailto:jesse.hutt@animashighschool.com) with inquiries.