

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Healey Transition & Roche Center Board Training Launch

How long will the Healey Education Foundation continue to operate and in what capacity?

The Foundation will continue its operations under the leadership of Christine Healey, President, indefinitely. The Foundation will no longer be providing direct service to schools as it did in the past. Rather, through this groundbreaking partnership with the Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College, schools interested in board and leadership formation services are encouraged to contact Melodie Wyttenbach, Director of the Roche Center at catholic@bc.edu.

Are grants available through the Healey Education Foundation?

The Foundation will continue to honor the legacy of its Founder, Robert T. Healey, Sr., with grants to the Catholic Partnership Schools and Boston College, Roche Center for Catholic Education. No new grant opportunities are available currently. Future grants will be possible by invitation only.

As a Healey Education Foundation alumni school or Diocesan partner: What services can we continue to expect from the Foundation versus from Boston College?

As a past program participant, you will continue to be recognized as a graduate of the Healey Advancement and/or Board Training Program and counted among our Healey Alumni Schools. Schools with existing boards are encouraged to participate in Roche Center board training programs. A member of the Roche Center team will work with you to determine the best program fit for your school and board.

Any Catholic school in the country, including schools that have completed Healey programs, will be able to access any material in the Board Training open resource library accessible on the Roche Center website effective Fall 2023. Additional materials will be made available to participants enrolled in the Roche Center Executive Leadership Academy or Catholic School Board Training Microcredential.

For immediate assistance with your principal, advancement director and board member recruitment needs, visit the [Healey Resource Page](#) for materials related to your search. For those needing direct coaching, Roche Center staff will be available beginning in Fall 2023.

What new programs in Board Training can I expect from this partnership?

We will offer the following two programs for school and board leaders of PK-12 Catholic schools. These programs will make use of 12 online learning modules ([review list of modules here](#)) supplemented by videos, executive coaching, live classes and direct peer networking. Healey Scholarships are available for those educators and board members needing financial assistance.

1) Executive Leadership Academy

This cohort-style academy will include a 2-day workshop on campus, followed by 10 months of asynchronous learning modules and virtual one-on-one executive/peer coaching sessions.

- The Executive Leadership Academy will launch in Fall 2023 with up to 20 school, board and diocesan leaders.
- Graduates of this program will be recognized as Healey Fellows.
- This offering is ideal for participants seeking:
 - To develop brand new boards or empower their existing board;
 - A supportive, personalized program with direct coaching and support from Roche Center leadership;
 - A regular opportunity to engage with a community of peers who share a desire to enhance their executive leadership skills.

2) Catholic School Board Training Microcredential

- This microcredential focuses on developing the capacity of board members via a series of learning modules that can be accessed individually at the user's discretion or stacked in 2-3 module bundles to achieve microcredentials.
- Program completers are invited to bi-annual BoardTalks, virtual conversations with high-performing leaders in education and business for ongoing learning and dialogue on effective practices of boards.
- This offering is ideal for participants seeking:
 - Catholic school-specific online training that is cost-effective and self-paced;
 - To enhance their school board knowledge to be more effective in their service to Catholic schools.

When will the new Catholic School Board Training launch from the Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College?

A pilot cohort of Healey Fellows for the executive leadership program will launch in Fall 2023. Leaders interested in learning more or signing up for future cohorts should [sign up here](#) to be considered.

As a school in need of Board Training – with or without a past relationship with the Healey Education Foundation: How do I learn about and participate in the training and coaching?

The best way to learn more is to email catholic@bc.edu to share your board training needs. A member of the Roche Center team will be available to recommend the best fit program based on your school's unique situation. All interested schools, including Healey Alumni Schools, are encouraged to explore the new programs offered to meet their specific needs by exploring the [Roche Center for Catholic Education](#) website.

I am an advocate for Board Training, but others are not. How do I explain the benefits of these programs?

View our [Case for Catholic School Board Training](#) (PDF) and contact the Roche Center team at catholic@bc.edu to learn more.

As a superintendent, whom can I speak with about a strategy to begin board building in my diocese? How will boards elevate my schools that need financial support, enrollment strategies and other advancement guidance?

The Roche Center team is ready to engage you on these matters, sharing the successful experiences of other dioceses. View our [Case for Catholic School Board Training](#) (PDF) to learn more. Contact the Roche Center team at catholic@bc.edu to begin the conversation in your diocese.

As a foundation or donor investing in Catholic schools, how can we best provide program scholarships for participation of schools we support?

Philanthropy is integral to engaging schools and boards in this process. The Healey Education Foundation grant to the Roche Center for Catholic Education provides Healey Scholarships for discounted fees for all participating members. Remaining fees for each school will be based on a sliding scale. Your scholarship support for interested schools is much appreciated and bridges the gap many schools need to participate in programs like these. Please contact Roche Center staff at catholic@bc.edu for more information.

Will the training work to strengthen any type of existing Board?

Yes, but schools with existing Boards of Specified Jurisdiction or independent boards that operate with authority and responsibility are best positioned for success in these programs. Advisory boards are welcome to benefit from Roche Center board training programs as well. Guidance is available for those interested in transitioning to a board with greater authority.

My school does not currently have a board. How do we get started?

Along with startup coaching, these programs are designed for all schools with particular attention to new boards. Contact the Roche Center team at catholic@bc.edu to learn more.

