The Foundation for Excellence has mapped out a multi-faceted plan to help Lutheran High School continue to prosper from its humble beginnings in 1979 to its current goals of building a new campus. A new facet of that plan is the establishment of the Lutheran High School Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln.

“The Foundation for Excellence was founded to raise funds with a long term vision to assist the school with larger projects. We decided to take the opportunity to set up a fund with the Community Foundation as another way to diversify our resources,” said Sarah E. Jones, director of development at Lutheran High. "The Community Foundation has such a great reputation in Central Illinois, we were interested in learning more about the opportunities that a partnership would open for us."

The Fund will be utilized to help meet additional needs outside the school’s budget. It will also help the school continue to become more independent financially instead of being heavily reliant on tuition.

“Our goal is to provide funds for major expenses outside of the school’s general budget. Assisting with continuing education for the faculty, scholarships for students and other school related projects as needed,” Jones said. “… Our Foundation is working toward building an endowment that will ensure
Lutheran High can meet its financial and educational goals for many years to come without being solely reliant on tuition."

Lutheran High has an enrollment of 176 students. The school is in the midst of a capital campaign to construct a new campus. The planned larger facility is expected to drive an increase in enrollment.

The Foundation Board of Trustees will oversee the Fund’s use. It will do so with long-term feasibility in mind. “The Board will be using the money for the best interest of the school's long-term needs,” Jones said.

The Foundation welcomes all donations to the Fund. Information is available at most school events, and the Foundation is planning on hosting multiple informational events about the Fund and other giving opportunities for the school this fall. The Foundation is also rebuilding its website and publications to provide more information on the long-term goals.