

News Release

Jim Belardi’s “Driven to Do More” Philosophy Serves as a Fundraising Catalyst

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., July 1, 2016 – James Belardi, CEO of Athene Holding, Ltd. and Athene Asset Management, has joined a longtime friend and mutual Hall of Fame teammate, to lead a \$1 million challenge pledge to raise funds for a state-of-the-art Aquatics Center.

The \$5.3 million project will be built on the campus of Jim’s former high school – Servite High School – in Anaheim, Calif. The project will be named in honor of Jim’s former coach and teacher, Fr. Kevin Fitzpatrick.

Jim and his teammate and partner in the fundraising endeavor, Tim Buckley, were standout swimmers and water polo players at Servite and went on to distinguished athletic careers in college. They have maintained their Servite brotherhood and friendship over the past 40 years. Together, they will match dollar for dollar all new donations and pledges to the [Aquatics Center Capital Campaign](#), up to a total of \$1 million.

This philanthropic example of giving back to a cause that is dear to him, embodies Jim’s character and drive to do more, whether it is founding Athene – a leader in the retirement services industry – or creating a stronger community. The new Aquatics Center will help the school’s admissions efforts by demonstrating the vitality of the community and enhancing curb appeal. In addition, it will help to make room on campus for future classrooms, a chapel, and athletic facilities.

Swimming has been an integral part of Jim’s life since he was a young boy. Beyond being Athlete of the Year and a Hall of Fame athlete at Servite High School, Jim competed in the 1976 and 1980 Olympic swimming trials, and was a world-ranked swimmer and four-year Stanford letterman. He continued to swim in masters’ competitions where he is a nine-time world record holder and four-time world champion.

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Left to right: Jim Belardi '75, Servite President Peter S. Bowen '82 and Tim Buckley '73 recently participated in Servite High School's groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction of the new Aquatics Center.

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