



## TMI Episcopal History Fact Sheet

### Timeline

**1893** – Founded as West Texas Military Academy (WTMA) with 12 students and three temporary buildings by the Rt. Rev. James S. Johnston, first bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, at Government Hill campus (Grayson Street)

**1910** – Moves to Alamo Heights campus

**1926** – Merges with San Antonio Academy, operated by Bondurant family, name changes to Texas Military Institute (TMI)

**1934** – Dr. W.W. Bondurant and others purchase TMI from Episcopal diocese

**1952** – Ownership transferred back to Episcopal diocese

**1972** – School becomes coeducational as 11 girls enter Upper School classes

**1974** – Military program (JROTC) becomes optional for all students

**1989** – Moves to present campus

**2005** – Abbott and Bailey residence halls completed

**2008** – All Saints Chapel consecrated; Ewing Halsell residence hall dedicated

**2012** – John W. Cooper, Ph.D., becomes TMI's 30<sup>th</sup> headmaster

**2013** – Celebration of 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**2017** – School's common name adopted as **TMI Episcopal**

**October 2018** – Celebration of 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### Distinctions

- **Known as “West Point of the Rio Grande”** for the excellence of its military program
- One of the **first private schools to have a National Honor Society** chapter (1930)
- Corps of Cadets has **earned Army JROTC's highest honors at annual formal inspection** for 23 consecutive years
- **Distinguished alumni** include Gen. Douglas MacArthur, actor Dan Blocker of “Bonanza,” three Congress members, two Episcopal bishops, two university presidents, a Metropolitan Opera Star, a painter whose work hangs in the White House and many other men and women who have forged outstanding careers in law, medicine, business and the arts.
- **Recent graduates attend well-known colleges and universities** including Rice, SMU, Texas A&M, Trinity and UT-Austin; Auburn, Boston College, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, MIT, NYU, Princeton, Tulane, U.S. Air Force Academy, University of Chicago, USC, Washington University in St. Louis, West Point and Yale.