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## AI expert, former Google China president Kai-Fu Lee to be honored in Oak Ridge on Monday

**OAK RIDGE**—Dr. Kai-Fu Lee, a world-leading artificial intelligence expert, billion-dollar venture capitalist, bestselling author, and former president of Google China, will be visiting his middle school alma mater, St. Mary Catholic School at 327 Vermont Ave., Oak Ridge, on Monday, May 6. In his autobiography and in interviews, Dr. Lee has voiced that he owes much of who he is today to the community he found at St. Mary Catholic School.

Dr. Lee has held executive positions with Apple, Microsoft, Silicon Graphics, and Google. He is currently the chairman and CEO of Sinovation, an AI-centric investment firm. Dr. Lee recently appeared on the television show, “60 Minutes,” discussing his new book and the promise of AI in education.

A 1975 graduate of St. Mary Catholic School, Dr. Lee will speak to the students and teachers about AI technology and about China during the following assembly:

- 1:50 p.m.: Welcome, presentation of Alumni Award
- 2:05 p.m.: Performance by students of song and readings in Chinese
- 2:20 p.m.: Dr. Lee’s address to student body
- 2:40 p.m.: Time for Q&A from press

Several dignitaries, including Oak Ridge Mayor Warren Gooch, Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank, and Bishop Richard F. Stika of the Diocese of the Knoxville, are expected to attend.

St. Mary Catholic School offers P3-8<sup>th</sup> grade classes focused on a STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and mathematics) curriculum. Its focus on small class sizes, individualized instruction, and hands-on learning helps foster holistic development of its students.