2016-2017 SCHOOL MOTTO:

“With our values as our base, we will make the world a better place.”
A Message from Our Leadership

Dear Friends,

Looking back on the many accomplishments made during our 17th school year, we realize that we have so much to celebrate with you. Thanks to your support, Marian Middle School upheld its standard of academic excellence, provided students with unique enrichment experiences, and improved its programs and facilities.

These are just a few of the accomplishments achieved during the 2016–2017 school year:

- All Marian Girls who initially scored in the lowest percentiles on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) made substantial gains in every tested category!
- 90% of eighth graders made real growth in their overall ITBS score and 74% made real or substantial growth in at least nine of 11 categories.
- Marian’s eight lowest ITBS subcategories were math related last year. Five of those eight no longer make the list.
- Returning students went from 7% below the national average in acquiring and evaluating information to 20% above the national average.
- Due to the increased susceptibility to physical and social-emotional health issues of the Marian student demographic, Marian trained faculty and staff in trauma informed care and mental health first aid.
- In STEM, students worked in small, mixed-grade groups to create solutions to real-world problems. Projects ranged from refurbishing furniture and rebuilding a motorcycle to creating a women’s empowerment website and designing a “Peace Center” to combat racism.
- We built our capacity to teach STEM by transforming our lower level into the Berges Family Innovation Center. The state-of-the-art STEM learning center includes a science laboratory, a maker library, a maker workshop, a multi-disciplinary learning space, and a culinary kitchen.
- Among the 30+ different careers to which they were exposed, Marian Girls diagnosed chromosome disorders with a geneticist, queried an Olympic athlete, and dialogued with a NASA engineer.
- With the help of volunteer Kathy Winfrey and some outstanding Cor Jesu Academy students, Marian’s STEM Club won second place in the Green Schools Quest! For their project, students tested temperature and air quality to make positive, sustainable changes within our school.
- Marian Girls learned about sustainable building design, participated in hands-on green architecture activities, and toured a green-design building at Washington University.
- 87% of students surveyed named a STEM career in their top two choices.
- And 92% of eighth graders believe, already, that they can make a difference in the world.

While the accomplishments of our students are impressive in their own right, coupled with the situations Marian Girls overcome to achieve greatness, they are unbelievable. While we refuse to exploit the individual stories of our students, don’t forget that the same girls who are refurbishing furniture for women transitioning from homelessness or drug rehabilitation centers may themselves be homeless. Students aspiring to be child psychologists, respiratory therapists, and pediatricians may need but not have access to these specialists themselves. In the small ways, we change the world for them. And Marian Girls are already changing the world for us.

Thank you for investing in Marian Girls during the 2016–2017 school year! Investing in Marian Girls means you are not just investing in their education and future, you are investing in their families and the Saint Louis community. By empowering young women to become accomplished leaders, you are making an enormous impact! We sincerely appreciate your commitment to breaking the cycle of poverty by Educating Girls for Life.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Grimes
President

Sister Sarah Heger, CSJ
Principal

Donna Farmer, PhD
Board Chair

OUR MISSION

Marian Middle School, a Catholic school serving adolescent girls of all religious, racial, and ethnic backgrounds, is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty by fostering their spiritual, academic, social, moral, emotional, and physical development in preparation for and successful completion of college preparatory high schools.
Marian Middle School is a leader in providing life-altering education to urban girls on their journey towards self-discovery.

Marian alumnae graduate from high-performing secondary schools ready for success in higher education and the workplace.

Marian alumnae college graduates are accomplished leaders equipped to make informed decisions and create enduring, positive change.

**OUR FOUNDRESSES**

Marian Middle School was founded in 1999 by seven communities of Catholic sisters. We are grateful they shared their dream and vision to establish hope for the future of the St. Louis area. We thank them for their continued guidance and support over the past 17 school years.

- Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise
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- Ursuline Sisters of the Central Province

"Marian is a sisterhood for all."
~Trenia Cummings, Class of 2017

"My classmates taught me to be brave, be a leader and believe in myself."
~Camille White, Class of 2017
2016-2017 Committees

Marian Middle School is grateful for the many people who dedicate their time and talents to advancing and sustaining the mission of Educating Girls for Life. For more information on how you can serve on a committee, please contact the development office at 314.771.7674, ext. 24.

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FAC T:
Volunteers provided more than 2,765 service hours during the 2016-2017 school year!
...to receive a life-altering education during the 2016-2017 school year.

81% Saint Louis City
17% Saint Louis County
1% Jefferson County
1% Illinois

STUDENTS

TRAVELED FROM 24 ZIP CODES

71 STUDENTS

Students in fifth grade ..................13
Students in sixth grade ................20
Students in seventh grade ..........19
Students in eighth grade ..............19

96% are students of color

94% qualify for free and reduced-fee meals program, a national indicator of poverty

“Marian taught me at a higher grade level so I know things now that I was going to learn in high school. Marian also taught me to respect everyone no matter how they look.”
~Amya Lingard, Class of 2017

“Marian taught me to ask questions and to not let anything get in the way of my education.”
~Kyndall Taylor, Class of 2017
Attendance

**187**

INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

**95.3%**

DAILY ATTENDANCE

**100%**

STUDENT-PARENT/GUARDIAN
TEACHER CONFERENCES

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**Reading**

- 54% of Marian Girls made more than one year’s growth, 14% made more than two years’ growth, and 6% made more than three years’ growth.
- Two eighth graders and one sixth grader tested out of the system, a grade equivalent of 12.9+.
- A fifth grader had an essay on courage published.

**FACT:**

Marian Girls, who often enter performing two or more years below grade level, leave Marian on or above grade level, prepared to succeed in high-performing high schools.

“Marian has provided me with a Quality Education. As a small school, the teachers can help you individually. Marian helped me catch up and now I feel prepared for high school.”

– Arisbet Bucio, Class of 2017

“Marian has provided me with a Quality Education. When I started at Marian, I was below grade level. I received a lot of help and now I am on grade level.”

– Joselyn Castaneda Salazar, Class of 2017

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Average Cumulative GPA:

**2.56**
2016-2017 School Year Activities

- **Fine and Performing Arts**
  Anime, Art, Choir, Dance, Media, Piano, Praise Dance, Sewing, Theater

- **Fitness and Wellness**
  Basketball, Culinary Arts, Fitness, Golf, Step/Hip-Hop, Track, Yoga

- **Social Awareness**
  Career Readiness, Girl Scouts, Model UN, Service Club

- **Academics**
  Academic Response Lab, Extra Study Hall, French Club, Robotics, STEM Club

**FACT:**

It costs more than $12,000 to provide one Marian Girl with challenging academics in a disciplined environment and a full array of enrichment activities for one school year.

“Marian helped me build leadership skills, to become a better person, and to believe in myself.”

– Damirah King, Class of 2017

“I used to be quiet and shy, but this school showed me how to be myself and be unique.”

– Mekhya Willis, Class of 2017
Marian Girls put on a production of *The Lion King* with the help of STAGES St. Louis.

- A seventh grader’s passion for anime, a style of Japanese animation, empowered her to lead her very own anime class during Enrichment.
- Marian’s STEM Club won second place in the Green Schools Quest for their air quality/sustainability project.

Our track team did outstanding at the CYC Track Finals. The 14 and 15 year old age group scored first overall of 19 teams. The 12 and 13 year old age group scored fourth overall of 24 teams. Marian Girls took home many ribbons, including two first place and two second place ribbons.

Marian’s Model UN passed their Indonesian Deforestation Project resolution at the annual Assembly meeting. The goal was to save wildlife habitat in Indonesia by stopping deforestation caused by cutting down forests to plant palm oil trees.

“Marian is more than a middle school to me. Marian is a place where I can express myself. I can be myself without judgement or question. Here at Marian, I have people that care about me. Marian is a place where I can dream.”

– Shakyra Cannon, Class of 2017


**Number of Alumnae** .................214
Alumnae in high school .................................................................70
Alumnae in college .................................................................54
Alumnae enrolled in private high schools .............................................51
Alumnae enrolled in public high schools (includes charter and magnet schools) ........................................19
High school graduates .............................................................137
College graduates ..............................................................15

**High School GPA By Class**

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“I love being a Marian Girl and enjoy my wonderful experiences here. Through Family and Community Spirit, Marian helps us create bonds. I know when I come to school, I have sisters who will always love me.”

— Chardonnay Brooks, Class of 2017
High Schools

Bishop DuBourg High School
Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School
Carnahan High School of the Future
Collegiate School of Medicine
Cor Jesu Academy
Duchesne Catholic High School
Gateway Science Academy
Grand Center Arts Academy
Hancock High School
Hazelwood East
Incarnate Word Academy
La Joya (Arizona)
McCluer High School
McKinley Classical Academy
Metro Academic & Classical High School
Nerinx Hall High School
Northwest Academy of Law
Northwest High School
Notre Dame High School
Ritenour High School
Roosevelt High School
Rosati-Kain High School
St. Joseph’s Academy
Trinity Catholic High School
Urnsline Academy
Villa Duchesne

Alumnae attended the following schools during the 2016-2017 school year:

Colleges

Alabama A&M University
Blackburn College
DePauw University
Emory University
Grambling State University
Harris Stowe State University
Hickey College
Lincoln University
Lindenwood University
Lutheran School of Nursing
Missouri State University
Rockhurst University
San Jacinto College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Southwestern Illinois College
St. Louis Community College
Truman State University
University of Central Missouri
University of Kansas
University of Missouri–Columbia
University of Missouri–Kansas City
University of Missouri–Saint Louis
University of South Florida
Webster University

Highlights:

• 44 (63%) alumnae received $243,000 in scholarship assistance from Marian to attend private high schools.
• Alumnae who received scholarships from Marian received an average award of $5,597.
• Our Graduate Support staff took 10 alumnae on a three-day college road trip to Chicago in June 2017. They visited Blackburn College, Elmhurst College, Lewis University, and Loyola University-Chicago.
• Congratulations to salutatorians, Bibiana Barragan and Nautica Little! Bibiana graduated second in her class at Carnahan High School of the Future and Nautica graduated second in her class at Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School.

FACT:

We have given over $1.4 million in scholarship money to our graduates over the past 10 years!

• Alumna Ashley Rice enrolled in the Masters of Divinity Program at Emory University, becoming the first Marian alumna to pursue a graduate degree.
• Alumna Nikki Navalta became the first Marian Girl to be accepted to Washington University!
• Alumna Ronnesha Wingo was named Cardinal Ritter College Prep’s Archbishop John L. May Service Award winner.
• Alumna Mariah Favell was named an Aspen Young Leaders Fellowship.
• Alumna Ga’Nea Jones was named a Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Awardee.
• Alumna Karla Gomez received a scholarship from the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis Inc.
• Alumna Lili Vallecillo was chosen to represent the Youth Exploring Science (YES) Program at the Black Data Processing Associates national conference in Atlanta because of her dedication to and prowess in the field of technology.

“Marian shaped me to be a courageous, strong, intelligent, independent woman. They have offered me so many opportunities, such as a scholarship to go to a performing arts camp, a job at the Science Center, and, best of all, a full scholarship to Bishop DuBourg.”

~Faith Walker, Class of 2017

“Marian accepted me and shows Service to Foster Justice, Peace, and Equality by serving girls of all races, ethnicities, and religions.”

~Chelsea Manuel, Class of 2017
BERGES FAMILY INNOVATION CENTER

2016-2017

SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING
MATH
ION CENTER
• develop • design • deliver

Thanks to the support of many individuals, foundations, and corporations, we opened the Berges Family Innovation Center in April! The project began in 2014, when fifth graders were asked to measure bookshelves and create scale drawings to figure out where the bookshelves would fit in our library. Their imaginations took flight and today we have a state-of-the-art STEM learning center with a science laboratory, a maker library, a maker workshop, a multi-disciplinary learning space, and a culinary kitchen.

We would like to thank the Berges Family Foundation for providing us with the first and largest gift for this project and to the many other donors whose generosity is empowering Marian Girls to be workforce ready, critical thinkers and creative problem solvers with the skills to be highly employable in STEM-related careers.

PLANNED GIVING

Help sustain the mission of Marian by including us in your planned giving. Making a gift through your will or trust is one of the easiest gifts to make because it costs you nothing in your lifetime. Contact us to learn more.

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*Evelyn Bushell provided the first bequest to Marian in 2004.

“Marian taught me to live a Faith-Filled Life and to look for God’s light when I’m going through a rough path. Marian taught me to see God in others, to forgive and forget, and to treat everyone equally.”
— Kyrah Valiant, Class of 2017

“Respect for the Uniqueness of the Individual taught me to not separate people into categories. It also taught me to be myself.”
— Lonjay Hemphill, Class of 2017
FINANCES

Statement of Financial Position • June 30, 2017

Assets
Cash and cash equivalents $672,676
Investments $901,211
Grants and contributions receivable $302,793
Prepaid expenses $11,100
Property and equipment (net) $1,019,340
Total assets $2,907,120

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities
Accounts payable $15,746
Accrued liabilities $6,376
Deferred revenue $4,750
Total liabilities $26,872

Net Assets
Unrestricted $2,263,544
Temporarily restricted $616,704
Total net assets $2,880,248
Total liabilities and net assets $2,907,120

Statement of Activities • June 30, 2017

Support and Revenue
Grants and contributions
Science, Technology, Engineering,
and Math (STEM) $475,439
Other $1,087,015
Fundraising events $469,059
Tuition $29,299
Lunch program $51,617
Investment income $33,363
Other $5,195
Total support and revenue $2,150,987

Expenses
Program services
Academic $733,247
Enrichment/Social services $120,595
Graduate support $386,824
Total program services $1,240,666
Supporting services
Management and general $233,614
Fundraising $261,120
Total supporting services $494,734
Total expenses $1,735,400

INCREASE (DECREASE)
IN NET ASSETS $415,587
Net assets at beginning of year $2,464,661
Net assets at end of year $2,880,248
Marian Middle School thanks the following donors for their generous gifts made between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. If we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name, please help us correct our records by calling the development office at 314.771.7674 ext. 24.

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“Respect for the Uniqueness of the Individual taught me that it’s okay to be yourself and not to judge a book by its cover.”

– Makayla Byrd, Class of 2017

“Marian taught me to respect others and listen to what others have to say. And they taught me to live a Faith-Filled Life.”

– Sereniti Stewart, Class of 2017
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– Aziyah Young, Class of 2017

“Service to Foster Justice, Peace, and Equality is important at Marian. We talked about social justice often. Marian also taught me that everyone is different and special in their own way.”

– Evelyn Carrillo, Class of 2017
2016-2017 EVENTS

2ND ANNUAL YOUNG FRIENDS BEER TASTING
Brewfest
Saturday, October 8, 2016

“...The second annual Brewfest created a new standard for events hosted by the Young Friends. With well over 300 people in attendance, our community showed their commitment to the Marian Girls and the school’s mission of breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering the comprehensive development of its students. It was a tremendous event, and we can’t wait for next year!”

— Madeline Sciortino, Young Friend

16TH ANNUAL
Marian Magic
Saturday, April 22, 2017 • Four Seasons Hotel
Founder’s Circle Sponsor: Ascension Health
Award of Excellence Honorees: The Bannister Family and Monsanto Fund

“We look forward to the Marian Magic event each year. There are so many worthy charitable events in Saint Louis, but not many connect you to the cause like this one. To hear the girls explain in their own words what their education means to them and then see them perform on stage is special. Right then and there, you know your donation will have a difference in the lives of these wonderful girls. Marian Middle School is doing an amazing job of educating and empowering women to become the leaders of tomorrow, and that is something special.”

— Tom and Jane Wulf, Chief Administrative Officer at Scottrade

9TH ANNUAL WOMEN’S EVENT
Girls Night Out
Thursday, October 27, 2016
Charles F. Knight Center at Washington University

Presented by Mercy:
Keynote Speaker: Kathy Mazzarella, CEO at Graybar
Chair: Kelly Fitzter

“As the 2016 Girls Night Out keynote speaker, I was proud to be among a remarkable group of women who are passionate about building a bright future for the next generation. I also enjoyed meeting several Marian students, all of whom are gaining the knowledge, skills, and confidence to achieve their dreams and make a lasting impact on our community. It was an inspiring event to advance the work of a great organization.”

— Kathy Mazzarella, Chairman, President and CEO of Graybar

8TH ANNUAL
Young Friends Wine Event
A Toast to Education
Saturday, June 3, 2017 • Bar Napoli

“This year’s A Toast to Education was a blast! Graciously hosted by Bar Napoli, attendees sipped drinks, including the signature sangria, and munched on tasty appetizers while raising awareness and money for Marian Middle School. Thanks to the silent auction, lucky winners walked away with items such as Cardinals tickets, jewelry, and gift certificates. I’m really looking forward to next year’s event!”

— Ellen Sciuto, Young Friend
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- Our Academic Program enhances student learning by challenging students to think beyond the boundaries of traditional academia and develop critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, and life skills in preparation for high-performing high schools.

- Our Enrichment Program offers students additional opportunities for learning, empowerment, character growth, and leadership development.

- Our Graduate Support Program assists alumnae in finding success during their high school and college years by providing academic, social, financial, and career readiness support and by connecting students to internship and job opportunities.

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