97% of Marian Girls graduate from high school, compared to 78% of students who attend local public schools.

87% of Marian Girls attend college, compared to 51% of students of similar background and circumstance living in the U.S.

39% of Marian Girls have earned a college degree, compared to 14% of students who are low-income and first-generation.
A Letter from Our Graduate

Before I came to Marian in 5th grade I knew I was a fast runner. But I didn't know what it meant to be a teammate. I didn't know how playing team sports developed you as an athlete, as a person, as a critical thinker — and as a leader.

At Marian, I discovered my passion for sports, how sports intersected with academics — and how they were two parts of a much larger whole. I was on the volleyball, basketball, and track teams. My coaches at Marian each saw something in me that no one else had before — they saw me as a leader. They gave me opportunities that I didn’t see in myself, and pushed me to go past my comfort zone and test my limits. They helped me develop confidence that I didn’t know was inside me.

This confidence wasn’t limited to the track or the court. Marian helped me to become a better student, try new experiences, and see my future path. It helped me develop as a person, and learn the skills I would need to succeed in high school.

Student-athletes have to be smart — both on and off the field. We have to understand time management because we have to juggle homework, practice, and games. Marian also taught me about being a good friend — and how to create the time in my day for camaraderie that comes with being on a team. Being a Marian Girl opened up my world.

At Incarnate Word Academy, my new high school, while many of my freshman teammates had a hard time balancing academics and sports, I was ready thanks to the rigorous foundation at Marian. Marian’s challenging academics, supportive study halls, and enrichment program gave me the foundation necessary to know how to manage my time and prioritize school work.

As a high school student, Marian continued to support me by checking in with me at school, hosting workshops, and going on college visits with me.

But high school was only the middle of my Marian journey. During the summer of 2016, I interned at Ascension Health under the leadership of Marian Board Member Chris Young. This experience helped prepare me for an internship in clinic administration at Mercy Hospital.

I’m now a freshman at Mizzou and have plans to continue my journey as an orthopedic surgeon — coupling my love for athletics and science.

Life is a lot like running track. It requires no special equipment and seemingly anyone can do it. But both are actually much harder than they look.

When you invested in me, you gave me the running start that I needed on my journey. Thank you for all that you’ve done to impact my life and the lives of future Marian Girls.

With great appreciation,

Tori Chapman

Thank You from Our Leadership

Tori is an incredible young woman, and we’re looking forward to seeing where her journey continues from here. It’s girls like Tori, who are focused and driven to succeed, who embody the mission of Marian — breaking the cycle of poverty by allowing girls to realize their dreams. Tori is one of more than 230 girls who have had the opportunity to receive a life-changing education at Marian, since our founding in 1999. Thank you for being part of the Marian Middle School family.

Best regards,

Mary Elizabeth Grimes
President

Sarah Heger, MA
Principal
Marian Middle School is a leader in providing life-altering education. Marian Middle School graduates are accomplished young women equipped to make informed decisions and create enduring, positive change.

OUR VISION

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 19 school years.

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to receive a life-altering education during the 2017-2018 school year.

72% Saint Louis City
22% Saint Louis County
6% Illinois

72 STUDENTS

85% qualify for free and reduced-price meals, a national indicator of poverty

Students in fifth grade ......................15
Students in sixth grade .....................21
Students in seventh grade .................18
Students in eighth grade .................18

GIRLS SERVED
- 75% African American
- 13% Hispanic
- 4% Multiracial
- 4% Asian
- 4% Caucasian
8TH GRADERS HAD AN AVERAGE OF 1.6 YEARS OF GROWTH LAST YEAR ALONE

95% DAILY ATTENDANCE

STUDENTS READ 1,072 BOOKS TOTALING 39,678,962 WORDS

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.

“At Marian, the teachers make reading fun because we are all working toward a goal. Reading helps you learn. My favorite book is A Series of Unfortunate Events, because it is adventurous.”
— Imani

40% OF STUDENTS ENDED THE YEAR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL IN READING
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH

2017-2018 Courses:
• Animal Science and Conservation
• Automotive Engineering
• Building and Design
• Computer Gaming
• Digital Media
• Electricity
• Gardening
• Robotics (Beginning and Advanced)

100% of student learning objectives in STEM are aligned with project-based learning, inquiry-based learning, and the engineering design process.

Careers of interest include: architect, cardiac surgeon, computer engineer, federal agent, forensic psychologist, marine biologist, neurosurgeon, nuclear material courier, nurse, obstetrician, paramedic, pediatrician, plastic surgeon, occupational therapist, veterinarian, and zoologist.

MATH
• Our eighth graders averaged 4.5 years of growth in math last year alone.
• Overall, 90% of all students made significant gains in math.

SCIENCE
• Overall, 80% of all students made significant gains in science.
• Overall, student averages are above the national average in four of six major science concepts.

100% of our eighth graders and 92% of our entire student body listed a STEM-related career as one of their top career choices.

71% of 8th graders score as well as an average eleventh grader on the 8th grade science test.
Awards and Achievements:

CLAVIUS PROJECT ROBOTICS JAMBOREE AT ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

- Twenty-one schools were invited and more than 250 students participated in the Clavius Project Robotics Competition, a local robotics competition in conjunction with St. Louis University High School.
- 19 students competed from Marian.
- Marian was one of only two schools to win the platinum award based on team spirit and performance.
- Marian Girls won the leadership award for their evident teamwork, persistence, and problem-solving skills.

Additional STEM Accomplishments and Progress:

- Created original video games.
- Developed animal-friendly beauty products.
- Designed a school prayer garden.
- Built a virtual tour for the school’s website.

“Why We Give”

“We have been proud Marian supporters and volunteers for many years. We firmly believe that investing in the future of girls like Marian students is the best way to give back to our community. We were blessed to provide the gift of a high quality education to our children, and we feel strongly that each child deserves that same gift no matter her circumstances. Marian provides an educational foundation and gives the tools and support girls need in all aspects of their lives to become strong, independent women.”

— Craig and Toni Hunt

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Ways to Give

- Bequest by will
- Beneficiary designations
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*Evelyn Bushell provided the first bequest to Marian in 2004.
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ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

School Year Activities

- **Fine and Performing Arts**
  Art, Choir, Dance, Knitting and Craft Arts, Media, Piano, Praise Dance, Sewing & Fashion Design, Theater, Drums, and Music Production

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

- **Social Awareness**
  Girl Scouts, Model United Nations, and Service Club

- **Academics**
  Career Readiness, Creative Writing, Extra Study Hall, French Club, Robotics, STEM Club, Computer Programming, Language and Culture Club, Book Club, and Chess Club

FACT:
It costs more than $12,000 to provide one Marian Girl with a rigorous academic environment, and an array of enrichment activities each school year.

Q&A

What are you most proud of during your time at Marian?

**Becoming a better athlete especially in track with Coach Sarah.**

— Khloe
The Art Club collaborated with the Theatre Club to create a fully student-designed set for the spring musical, Suessical.

Several Marian Girls captured top honors in final track competitions. Karina, a 5th grader, captured first-place in both the 200 meter dash and the 800 meter run, and second-place in the 400 meter run. Synmar, a 7th grader, placed 1st in the 400 meter run and 2nd in the 200 meter dash. Dyawna, a 7th grader, placed 4th in the 200 meter dash. Great job, Girls!

Marian’s Step Club performed at Marian Magic, and Marian’s Choir performed at the Little Bit Foundation’s Annual Gala.
GRADUATE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Q&A

What difference do you want to make in the world?

I just want to help people and make them feel welcomed and loved in the world.

— Nakaila

233 ALUMNAE

Alumnae in high school ..........................................................73
Alumnae enrolled in private high schools .......................54
Alumnae enrolled in public high schools
(includes charter and magnet schools) ..........................19
High school graduates ......................................................154
Alumnae in college ..........................................................60
College graduates ............................................................27

High School Graduation Rate:

97%

97% of Marian Girls graduate from high school, compared to 78% of students who attend local public schools.
Alumnae attended the following schools during the 2017-2018 school year:

High Schools
Bishop DuBourg High School
Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School
Carnahan School of the Future
Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience
Duchesne High School
Gateway Science Academy
Grand Center Arts Academy
Hancock Place High School
Hazelwood East High School
Incarnate Word Academy
KIPP St. Louis High School
McCluer High School
McKinley Classical Academy
Mehlville High School
Metro Academic and Classical High School
Nerinx Hall High School
Northwest Academy of Law
Northwest High School
Notre Dame High School
Ritenour High School
Rosati-Kain High School
St. Joseph’s Academy
Trinity Catholic High School
Ursuline Academy
Villa Duchesne

Colleges
Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
Blackburn College
Chamberlain College of Nursing
Columbia College
DePauw University
Dillard University
Fontbonne University
Lindenwood University
Lincoln University
Lutheran School of Nursing
Mississippi Valley State University
Missouri Baptist University
Missouri State University
Ranken Technical College
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Saint Louis University
San Jacinto Community College
South University
West Palm Beach
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Tennessee State University
Truman State University
University of Central Missouri
University of Evansville
University of Missouri Kansas City
University of Missouri St. Louis
Washington University in St. Louis
Xavier University of Louisiana

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

$5,360 is the average high school scholarship award from Marian.

60 MARIAN GIRLS ATTENDED 30 COLLEGES

Highlights:
• Marian Graduate Support Program staff organized a workshop, Interrupting Racism, with The National Conference for Community and Justice of Metropolitan St. Louis (NCCJ) St. Louis and the Catholic Education Office to enhance their ability to serve students of all backgrounds and improve school inclusivity.
• More than 20 students participated in internships and college preparation programs across the community, including those at the St. Louis Science Center YES Program, St. Louis Artworks, St. Louis Internship Program, College Bound St. Louis and the College Prep Program at Washington University in St. Louis.
• Staff also collaborated with a group of Washington University Occupational Therapy students to create better social/emotional development and preparation for Marian graduates.

Nikki Navalta (above) became the first Marian graduate to enroll at Washington University in St. Louis, and Porsha Hayes (left) became the second Marian graduate to be accepted into the University.
## Finances

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Why should a parent choose Marian for their daughter?
I would recommend that a parent choose Marian because Marian is a good place and will change her for the better.

— Jalila

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— Laila

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What makes Marian different than other schools?
It’s more hands on and they really focus on you achieving what you want to achieve.
— Hayden
2017-2018 EVENTS

10TH ANNUAL WOMEN’S EVENT
Girls Night Out
Thursday, September 28, 2017
Charles F. Knight Center
at Washington University

Presented by Mercy
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lisa Williams,
CEO of World of EPI and creator of
Positively Perfect Dolls

“Girls Night Out is a magical, joy-filled event that showcases current
and future shining stars of the world.
I had an absolute ball, and meeting the
amazing young ladies of Marian and the
special people who support their future
dreams is one of my most special memories. I was honored to serve
as keynote speaker; I am more committed than ever to supporting
and building positive self-esteem in incredible young ladies like those
who attend Marian.”
— Dr. Lisa Williams, CEO of World of EPI, and creator of
Positively Perfect Dolls

3RD ANNUAL YOUNG FRIENDS BEERTASTING
Brewfest
Saturday, October 14, 2017

Lead Sponsor: Builder’s Bloc Contracting

“I look forward to each year at Brewfest as a true kick-off to the Fall
and holiday season. It is a highlight of being involved with the Young
Friends of Marian Middle School and a wonderful way to learn about
Marian and the St. Louis community. Most importantly, all proceeds
go to our Marian girls! There’s nothing better than supporting these
amazing young women, helping them to chase those dreams and
realize success. They truly can do anything that they put their minds
to, and the Young Friends of Marian Middle School is here to ensure
that continues.”
— Audrey Lohse, Committee Chair

17TH ANNUAL
Marian Magic
Saturday, April 21, 2018 • Four Seasons Hotel
Founder’s Circle Sponsor:

Award of Excellence Honorees:
The Hunt Family and Berges Family Foundation

“What I like about the Marian Magic event is how it represents the
values of Marian Middle School: straight-forward, mission-oriented
and easy-to-understand. Just as the school’s focus is on providing an
educational path for young women to follow, the focus of Marian
Magic is to provide the St. Louis community an opportunity to support
that path. The best part of the evening for Marcia and me is to meet
the young women of Marian Middle School. To hear their love for
the school and aspirations for life gives us hope for the future.
An investment in Marian Middle School yields an outstanding return
for the St. Louis region. And what better opportunity is there to make
that investment than at Marian Magic with fellow supporters?”
— Joe Ambrose, Sponsorship Chair
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8TH ANNUAL
Young Friends Trivia Night
Friday, February 23, 2018 • Marian Middle School

“Even though the event is organized by the Young Friends committee,
Trivia Night is great for all adult age groups. It’s laid back, people
bring a table full of food, and it’s a fun way to raise money. Plus, what
better way to promote a school than by challenging a room full of
people to see how smart they really are?”
— Matt Bruns, Young Friend and Berkshire Hathaway sponsor
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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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