



2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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



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



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

OUR MISSION

Marian Middle School, a
Catholic school welcoming
adolescent girls of all
backgrounds, is committed
to breaking the cycle of
poverty through education.
Marian fosters each student's
spiritual, academic, social,
moral, emotional, and
physical development from
middle school through
post-secondary education
as a foundation for career
success.

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.

Sarah Heger

Best regards,

Mary Elizabeth Grimes

President

Sarah Heger, MA Principal 3



OUR VISION

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,





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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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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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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

2017 2018

TRAVELED FROM

20 ZIP

CODES

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

72%Saint Louis City

22% Saint Louis County

6%
Illinois

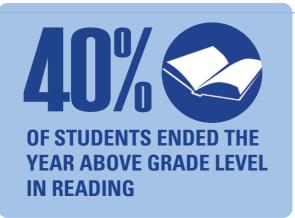


STUDENTS

85%

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





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. 8TH GRADERS HAD AN AVERAGE OF

YEARS OF GROWTH LAST YEAR ALONE

95%
DAILY ATTENDANCE

STUDENTS READ

1,072
BOOKS TOTALING

39,678,962 WORDS





2017 2018



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



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.

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OF 8TH GRADERS
SCORE AS WELL AS
AN AVERAGE
ELEVENTH GRADER
ON THE 8TH GRADE
SCIENCE TEST

71%

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.



Awards and Achievements:



- 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.

"We have been proud Marian supporters and volunteers for many years. We firmly believe that investing in the

WHY WE GIVE 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

PLANNED GIVING

Consider sustaining Marian's mission by including us in your will or trust. Contact us to learn more.

Ways to Give

- ✓ Bequest by will
- ✓ Beneficiary designations
- Appreciated property
- ✓ Retirement plans
- ✓ Gifts of life insurance

Bushell Legacy Society Members

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

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ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

FACT:

It costs more than \$12,000

to provide one Marian Girl

environment, and an array

with a rigorous academic

of enrichment activities

each school year.

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

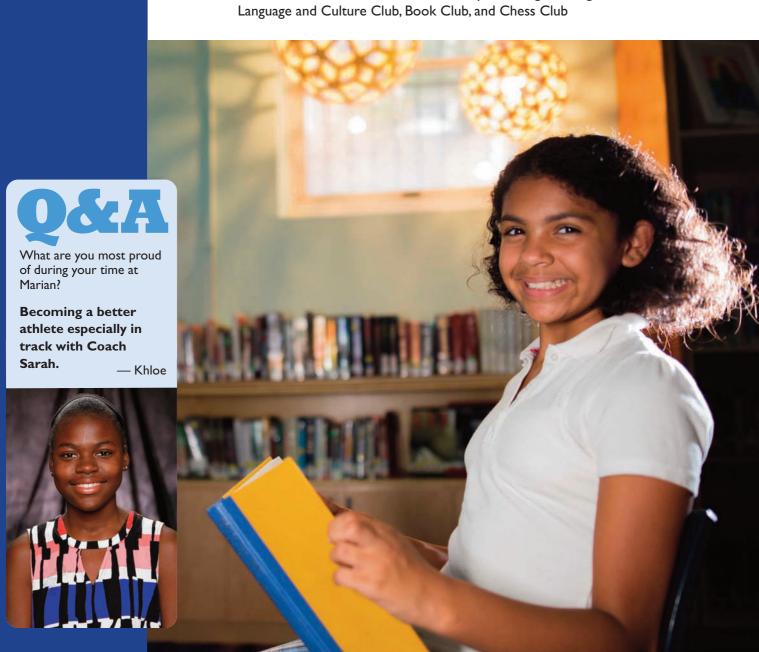
Basketball, Culinary Arts, Golf, Step/Hip-Hop Dance, Track, Volleyball, Yoga, and Zumba

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





Highlights

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.







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



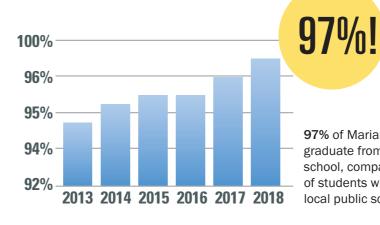
GRADUATE SUPPORT PROGRAM-



233 ALUMNAE

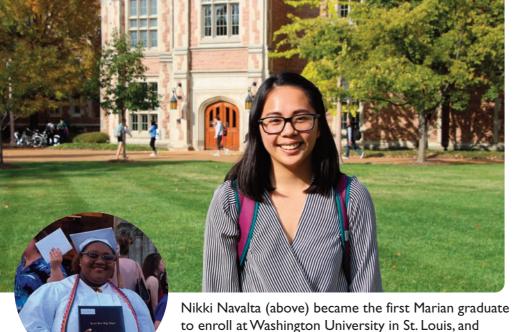
Alumnae in high school	73
Alumnae enrolled in private high schools	54
Alumnae enrolled in public high schools (includes charter and magnet schools)	19
High school graduates	154
Alumnae in college	60
College graduates	27

High School Graduation Rate:



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





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

Porsha Hayes (left) became the second Marian

graduate to be accepted into the University.

\$5,360

is the average high school scholarship award from Marian.





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.

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 **ATTENDED** 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 Harris Stowe State University Mississippi Valley State University Missouri Baptist University Missouri State University Ranken Technical College St. Louis Community College Saint Louis University San Jacinto Community College South University West Palm Beach Southeast Missouri State University Southern Illinois University Edwardsville 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



OUR GUIDING VALUES



Faith-Filled Life



Quality Education



Family and Community Spirit



Respect for the Uniqueness of the Individual



Service to Foster Justice, Peace, and Equality

FINANCES

Statement of Financial Position • June 30, 2018

Total assets	\$3,136,994
Property and equipment (net)	\$1,035,337
Prepaid expenses	\$8,162
Grants and contributions receivable	\$514,604
Investments	\$529,073
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,049,818
Assets	

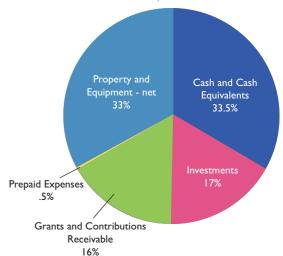
Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$15,772
Accrued liabilities	\$13,442
Deferred revenue	_
Total liabilities	\$29,214

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Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$2,492,283
Temporarily restricted	\$615,497
Total net assets	\$3,107,780
Total liabilities and net assets	\$3,136,994



Statement of Activities • June 30, 2018

Support and Revenue

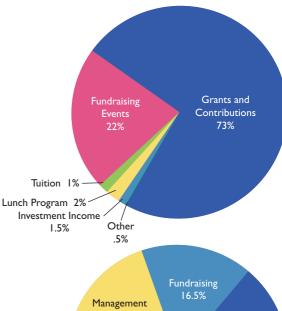
Grants and contributions Science, Technology, Engineering,	
and Math (STEM)	\$60,895
Other	\$1,516,620
Fundraising events	\$464,105
Tuition	\$30,058
Lunch program	\$47,090
Investment income	\$21,736
Other	\$4,252

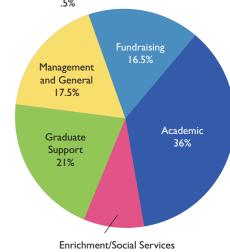
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Net assets at end of year

Expenses	
Program services Academic Enrichment/Social services Graduate support	\$693,292 \$171,017 \$399,705
Total program services	\$1,264,014
Supporting services Management and general Fundraising	\$336,186 \$317,024
Total supporting services	\$653,210
Total expenses	\$1,917,224
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$227,532
Net assets at beginning of year	\$2,880,248

\$3,107,780





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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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Each year, people in the community donate over a million dollars to support Marian Middle School. Why is Marian such a special place?

Marian pushes its students to find themselves and molds them into smart and independent women.

— Laila



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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, joyfilled 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 BEER TASTING

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 but 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

The Hunt Family and Berges Family Foudnation

Founder's Circle Sponsor: ASCENSION Award of Excellence Honorees:

"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 Chairman, First Bank



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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