



2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

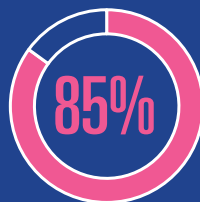




## OUR MISSION

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.

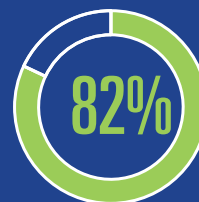
## Marian Girls:



face poverty, traveling from 30 zip codes to receive a life-altering education.



graduated from high school in 2019, compared to 74% of those who attend local public schools.



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



name a STEM-related career as one of their top choices.

2018-2019





## A Letter from Our Graduate

Marian has helped me transform what was once the spark of an idea into a life journey. I loved Marian from my very first day at school. I met friends who became sisters. My teachers became family. I loved learning, and most importantly, my teachers challenged me to be my best every day.

What I didn't know when I joined Marian is that the school would help me bring my dreams to life. I've loved dancing since I was a child. I even tried to teach myself how to dance by watching YouTube tutorials. I was floored when I found out that I could take real dance classes as part of Marian's Enrichment Program, which empowers students to explore their talents and career interests.

I took classes every Tuesday at Marian, performed in four musicals, and joined the Theatre Club. I gained confidence and learned that I could become a successful performer even though I began learning later than most trained dancers.

When it came to picking a high school, Marian counselors helped me select environments that offered an array of creative opportunities within a rigorous academic setting. A major benefit of being a part of the Marian family is the Marian scholarships we receive to continue our academic journey at high-performing high schools. Marian also helps us learn how to successfully secure scholarships and financial aid to cover remaining costs. Without Marian, I wouldn't have been able to continue chasing my dreams.

Today, I am a senior at Nerinx, am a part of the Thespian Club, and have appeared in eight musicals and plays. Because I learned time management at Marian, I am balancing a tough course load and achieving a 4.0 GPA!

This year, I became one of the few selected out of thousands of applicants to participate in the Missouri Arts Academy Summer Fine Arts Program. I would not have been able to participate in this life-changing experience without Marian's financial help. Marian paid for my expenses for the program, and I learned so much about the importance of art in our world.

This experience gave me the foundation I needed to conquer the Muni! That enormous stage always spoke to my heart, but I never thought I was good enough. Marian taught me that if I applied myself and worked hard, I could achieve anything. After one of the most grueling auditions of my life, I got the part! I danced every night in Footloose, and I felt alive!

Thanks to Marian, I've planned the rest of my journey, and I know the sky is the limit for me. Next, I plan to get my Bachelor's in Musical Theatre at Southeast Missouri State University.

Because of Marian, I have a fire in my belly. I am receiving an amazing education that provides me with opportunities to be creative and continue challenging myself. One day, I'm going to perform on a Broadway stage. I am so grateful that Marian is helping me to get there.

— Nyla Green, Marian Class of 2016



## Thank You from Our Leadership

Nyla is an incredible young woman, and we're looking forward to seeing her on Broadway! It's girls like Nyla who embody the mission of Marian — breaking the cycle of poverty by enabling girls to realize their dreams. Nyla is one of more than 265 girls who have had the opportunity to receive a life-changing education at Marian, since our founding in 1999. Thank you for being a part of the Marian Middle School family for the last 20 years. Together, we are *Transforming Lives and Building for Our Future*.

Best regards,

Mary Elizabeth Grimes  
President

Sarah Walker  
Principal

**2018  
2019**

## OUR VISION

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



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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 throughout our history.

- Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise (DC)
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Marian is grateful for the many people who dedicate their time and talents to advancing and sustaining our mission. 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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**100+** VOLUNTEERS **GAVE** **3,000+** HOURS OF SERVICE TO MARIAN

\*Titles omitted for the sake of brevity.



# ACADEMIC PROGRAM



## CORE SUBJECTS

MATH

SCIENCE

SOCIAL STUDIES

LANGUAGE ARTS

2018  
2019

STUDENTS  
TRAVELED  
FROM  
**30 ZIP**  
CODES

...to receive a  
life-altering education.

**68%** Saint Louis City

**25%** Saint Louis County

**7%** Illinois



**73**  
STUDENTS

Students in fifth grade.....14

Students in sixth grade.....22

Students in seventh grade.....20

Students in eighth grade.....17

**85%**

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

**GIRLS  
SERVED**

■ 78% African American  
■ 12% Hispanic  
■ 7% Multiracial  
■ 3% Caucasian





## FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

- Religion
- Spanish
- Art
- STEM Lab
- Race in America
- Immigration and Citizenship
- Typing
- Computer Science

## READING

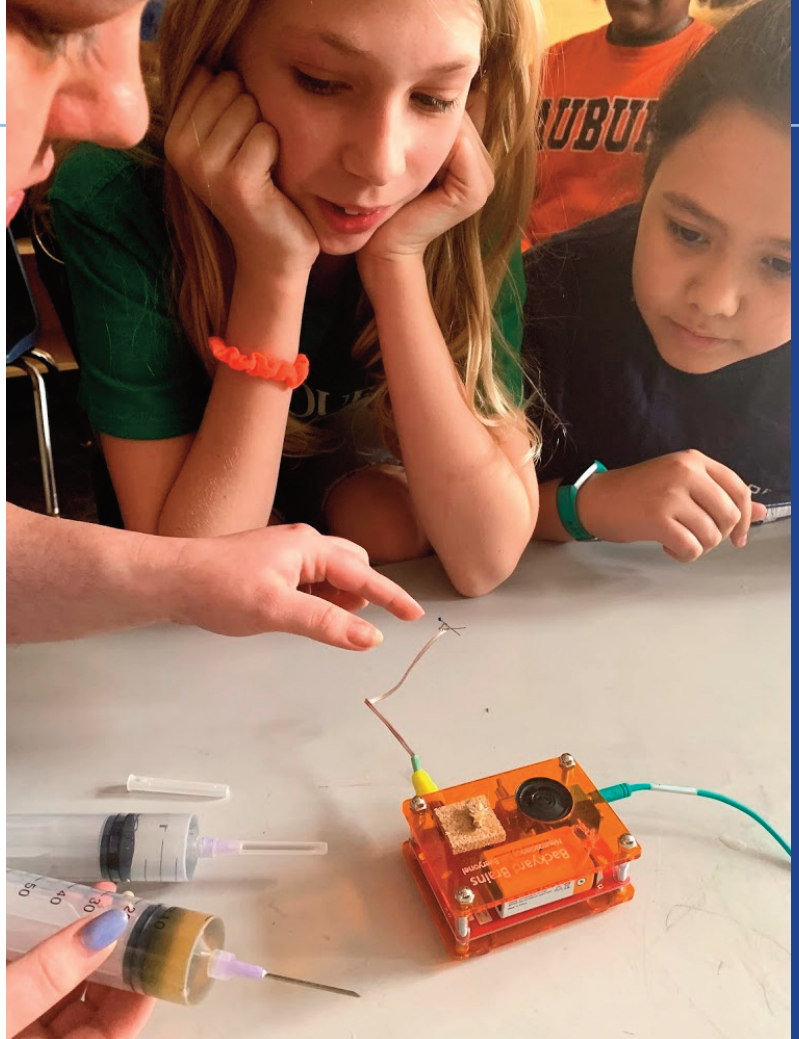
**90%** of students exceeded their expected growth.

**30%** of students made more than 2 years of growth.

**60%** of returning 8th graders started the year above the national reading average.

**55%** of returning 7th graders started the year above the national reading average.

**95%** daily attendance.



## 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.

### Where will your Marian education take you?

I'm going to high school and college to learn new things every day.

I'm going to travel to different countries, and learn more about the world.

I'm going to make my parents proud.

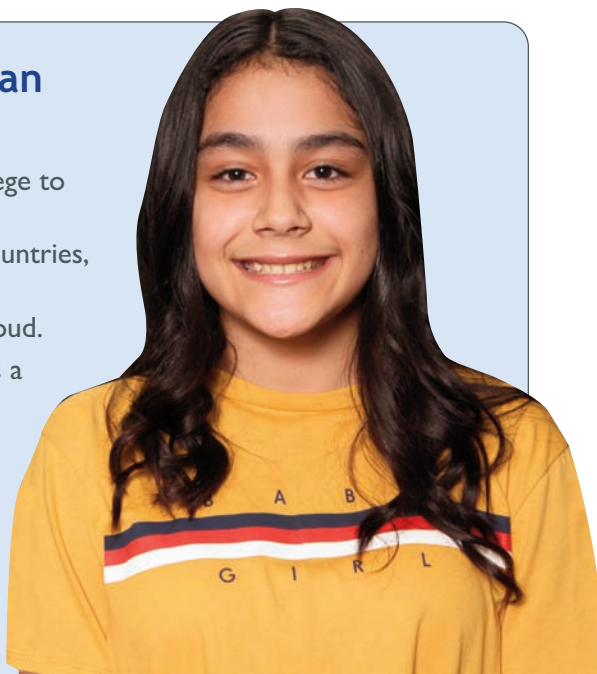
I'm going to work at a hospital as a pediatrician.

I'm going to have a family and do everything to keep them happy.

I'm going to achieve the goals I set for myself in the past.

I am going towards success!

— Mary



Students read

**1,181  
BOOKS**



totaling  
**48,420,998 words**

**2018  
2019**

# SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH

Marian prepares students for 21st century careers in STEM through an innovative curriculum that combines multidisciplinary and hands-on learning.

Their diligence enables them to advance throughout their high school, college, and career journeys and pursue higher-paying careers.

## Courses Offered:

- Automotive Engineering
- Careers in Medicine
- Computer Coding
- Computer Gaming
- Fashion Design
- Furniture Refurbishing
- Gardening and Bee Keeping
- Institute for Math and Computer Science or IMACS
- Media
- Robotics
- Rocketry
- STEM Club

## Careers of Interest Include:

Architect	Neurosurgeon
Cardiac Surgeon	NICU Nurse
Computer Engineer	Nurse
Dental Hygienist	Nuclear Material Courier
Doctor	OBGYN
Entrepreneur	Occupational Therapist
Farmer	Paramedic
Engineer	Pediatrician
Federal Agent	Pediatric Cardiologist
Film Editor	Photographer
Forensic Psychologist	Physical Therapist
Marine Biologist	Plastic Surgeon
Mathematician	Veterinarian
Musician	Zoologist
Music Producer	



## MATH

- 82% of 7th and 8th graders were at or above grade level in math.
- 46% of Marian Girls either tested at the highest grade level in math or made more than two years of growth.

## SCIENCE

- 87% of returning sixth graders met or exceeded estimated growth in science.
- 92% of returning seventh graders met or exceeded their estimated growth.
- 73% of eighth graders made significant gains in science from their first year at Marian to their 8th grade year.
- One 7th grader grew from the 6th percentile in science to the 82nd percentile in just one year — advancing multiple grade levels.



**92%**

of 7th and 8th graders  
named a STEM-related  
career as one of their  
top career choices





## Bzzzz!

Students created a fruitful garden, in which they planted and harvested fruits, vegetables, and herbs, and enjoyed the bounty with their families. Students also secured a grant from Gateway Greening to build new compost bins and observed Mother Nature at work at Marian's observation beehive, which holds up to 10,000 bees.



## ▲ 3-2-1 Lift-off!

In our new Rocketry class, students worked with a former NASA employee to design, build, and launch rockets. Students studied diverse women in space and learned the physics behind rocketry, including thrust, weight, stability, lift, drag, and gravity.

## ► Zoom, Zoom!

Marian Girls refurbished two electric-start, eco-friendly motor scooters through STEM class. One was the featured auction item among 450 attendees at the 2019 Marian Magic gala.



## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:



- Marian Girls competed at the Clavius Project Robotics Jamboree at St. Louis University High School. Of 39 schools, Marian was one of only four awarded the platinum award — and the only two-time platinum award winner!
- Through the Learn2Earn program, students who are taking STEM-related classes at Marian receive credits towards future classes at Ranken.

# 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.*

Anonymous

Barbara Buettner

Evelyn Bushell\*

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Bernard and Rosalyn Purcell

Barbara and Michael Richter

Sandra Stearns

Kathleen Valenta

Linda and Bob Waugh

2018  
2019



## Where will your Marian education take you?

I'm going to Notre Dame, to a house of more sisters!

I'm going to make changes and be different.

I'm going to live my best life, where any dream is possible.

— Cathy



Marian's Enrichment Program provides students with opportunities for self-discovery, leadership development, and career exploration.

These activities also foster belonging and connection after students graduate Marian and enter their new high school environments.

The skills they build — like leadership and time management, healthy decision-making, and forming positive relationships with others — last a lifetime and help them become even more successful throughout their high school, college, and career journeys.

## 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.

## School Year Activities

### Fine and Performing Arts

Art, Choir, Dance, Drums, Media, Piano, Sewing & Fashion Design, and Theater

### Fitness and Wellness

Basketball, Culinary Arts, Mindfulness, Praise Dance, Step Dance, Track, Volleyball, Yoga, and Zumba

### Social Awareness

Culture Club, Environment Club, Etiquette Club, Girl Scouts, Lean-In Club, Model United Nations Club, and Service Club

### Academics

Book Club, Chess Club, Coding Club, Creative Writing, Media (Digital Storytelling and Yearbook), Harry Potter Club, Language and Culture Club, Nature Club, Robotics, and STEM Club





## Highlights

- ▲ The Art Club collaborated with the Theatre Club to bring stories of hope and self-discovery to life for Marian families, donors, and staff during the Spring Musical.



Dyawna



Alana

## ▲ Leading Others

Two 8th grade students created and oversaw their own enrichment classes based on input from other students. Dyawna led Hair Braiding Club and Alana led Harry Potter Club. Both created weekly lesson plans to ensure each class accomplished its goals.

## ▼ Self-expression Through Song

Marian's Choir, led by Choir Director Eleanor Humphrey, wrote and performed "Dear Mary" for more than 450 guests at our annual gala. The song illustrates the power and potential that Marian sees in each Marian Girl, and the importance of faith in each of their stories.



*Fearless woman of strength and grace,  
Help me to see myself in your face.  
Tell me your stories, all you've been through,  
That I may love like you,  
Teach me to love like you.*

*I know you were young and I know you felt small,  
But you rose to your calling.  
And sometimes I feel too young and sometimes too small,  
But there are things I want to do,  
Like change this world.*

*Fearless woman of strength and grace,  
Help me to see myself in your face.  
Tell me your stories, all you've been through,  
That I may love like you,  
Teach me to love like you.*



- ▲ Students made eco-friendly clothing in Fashion Design.

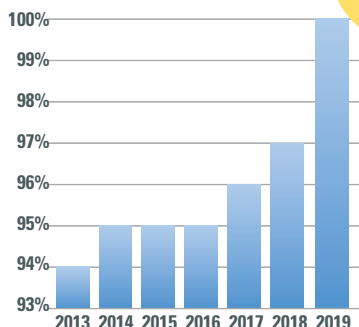


# GRADUATE SUPPORT PROGRAM



2018  
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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE



**100%**  
in 2019

## “Once a Marian Girl, Always a Marian Girl!”

Our Graduate Support Program, the final component of Marian’s innovative educational model, provides long-term high school, college, and career preparedness support for Marian Girls so they can continue their journey of success.

The program was developed in 2003 after the first six students graduated from Marian, to ensure their success in high school. Marian expanded the program in 2016 to support Marian Girls during their college years and into career success. Today, Marian Girls flourish in the workforce.

### The program includes academic, social, and financial support, including:

- One-on-one mentoring
- High school scholarships
- Student and parent workshops
- ACT/SAT prep courses
- Pre-enrollment college visits and continued support
- Summer internships and career exploration programs
- Counseling support and referrals when crises occur
- College access programs through Saint Louis University, Washington University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, College Bound, and more

**265**  
**ALUMNAE**  
from Marian Middle School

Alumnae in high school ....73  
High school graduates ....197  
Alumnae in college .....50+  
College graduates .....37

**100%**

of Marian alumnae graduated from high school in 2019, compared to 74% of others who typically graduate locally.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

Bishop DuBourg High School  
Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School  
Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience  
Cor Jesu Academy  
Duchesne High School  
Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis  
Hancock Place High School  
Hazelwood West High School  
Incarnate Word Academy  
KIPP St. Louis High School  
McCluer North High School  
McKinley Classical Academy  
Mehlville High School

Metro Academic and Classical High School  
Nerinx Hall High School  
Northwest High School  
Notre Dame High School  
Ritenour High School  
Rosati-Kain High School  
Saint Louis Public Virtual School  
Soldan International Studies High School  
St. Joseph’s Academy  
Trinity Catholic High School  
Ursuline Academy  
Valley Park High School  
Villa Duchesne



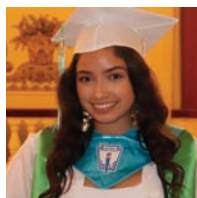
# FACT-

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

# \$5,298

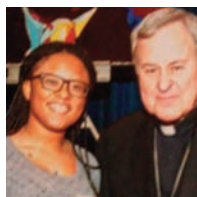
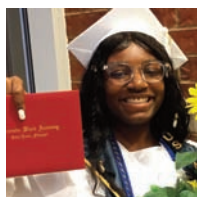
is the average high school scholarship award from Marian.

## Highlights:



▶ Melissa Huerta was awarded a full scholarship to Washington University through the national Questbridge program, where more than 16,000 students apply and only 1,000 receive a full four-year College Match Scholarship. Melissa plans to study Biology and Health Sciences and credits Marian with inspiring her love of science. Currently, 3 alumnae are enrolled at Washington University.

▶ Kristi Navalta graduated from Truman State in May, debt-free, and started a job at Barnes Jewish Hospital as a medical laboratory technician, putting her chemistry degree to good use.



▶ Zoe Webster and Andrea Lowe were both recognized with the Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Award for exemplifying the spirit of service and social justice.



▶ Kyndall Taylor was recognized as a Mission Model student at Incarnate Word Academy.



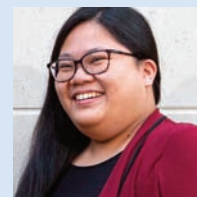
▶ Bibiana Barragan is currently stationed in Kuwait with the National Guard.



▶ Kayla Sullivan studied abroad in South Africa.



▶ Kaitlan Agins toured Italy as part of a study abroad program.



## What does Marian mean to you?

I am living proof that a young woman can embody her own ideals, regardless of her background. It all started with the spark at Marian. Now, I know I can accomplish anything. I am a daughter of immigrants... I am a first-generation college graduate... I am a scientist...

And I am a Marian Girl!

— Kristi Navalta,  
Marian Alum

More than 31 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, Saint Louis University Summer Scholars program, and the College Prep Program at Washington University in St. Louis.

## COLLEGES

Alabama A&M University  
Alabama State University  
Blackburn College  
Chamberlain College of Nursing  
Columbia College  
DePauw University  
Dillard University  
Fontbonne University  
Harris Stowe State University  
Lincoln University  
Lindenwood University  
Lutheran School of Nursing  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Missouri Baptist University  
Missouri State University

Ranken Technical College  
Saint Louis University  
San Jacinto Community College  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
South University West Palm Beach  
St. Louis Community College  
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

## MAJORS

Accounting  
Athletic Training  
Baking and Pastry Arts  
Biology  
Business  
Business/Entrepreneurship  
Business/Management  
Business/Marketing  
Chemistry  
Communication  
Criminal Justice  
Digital Communication  
Education

English  
Fashion/Design Merchandising  
General Transfer Studies  
Health Studies  
Information Technology  
Liberal Arts and Humanities  
Modern Languages (Spanish)  
Nursing  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Physical Therapy Assistant  
Public Health



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, 2019

### Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,173,322
Cash and cash equivalents — Capital Campaign	\$1,290,651
Investments	\$976,630
Grants and contributions receivable - net	\$248,708
Contributions receivable Capital Campaign - net	\$1,586,577
Prepaid expenses	\$17,221
Property and equipment - net	\$1,155,821
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$6,448,930</b>

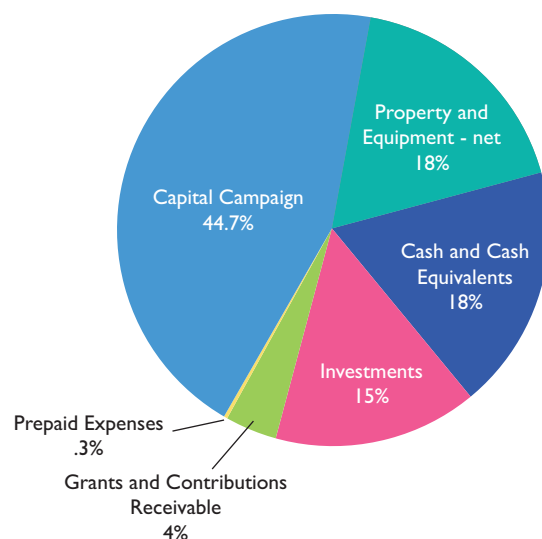
### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$103,509
Accrued liabilities	\$25,941
Long-term debt	\$257,407
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$386,857</b>

#### Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$2,764,149
With donor restrictions	\$3,297,924
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$6,062,073</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$6,448,930</b>



## Statement of Activities • June 30, 2019

### Support and Revenue

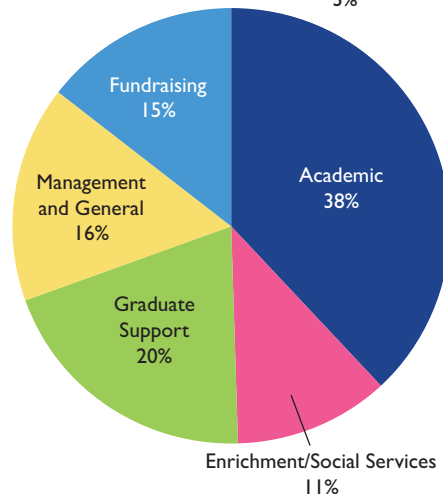
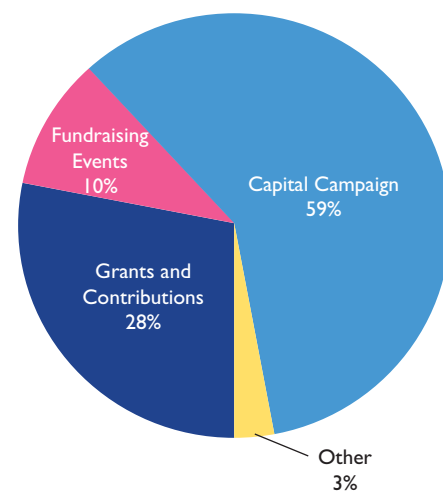
Grants and contributions	
Capital Campaign	\$2,922,987
Other	\$1,306,782
Fundraising events	\$488,485
Tuition	\$32,437
Lunch program	\$48,412
Net investment income	\$76,642
Loss on uncollectible grants and contributions receivable	(\$85,834)
Other	\$2,474
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>\$4,792,385</b>

### Expenses

Program services	
Academic	\$704,943
Social services	\$210,790
Graduate Support	\$370,368
<b>Total program services</b>	<b>\$1,286,101</b>
Supporting Services	
Management and general	\$285,340
Fundraising	\$266,651
<b>Total supporting services</b>	<b>\$551,991</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$1,838,092</b>

### INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS

Net assets at beginning of year	\$3,107,780
Net assets at end of year	\$6,062,073







Marian thanks the following donors for their generous gifts made between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019. If we have 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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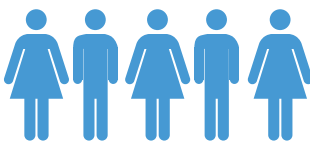
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## Where will your Marian education take you?

I'm going somewhere in which I can express my creativity — where being different is normal!

I'm going to be a leader and a good role model to someone!

— Zionna



# A Community of Support at RECENT EVENTS

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S EVENT Girls Night Out

Thursday, September 26, 2019  
Charles F. Knight Center  
at Washington University

Presented by **MercyT**  
Speaker: Jackie Joyner-Kersey

*"Girls Night Out is a special event that brings accomplished women who lead business, civic, and charitable organizations in our community together for a night of networking and interaction with the bright, impassioned girls of Marian, who inspire us all to give back and dream big. Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Marian 2011 Alumna Kristi Navalta shared all is possible and achievable by hard work, dedication, perseverance, and belief in oneself and something greater than ourselves, and challenged us all to pursue our goals and dreams despite the challenges and adversity life inevitably brings to us all. I was humbled and honored to lead this auspicious event, which garnered a record-setting crowd in support of Marian Girls! We look forward to having an even more successful 2020 and hope to see you all there!"*

— Joy McMillen

Member, Lewis Rice

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**September 17, 2020!**



## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUNG FRIENDS BEER TASTING Brewfest

Saturday, October 19, 2019  
Hosted at



*"Brewfest is one of my favorite events of the Fall. It's great to have so many people passionate about Marian in one place raising money for Marian Girls because they are learning the skills they need to succeed in high school, college, and beyond. My favorite part of Brewfest was when one Marian Girl, Nariah, showcased her talents by serenading the crowd with a Beyonce song. It's awesome to see the confidence and passion that is instilled in the girls through a Marian education. I'm a believer of the Marian mission — breaking the cycle of poverty through education."*

— Elizabeth C. Lillis

Associate Attorney, Growe Eisen Karlen Eilers



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL Young Friends Trivia Night

Saturday, April 13, 2019 • Marian Middle School

*"In 2019, we implemented a fun holiday theme for trivia night, and it turned out great! Several tables got really into their themes — including costumes. Trivia is a great event for friends and family to gather in Marian's gym and have some fun. I really believe in the work that Marian is doing to provide a quality education for young women."*

— Anna Eschbacher

Senior Accountant, Handi-Craft Co.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**March 14, 2020!**

## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Marian Magic

Saturday, April 27, 2019 • Four Seasons Hotel

Founder's Circle Sponsors:



*"For nearly 15 years, Ascension has supported Marian because of our shared commitment to faith and social justice and the positive impact that Marian's innovative educational model has had on more than 265 Marian Girls and their families. Although Marian Girls have limited means, we know they have immense potential, and we depend on their leadership in our workplaces and our shared communities. It was an honor to serve as Chair of Marian Magic because it illuminates the success of Marian students. It also gives others the opportunity to support a brighter future for Marian Girls in generations to come."*



— Christine McCoy

Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Ascension

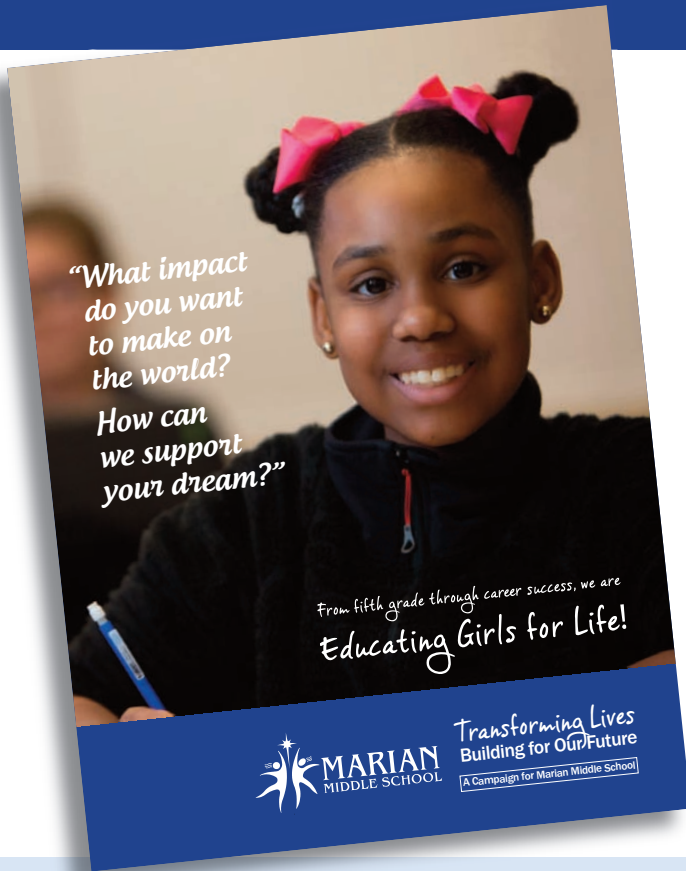
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**April 25, 2020!**





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A Campaign for Marian Middle School



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- 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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Save the date!  
*Marian Magic*

SATURDAY  
APRIL 25, 2020