



2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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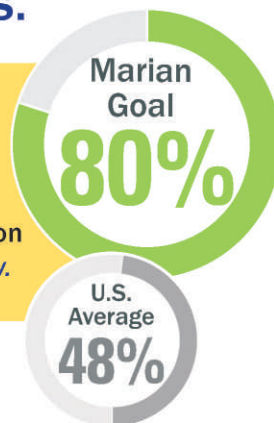
OUR MISSION

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.

When you educate a girl, you are changing the lives of generations.

10 YEAR IMPACT STATEMENT

By 2030, Marian's powerful and innovative programs will result in 80% of students completing a post-secondary education program within six years *to help build the economy of tomorrow.*



Celebrating 25 Years of Life-Altering Education!

Marian is celebrating 25 years of Educating Girls for Life! In a region in which schools are closing due to poor performance, funding challenges, and low enrollment, Marian is a beacon of hope. Carrying forward the vision of our foundresses, Marian continues to provide a reliable, sustainable, and proven education for girls with limited means but high potential. Our work transforms lives and our impact ripples throughout the community.

As the only independent, faith-based, all-girls middle school in St. Louis, families choose Marian Middle School for our unparalleled culture, which **combines a high level of accountability with a high level of care.** We are a small community where girls can be themselves — they build confidence, self-advocacy, and life-long community in a space that values who they are and where they come from. Our students are on an 11-plus year life-altering journey with Marian. As we walk with them, we are encouraging them, affirming them, and reflecting their light to illuminate the pathway to their future.

PROUD TO BE A

Marian Girl



Marian Middle School

6th Grade

Career

A Letter from Our Graduate



When I look back, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the ways in which Marian has influenced my life. From the moment I stepped through those doors, Marian welcomed me into a community that valued my academic excellence AND my personal growth.

During middle school, math was a challenge for me, but it was also my favorite! Ms. Price was my math teacher, and she taught me how to solve problems in different ways. In fact, **my journey into coding and information technology began on one of Marian's Academic Saturdays led by World Wide Technology.** Then, Marian added coding classes into the curriculum, and I felt like a kid in a candy store.

My determination to find solutions was deeply ingrained in me. It led me to pursue a deeper understanding of the field of information technology. I volunteered with the live production team at my church, running all of the tech, and through Marian's STEM program, I participated in robotics.

After graduating from Marian, I was awarded the Marian scholarship to attend Incarnate Word Academy. **Marian helped my family pay for textbooks, school supplies, and whatever we needed to keep me on track for success!**

Then came the support of Marian's Graduate Support team. When I realized that traditional college wasn't going to bring my dreams to life, the Graduate Support team was instrumental in helping me listen to my gut and my heart and pivot my passion into my purpose. **They helped me enroll in NPower, a program that empowered me with immediate access to technology training to launch my career in the tech industry.** I'm proud to share that I graduated from the program and earned a certification in Google IT Support!

The values and lessons I learned at Marian continue to influence my approach to both personal and professional life. The emphasis on integrity, compassion, and resilience has guided my decisions, and I am constantly inspired to demonstrate those attributes, just as Marian has done for me.

Marian is more than just an educational institution; it is a nurturing environment that empowers girls to dream big and reach their full potential. **My journey has been profoundly shaped by this remarkable institution.** I know I have Marian's support every step of the way.

Aziyah Young

Marian Alumna Class of 2017

Thank You from Our Leadership

From the moment one becomes a Marian Girl, she is encircled with love and unyielding support from the entire Marian Community. We celebrate her gifts and talents as a unique creation of God. Through transformational and holistic education, and 11+ years of care and support, we help our students grow from young 6th grade girls into powerful leaders like Aziyah.

As we commemorate our 25th anniversary, Marian reflects on a remarkable journey shaped by the vision of our Foundresses and our unwavering commitment to the success of Marian Girls. Over the past quarter-century, our students and alumnae have become examples of leadership and innovation, making significant contributions. From establishing businesses and excelling in STEM to making impactful community changes, they continue to inspire us all.

We are fortunate to be able to witness the seeds our foundresses sowed and your collective watering after 25 years. Thank you for Lighting The Way for Marian Girls!

With our deepest gratitude,

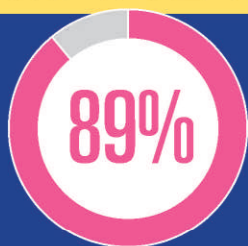
Mary Elizabeth Grimes
President

Sierhah Price
Principal



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IMPACT:



of Marian Girls faced poverty, traveling from 20 zip codes to receive a life-altering education.



of Marian alumnae graduated from high school, compared to 84% of their St. Louis peers.



of Marian alumnae went on to postsecondary education after graduating.



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OUR FOUNDING COMMUNITIES

Marian Middle School was founded in 1999 by seven communities of Catholic sisters and several lay women. 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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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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30+
VOLUNTEERS GAVE
2,000+
HOURS OF SERVICE
TO MARIAN



ACADEMIC PROGRAM

2023
2024



Marian is now using the Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) adaptive standardized testing platform. This tool allows Marian to measure student growth, compare student performance nationally, and better target instruction. Innovative testing and benchmarking is just one of the many hallmarks Marian employs to ensure students who enter below grade level receive the high-quality education they deserve.

Students traveled from

20 ZIP
CODES

...to receive a
life-altering education.

55%

lived in Saint Louis City

45%

lived in Saint Louis County

We believe that by understanding and leveraging the data better, while also supporting our students' mental health needs, we can implement strong interventions that will help Marian Girls THRIVE in high-performing high schools.

In fact, Marian Girls achieved **DOUBLE** the academic proficiency of students in local public schools.

Core Subjects:

- Language Arts
- Math
- Religion
- Science
- Social Studies

Foundation Subjects:

- Aerobotics
- Art
- Geography
- Independent Reading
- Physical Education
- Robotics
- Spanish



- 75% African American
- 13% Hispanic
- 5% Multiracial
- 5% Caucasian
- 2% Asian



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



Marian Girls are determined, but face academic, social, emotional, health, and economic challenges. And, yet, they excel!

Marian's Development Team raises funds to cover the cost of this high quality education.

\$24,018

annual cost of educating
a Marian Girl.

100%

of students receive scholarships
to attend Marian.

Scholarships and Awards

Great Gains:

Marian uses the NWEA standardized test to assess each student's learning potential and customize curriculum to meet her evolving needs.



Harmony excelled in all subjects. She grew faster than 83% of her peers nationally in math, 98% of her peers nationally in reading, and 87% of her peers nationally in science. She came to Marian performing well below grade level and graduated performing on and above grade level. Here's what Harmony had to say:

“From the awesome staff and teachers to the extracurricular activities — Marian is a powerhouse of female excellence!”

FACT:

Marian Girls participate in daily 40-minute periods of choice independent reading time, which helps them build fluency, vocabulary, and content knowledge while also developing a love of books.

Marian Girls Love to Read!

Reading is a way to be taken away from reality; to see a different world, think like someone else, and see everything in a different point of view.

Mirtza, 8th grade

95%

of seventh and eighth graders met their text difficulty goals in our Independent Reading Program.

75%

of our 8th graders were in the Average, High Average, or High categories in reading on NWEA. This is compared to only 20% of 8th graders in local public schools who were proficient or advanced in similar categories.

FACT:

ALL Marian 8th graders are enrolled in Algebra 1 compared to only **24%** of 8th graders nationally.

Marian donors, grantors, and corporate partners make it possible for Marian to provide education to Marian Girls 10 months a year, 10 hours a day. Although it costs \$24,018 to provide one Marian Girl with education, Marian families are only able to pay an average of \$60/month for their student's tuition. Several donors and partners step up to help fill this gap through specific scholarships!



Smiley Scholarship Award:

provides \$1,000 in tuition assistance for three 8th grade Marian Girls.

▲ Harmony • Stephanie • Laila



The Dr. John T. Shaughnessy Jr. Legacy Scholarship Award:

provides an entire year of free middle school education to support the student's family.

◀ Lauryn, 7th grade

The Marian Girl Award:

recognizes a student who exemplifies Marian's values of leadership, respect, service, kindness, perseverance, and responsibility.

▶ Natalie, 8th grade



Nerinx Hall Diversity Award:

provides \$1,500 toward high school tuition.

◀ Mirtza, 8th grade

Webster University Rotary Scholarship:

provides \$20,000 towards education at Webster University.

▶ Mahlia, 8th grade



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Phoenix

started at Marian in 5th grade performing in the 59th percentile in Science. As a 7th grader, she performed in the 90th percentile. Phoenix serves as a Student Ambassador, is a member of our award-winning Robotics team, and attended the Washington University Researcher for a Day program.



Isabella

graduated from Incarnate Word Academy and was offered \$723,000 in scholarships. She also participated in the F.A.R.M Apprenticeship Program, alongside another Marian alum. Through the program, which is sponsored by Bayer and Fresh Harvest 365, Isabella learned about Agriscience and developed ideas for bringing agriculture to urban food deserts. She plans to major in Computer Science at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH



At Marian, we give middle school girls the tools they need to become workforce ready critical thinkers and bold innovators. Marian's Academic and Graduate Support programs catapult Marian Girls into a wide array of high-demand, high-pay jobs. Marian alumnae are actively diversifying the STEM industry, closing the gender and racial gap, and meeting the demand for more STEM-ready leaders.

Our STEM courses include:

- Aerobotics
- Automotive Engineering
- Digital Storytelling
- Financial Literacy
- Gardening
- Investment Club
- LitShop
- Media/Animation
- Robotics
- STEM Club
- TechBridge
- Underwater Drones

Marian Girls DREAM BIG



Each year Marian Girls take a survey in which they select career fields of interest. The STEM careers on their list included:

- Anesthesiologist
- Architect
- Financial planner
- ICU nurse
- Mechanical engineer
- Obstetrician
- Orthodontist
- Software developer
- Surgeon
- Ultrasound technician
- Zoologist

86%

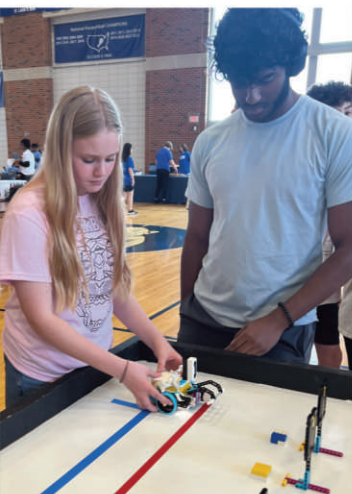
of 7th and 8th graders selected at least one STEM career field.

STEM ACHIEVEMENTS:



Through a partnership with the YMCA, Marian Girls were able to work with the Marine Advanced Technology Education Center (MATE II) to design underwater drones. The curriculum focused on the Engineering Design Process, circuits, buoyancy, fluid mechanics, and safety.

The Links, a social and service organization of prominent Black women, hosted NSBE Jr. (National Society of Black Engineers) at Marian, organized a speed networking event for 8th graders, and gave Marian Girls the opportunity to Zoom with astronaut **Jeannette Epps IN SPACE**.



Marian competed in the Clavius Robotics Jamboree, where they won the Janet Knobbe-Viox Judges Award for the second time and earned ANOTHER platinum banner. Out of 32 schools competing, only 8 received this highest level of achievement. Marian's Tigerbots have been the most decorated team at the event, winning platinum banners in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, and now 2024!

Ten students participated in the "Researcher for a Day" program through Washington University's Engineering Department. The girls toured an engineering research lab, completed an experiment with engineering graduate students, and went on a full campus tour.



Thanks to Marian's incredible partners, Marian Girls experienced a range of STEM field trips, including Solis Agrosience, Bayer, the Challenger Learning Center, and the Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health. They also attended STEM camps through Boeing, Missouri S&T, and Missouri 4-H.



NEW PARTNERSHIPS

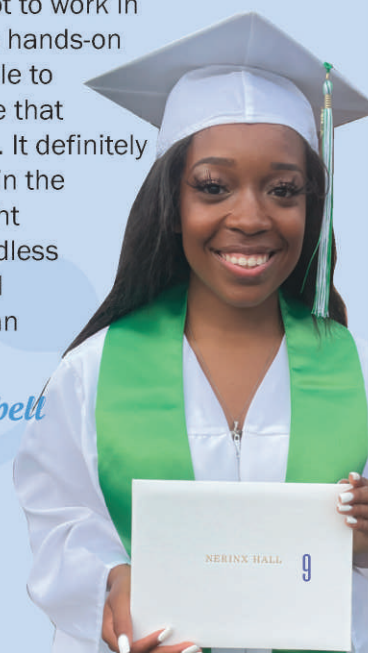


Marian entered into a formal partnership with A.T. Still University, providing opportunities for mentorship, scholarships, tutoring, leadership workshops, academic support services, and more.

As part of the partnership, several Marian alum have attended the ATSU-Truman Healthcare Academy, a competitive program limited to only 50 students, where they got to stay on the Truman campus for FREE.

I have always been interested in nursing, so I was excited when Ms. Harris recommended the program! We went to A.T. Still University's Dental School and got to work in simulation labs. I like hands-on activities, so to be able to experience things like that was intriguing for me. It definitely made me interested in the dental field and taught me that there are endless job opportunities and multiple paths you can take to get there.

— **NaKaila Campbell**
MMS Class of 2017



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The goals of Marian's Enrichment Program are to:

- Bring learning to life through hands-on experiences.
- Encourage students to explore new interests and inspire life-long passions.
- Promote healthy decision-making and positive lifestyle choices.
- Develop strong study habits and leadership skills.
- Increase students' sense of belonging.
- Broaden Marian Girls' scholarship, college, and career opportunities.

The testament to this work is found in the stories of our students. Countless alumnae are pursuing interests and passions in high school, college, and even into their careers that they discovered during Marian's Enrichment Program.



Activities During the School Year

Academics

- Aeraponics
- Chess
- Investment Club
- LitShop
- Speech
- Tech Bridge

Fine and Performing Arts

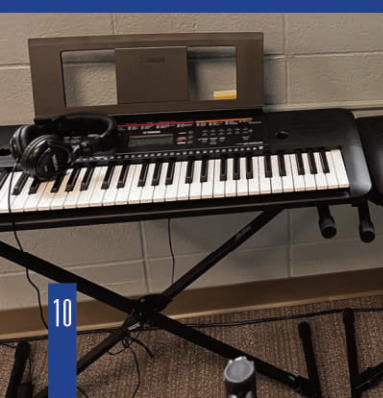
- Animation
- Art and Mindfulness
- Beat Making
- Dance
- Opera Theater
- Painting
- Step Dance
- Theater

Fitness and Wellness

- Baking
- Basketball
- Forest School
- Soccer
- Track
- Volleyball

Social Awareness

- Etiquette & Professional Development
- Girl Scouts
- Lean In Girls



New Classes

◀ Aeraponics

Taught by our Science teacher, Ms. von der Heyde, this class allows Marian Girls to grow a variety of leafy greens, herbs, and lettuces in their own Aeroponic Tower Garden. Marian Girls have learned about ethical growing methods and have used their harvest to make recipes, such as pickles and salad, to share with the school. Extra produce is shared with the community for FREE through Marian's partnership with Local Harvest, a nearby grocer.

◀ Beat Making

This class takes place in Marian's recording studio, which was funded by the *Transforming Lives, Building our Futures* Capital Campaign and allows Marian Girls to mix, record, share, and collaborate on their vocal creations.

▶ Forest School

Local mom and owner of Wilderkids, Angela Wildermuth, takes Marian Girls to neighborhood parks to interact with the natural environment, learn about local ecosystems, and gain knowledge of plants, trees, and foraging. During Winter, the girls made tea from pine needles.

▶ LitShop

This local program combines engaging literacy opportunities with building. By intentionally creating a supportive space where girls can take risks, explore creatively, build skills, and connect with peers, LitShop fosters leadership and confidence.



Enrichment Highlights



Coach Devin, Marian's volleyball coach, has been instrumental in inspiring Marian Girls' love of volleyball. Although most Marian Girls have never played an organized sport, many of our alumnae were selected for highly competitive high school volleyball teams: S'Naya and Kailey (Cardinal Ritter College Prep), Micayia and Samira (Incarnate Word Academy), Amirra, Kennedy, and Rayne (Rosati-Kain Academy), Nia (North County Christian School), and Skye (Clyde C. Miller Career Academy).

Nia discovered her love of theater by participating in Marian's Enrichment classes and performing in Marian's musicals in partnership with STAGES St. Louis. When she began high school, she learned that her school did not offer theater. Leveraging the resourcefulness and leadership she learned at Marian, she and a friend decided to create their own theater club. They co-wrote, directed, and performed a play completely independently.



Kamillia was selected to attend the Missouri Thespian Conferences in January 2023. This conference is typically only attended by upper-classmen, but Kamillia was one of very few sophomores that earned the opportunity. Kamillia started her theater and choir journey at Marian in 6th grade, bravely singing a song from The Greatest Showman in front of the entire school.

65%

of our graduates attending high school participated in at least one extracurricular activity.

Some of these included: Sewing Club, Yoga Club, Cheerleading, Dance Team, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Track, 4H, Mock Trial, Youth in Government, Chess Club, Theater, Diversity Club, Engineering Club, Spanish Club, Medical Careers Club, and Robotics.

 Watch On
YouTube



Aeroponic Gardens at Marian Middle School

Marian's Aeroponics class was featured on the Nine Network due to their innovative partnership with local grocer, Local Harvest.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1NrdTvfAhc

ART CLASSES

Sculpture in the Round Project

During this sculpture unit, students built paper forms, including folding, bending, and cutting, to create inventive scenes, such as a roller coaster and Fytiha's dream bedroom (pictured). Once complete, they then built and painted a second sculpture from found and recycled objects. One student created an all-blue sculpture inspired by the ocean and another built an abstract moon scene.



Graduation Art

In preparation for a graduation dinner that Marian hosts with 8th grade families, Marian Girls worked on two culminating art projects: an acrylic painting and a graduation cap design. To inspire these projects, the students attended a field trip to the St. Louis Art Museum to view the exhibit "The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century." Students discussed and researched the work of a number of artists focused on the idea of identity. Then, they applied a number of painting and multimedia skills to portray their own unique identities.



\$800,000

more will be earned over the lifetime of each college graduate, bolstering our workforce.

\$4.4 million

in college scholarships received by our high school class of 2024



Jamison Jenkins

attends Brooklyn Law School. She joins 16 Marian Girls who are working on or have recently earned advanced degrees, such as PhDs, M.D.s, and MBAs.

FACT:

Two Marian alumnae participated in the Hispanic Leadership Institute through the The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis. This program, for a select group of 25-30 students, intends to develop leadership skills, provide new networks and opportunities for Hispanic students, and give back to the St. Louis community.



of Marian Girls attended private high schools.

GRADUATE SUPPORT PROGRAM

"Educating Girls for Life!"

For Marian Girls, Marian lights a path to freedom from poverty by illuminating hope, success, and opportunity. Marian's Graduate Support Program is an integral part of this intensive, long-term support. With our dedicated Graduate Support Advisors, Marian addresses the entire college and career access pipeline.

After two decades of supporting Marian alumnae, the Graduate Support Program continues to evolve to help Marian Girls bring their dreams to life. This includes:

- Building formal internship programs with the region's top organizations to support our alums' journeys to career success.
- Increasing opportunities for postsecondary, skills-based training programs, such as NPower, based on the recommendations of Fortune 500 companies Google and Apple.
- Expanding our mental health and therapy services to alumnae.
- Developing partnerships that create opportunities and experiences. For example, Marian partnered with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. on their annual HBCU Bus Tour, in which three Marian alumnae got to immerse themselves at Tennessee State University, Fisk University, Spelman College, Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, Florida A&M University, Alabama State University, and Alabama A&M University.

FACT:

Rylie, Taliy'n, Kynnedi, and Abibatou were accepted into the competitive Cor Jesu RISE program, which prepares middle school girls to earn admittance to and succeed at one of the top high schools in St. Louis.

**GRADUATE
SUPPORT
by the
NUMBERS**



Marian Middle School Alumnae	338
High school graduates ..	272
High school students	63
Alumnae in college	50
College graduates	78

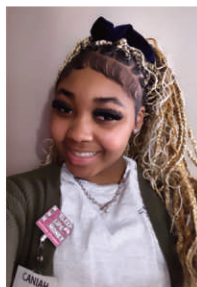
Marian Girls attended the following rigorous institutions:

Bishop DuBourg High School	Lutheran North High School
Cardinal Ritter College Prep	McCluer High School
Clyde C. Miller Career Academy High School	McKinley Classical Leadership Academy High School
Fort Zumwalt East High School	MICDS
Gateway STEM High School	Nerinx Hall High School
Grand Center Arts Academy	North County Christian School
Hazelwood Central High School	Roosevelt High School
Incarnate Word Academy	Rosati-Kain Academy
Jennings Senior High & College Prep Academy	St. Charles West High School
Liberty University K-12 Dual Credit Program	Ursuline Academy
	Villa Duchesne

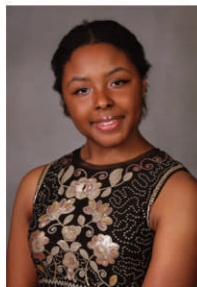
Alumnae Highlights



◀ Marian hired our first alumna intern. **Madison** graduated from Marian in 2016 and went on to attend high school at the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience. She then graduated from the University of Missouri–St. Louis (UMSL), earning her bachelor's degree in Strategic Communications with a cumulative GPA of 3.8. She spent her internship working in Marian's Development office.



◀ **Ca'Niah** received her Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) degree and will work as a CNA while completing high school. After she graduates, she plans to go to college for her BSN/RN degree. She has even inspired her mom to consider going to college for a degree in nursing, as well!



◀ **Grace**, who attends MICDS, participated in three agricultural camps over the summer at Kansas State, Michigan State, and Purdue University. She also volunteered for more than 50 hours at the Missouri Botanical Garden in the SAGE (Students as Garden Educators) program. Grace plans to start a gardening club at MICDS and apply for an internship at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.

FACT-

Marian's College and Career Week keeps **GROWING!** This special week now includes postsecondary financial planning, researching careers in STEM fields, writing a sample personal statement and scholarship essay using prompts from the Common App, and researching the history and relevance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), and all-women universities.



Marian Alumnae — Excelling in Their Careers at:



Affinia Health
Afton Chemical
Ascension
Barnes Jewish
Bayer
Benuvia
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner Law Firm
CACI Inc.
City Year
Clarence Farmington School 61
Dreamz to Travel
ECOS
GemU Vintage
Girl Scouts
Google
K.C. Headstart
KinderCare
Mann Elementary
Marian Middle School
Mercy
National Women's Law Center, Washington D.C.
Nottingham Elementary
NPower
Oracle Occupation
Ranken Jordan
Renaissance Hotel
Sigel Elementary
St. Louis Children's Hospital
St. Louis Doula Project
St. Paul's Lutheran School
Together Credit Union
Washington University
YMCA



Numerous Marian alumnae are also budding entrepreneurs, serving as the proud founders and owners of dance studios, clothing stores, floral design businesses, notaries, and more.

Marian Alumnae are attending the following colleges and universities:

Boston College
College of Lake County
Columbia College Chicago
DePaul University
Fontbonne University
Georgia State University
Harris-Stowe State University
Jackson State University
Lindenwood University
Marquette University
Maryville University
Metropolitan Community College

Missouri University of Science and Technology
Missouri Western State University
Saint Louis University
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
St. Louis Community College
Tennessee State University
Truman State University
University of Memphis
University of Missouri–St. Louis
Webster University
Xavier University of Louisiana

FACT-

Last year, Marian awarded **\$266,070** in high school scholarships.

The average award was **\$5,217**.

The cost of the Graduate Support program was **\$7,793** per alum.

2023
2024

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

Anonymous
Barbara Buettner
Evelyn Bushell*
Janet Frane
Peter and Susan Frane
Diane and Joe Garea
Lisa and Mike Gladson
Mary Jo Gorman, MD,
and Michael Borts, MD
Bob Henkel
Craig and Toni Hunt
Eileen Pfeifer
Bernard and Rosalyn Purcell
Barbara and Michael Richter
Pearl Scheve
Sandra Stearns
Kathleen Valenta
Terri Venker
Linda and Bob Waugh

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

FINANCES

Statement of Financial Position • June 30, 2024

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,203,076
Cash and Cash Equivalents Capital Campaign	\$74,787
Investments	\$3,567,322
Endowment Investments	\$1,105,905
Grants and Contributions Receivable - Net	\$418,960
Contributions Receivable Capital Campaign	\$134,096
Note Receivable - NMTC	\$3,419,337
Prepaid Expense	\$23,213
Property and Equipment - Net	\$3,010,419
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,957,115

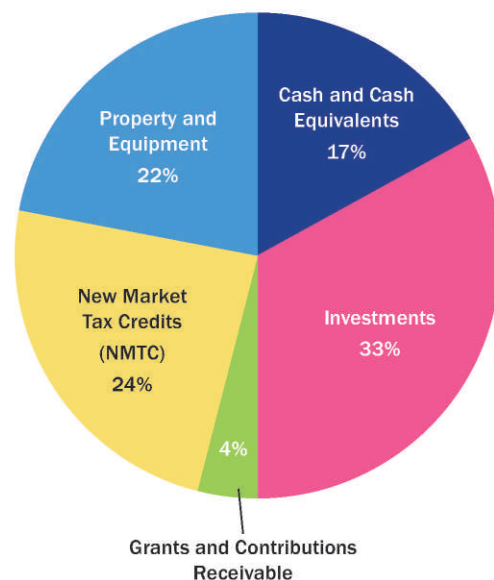
Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$38,094
Accrued Liabilities	\$17,744
Long-term Debt	\$4,298,986
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,354,824

Net Assets:

Without Donor Restrictions	\$8,475,632
With Donor Restrictions	\$1,126,659
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$9,602,291
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$13,957,115



Statement of Activities • June 30, 2024

Support and Revenue

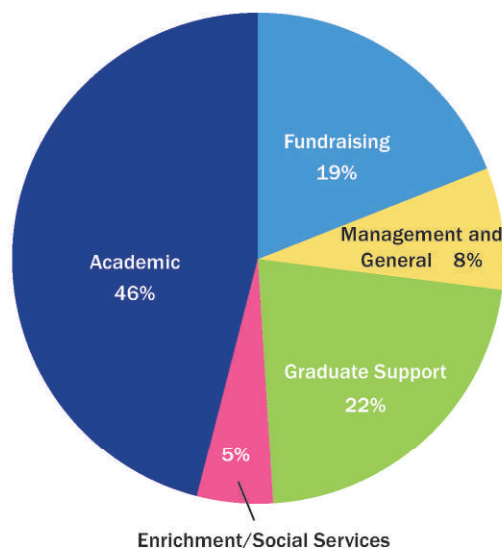
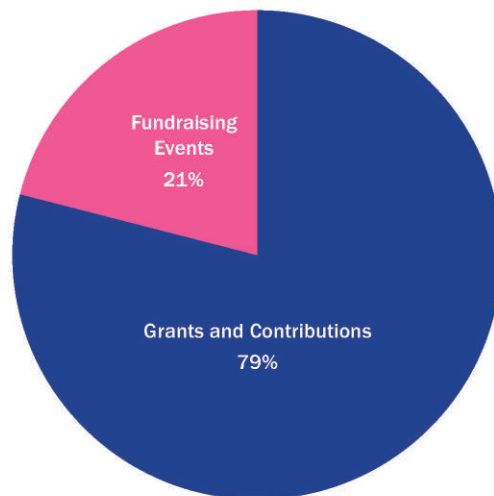
Grants and Contributions Capital Campaign	\$500
Other	\$1,976,681
Fundraising Events	\$646,966
Tuition	\$17,999
Lunch Program	\$31,615
Net Investment Income	\$367,919
Other	\$46,944
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$3,088,624

Expenses

Program Services Academic	\$1,290,106
Social Services	\$124,766
Graduate Support	\$614,038
Total Program Services:	\$2,028,910
Supporting Services Management and General	\$235,104
Fundraising	\$544,001
Total Supporting Services	\$779,105
Total Expenses	\$2,808,015

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS

Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$9,321,682
Net Assets at End of Year	\$9,602,291



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



U.S. Census Bureau data shows that depression and anxiety have more than tripled since the pandemic began, with people of color disproportionately affected.

To overcome these challenges, **Marian uses a holistic, trauma-informed approach** — employing a three-person Care Team that includes a School Counselor, School-based Licensed Therapist, and a Family Resource Advocate.

Marian also formed a NEW partnership with the Student Wellness Program. This innovative program helps Marian screen ALL students for mental health concerns, enabling the team to identify and support students who may have masked their challenges but need help.

72% of Marian Girls qualified to receive **FREE** case management through the program

76% of those families decided to participate and receive outside support for their student

Marian's Care Team conducted **779 counseling sessions** to support students

100% of students were offered support from Marian's Care Team.

Marian's Family Resource Advocate reached out to **100%** of our families quarterly, including 44 home visits. She connected a parent with free, life-saving medication through a partnership with Ascension Rx, garnered legal services for a family living with black mold, supported a family living through the trauma of violence and domestic abuse, and more.

93% of students who had 10+ sessions with our Licensed Therapist were able to identify two healthy coping strategies by the end of the year.

91% of Marian Girls said they were aware of how they were feeling and what their mental health needs were.

A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

Join us for a Tour, and Light the Way for Marian Girls!

If you're a new supporter to Marian, or a long-time friend, we invite you to see how you are lighting the way for Marian Girls. Contact us to schedule a tour and lunch!

Mentor a Marian Girl Over Lunch

We believe "you cannot be what you cannot see," and this is a key part of illuminating our students' paths to success. Marian Middle School hosts Women's Professional Career Luncheons, which bring together professional women in the community to discuss careers with Marian Girls and spend time getting to know them. Contact us if you're interested in joining us.

Join the



The Starlight Club is a giving club dedicated to providing social-emotional and mental health support for Marian Girls, alumnae, and their families. Supporting the Starlight Club provides immediate access to onsite school counseling, licensed therapy, and wrap-around resources for students and families in times of crisis, such as those facing homelessness, hunger, or loss of employment or transportation. Donors appreciate the opportunity to give monthly and spread their gifts out over time.

To learn more, visit
marianmiddleschool.org/starlight



Contact us for more information
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“Today, I see my bright future! At Bishop DuBourg, I’m involved in Cheerleading, Diversity Club, and Track and Field. I am a LEADER! At Marian, I found a sisterhood full of leaders, and I love coming back to remind them how RESILIENT they are. Marian still supports me through Graduate Support, helping with my tuition, school uniforms, and even applying to college. I’m proud to share that I was accepted to Saint Louis University! I plan to major in criminal justice and join ROTC. One day, I hope to become a forensic accountant.”

Jaiden

*Marian alum
and Marian Magic 2024
student speaker*



“I’m the first in my family to become an attorney, and my family is beaming with pride. Throughout my journey, I’ve carried Marian’s values with me. Now that I’m living my dream career, my impact is giving back to my community by providing high-quality representation to those who face injustices. Through my firm’s wonderful fellowship program, I provide pro bono legal services to participants in Concordance Academy, a re-entry program for individuals returning from prison. One thing you should know about a Marian Girl is that she will use her talents and leadership to truly help others.”

Niya

*Marian alum
and Marian Magic 2024
student speaker*

With 338 graduates and counting, Marian is *Educating Girls for Life!*

OUR EDUCATION MODEL

- 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.

For more information or to arrange a tour, contact us!

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