



**2022-2023 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.

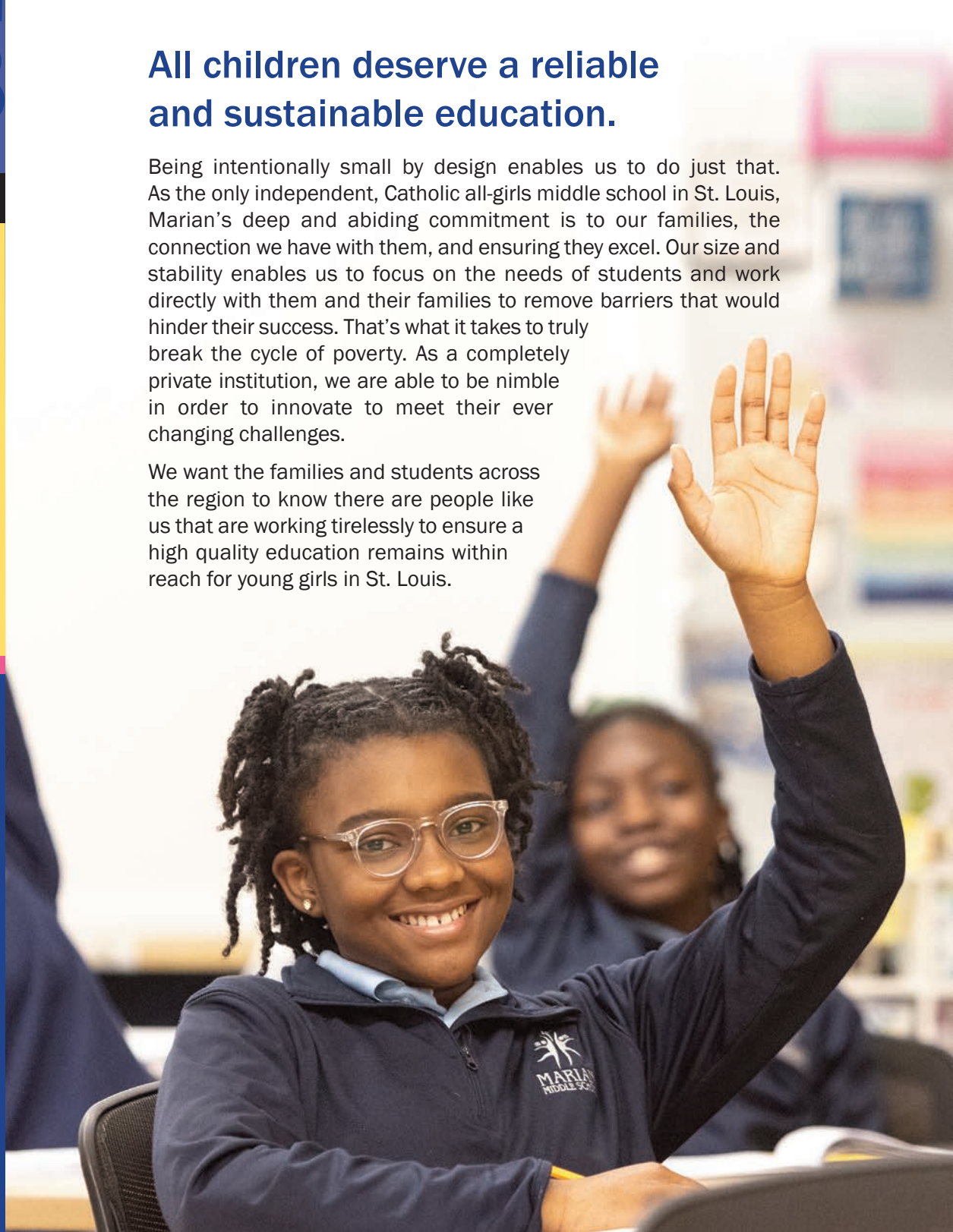
In 1999, Marian Middle School was founded by seven congregations of women religious and several lay women who believed that a quality education should not be determined by a child's zip code. After 24 years and counting, we carry their vision forward. Today, our work continues to prove that when you educate a girl, you are changing the lives of her family, and educating generations.

## All children deserve a reliable and sustainable education.

Being intentionally small by design enables us to do just that. As the only independent, Catholic all-girls middle school in St. Louis, Marian's deep and abiding commitment is to our families, the connection we have with them, and ensuring they excel. Our size and stability enables us to focus on the needs of students and work directly with them and their families to remove barriers that would hinder their success. That's what it takes to truly break the cycle of poverty. As a completely private institution, we are able to be nimble in order to innovate to meet their ever changing challenges.

We want the families and students across the region to know there are people like us that are working tirelessly to ensure a high quality education remains within reach for young girls in St. Louis.

PROUD TO BE A  
*Marian*  
*Girl*



## A Letter from Our Graduate, Alexandrina

Everyone can look back on certain moments of their childhood and think of people who helped them along the way; it's usually a parent, family member, or friend. Not many can say the staff at their middle school helped them grow and change through the years. But I can!

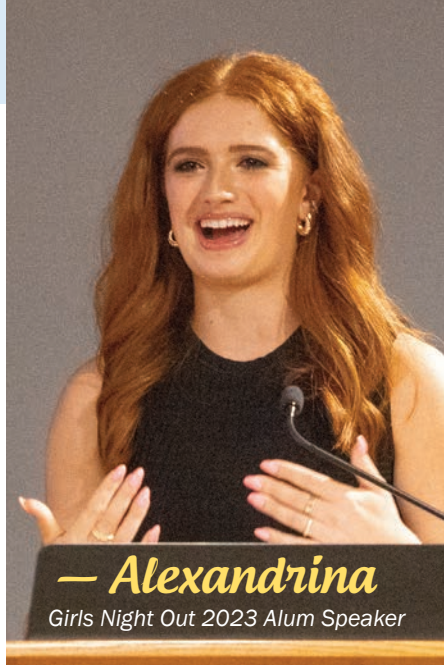
I am one of eight kids in my family and was homeschooled because our public school wasn't the best fit for us. We heard about Marian through Sister Barbara Roche, SL, one of Marian's foundresses. She knew we'd love the curriculum and faith, because our family is committed to our faith.

So into the front doors walked all three girls: my older sister into 8th grade, me into 7th grade, and my younger sister into 5th. Our nerves were soothed when the other girls asked us to sit at their table in the cafeteria, and that's when the spark within me really began to glimmer with hope for my bright future.

I was both challenged and supported at Marian as the holistic education provided me with tools to help me achieve beyond the classroom. Did I, as a middle school student, love the 7:30 am – 5:30 pm hours? I wouldn't have said so. But having the time to step out of my comfort zone to learn things like professional networking and singing were life-changing experiences that benefit me to this day.

I never dreamed of going to a private high school before Marian. But the team was there to light my way, and I chose Villa Duchesne. Through the Graduate Support Program, Marian covered my tuition, uniforms, text books, school supplies, and backpack. Otherwise, private education would have been impossible for my family to afford.

I had a uniquely difficult time when my family relocated to a rural community in Ohio, the pandemic interrupted everyone's education, and then we relocated again back to St. Louis. Through it all, Marian was the light on the horizon, always keeping me focused by checking on me – always making sure I had what I needed to succeed, and reminding me that I was special. Marian truly means it when they say **"Once a Marian Girl, always a Marian Girl!"**



*My experiences at Marian taught me to embody the woman God created me to be.*

I am at Boston College studying neuroscience and philosophy. I felt like an imposter when I arrived. Was I smart enough? Did I belong because I came from different circumstances than everyone else?

My experiences at Marian taught me to embody the woman God created me to be. I realized that I had gifts to share, and if I didn't, I was robbing the world of my gifts. I am proud to say I am thriving and recently completed an internship at Bayer, where I developed a new program for Marian alumnae who are pursuing STEM degrees like me.

***I come from a long line of proud Marian Girls, and we are Marian Girls for Life!***

**Alexandrina Weingart**

*Marian Alumna Class of 2017 • Student at Boston College*

## 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 unique gifts and talents as a unique creation of God. Through transformational and holistic education, we help our students grow from young 6th grade girls into powerful leaders, like Alexandrina.

As we walk alongside them through middle school, high school, college, and into their first careers, we're empowering each Marian Girl to bring her dreams to life. During this 11+ year journey, their entire family becomes a part of ours.

Through your continued support, you are helping us make a profound difference – one Marian Girl at a time. Thank you for helping us Light Their Way!

With our deepest gratitude,

Mary Elizabeth Grimes, President

Sierhah Price, Principal





## 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)
- Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OSF)
- School Sisters of Notre Dame, Central Pacific Province (SSND)
- Sisters of Loretto (SL)
- Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province (CSJ)
- Sisters of the Most Precious Blood (CPPS)
- Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union, Central Province (OSU)

## 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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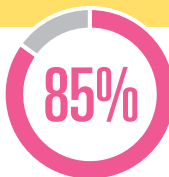
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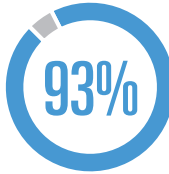
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## IMPACT:



of Marian Girls face poverty, traveling from 22 zip codes to receive a life-altering education.



of alumnae entered post-secondary institutions, compared to 72% of students from local public schools.



of Marian high school alumna graduated (compared to 83% of their STL peers)



By 2030, 80% of Marian students will complete post-secondary education (compared to the national average of only 48%).

## 2022–2023 Staff Members

### 2022–2023 Committees\*

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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Ignatian Volunteer Corps

\* Titles omitted for the sake of brevity.

**45+**  
**VOLUNTEERS GAVE**  
**3,500+**  
**HOURS OF SERVICE**  
**TO MARIAN**



# ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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## Marian Welcomes a New Principal!

Marian welcomed a new principal, Sierhah Price, who began her career at Marian in 2015 as a math, science, and STEM teacher. Ms. Price departed Marian to earn her MBA and Masters of Educational Leadership and returned in 2021 as assistant principal and director of Career Success. Her philosophies on self-belief, self-confidence, and self-identity help Marian focus on the development of the whole child.

Students traveled from  
**22 ZIP CODES**

...to receive a life-altering education.

**58%**

live in Saint Louis City

**38%**

live in Saint Louis County

**4%**

live in Illinois



### Core Subjects:

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

### Foundation Subjects:

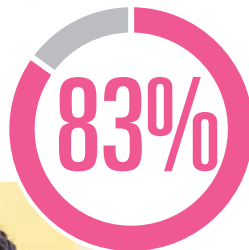
- Art
- Automotive Engineering
- Foreign Languages
- High School Readiness
- Independent Reading
- Robotics



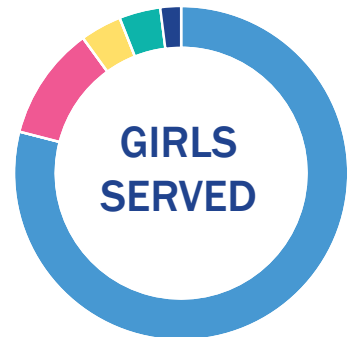
Students in sixth grade .....13

Students in seventh grade .....18

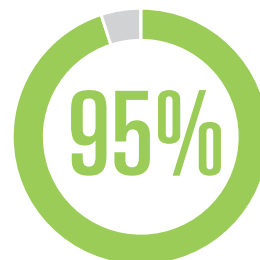
Students in eighth grade .....16



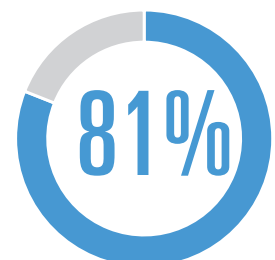
of our students qualified for free and reduced-price meals, a national indicator of poverty



- 79% African American
- 11% Hispanic
- 4% Multiracial
- 4% Caucasian
- 2% Asian



of seventh and eighth graders met their text difficulty goals.



of Marian Girls met their comprehension goals.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## Great Gains:

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

**Laila** grew 31 points to finish the year in the 99th percentile for growth in reading, which is well beyond her projected growth.



**Dakota** achieved the 96th percentile for growth in reading and the 87th percentile for growth in math. She started Marian in the “low average” category — performing below most of her peers nationally — and graduated in the “high average” category, on grade level and ready for high school! Dakota served on Marian's award-winning multi-platinum Robotics Team.



**Grace** achieved the 92nd percentile for reading. She also received the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award for her essay submission as part of the 40th annual celebration luncheon at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She was the only middle school student selected.

## FACT:

Marian Girls participate in daily 40-minute periods of independent reading to help them build fluency, vocabulary, and content knowledge.

## Academic Saturdays

Students attend field trips and special events that relate to topics covered in the classroom. For example, students toured a local college campus, and visited the Missouri History Museum and the Challenger Learning Center.



## Smiley Scholarship Award

Congratulations to this year's awardees: **Grace, Amber, Katie, and S'Naya!** The Smiley Scholarship honors the legacy of Mrs. Nina Smiley Wilkins' parents, Dr. William, and Mrs. Adella Smiley, who were exceptional leaders and advocates for women, children, and education. Each year the Smiley Scholarship is awarded to Marian Girls with high grade point averages, excellent citizenship, and great work ethic.

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

Congratulations to **Tamia**, a Marian 6th grader, who received this award for her devotion to her academic journey, faith, and leadership. The award funds one full year of education for a Marian Girl. It was created by the family of Dr. John Thomas Shaughnessy Jr., who was deeply committed to his faith, was a long-time educator, and was a dear friend, generous donor, and former Board Chair at Marian.



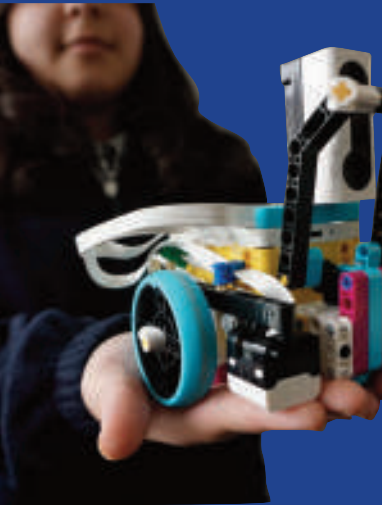
## "She Is..." Scholarship

**Faith Walker**, a Marian alumna at Loyola University in New Orleans, created three “She Is” scholarships to support the next generation of Marian Girls. She felt God placed a calling in her heart to pour inspiration into others the way Marian poured inspiration into her. Congratulations to Dakota, KaMori, and Kailey!

## The Marian Girl Scholarship

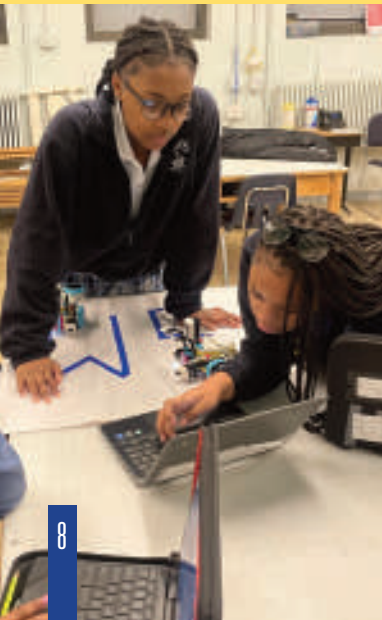
8th Grader **Reagan** won the annual Marian Girl award for her academic performance, citizenship, and leadership at Marian.





### Marian Girls Achieved Top Honors at Clavius Competition

The Robotics Team earned the highest award level, the Platinum Award, at SLUH's Clavius Project Robotics Jamboree in 2023. Marian's team is the only all-girls team to compete in the Jamboree across 35 different schools and 450 students. They were featured on our local KWMU, KTVI, KMOX, and KMOX! Great job girls!



# SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH

Since 2011, Marian has been preparing students for 21st century STEM careers through multidisciplinary and hands-on learning. Marian gives students the tools they need to become workforce ready critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, and bold innovators. In fact, all students are enrolled in STEM lab, robotics, and computer coding in addition to regular math and science classes.



Marian's Robotics Volunteer Mark Viox, 8th grader Katie, and Principal Price.

Through our STEM Program, Marian prepares students to diversify the STEM industry, close the gender and racial gap, and meet the demand for more STEM-ready leaders. Because STEM careers typically pay higher wages, Marian Girls are then catapulted into successful, sustainable careers that allow them to break the cycle of poverty in which they live.

### In any given year, our STEM courses include:

- Aeroponics
- Automotive Engineering
- Digital Storytelling
- Financial Literacy
- Gardening
- Robotics
- Rocketry
- Shop Class
- STEM Club



Each year Marian Girls take a career interest survey, in which they select career fields of interest.

### STEM careers of interest include:

- Diagnostic medical sonographer
- Doctor
- Electrical engineer
- Mechanical engineer
- Nurse
- Pediatrician
- Scientist
- Surgeon
- Veterinarian
- Ultrasound technician

**93%**

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

## FACT:

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



## During the 2022-2023 school year:

Seventh and eighth grade students attended a field trip to **Bayer**, where they enjoyed listening to a panel discussion in which leaders of color shared their career journeys, then learned how corn is produced.



**RoNiyah**, Marian alumna, interned in Bayer's change management department, and passed the mantle to Marian's second Bayer intern, **Alexandrina**.



The Archway MO Chapter of **The Links Incorporated**, a service organization of prominent Black women, hosted the National Society of Black Engineers program monthly, and organized a speed networking event for 8th graders.

# ALUMNAE + STEM

18 Marian alumnae participated in STEM-focused internships and college preparatory programs, including the Science Center **YES Program** and Boeing **BE3 Program**. 60% of Marian Girls complete a program like this before entering college.



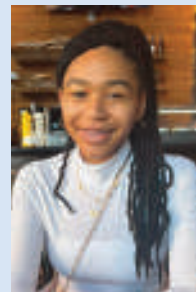
## *Madisyn*

**MMS 2020**

**Villa Duchesne 2024**

participated in an Architecture and Interior Design Camp at Washington University. Students designed a community center

that included a fitness center, cafe, outdoor garden, entertainment rooms, and a library.



## *Zionna*

**MMS 2020**

**Incarnate Word Academy 2024**

has been involved in the YES Program since 8th grade. Through the media arts component, she was selected

for the Saint Louis Art Museum's 2023 Young Artists Exhibition, Remix. In the media arts component of the YES Program, teens gain valuable hands-on experience with fundamental media art skills like digital photography, filmography, graphic design, sound mixing, and more.



## *Sandy*

**MMS 2014**

**Bishop DuBourg 2018**

was accepted into the Win From Within program through Mercy Hospital. Through this program, she will work at Mercy while going to nursing school, and

Mercy will pay for her program! She will also have access to a dedicated Mercy nursing mentor who will help her navigate the journey to becoming a registered nurse. Sandy previously served her country in the Marine Corps.

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Marian's Enrichment Program provides students with meaningful opportunities for learning, empowerment, skill building, character growth, leadership development, and career exploration.

Extracurricular activities such as sports, theater, and chess are often only available to families who can afford them; however, Marian provides these classes for free, helping to inspire new passions and foster belonging when Marian Girls enter their new high school environments. The skills they build last a lifetime and help them become even more successful throughout their high school, college, and career journeys.

## Activities During the School Year

### Academics

- Aeroponics
- Chess
- Financial Literacy
- Hydroponics
- Media/Animation
- Movie Book Club
- Speech
- STEM

### Fine and Performing Arts

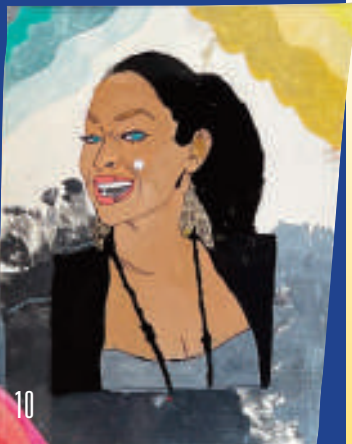
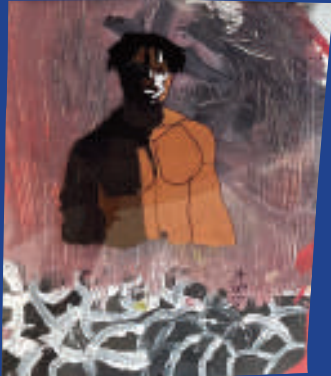
- Art
- Choir
- Dance
- Knitting
- K-Pop Music
- Opera
- Painting Club
- Photography
- Piano
- Praise Dance
- Sewing
- Theater

### Fitness and Wellness

- Baking
- Basketball
- Cooking
- Step
- Track
- Volleyball
- Workshop
- Yoga

### Social Awareness

- Entrepreneurship
- Girl Scouts
- History and Culture of Hair
- Lean In Girls
- No Wi-Fi Games Club
- Professional Development
- Social Awareness
- TedX



## Art Class

### ▶ 8th Grade Fiber Art

8th graders researched fiber art and designed their own sweatshirts — leveraging a combination of tie-dye and bleach dye, stencil making, fiber painting, and iron on and glue application. Many students continue their projects at home, creating clothing together to demonstrate friendship and solidarity.

### ◀ Black History Heroes

Marian 6th and 7th graders researched historical figures and created line drawings of their heroes. They then discussed the variety of skin tones that exist, mixed color to match their chosen person, and displayed their art during Black History Month.



## Enrichment Highlights



Marian inspired a national program called **Lean In Girls!** For years, Marian has offered **Lean In Club** as part of the Enrichment Program. **Lean In** leveraged the idea to launch a free curriculum to equip girls across the nation to be self-assured, resilient, and inclusive leaders. Marian Girls were featured in Forbes, Paramount Plus, and in soccer stadiums across the nation! Visit [leaninggirls.org](http://leaninggirls.org) for more info.



## TEDx StLouis

Volunteers from **TedX** coached Marian Girls for 10 weeks on presentation and communication skills, which was culminated by individual presentations from each student.



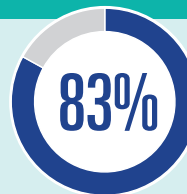
Marian partnered with the **Challenger Learning Center**, where students designed and built robots with motors. They built and set off air pump rockets and participated in space shuttle flight and mission control simulations.

## SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

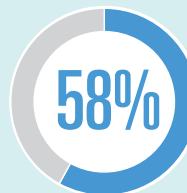


Nearly half of Marian Girls report exposure to three or more adverse childhood experiences, making them more susceptible to a host of academic, social-emotional, and health concerns, such as anxiety, depression, and disengagement. To overcome these challenges, **Marian uses a holistic, trauma-informed approach** — always considering students' experiences to ensure programs meet all of their educational, social, and spiritual needs.

In the 2022-2023 school year, Marian's CARE Team conducted **865 counseling sessions** to support students



of students who had 10+ sessions were able to verbally identify at least two healthy coping strategies by the end of the year.



of Marian Girls said they were more aware of how they were feeling and what their mental health needs were compared to the previous year.



of our middle school families were contacted by our Family Resource Advocate on a quarterly basis, including home visits. She helped families: get a hearing aid through Cardinal Glennon; obtain a new furnace and hot water heater through Heat Up St. Louis; pay overdue gas bills through LiHeap; apply for and receive Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits; find a free healthcare provider to take off braces, get updated on immunizations, and more.



# GRADUATE SUPPORT PROGRAM

*“Educating Girls for Life!”*

When a Marian Girl graduates from 8th grade, our work does not end there. When we say “*Educating Girls for Life,*” we mean it!

Simply enrolling a student in a high performing high school and providing scholarships is not enough to ensure success. Developed in 2003, Marian’s Graduate Support Program provides long-term high school, college, and career preparedness support for Marian Girls so they can continue their journey of success.

It’s always been one of the leading and most unique programs of its kind. Marian has expanded the program to include internships and career connections, as well as social-emotional support and therapy.


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

- One-on-one mentoring
- High school readiness courses
- High school selection assistance
- High school scholarships
- FAFSA/scholarship assistance
- ACT/SAT prep courses
- Student and parent workshops to prepare for high school and college
- Pre-enrollment college visits
- Career exploration programs
- Summer internships and career opportunities
- Counseling support and therapy
- College prep through Saint Louis University, Washington University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, College Bound, and more

## FACT:

Last year, Marian awarded **\$245,300** in high school scholarships. The average award was **\$5,575.**

## GRADUATE SUPPORT by the NUMBERS



|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Marian Middle School Alumnae ..... | 329 |
| High school graduates ..           | 258 |
| High school students .....         | 63  |
| Alumnae in college .....           | 60  |
| College graduates .....            | 65  |



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Marian Girls are flourishing in their career journeys at top organizations across the region.

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Marian Girls are working toward advanced degrees, such as PhD’s, M.D.s, and MBAs.

8

Marian Girls have secured advanced degrees.

## FACT:

**Five seniors were awarded the Boniface Scholars scholarship.** Students are chosen based on their community involvement, academics, and anticipation in the Graduate Support program. These awards will ensure these Marian Girls transition to college with little to no tuition due!

### Marian Girls attended the following rigorous institutions:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Bishop DuBourg High School                  | McKinley Classical Leadership Academy    |
| Cardinal Ritter College Prep                | Metro Academic and Classical High School |
| Clyde C. Miller Career Academy              | Nerinx Hall High School                  |
| Fort Zumwalt East                           | Notre Dame High School                   |
| Francis Howell North High School            | Roosevelt High School                    |
| Gateway STEM High School                    | Rosati-Kain Academy                      |
| Grand Center Arts Academy                   | St. Charles West High School             |
| Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls        | University City High School              |
| Incarnate Word Academy                      | Ursuline Academy                         |
| Jennings/North County Technical High School | Villa Duchesne High and Oak Hill School  |
| McCluer North High School                   | Visitation Academy                       |

## Alumnae Highlights:



◀ **Niya** graduated from Howard University with her Juris Doctorate, becoming the first Marian Girl to obtain her JD. She started her career at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner as a Pro Bono Program fellow.



◀ **Paola**, the first Marian Girl to start a full-time career at Ascension, completed her Master's degree in Business Administration at Webster University.



◀ **Freba** passed the MCAT exam and began her medical journey at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Georgia. She is the first Marian alumna and first person in her family to attend medical school.



◀ **Jamison** graduated from Howard University with a degree in Political Science, and in Spring 2023, she interned with Congresswoman Cori Bush. Now she is preparing to apply to law school next Fall.



◀ **Jahleah** was nominated for the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Students Program, a verified honors-only program for high school students who are dedicated to the service of humanity through medicine, either as physicians or in scientific research.



◀ **Rayne** a member of the Rosati-Kain Advanced Chorus, traveled to Rome during Spring Break for an 8-day pilgrimage to get closer to God. During her time there, the group sang for the Pope and shared their voices in Vatican City.



◀ **Journey** participated in a Glider Camp in Vermont. She learned about the impact of weather patterns on flights and was able to fly in a glider. The experience allowed her to get hours toward getting her glider license, as she hopes to one day become a pilot.

## FACT:

Six alumnae — Kennedy, Kayla, Nehtia, Madisyn, Morgan, and Jaiden — participated in Summer Scholars at Harris Stowe State University. This 5-day, 4-night residential college experience includes college coursework, mock college interviews, a panel on race relations in college, tips for 1st-year success, and much more.

Watch



Lighting The Way

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB16wl96tVY&t=13s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB16wl96tVY&t=13s)

### Marian Girls are attending the following post-secondary opportunities:

Arizona State University  
Boston College  
Colorado Technical University  
Columbia College - Chicago  
DePaul University  
Dillard University  
Fisk University  
Fontbonne University  
Georgia State University  
Harris-Stowe State University  
Howard University  
Jackson State University

Lindenwood University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Maryville University of Saint Louis  
Metropolitan Community College - Kansas City  
Missouri University of Science and Technology  
Missouri Western State University  
Norfolk State University  
Olivet Nazarene University  
Saint Louis Community College  
Saint Louis University  
Southeast Missouri State University

Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville  
Southwestern Illinois College  
St. Charles Community College  
Tennessee State University  
Truman State University  
University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy  
University of Missouri - Saint Louis  
US Military (Air Force, Army, and National Guard)  
Washington University in Saint Louis  
Webster University  
Xavier University, Ohio

**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, 2023

### Assets

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                 | \$2,599,718 |
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| Capital Campaign                          | \$109,439   |
| Investments                               | \$2,984,746 |
| Endowment Investments                     | \$616,446   |
| Grants and Contributions Receivable - Net | \$632,586   |
| Contributions Receivable                  |             |
| Capital Campaign                          | \$212,728   |
| Note Receivable - NMTC                    | \$3,419,337 |
| Prepaid Expenses                          | \$11,851    |
| Property and Equipment - Net              | \$3,161,413 |

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$13,748,264**

### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### Liabilities:

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Accounts Payable    | \$13,505    |
| Accrued Liabilities | \$14,420    |
| Long-term Debt      | \$4,398,657 |

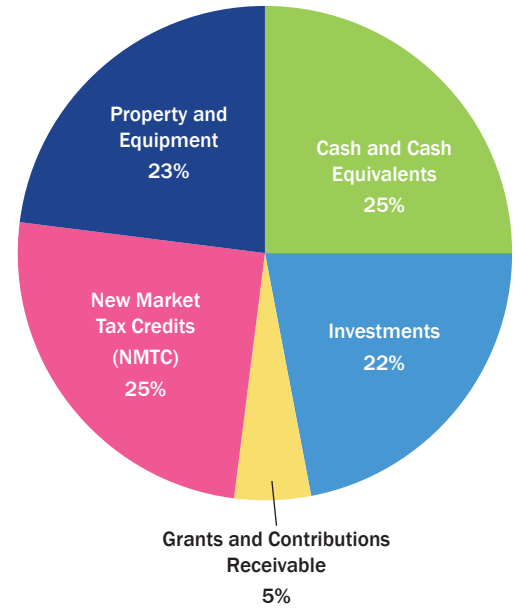
**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **\$4,426,582**

#### Net Assets:

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Without Donor Restrictions | \$7,954,974 |
| With Donor Restrictions    | \$1,366,708 |

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** **\$9,321,682**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** **\$13,748,264**



## Statement of Activities • June 30, 2023

### Support and Revenue

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Grants and Contributions |             |
| Capital Campaign         | \$500       |
| Other                    | \$2,765,685 |
| Fundraising Events       | \$628,718   |
| Tuition                  | \$19,537    |
| Lunch Program            | \$32,534    |
| Net Investment Income    | \$156,753   |
| Other                    | \$52,994    |

**TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE** **\$3,656,721**

### Expenses

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Program Services |           |
| Academic         | \$976,528 |
| Social Services  | \$213,507 |
| Graduate Support | \$652,623 |

**Total Program Services:** **\$1,842,658**

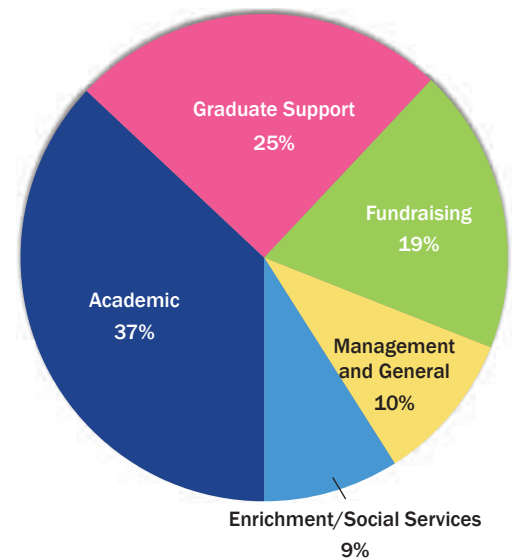
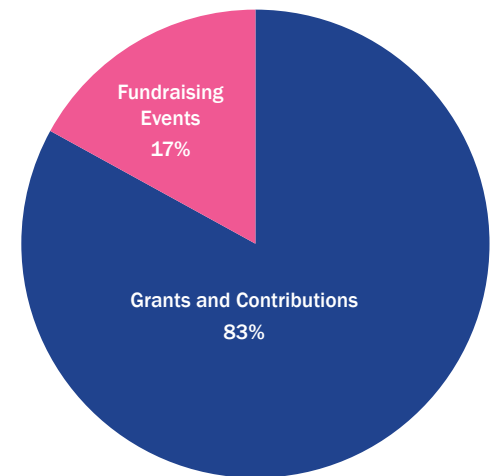
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| Supporting Services    |           |
| Management and General | \$270,860 |
| Fundraising            | \$516,817 |

**Total Supporting Services** **\$787,677**

**Total Expenses** **\$2,630,335**

### INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Net Assets Beginning of Year | \$8,295,296 |
| Net Assets at End of Year    | \$9,321,682 |



# A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

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

Have you been to Marian lately? If you're a new supporter to Marian, or a long-time friend, we invite you to join us to see how you are lighting the way for Marian Girls. Contact us to schedule a tour! We'd be happy to treat you to 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!

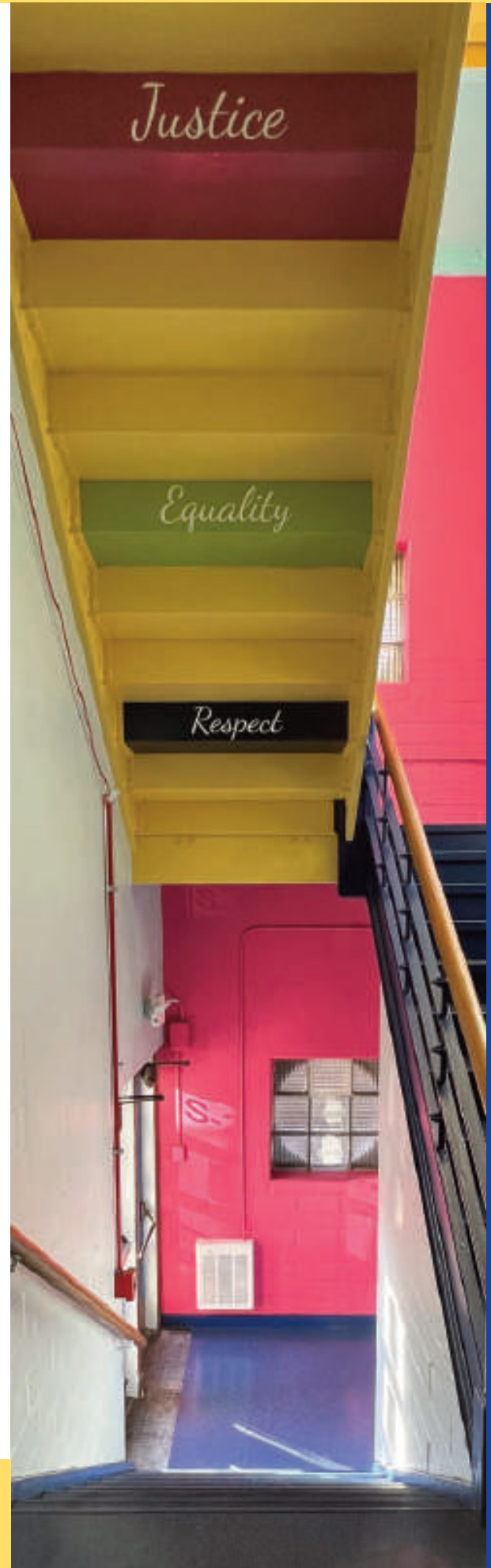


Join the *Starlight* CLUB



The Starlight Club is a giving club dedicated to providing the 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. Many donors appreciate the opportunity to give monthly, and spread their gifts out over time.

To learn more, visit [marianmiddleschool.org/starlight](http://marianmiddleschool.org/starlight)



Contact us for more information on these opportunities:

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Save the date!

17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S EVENT

# Girls Night Out 2024

Thursday, September 19, 2024

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Emerson Auditorium at Washington University



“Not only has Marian provided me with a quality education, but it has given me the opportunity to build my confidence. Through our Enrichment Program, I've found joy in singing in the choir and acting in our annual school play! I hope one day to attend Harvard or Howard University to study a career in the medical field, or architecture. With Marian, my possibilities are endless!”

— *Harmony*

Marian 8th grader

Girls Night Out 2023 student speaker



With 329 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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