



2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

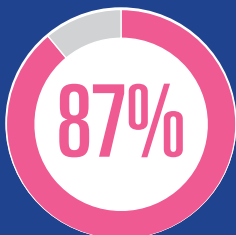
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of Marian girls graduated high school, compared to 73% of their St. Louis peers.



of Marian alumnae went on to postsecondary education, compared to 65% of their national peers.



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



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 26 years and counting, we carry their vision forward.

Marian Girls are Defying the Odds

Across St. Louis, students' test scores have dropped, schools serving students of color have shuttered, and mental wellbeing has suffered. **Children deserve a reliable and sustainable education**, but many families in our region don't know where to turn.

Through YOUR support, Marian provides a beacon of hope. You are not only lighting the way for Marian Girls now, but for Marian Girls in the future who will join our community seeking a better education and crucial support for 11+ years.

Marian remains the only private all-girls middle school in St. Louis City. From our innovative Aeroponics program to our global Plant the Moon challenge, YOU are illuminating the path for our next generation of doctors, attorneys, architects, and engineers.

A Letter from Our Graduate



When I was younger, I loved to read because it allowed me to immerse myself in another world, and I spent hours at the library after my 10-hour day at Marian. My dreams were big, and I would jot them down every week, hoping to make them real one day.

But I didn't have the easiest start. I grew up in a two-bedroom apartment in North St. Louis City with my grandmother and two younger sisters, without the presence of my parents. I witnessed gang violence and saw people struggling with unemployment, addiction, and incarceration. We lived in constant uncertainty, **but I was determined to make a different life.**

Marian gave me more than just a top-tier education; it gave me exposure to different perspectives and experiences that changed my life. I learned to see the world beyond my immediate environment—socially, emotionally, and academically. Most importantly, **Marian gave me the confidence to believe that no matter my background, I could achieve anything!**

When I was just 14, I lost my home to a fire. I felt defeated. That's when Marian stepped in. They immediately took my younger sisters and me shopping for clothes and necessities, and they helped my family with new beds, uniforms, and school supplies. **Without Marian's support, I don't know how we would've gotten through that difficult time.** Marian gave me the courage to move forward.

As I transitioned to Nerinx Hall High School, I continued to thrive. But once it was time to apply to college, I struggled with the financial aid process as a first-generation college student. I had no idea what I was doing, and I kept getting denied because I was missing my parents' tax information. The Graduate Support Program at Marian guided me and helped me file for independence, so I could receive scholarships.

Throughout college, I worked tirelessly to support myself, but I never lost sight of my ultimate goal: to help vulnerable communities, especially children. My passion grew out of my own life experiences, and I chose to earn dual degrees in Psychology and Sociology from Maryville University. I'm now attending Washington University to pursue my Master's in Social Work at the Brown School, ranked #2 in the nation. **I'm proud of where I am today,** and I'm already making a difference through my volunteer work with Family Forward and the Children's Advocacy Center of UMSL.

None of this would have been possible without the early foundation that Marian provided. Marian taught me that leadership is not just about guiding others—it's about being a source of strength and support. I lead by example, showing that despite any adversity, we all have the power to rise above it all.

Lonjay

Marian Alumna Class of 2017

Thank You from Our Leadership



At Marian, we believe every girl is born with a God-given purpose. Our role is to nurture that purpose, give her tools to rise above circumstances, and help her step boldly into her future. Our girls remind us daily why hope is never wasted. Marian serves as their sanctuary of possibility. Watching our alumnae thrive as confident, compassionate, and college-educated women has been our most profound milestone.

In a time when education is under strain, when inequities weigh heavily on our children, when systemic barriers are higher, we cannot afford to stand still. We know that a quality education can break the cycle of poverty and transform generations.

It is an honor to lead the Marian Middle School family—the staff and teachers who pour themselves into our mission every day, the board members and donors who stand with us, and most importantly, the remarkable young women whose journeys we are honored to support.

After 26 years, we continue our valiant and holy work and keep planting seeds of hope. Together with all of you, we are not just nurturing scholars, but changemakers—and we will watch every child bloom into her greatness. Thank you for Lighting The Way for Marian Girls!

With our deepest gratitude,

Mary Elizabeth Grimes
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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.



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.

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30+
VOLUNTEERS GAVE
2,000+
HOURS OF SERVICE
TO MARIAN



FACT: ALL

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

Students traveled
from

20 ZIP
CODES

62%

lived in Saint Louis City

38%

lived in Saint Louis County

100%

of Marian students
received
scholarships

ACADEMIC PROGRAM



Since the founding of Marian Middle School, through talented teachers and **laser-focused strategy**, **355 Marian Girls** who often entered two or three grade levels behind have been able to graduate at or above grade level, prepared for success.

3X

Today, Marian students are achieving **TRIPLE** the
academic proficiency of their local counterparts.

Key activities of our Academic Program include:

- Small class sizes
- Longer days and longer years
- Unique STEM courses
- Integrated math support
- Daily literacy program
- Focus on critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity
- Job shadowing, internships, and networking

Core Subjects:

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

Foundation Subjects:

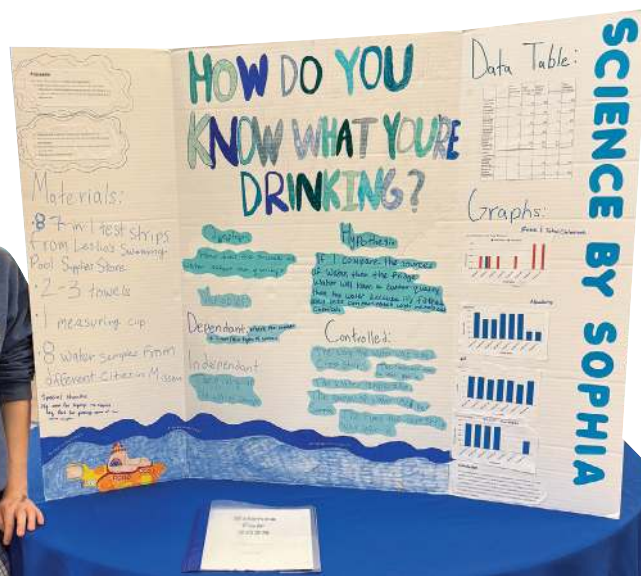
- Aeroponics
- Art
- High School Readiness
- Independent Reading
- Physical Education
- Robotics
- Spanish

87%

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

**GIRLS
SERVED**

- 75% African American
- 15% Hispanic
- 6% Caucasian
- 4% Multiracial



Marian Girls Love to Read!

Marian Girls engaged in reading challenges to increase proficiency and interest. This included a Principal's Reading Challenge, and reading challenges for Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, and Black History Month.



Londyn loved these challenges and blew her reading goal out of the water! She earned 133 points out of a 30 point goal.



Shawnee started Marian in 6th grade scoring in the 12th percentile in reading. As a seventh grader, she scored in the 39th percentile! This puts her in the 95th percentile for growth.

Great Gains:

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



Lauryn exceeded her expected growth in all subjects. She started Marian in the 19th percentile for math and the 61st percentile for reading. She ended the year performing on grade level in math and above grade level in reading! Lauren was also a stellar citizen, earning the Marian Girl Award and the John T. Shaughnessy Legacy Scholarship.

FACT:

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

- **98% of Marian Girls** met their fluency and text difficulty goals in our Independent Reading Program, and 74% met their individualized comprehension goals.
- **70% of 8th graders** performed in the Average, High Average, or High categories on NWEA compared to only 9% of middle school students in the local public school district who tested proficient or advanced in English Language Arts.

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

\$24,018 is the annual cost of educating a Marian Girl.

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 \$65/month for their student's tuition. Donors and partners step up to help fill this gap through specific scholarships. Below are the scholarships and recipients.



Smiley Scholarship Award:

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

▲ **Tamia, Phoenix, Mrs. Nina Wilkins (supporter), Sophia, McKenzie, and Izzi**



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

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

▶ **Paidyn**

The Marian Girl Award

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

▶ **Lauryn**



Nerinx Hall Diversity Award

provides \$1,500 toward high school tuition.

◀ **Hannah, Carolina, Tamia, and Nevaeh**

Webster University Rotary Scholarship

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

▶ **Carolina**



"She Is..." Scholarship

provides scholarship funds for Marian Girls who show high potential toward using their unique powers for good. The scholarship was originally created by a Marian alumna who received immense support from Marian. This scholarship lives on thanks to funding from a Marian donor.

◀ **Lauryn, Sophia, and Coraji Yatah**

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OUR STEM COURSES INCLUDE:

- Aerobotics
- Creation Station
- Engineering
- Financial Literacy
- Gardening
- LitShop
- Robotics
- STEM Club
- Technology



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH

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

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Londyn catapulted to the 95th percentile for growth in science, performing better than 70% of her peers nationally.



Even as a top performing student, **Phoenix** grew faster than 55% of her peers nationally, performing in the 81st percentile in math and the 79th percentile in science. Phoenix also represented Marian in an Underwater Robotics competition as part of a Marine Advanced Technology Education Center (MATE II) program through the YMCA.



Nikki began medical school at UMKC. She was the first Marian graduate to enroll at Washington University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Global Health. She then worked at Children's Hospital as a research assistant in the emergency department.



Grace completed an internship with the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center's Jackie Joyner Kersee Food, Agriculture, and Nutrition (JJK FAN) Initiative. Grace also started a Gardening Club at MICDS, which allows students to rent out planting space and educates the MICDS community on issues of food equity and insecurity.

A New Year Means New STEM Opportunities

Marian's new Math curriculum, **Reveal Math**, scaffolds learning for all abilities, focuses on math outside of the classroom, and promotes teamwork and community. For example, students designed their own games based on probability. They used Marian's 3D printer to make their creations come to life. All were funded by generous donors!



Science Journalism empowered students to identify community issues and write science news stories for publication.

Through a second **Aeroponics Tower**, students expanded their production to include herbs and microgreens along with a variety of lettuces. In fact, Marian Girls grew and prepared enough greens to use daily for student lunches.



Marian competed in the **Clavius Robotics Jamboree**, where students earned a platinum banner. Marian's Tigerbots have been the most decorated team at the event, winning platinum banners for seven consecutive years.



Students participated in exciting **STEM field trips and programs**. They visited World Wide Technology and the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy, completed hands-on experiments through **Researcher for a Day at Washington University**, and engaged in a financial literacy class through a partnership with Wells Fargo and First Bank.

Marian Girls Shoot for the Stars!

Marian secured a grant to participate in a GLOBAL science experiment and research competition called **Plant the Moon Challenge Jr.** Seventh graders at Marian received simulated Martian soil and conducted an experiment to grow crops by mixing the soil with different Earth amendments. The students submitted their data to the Institute of Competition Sciences—a partner of NASA!



The St. Louis American featured our exciting STEM project: www.stlamerican.com/black-history/marian-middle-school-mission-for-mars

100%

Seeing is Believing

of Marian Girls received the opportunity to meet a professional who worked in a STEM field, and 76% named at least one STEM career in our Career Interest Survey.

Marian Girls want to be:

- Doctors
- Math Teachers
- Mechanical Engineers
- Network Architects
- Nurses
- Orthodontists
- Pediatricians
- Scientists
- Veterinarians



Activities

Academics

- Aeroponics
- Broadcasting
- Chess
- Content Creation
- LitShop
- NBA Math Hoops
- Tech Bridge

Fine and Performing Arts

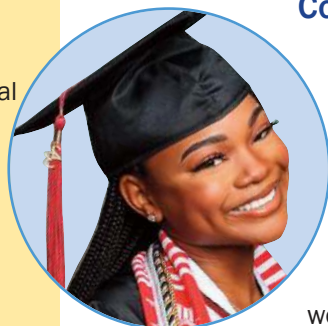
- Art Club
- Choir
- Knitting
- Opera Theatre STL
- Photography
- Sewing
- Sketchbook Exploration
- Step
- Theater

Fitness and Wellness

- Basketball
- Cheer
- Forest School
- Golf
- Mindful Meditation
- Pickleball
- Soccer
- Track
- Volleyball

Social Awareness

- Etiquette & Professional Development
- Financial Literacy
- Girl Scouts
- Lean In Club
- Media Club



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Our Enrichment Program impacts student outcomes by helping them build:

- Leadership expertise
- Time management skills
- Healthy decision making
- Financial literacy
- Love for community service
- Passion for social justice

400%

Studies show children involved in extracurriculars are 400% more likely to go to college than kids who are not.

Marian Girls participate in Enrichment after the core day is complete, taking advantage of safe spaces where they can explore their talents and interests in arts, sports, and STEM. They also take part in innovative leadership programs like Lean In Girls, Entrepreneurship Club, and TEDx.

Our alumnae pursue these interests and passions in high school, opening doors to scholarship, college, and career opportunities.



New Classes

Golf

Students went to Topgolf once per week, where they worked on core fundamentals, such as stance, grip, rotation, and ball striking. They used these techniques to practice putting, chipping, iron shots, and driving. As the girls continue to develop these skills, they hope to build a golf team at Marian.



Cheer

Marian's cheer team added school spirit and energy to Marian, cheering on our various Tiger sports teams. The students memorized cheers, practiced jumps and gymnastics, and had fun moving their bodies.

Knitting



Content Creation

Led by alumnae Roniyah Harris, who works for Bayer, this class focused on creating online content responsibly and respectfully, while allowing students to have fun, engage in a medium that interests them, and share their creative work with their classmates.

Sr. Panchis Mondero, OSF hosted a knitting class where students learned fundamentals such as stitch types, casting on, and binding off to make their own knitted creations, such as hats and scarves.

Enrichment Highlights



Marian began a new partnership with **Story2Stage through The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis**. Teaching artists guided students in a 10-session playwriting experience, and Marian Girls submitted their pieces to a statewide festival. Across a variety of schools and 42 submissions, the creative team at Story2Stage chose Marian's play, a suspenseful mystery titled *Poison*.

Opera Theatre of St. Louis performed Trailblazers spotlighting ground-breaking past and present Black opera singers and composers who blazed the trail in opera and in American history.

Marian's Physical Education department **partnered with YMCA's Fitness for Youth program** to coach students on proper strength training and cardio exercises with a focus on skill development, confidence-building, safety, and fun.

Stephanie joined the wrestling team at Bishop DuBourg. Stephanie credits our Enrichment Program and Athletics Department for inspiring her to try new things and bolstering her confidence in her athletic abilities.

Kamillia has participated in every theater production since starting high school at Grand Center Arts Academy, including playing the Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*. Kamillia began her theater journey at Marian, with her first performance at our school talent show.



Harmony played on the freshman volleyball team at Cardinal Ritter College Prep. Before Marian, she had never played volleyball but now sees it as one of her most treasured high school experiences.

71%

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



ART CLASSES

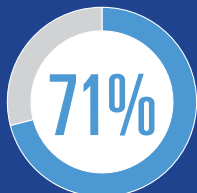


Marian 6th graders celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by learning about the tradition of Oaxacan *alebrijes*—brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures of fantastical creatures often associated with Day of the Dead. After watching a video about Pedro Linares López, the inventor of *alebrijes*, students designed and built their own creatures. To conclude the project, students wrote short origin stories about their creatures, which they shared with the class, bringing each unique *alebrije* to life through both art and storytelling.

Marian 7th graders learned about color mixing and skin tone through a painting project for Black History Month focused on both self-portraits and portraits of famous African Americans.



Marian 8th graders continued a beloved tradition by designing and decorating a sweatshirt. This fibers-centered unit explored the nature of fabric design through both research and hands-on experimentation. Each session introduced a different fiber technique, including sewing, cutting, or gluing materials onto fabric, altering fabric color through tie-dye or bleach dye, and embellishing the surface by painting, drawing, or stenciling. Students enjoyed wearing the sweatshirts, demonstrating their unique personalities.



of high school seniors participated in an internship or college preparatory program before graduating.



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



Marian Girls have secured advanced degrees.

\$800,000

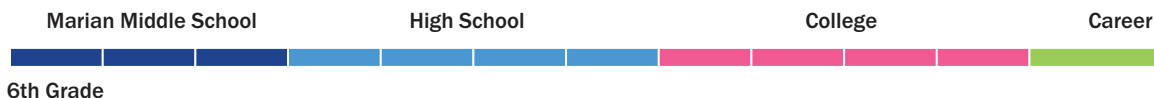
MORE will be earned over the lifetime of each college graduate, bolstering our workforce.



GRADUATE SUPPORT PROGRAM

“Educating Girls for Life!”

Through our Graduate Support Program, our students are on an 11+ year life-altering journey with Marian. As we walk with them, we are encouraging them, affirming them, and reflecting their light on them to illuminate the pathway to their future.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Career Fairs
- College and Career Week
- High School Readiness Classes
- Mock Interviews
- Speed Networking Events
- Women’s Professional Networking Lunches

HIGH SCHOOL

- ACT/SAT Prep Classes
- College Access Programs
- Connections to Internships
- Counseling and Crisis Intervention
- FAFSA and Scholarship Application Support
- HBCU and college tours
- High School Scholarships
- Mentoring
- Student and Parent Workshops

COLLEGE

- Career Fairs
- Connections to Internships
- Continued Mentorship
- Job Shadowing Opportunities

FACT:

Marian awarded a total of
\$202,099
in high school scholarships.

GRADUATE SUPPORT by the NUMBERS

Marian Middle School alumnae	337
High school students.....	58
Alumnae in college	60
College graduates	93



Marian Girls are attending the following institutions:

Atlantic Community High School	McCluer North High School
Believe Academy	McKinley Classical Leadership Academy
Bishop DuBourg High School	MICDS
Cardinal Ritter College Prep	Nerinx Hall High School
Clyde C. Miller Career Academy	North County Christian School
Gateway STEM High School	Notre Dame High School
Grand Center Arts Academy	Rosati-Kain Academy
Hazelwood Central	St. Charles West High School
Incarnate Word Academy	Ursuline Academy
Liberty University K-12	Visitation Academy
Dual Credit Program	
Lutheran North High School	

Alumnae Highlights

One of our alumnae, **Jazmia**, spent a month in Kenya through the Quest Program!



Three Marian alumnae, **Aziyah**, **Tori**, and **Adrienne**, earned internships at NPower, a program that offers skills to those wanting to enter a career in technology. Aziyah, Marian's Girls Night Out speaker, shared about discovering her love of coding at Marian and how she recently earned a certification in Google IT Support.



Sayana represented the Midwest in a national entrepreneurship competition in New York City through the St. Louis Science Center YES Program. Sayana got involved with the YES Program in eighth grade during Marian's High School Readiness class. She spent a year honing her business plan and competing in regional competitions. Her business, Naturals, is a one-stop shop for biodegradable, recyclable, and natural goods, ranging from cosmetics to kitchenware. Sayana attends Nerinx Hall, where she is the President of the Multicultural Student Alliance and Founder and President of the Black Student Alliance. She plans to go to college to study dentistry or medicine. Sayana also spent the summer in Spain through the Quest Program. She dreams of traveling the world and advocating for others.

FACT:

Marian's college prep partnerships include: College Bound, Summer Scholars Academy, UMSL Bridge Program, and Washington University College Prep Program.

Internship partners include: Access Point, Bayer, Boeing BE3 Program, Girls Inc., Midwest Employers Casualty, Science Center YES Program, St. Louis Internship Program, and The Resource Group.

FACT:

15 college students participated in internship or career development programs including: BJC Patient Care Tech Training Program, Children's Advocacy Center, Children's Dental Zone, Clark-Jones Law Firm, Dream Builders 4 Equity, Gateway Global, Hodgen Tech Academy, and Journeyhouse School.

CarlyRae, who completed the internship with Children's Dental Zone, will be graduating from Tennessee State University and is exploring dental school programs.



FACT:



Marian entered into a new partnership with Saint Louis University alongside Loyola. As part of the partnership, SLU established an endowment that will fund full-ride scholarships to Saint Louis University for Marian Middle School and Loyola Academy alums. This will expand on existing college access programs provided to Marian Girls through SLU.

Marian Alumnae are attending the following colleges and universities:

Austin Community College District
Avila University
Bellevue University
Boston College
California State University - Dominguez Hills
Chamberlain University
College of Lake County
Concordia University
DePaul University
Fisk University
Fontbonne University
Georgia State University
Hanover College

Harris-Stowe State University
Jackson State University
Lindenwood University
Marquette University
Maryville University
Metropolitan Community College
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Northern Virginia Community College
Olivet Nazarene University
Saint Louis University
Savannah Technical College
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Southern University and A&M College

St. Charles Community College
St. Louis Community College
Truman State University
University of Central Missouri
University of Louisville
University of Memphis
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University of West Florida
Washington University
Webster University
Xavier University

2024
2025

PLANNED GIVING

Consider sustaining Marian's mission by including us in your will or trust.

Ways to Give

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

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.

** deceased

FINANCES

Statement of Financial Position • June 30, 2025

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,315,911
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Capital Campaign	\$55,803
Investments	\$3,812,863
Endowment Investments	\$1,827,604
Grants and Contributions Receivable - Net	\$227,615
Contributions Receivable	
Capital Campaign	\$99,751
Note Receivable - NMTC	\$3,419,337
Prepaid Expense	\$38,705
Property and Equipment - Net	\$2,812,118
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,609,707

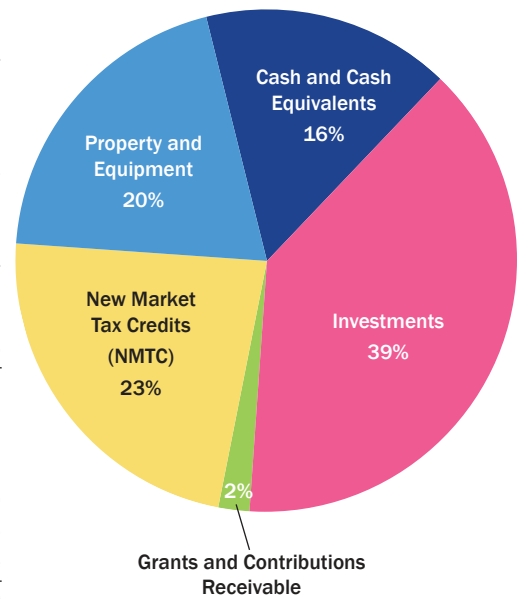
Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$24,180
Accrued Liabilities	\$12,336
Long-term Debt	\$4,283,294
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,319,810

Net Assets:

Without Donor Restrictions	\$9,505,288
With Donor Restrictions	\$784,609
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$10,289,897
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$14,609,707



Statement of Activities • June 30, 2025

Support and Revenue

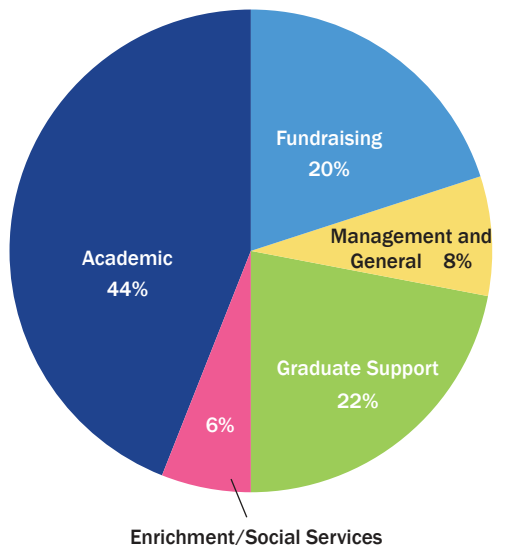
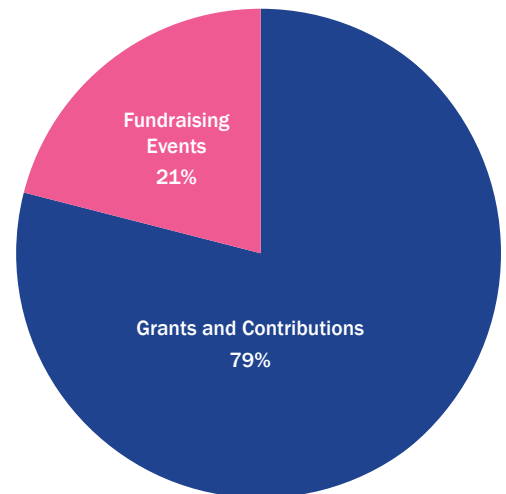
Grants and Contributions	
Capital Campaign	\$500
Other	\$2,069,560
Fundraising Events	\$723,848
Tuition	\$31,101
Lunch Program	\$47,014
Net Investment Income	\$409,562
Other	\$139,225
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$3,420,810

Expenses

Program Services	
Academic	\$1,205,380
Social Services	\$180,831
Graduate Support	\$589,763
Total Program Services:	\$1,975,974
Supporting Services	
Management and General	\$206,515
Fundraising	\$550,715
Total Supporting Services	\$757,230
Total Expenses	\$2,733,204

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS

Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$9,602,291
Net Assets at End of Year	\$10,289,897



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT



Marian employs a holistic, trauma-informed approach

to ensure our programs meet the educational, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of our students.

Marian's partnership with the **Student Wellness Program** is truly transformative in the care we provide. By screening all students early in the year, we get a jumpstart on building relationships, identifying issues, and ensuring early intervention.

100%

of Marian Girls completed the Pediatric Symptom Checklist-Youth Self-Report

The total number of students engaging in self-harm **decreased** compared to the previous year

57%

of Marian Girls qualified to receive **FREE case management**

Fewer students reported suicidal ideation compared to the previous school year

One student said,

I feel good that Marian checks up on me to make sure I'm doing okay. I feel that I'm very good mentally, and I feel safe with the people I'm around.

Marian's Care Team conducted **862 counseling sessions** to support students

100%

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

100%

of students who had 10+ sessions with our Licensed Therapist saw improvement in coping and overall functioning.

94%

of students who met with our Licensed Therapist regularly could verbally identify at least two healthy coping strategies by the end of the school year.

Marian's **Family Resource Advocate** reached out to 100% of our middle school families on a quarterly basis, including home visits. She helped a student get an inhaler through our partnership with AscensionRx, ensured a family had food, transportation, and care while grieving several losses due to cancer, and partnered with St. Vincent de Paul and the Little Bit Foundation to get a family caught up on their utility bills.



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' path to success. Marian hosts Women's Professional Career Luncheons, which bring together professional women in the community to discuss careers with Marian Girls. Contact us if you're interested in joining!

Join our Monthly Giving Program,

THE Starlight CLUB

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. Many donors appreciate the opportunity to give monthly and spread their gifts out over time.



Contact us for more information on these opportunities:

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“Marian has kickstarted my growth in ways I never could have imagined, even through high school. With my Marian education, I’ve been able to take AP classes, and through the Graduate Support program, I received financial support to attend an out-of-state college trip that deepened my understanding of Black history. I’m also a leader at my school. Using my love of language and self-expression that I learned at Marian, I founded our podcast club, became a member of the diversity club, and I serve as a school ambassador. Through all of these life-changing opportunities, I’m discovering more about who I am. I’m not just a member of my community; I’m someone who can lead, inspire, and make a difference.”

Amerynn

Marian alum

and Marian Magic 2025 student speaker



“Marian has provided me with a quality education and has also inspired me to build new skills. There are so many opportunities at Marian that are preparing me for the REAL world. We take courses in STEM—like robotics—and I love our labs in science. We get to take photography and aeroponics, which help us develop leadership and career readiness skills. I hope to one day become an entrepreneur. With my Marian education, I know I can accomplish my dreams and much more!”

Jannely

Marian student

and GNO 2024 student speaker

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.

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