

2018–2019
IMPACT REPORT
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Thank you from the Academy President



Dear St. Mary's Academy Community,

I am pleased to share with you the 2018 - 2019 Impact Report. While the focus of this publication is the financial position of our school, we have also highlighted what makes St. Mary's Academy unique: our community. You will find heartwarming stories of a few members in our community and how SMA has impacted their lives. These are only a few of the many examples of the strength of the SMA community!

We are grateful to all of you for your generous support and involvement. Parents, faculty, staff, alumnae, grandparents, and friends have all made an impact on our school this past year. Your financial support, volunteer hours, participation in community events, and commitment to the mission and vision of St. Mary's Academy has been remarkable.

Financially, the 2018-2019 was another great year at SMA! Charitable contributions totaled \$1,818,525. This number includes \$454,916 to our Annual Fund, a 4% increase vs. 2017 - 2018. We raised \$65,000 from the Annual Graham Family Golf Tournament and over \$380,000 from our Gala - a new record! We had 228 first time donors and 247 donors on Colorado Gives Day. We continue to make progress on our Capital Campaign, having reached 77% of our goal of \$10,000,000.

The reason we do what we do, of course, is our students. Your generosity ensures that our facilities are updated, our students have the classroom resources they need, and all students benefit from the outstanding SMA education regardless of their financial status. It is your support that allows us to help our students to find their voice, become inspired leaders, and be powerful agents of change in the world.

Warm regards,

Bill Barrett
Academy President

Recap of Fundraising Events



15th Annual Graham Family Golf Tournament

Thank you to our major sponsors, hole sponsors, in-kind contributors and volunteers at our annual golf tournament, held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at Valley Country Club. Our 120 golfers and many volunteers enjoyed a beautiful day and a new golf course for our tournament! SMA raised more than \$65,000, with proceeds going to technology and performing arts. Thank you to Jim and Darlene Graham for fifteen years as our Title Sponsor,



Gala

The 2019 Gala, Speakeasy, was a wonderful celebration of the SMA community and attracted more than 375 parents, alumnae, grandparents, faculty, staff, friends and Sisters of Loretto. The evening included live music, a selfie station, dinner, silent auction, live auction, and paddle raise. The 2019 Gala broke records and raised more than \$380,000 for the SMA Tuition Assistance Fund and Program Resources and the Gala Special Appeal provided funds for a new Computer Science Program benefiting Lower, Middle, and High School students. Thank you to Michael and Suzanne Shaw for seven years as Title Sponsors.



Annual Fund

The St. Mary's Academy Annual Fund is the cornerstone of SMA fundraising efforts. Annual Fund dollars, raised and spent in the same school year, enhance the educational environment at SMA, build our community, and help our students explore their interests and build confidence.

This year, St. Mary's Academy far exceeded its goal thanks to the generosity and support of our community, raising more than \$454,916. Projects funded in the 2018 - 2019 school year include field trips, sports uniforms, cameras for photography, a new piano, robotics supplies, and Lower School reading curriculum.

The majority of our 2018 - 2019 fundraising occurred during the Five Weeks of Giving campaign, culminating with Colorado Gives Day. On that day alone, SMA raised more than \$210,000, including \$9,045.84 from the First Bank Incentive Fund, a gift based on the percentage of donations received on that day. St. Mary's Academy is grateful to the many parents, grandparents, alumnae, and friends who contributed to the 2018 - 2019 Annual Fund.



Capital Campaign

As of June 30, 2019, we have raised \$7,708,690 toward our goal of \$10,000,000. The Community Center opened in August, 2015 and is a vibrant part of our campus, housing the Duncan Commons, Performing Arts space, World Language classrooms, Extended Day Care and our beloved Pre-Kindergarten program. A portion of the money raised in the Capital Campaign funded improvements to the High School which were implemented in 2018. More exciting renovations are planned once the current Capital Campaign is completed (target is to complete in the 2019 - 2020 school year). We are grateful for our many generous Capital Campaign donors.



Community Events



Grandparents' Day

Over 300 grandparents and special friends attended Grandparents' Day on November 16, 2018. The morning was highlighted by a student musical program, a pancake breakfast, classroom visits and a keepsake picture. Our grandparents are an integral part of the SMA community and generously support SMA in a number of ways, including the SMA volunteer corps, classroom visits and donations to the Gala. In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, 82 grandparents made gifts to SMA totaling more than \$64,000.



Bingo Night

Pizza, snacks, prizes, costumes! What better way to celebrate community than BINGO?? Over 300 students and parents attended Bingo Night, many in Halloween costumes, and enjoyed games, trivia, and one another.



SMA Ties Run Deep

Interview with Itsy Jones Van Camp '06, Alumnae Board Chair

In what grade did you come to St. Mary's Academy?
I started SMA as a 6th grader. My little sister, Caroline, came after me!

Can you briefly describe your time at SMA?
I had a great experience at SMA. There were the usual struggles like any kid goes through but the community there always made me feel supported and safe. My favorite experiences were team sports and the SMA "extras" (brain brawl, run 4 hunger, etc).

Do you still keep in touch with your SMA classmates?
YES, I am still very close with many St. Mary's Academy women, some of whom I have been close with since 6th grade and some who I only became close with after college. I have SMA women in my life that are almost ten years older than me and ten years younger—I feel so lucky to have them in my life.

What caused you to join the SMA Alumnae Board?
I was coaching at SMA after college to make some extra money and from there got back involved with the community. When coaching became too much with full time work, I thought the board would be a great way to stay involved and expand my network.

Now that you are the Alumnae Board Chair, what are your goals?
Right now, my goals are to increase the number of alums at the amazing yearly events we have and to make the network we have more accessible for those looking to make connections—whether they be work or social connections. Check out the St Mary's Academy Alumnae Connection to get in the loop!!!



St. Mary's Academy is grateful to Itsy for her tireless commitment to the SMA Alumnae Board. Her positive outlook, can-do attitude, and great ideas will propel our alumnae network into the future!

Community of Giving

Loretto Legacy Society

All generous donors who inform us of their plans to include St. Mary's Academy in their will or estate plan will become members of St. Mary's Loretto Legacy Society. We are grateful to our twenty-four current members.

- Charlie & Theresa Arbogast
- Judith Dillon Baenen '57
- Pam Bent
- Dusty & LaFawn Biddle
- Deirdre Cryor
- Timothy & Katherine Farrell
- Lauren Fisher
- Stephanie Goodrich '87
- Jim & Darlene Graham
- Carol Haller
- Bob and Brenda Harrison
- Barbara Hennigar
- Norma Phillips Lammers '61
- Mary Ann Brannan Lipton '46
- Cristi Lippert Lundquist '77
- Kathryn McNamee
- Jay & Liz Mellick
- Alney Allbritten Norell '23
- Claire O'Neal '75
- Mary Sweeney Parlin '65
- Dena Johnson Pinsker '79
- Carol Mansfield Schlessman '76
- Anita Figueras Stricoff '64
- Mary Martha Diss Sundby '72
- Mike and Meg Tobler



Community of Volunteers



Our parent volunteers are the lifeblood of St. Mary's Academy. Many, many parents and grandparents volunteer each year in a variety of ways including helping with the Fall Festival, Thanksgiving pies, Annual Graham Family Golf Tournament, Gala, and many other events. Other volunteers help as room parents and classroom helpers, provide meals to teachers, help with school mailings, serve on the Academy Parents Board, and assist our community in countless other ways. We are so grateful for our generous volunteers!



Community of Alumnae and Alumni



St. Mary's Academy is proud of its 4,000-member alumnae community. Throughout the 2018 - 2019 school year, our High School graduates from the classes of 1946 - 2018 attended traditional alumnae events such as Reunion Weekend, the Volleyball Reunion, and the Alumnae-Seniors Luncheon. They also enjoyed two social events: a crafting night at Upstairs Circus and a private viewing of the Degas exhibit at the Denver Art Museum - a real treat! This year, the SMA Alumnae Board dedicated themselves to providing much needed items for the food pantry at the Southwest Improvement Council and gave monthly donations towards this effort. Alumnae contributed more than \$138,389 to the Annual Fund, Capital Campaign, Fund-a-



Locker Campaign, Tuition Assistance, and Named Endowments. New this year, the launch of SMA Alumnae Connection, a vehicle to connect our alumnae with one another. This platform allows alumnae to find one another via interactive map, groups (i.e. Class of 1989, Robotics alumnae, etc.), share job information and post jobs, and create and participate in events. We are grateful to all of our alumnae that stay connected to SMA, whether it's through attending an event, appearing as a guest speaker in the classroom, volunteering in the High School or providing financial support - alumnae engagement plays a vital role in the life of the school today and we are thankful to all who contribute to the future of our amazing school.

LOOKING AHEAD:



A Middle School alumni event will be held in January 2020 in an effort to continue to engage our Middle School graduates as they move on to high school and college.

Thank You

It's Been a Banner Fundraising Year at St. Mary's Academy!

919 PARTICIPANTS CONTRIBUTED	 228 FIRST TIME DONORS	 \$1,818,525 IN GIFTS RECEIVED 2018-2019
 \$454,916 IN ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$211,298 RAISED ON COLORADO GIVES DAY FROM 247 PARTICIPANTS	 MORE THAN \$65,000 RAISED AT THE SMA GOLF TOURNAMENT
MORE THAN \$383,000 RAISED AT THE GALA FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAM RESOURCES	 \$156,006 CONTRIBUTED TO SMA ENDOWMENTS	\$7,708,690 CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS OUR \$10 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL

THANK YOU for your support!

Amber Grisley McGrown '06

My relationship with SMA goes all the way back to 2000 when my sister, Emily, started as a freshman. Two years later, I joined the SMA family!

SMA was the perfect place for me. I have fond memories of my high school experience. I felt safe and loved each day by my teachers and friends. SMA gave me a unique high school experience that helped shape me for my life after high school. Traditions at SMA help make the school really special. Some of those traditions are freshman/senior buddies, decorating lockers, student led clubs, "fun" days, Run for Hunger, Brain Brawl, Diversity Day, senior lock in, French immersion trip, penny wars. The list goes on, and the memories don't go away. The spirit at SMA made a lasting impression on me, which is why I love being back in the community.

I was really involved in SAIMARAC and dance team. My senior year, SAIMARAC was invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City! An experience of a lifetime.

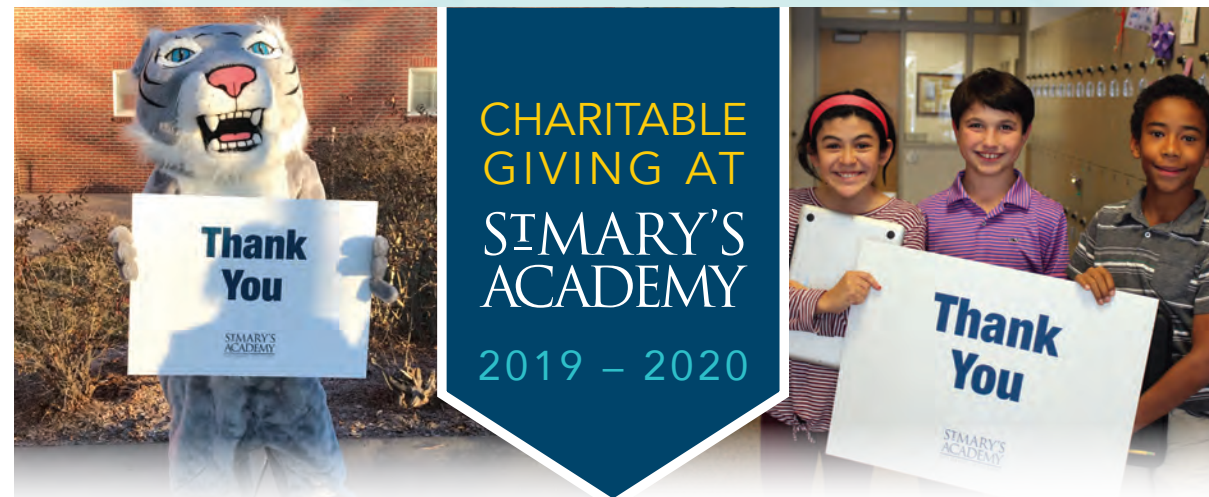
SMA is a place that allows you to form lasting friendships. There is a special bond that SMA girls have, and I am very grateful for that. SMA is one of those places that you don't realize how special it is until you aren't a part of its daily life. Being away from SMA my first semester of college gave me that realization and made it easy for me to desire to come back to teach.

When I was in college and was pursuing education, my professors continually asked us to reflect on our past teachers who made a difference in our lives. Two of my former teachers, my choir teacher and my French teacher, made an impact on me. These teachers knew me. They knew how to help me succeed and invested their love and energy toward me. To this day, I am grateful for their inspiration and I will always look up to them. During college, when it was time for me to complete my student teaching, my old choir teacher was actually teaching 5th grade in the Lower School at the time. I contacted her to see if I could come and student teach with her that following year. We jumped through some hoops to complete out of state student teaching, but I am forever grateful for that opportunity because it allowed me to come back to the SMA family.

I always hoped my daughter Amelia could attend SMA. Not only have I always wanted to teach at the school my children would go to, I appreciate and believe in the mission SMA has to offer. I love and appreciate that she will receive the opportunity to experience music and the arts, but also to help serve and be in an environment that serves the whole child. I hope she learns empathy, to be able to choose right from wrong, to just love school the way I did when I was a student at SMA. I want her to feel safe so she can take risks to help her grow. I want her to have the foundation SMA gave to me. I am extremely thankful and blessed that Amelia has been able to join the SMA community.



Fundraising



<p>Current School Year</p> <p>EVENTS Engages community while fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Tournament – Supports Technology • Gala – Supports Tuition Assistance and Program Resources <p>ANNUAL FUND Additional resources for students and faculty beyond what tuition provides</p>	<p>Facilities</p> <p>CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Goal is to complete this campaign this school year</p> <p>\$10 Million Campaign for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Center • Endowment • High School Improvements <p>Municipal bond financing – fixed rate at 3.35%</p> <p>Significant tax savings available – 50% Colorado state tax credit</p>	<p>Future/Lifetime</p> <p>ENDOWMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Named Endowments – \$10,000+ • Loretto Legacy Society – Planned Giving, Will/Bequest 	<p>Additional Ways of Giving</p> <p>VOLUNTEER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get involved with Academy Parents • Volunteer in the classroom and at special SMA events
	<p>Cornerstone Our Community Center Capital Campaign A new vibrant center for our community.</p>		<p>Questions? Contact Charlie Arbogast at carbogast@smanet.org</p>

Ways of Giving

All gifts made to St. Mary's Academy are essential to the continued advancement of the school. Annual Fund dollars, raised and spent each school year, enhance the educational environment at SMA. Charitable gifts provide personal satisfaction and may provide significant tax benefits. How did people participate?

Cash Gifts

Tax deductible to the full extent of the law and payable with cash, check or credit card. Pledge payment schedules are available.

Matching Gifts

Your employer may double or even triple your gift to SMA. Obtain information from your company's Human Resources office to initiate a match.

Gala Ticket/Table Purchases and Auction Donations

SMA's annual Gala and Auction provides tuition assistance to more than 25% of our students.

Annual Graham Family Golf Invitational

For the twelfth consecutive year the annual golf tournament provided more than \$65,000 to support SMA Technology and Performing Arts.

Appreciated Assets

Most often in the form of a stock gift, contributions of appreciated assets can save you tax dollars while benefiting St. Mary's Academy.

Memorial Gifts

A memorial gift to St. Mary's Academy is a special way to honor family members and friends who have been important in your life. A memorial gift made to SMA's Endowment Fund could provide for an enduring tribute to someone special to you.

Bequests

Including St. Mary's Academy in your will can help you plan for the future and allow us to recognize you today through the Loretto Legacy Society.

President's Partnership

Members of SMA's President's Partnership contribute \$1,200 or more to the Annual Fund and or/participate as a Golf/Gala sponsor. Under the leadership of Meg Tobler, President's Partnership Chair, President's Partnership members continue to set the standard of giving for SMA. These generous donors account for more than 59% of the Annual Fund contributions given in 2017-2018.

Level	Giving Club	# of Donors
\$10,000+	Pioneers Circle	13
\$5,000+	Achievement Circle	26
\$2,500+	Founders Circle	34
\$1,200+	Partners Circle	84

Boys Mentoring Program

Zac Hood founded the Boys Mentoring program at St. Mary's Academy, an innovative program to connect Middle and Lower School boys.

I grew up in Nashville, TN where I went to an all-boys school from 7th thru 12th grade. After college, I had the opportunity to work there as a teacher and coach. It was an amazing experience as a student and a teacher. The camaraderie of my peers and the mentoring of my "elders" (as a student and teacher) were invaluable to me as I transitioned from a boy to a man.

Probably because of that experience, I sensed a need to serve the boys at SMA from my first day on campus. At the time, there was one male teacher in the Lower School, and the Lower School boys did not have much male interaction. Without high school boys around, Middle School boys were trying to fill a power vacuum as the "old guys" on campus. I felt that the Middle School boys needed to be part of a larger story where they could serve others and also receive mentoring on campus. So the vision was: *What if we asked Middle School boys to serve as mentors to the Lower School boys, and male teachers served as mentors to the mentors?* Lots of great things could happen, and we could serve a lot of needs.

Andy Blair (now a teacher in the High School) and I started talking about this idea, and things took off. Much credit goes to Martha Ashley for her excitement, support, and courage to give us a try. It's hard to believe it's been going as long as it has. This is the first year where some of our Middle School mentors were originally part of the program as Lower School students.

Mentoring serves everyone involved. On one side, it gives the younger boys, the mentees, someone they can trust who is looking out for them as a guide. On the other side, it gives the older kids, the mentors, a chance to practice being part of a larger story, built on relationships, where two or more individuals are part of something cool and creative. The mentors may even find that they prefer the larger story to their own. I know parents have told me that the mentors go home and talk all about their experiences in the lower school.

It seems like there's a major news article every week about how much boys are struggling in our society. Some of the best voices on the topic talk about how boys (and men) learn most from being around each other. So we can't just tell them who to be or how to behave. We need to show them. We need to help them build friendships and mentoring relationships with each

other. They need to experience and see social and emotional intelligence. Hopefully, it's all good practice for becoming quality men, who are desperately needed in our world today.

We mix up our activities in the mentoring program to match the needs of the Lower School boys and the strengths of the Middle School mentors. We try to reach as many boys as possible by setting a weekly schedule that rotates to a different group of boys each day. On some days, we go outside for life-skill activities and games. We include a circle time where we have some "real talk" about school and life, including highs and lows. The mentors can give advice and encouragement but then have fun with physical activity. Other times we go into the classroom and model good behavior for the boys. We work on projects alongside them in groups or do some 1-on-1 tutoring help.

One of the coolest ways I think we support the Lower School teachers is by providing some 1-on-1 relationships where the mentors are like a big brother. The teachers can use the mentor time to incentivize good behavior and academic progress. Some of the Lower School boys have shared that time with their mentor is their favorite thing at school.

Personally, I love having the mentors around when we have conflict among Lower School boys. I can lead the discussion, but the mentors can speak directly to the boys from their own experience and care for them. It's a powerful dynamic to have multiple generations of masculinity sitting together and talking things out.



Courage for the Journey

Zac also runs the Courage for the Journey annual Middle School event.

I stepped in a few years ago to lead our Middle School Courage for the Journey event. It was started several years prior by Martha Ashley and fathers of Middle School sons. At the core, it has been about helping SMA Middle School young men find inspiration & encouragement. At their age, Middle School boys are thinking for the first time in their lives about their purpose in life, how they will find their calling, and how they will "succeed," however that term may be defined. Courage for the Journey emphasizes one aspect of that journey toward finding one's place in the world: **COURAGE.**

We have tried to balance the event between a time to hear some stories and advice from speakers with some quality time between fathers and sons. We've done a "Jeopardy" game where fathers get to share what it was like for them at their son's age. Then, sons get the chance to share about some of their hopes and dreams with their dad. We've also had grandfathers, uncles, mentors, and big brothers fill in for dad when appropriate.



SMA Endowment

An endowment is a fund that assures the future of an institution. Endowment funds are conservatively invested. Our total endowment as of June 30, 2019 is \$13,082,773.

The Endowment Fund, held in trust and invested in perpetuity, is a fund that will help assure the future of St. Mary's Academy.

A gift to the endowment is a gift to the community of St. Mary's Academy and an assurance that our legacy will continue to be available to young people far into the future. St. Mary's Academy wishes to acknowledge the following donors who have established named endowment funds:



Academic Funds

The Maureen DeMarco Endowed Award

Established in 1997 with gifts in memory of Maureen DeMarco who was a Spanish teacher at SMA until her untimely death in 1996. This fund provides an annual award to a student who demonstrates an enthusiastic interest in Spanish.

The Alney A. Norell

Established in 2004 from the estate of Alney Alba Norell '23. This fund provides support for an annual poetry contest in memory of Alney's grandmother, Louisa-Euen (Grogran) Hicks.

Financial Aid Funds

The Carr Family Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 2007 by William and Gracie Carr, parents of Rebecca Carr '98 and Johanna Carr '10. This fund supports student financial aid, particularly in support of diversity and fulfillment of the Loretto Mission.

The Kathleen Crowley Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 2008 by Kathleen A. Crowley '62, the fund supports student financial aid, particularly children of alumnae if appropriate.

The Regina Tynan Karr Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 1993 by Sheila Karr '73, the fund honors her mother, Regina Tynan Karr '35, and supports student financial aid.

The Cristi Lippert Lundquist Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 2009 by Cristi Lippert Lundquist '77, the fund supports student financial aid.

The Mary Armstrong McMahon Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 1997 by Peggy McMahon '63 J.D. and Nancy McMahon '65 Psy.D. in memory of their mother, Mary Armstrong McMahon, the fund supports student financial aid.

Kathryn McNamee Named Endowment

Established in 2017 by Kathryn McNamee, MSMAC, to support students at St. Mary's Academy who exhibit leadership, scholarship, and the Loretto School Values.

The Helena O'Brien Murray Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 1997 by Catherine Murray Hencmann '46, Betty Murray Murphy '49 and Adele Murray De Line '54 in memory of their mother, Helena Murray '23, the fund supports student financial aid.

The Robert and Edith O'Connor Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 2010 by Edith O'Connor, the fund honors her grandchild, Shannon Danahey '07, and supports student financial aid.



The Pardee Family Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 2009 by William and Maria Pardee, parents of Caroline Pardee '07 and Hanna Pardee '13, the fund supports student financial aid for High School students.

The Eleanor Diss Sabin M.D. Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 2010 by Mary Martha Diss Sundby '72 in memory of her sister Eleanor Diss Sabin '76 and in honor of the Sisters of Loretto and St. Mary's Academy faculty such as Judy Curtis who inspired the self confidence in Eleanor for her to become a doctor. Eleanor played field hockey, volleyball, basketball and softball at SMA. Eleanor achieved everywhere she turned and when it came time to recognize her at graduation, St. Mary's Academy bestowed upon Eleanor the Marion Award. Eleanor also returned to SMA to coach the first state tournament basketball team. The fund supports student financial aid, particularly children of inner-city parochial schools.

The Schlessman Family Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 1996 by Carol Mansfield Schlessman '76 and her husband Gary Schlessman, parents of Jennifer Schlessman '00 and Megan Schlessman '03, the fund supports student financial aid, particularly children of alumnae if appropriate.

The Sister Susan Swain Endowed Financial Aid Fund

Established in 2012 by the St. Mary's Academy Board of Trustees, Michael Duncan, Chair, in memory of Susan Swain SL. Sister Susan was principal of St. Mary's Academy Lower School from 1987-2002 and served on SMA's Board of Trustees from 2004-2012. As a trustee, Sister Susan focused on the future of St. Mary's Academy while continuing the Loretto School values on which the school was founded. This fund supports student financial aid for Lower School students.

Florence Swanson Named Endowment

Established in 2019 with gifts in loving memory of Florence Swanson, Lower School Principal from 2015 – 2018. This fund supports student financial aid for Lower School students.

Faculty Funds

The Cantwell-Ray Family Endowed Fund for Lower School Faculty Professional Development

Established in 2001 by Dale Cantwell and Pamela Ray, parents of Amelia Cantwell-Ray '06 and Elizabeth Cantwell-Ray '10, the fund provides Lower School faculty members the opportunity to further their professional growth through seminars, workshops, lectures and continuing education.

Simon and Lanig Family Endowed Fund for Lower School Faculty Professional Development

Established in 2004 by Mark A. Simon and Indira S. Lanig, M.D. in honor of the St. Mary's Academy Community parents, teachers and community leaders working as a team to develop our children into citizens of the world. This fund supports professional development opportunities for Lower School faculty.

The Edward E. Ford Foundation Endowed Fund for High School Faculty Professional Development

Established in 2001 with a grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation and matching funds from members of the SMA community, the fund supports professional development opportunities for High School faculty.

The Schotters Family Endowed Fund for Middle School Faculty Professional Development

Established in 1999 by Barney and Nancy Schotters, parents of Middle School graduates Payson Schotters '98 and Kin Schotters '00, the fund honors Middle School teachers by providing for professional development opportunities.

The Trueblood Family Endowment

Established in 1999 with a gift from John Trueblood, the fund honors his father, Harry Trueblood, and supports faculty professional development.



General Endowment Funds

The 1864 Sports Endowment Fund

Established in 2007 by Marsha and Mike Wallace in honor of the Blessed Mother, the fund is designated to support the training of Middle and High School athletes at SMA.

The Judith Dillon Baenen Endowment

Established in 2006 with gifts from throughout the SMA Community in honor of Judith Dillon Baenen '57, President of St. Mary's Academy from 1993-2006. This fund was designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the school.

The Pam Bent Endowment

Established in 2017 by Pam Bent, former faculty member and lacrosse coach, via her estate. Annually, 50% of the income of this fund is to be used for athletic facilities and athletic programs and the remaining 50% of the income may be used as St. Mary's Academy determines.

The Bent Family Endowment

Established in 2004 by Pam Bent, former faculty member and lacrosse coach, and her family in honor of Judith Dillon Baenen '57, President of St. Mary's Academy, 1993-2006. This fund was designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Wayne T. "Dusty" Biddle Memorial Endowment Fund

Established in 2009 with a gift from Jeffrey and Cate Cain Pagliuca, parents of Megan Pagliuca '99, Beth Pagliuca '07 and James Pagliuca MS '05. This fund is designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Cain Family Endowment

Established in 2009 with a gift from Jeffrey and Cate Cain Pagliuca, parents of Megan Pagliuca '99, Beth Pagliuca '07 and James Pagliuca MS '05. This fund is designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Carr Family Endowment

Established in 2006 with a gift from William and Gracie Carr, parents of Rebecca Carr Davis '98 and Johanna Carr '10. This fund provides support for Middle School-aged girls to participate with St. Mary's Academy teams in the Gold Crown basketball program.

The Castle Family Endowment

Established in 2008 by Sean and Shara Castle, parents of Maddie Castle '18, the fund is designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Deirdre V. Cryor Endowment

Established in 2016 with gifts from the Board of Trustees and other SMA Community Members, this fund honors Deirdre V. Cryor, President of St. Mary's Academy from 2006-2016. The fund is designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support operating needs of the SMA Community Center, which was built during Deirdre's tenure.

The Jeanette Smith Eppler Endowment

Established in 2013 with a gift from Gretchen Eppler and Pete Titworth, parents of Calvin Titworth MS '08. This fund is designed to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Philip A. Hastings, Jr. Memorial Endowment

Established in 2006 with gifts from Stephanie Hastings and Kathleen and Richard Van Dorn in loving memory of Philip A. Hastings, Jr. This memorial fund was designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operation needs of the Academy.

The Jones Family Endowment

Established in 2008 by William "Billy" and Kim Jones, this fund is currently designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Masters Family Endowment for Performing Arts

Established in 2006 by Jerry and Amy Masters, parents of Emily Masters '09, the fund is designated to support the various performing arts activities of St. Mary's Academy.

The Mitchell Family Endowment

Established in 2004 by Victor and Amy Mitchell in honor of their children Lauren Mitchell '12, David Mitchell, and Emily Mitchell MS '02, this fund was designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The O'Rourke Family Endowment Fund

Established in 2004 by Chris and Renee O'Rourke, parents of Kerry O'Rourke '15, in memory of mother, Patti O'Rourke, and their sister, Peggy O'Rourke. The O'Rourke Family Endowment was designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Rasmussen Family Endowment

Established in 2004 by Walter and Nijole Rasmussen in honor of Walter's father, Wallace N. Rasmussen, this fund was designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Margaret M. Reinert Endowment Fund

Established in 2011 from the estate of Margaret M. Reinert '47, this fund is designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Schaffer Family Endowment

Established in 2009 by Brett and Louisa Schaffer, parents of Samantha Schaffer '17, Josie Schaffer '19 and Raquel Schaffer '21, this fund is designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Swain Family Endowment

Established in 2005 by Sisters of Loretto Mary and Susan Swain in honor of their parents Harry and Helen, this fund is designated to the general endowment of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Swensen Family Endowment Fund

Established in 2008 by Steve and Kris Swensen, parents of Kelli Swensen '09, this fund is designated to the general endowment fund of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Joseph H. Thompson Endowment

Established in 2009 by Brad and Mary Talbot, parents of Betts Talbot '13, this fund is designated to the general endowment fund of St. Mary's Academy to support general operating needs of the Academy.

The Patricia C. Tisdale Memorial Endowment Fund

Established in 2004 with gifts in loving memory of Pat Tisdale, former Board Chair (1991-1994) of St. Mary's Academy and mother of Sara Tisdale '95, Maggie Tisdale '00, Vicki Tisdale '04, and Doug Tisdale, former Lower School student teacher. This memorial fund is invested in St. Mary's Academy's General Endowment Fund.

Mission Statement



St. Mary's Academy fosters excellence in each child through academic achievement, spiritual development, and service. The Loretto School Values of faith, community, justice, and respect provide the foundation for students to be powerful agents of change.

Vision Statement

Inspiring Leaders to act with integrity, seek justice, build community, and change the world.



Non-Discrimination Policy



St. Mary's Academy is a Catholic independent school, co-ed through grade eight and an all-girls high school. St. Mary's Academy admits students of any race, creed, color, national and ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, sexual orientation, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, disability, national and ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, or sexual orientation in administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.



Family Connections Making A Difference

Mahlet Zegeye '19 came to the United States with her family as refugees from Yemen in 2005. Persecuted for being Christians in a Muslim country, Mahlet was not allowed to go to school in Yemen. When Mahlet started first grade at SMA she spoke little English and was behind in reading, writing, and math. Paulette Jackson, Associate Director of Admissions at that time, put Mahlet's family in touch with Brian and Lorraine Knitt, whose daughter, Chloe, was in Kindergarten, knowing that they lived nearby. Mr. Woldetsadik called Lorraine and a carpool agreement was made! Little did either family know how their relationship would grow over the next twelve years.

Mahlet's family began by dropping her off at the Knitt's home each morning and picking her up each evening. However, with other young children and many commitments, the Zegeye family weren't always able to make it on time for pickup or dropoff. Soon Mahlet was staying with the Knitts after school until her homework was done and activities completed. To help the Zegeye family, Lorraine became Mahlet's "school mother", coordinating Mahlet's schoolwork with her Lower School teachers, Donna Sullivan, and Mary Jane Frederick, and Lorraine and Brian became Mahlet's advocate and Chloe her friend and playmate. By middle school, the Knitt and Zegeye families decided that, for scheduling and logistics purposes the next step would be for Mahlet to move in with the Knitts.

The relationship between Chloe and Mahlet has grown from being carpool buddies into a deep friendship and mutual respect. Chloe was responsible for bringing shy Mahlet into orchestra, Girl Scouts, and including her in her social life. Both have a mutual respect and love for one another and believe each one pushed the other in her own way. Both count orchestra, SMAbotics, soccer, and basketball management

among the high school activities they have participated in. Mahlet was the head of the MICE student IT support team and a member of NHS, Diversity Club, Outreach Club, Programming Club, and the volleyball team. Chloe has been involved in SAIMARAC, theatre, student association and the Astronomy and Pre-Vet Clubs. Clearly the mutual pushing worked!

Seeing Mahlet's potential, Brian Knitt urged her to apply for the prestigious Daniels Scholarship. With help from Lorraine, Brian, and Chloe, Mahlet practiced interview questions, polished her essays, and finalized her application. In March, while on vacation with the Knitts, Mahlet received word that she won the prestigious award. The Daniels Scholarship Program provides a four-year annually-renewable college scholarship for graduating high school seniors who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities. Mahlet is pursuing her collegiate career at Colorado State University in the fall.

The relationship between the Zegeye family, the Knitt family, and St. Mary's Academy is reflective of all that is wonderful about our SMA community. The Zegeye family wanted the best education for Mahlet and brought her to SMA. The Knitt family took Mahlet under their wing and provided the foundation for her success. Chloe and Mahlet boosted one another along the way. Chloe gushes about her "sister" saying, "I can always count on Mahlet, no matter what. She is always there for me." Mahlet feels the same! Lorraine Knitt says it best, "We are extremely blessed to be in this community. From top to bottom, we have never met one person at SMA who doesn't strive to do his or her best every day. So many people have supported us in big ways and small, by stopping in the hallway to chat, or offering to help. The SMA teachers don't stop working at the end of the day, they never stop caring for SMA families. We never felt alone in the process."

Compliance Statement

Compliance with Requirements for Asbestos Management Plan by St. Mary's Academy.

In compliance with EPA requirements, St. Mary's Academy has completed an extensive asbestos survey of all campus buildings. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive Management Plan has been completed.

This plan details the response actions that St. Mary's Academy is taking regarding asbestos containing materials found in our buildings. This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you want a personal copy of the plan, or if you have questions, please notify the Business Office and we will respond within five working days.

St. Mary's Academy is in full compliance with EPA regulations. Such compliance, including filing this statement, is for your information.



President's Partnership (17)



All gifts to St. Mary's Academy are appreciated and important. St. Mary's Academy President's Partnership was established for friends of SMA who make a charitable contribution of \$1,200 or more.

President's Partnership giving levels are:

\$10,000 +	Pioneer
\$5,000 - \$9,999	Achiever
\$2,500 - \$4,999	Founder
\$1,200 - \$2,499	Partner

You can be a member of the President's Partnership by:

- Contributing \$1,200 or more to the Annual Fund
- Being a Gala Sponsor (sponsorships range from \$1500 - \$10,000)
- Being a Golf Tournament Sponsor (sponsorships range from \$2,000 - \$5,000)

Every gift is precious, every gift is appreciated and every gift will help make a positive difference.

LaFawn Biddle

LaFawn Biddle is an SMA parent, grandparent, former Board of Trustee member and chair, and an ardent supporter of St. Mary's Academy. Her time, talent, and treasure has been given selflessly to St. Mary's Academy for more than 45 years. Along the way, her daughter, Barbie '78, and grandchildren Allison '07, Austin MS '08, and Amy '10 have also joined in the family tradition of love and support for our school.

In 1974, LaFawn and her late husband, Dusty, enrolled their second daughter, Barbie, at St. Mary's Academy's High School. Dusty used to pass by SMA every day on his way to work in downtown Denver and, one day, he came home and shared with LaFawn that is "where Barbie belongs". Barbara and her sister, Belinda, were both born with a hearing impairment and Barbie was deaf at the time she enrolled in the 9th grade. What Dusty, LaFawn, and Barbie quickly realized was that St. Mary's Academy was a place that welcomed and supported Barbie in every way. Barbie quickly became involved in numerous activities and made many friends with whom she still stays in touch today.

LaFawn was a very involved SMA mom. She was engaged in parent activities and volunteered on many committees. It wasn't long before she was recruited to be a member of the Board of Trustees in 1978 and, in 1983, became the first lay Board Chair. She has been a powerful financial supporter of SMA; the Academy President's Office and Biddle Fields are named after the Biddle family. She has also made large gifts to the Middle School, Bishop Evans Sports Center, and the Community Center and she sponsors the Golden Graduates luncheon at Cherry Hills Country Club every year. Barbie '78 has followed in her mother's footsteps and currently serves on the SMA Board of Trustees. Every member of the Biddle family has devoted their lives to helping others, volunteering, and teaching. Barbie currently works for the Colorado Department of Education and works with parents who have deaf children. Her older sister, Belinda, was a Montessori preschool teacher for 19 years. She currently lives in Loveland with her husband. Her two sons are successful adults, married, each with a child and no hearing loss. Austin, a graduate of NYU, works at

Donors Choose, an entity that helps direct funds to public education programs. Amy resides in Austin, TX where she is a special education teacher in the Austin Public Schools system. Allison was a member of the Deaflympics soccer team that won four Olympic gold medals for the USA. She lives in Seattle where she coaches a soccer team.

The experience LaFawn, Dusty, Barbie, Allie, Amy, and Austin had at SMA propelled them into a life of service. They overcame their obstacles with grace and hard work, inspiring others to act with integrity and change the world.





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