

Resurrection



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March 2014

Dear Friends of Resurrection College Prep High School,

On behalf of all the students, their parents, the faculty and staff and the Sisters of the Resurrection, let me first say “Thank you,” for all your support. You help us fulfill our mission and commitment to develop young women of faith to be confident and service-oriented leaders who will help build stronger families, communities and places of work for tomorrow’s world.

I am reminded daily of the impact each of you have on the lives of our young women. The cost to educate and operate Resurrection is only partially covered by tuition. To be exact, tuition only covers 80% of the costs; the other 20% comes from the generous contributions of our friends and benefactors. Our ability to improve education with the expansion of technology depends heavily on donations. This year, as we prepare to use Chromebooks in our freshmen and sophomore classes, we realize that our ability to add the needed infrastructure is only possible because of you.

Every corner of the school, every event, reminds us to turn to God and thank Him for all He gives us through people like you. I was recently asked, as a new president, what has been the most significant experience for me. My answer was the all-school scholarship Mass, where I was deeply touched to witness the personal pride and pleasure with which each benefactor handed their student her scholarship certificate, and then to see the warm and sincere gratitude of the students as they joined their benefactor for the following breakfast. This experience truly depicted for me the motto of Resurrection College Prep that has been ours for over 90 years: Charity and Truth. We need and depend on God and each other — this is Truth. Giving from the heart to make another’s dream come true — this is Charity.

Know that all of us at Resurrection College Prep High School hold you in our prayers. May God bless and be with you always!



PRESIDENT Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki, CR
Resurrection Class of 1966

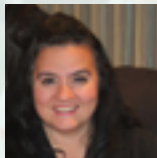


The Resurrection Experience: DISCOVER | PARTICIPATE | SUCCEED | SERVE

Hear about the Resurrection experience from five of our notable insiders — a student, parent, teacher, alumna and donor. They offer some new insights on what we are all about.



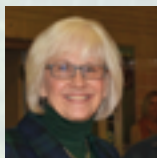
STUDENT Erin Kennedy
Resurrection Class of 2014, Sr. Mary Monica Hope Scholarship recipient
Erin has been on the volleyball and softball teams, studied studio art and is a member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, WYSE and Math Club. She is an Illinois State Scholar who plans to study Biochemical Engineering in college.



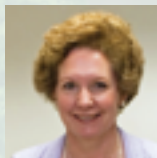
PARENT Marie Vargas
Resurrection parent and single mother of four
As a single parent, Marie has made sacrifices so that each of her children can attend Catholic schools. Searching for an all-girls school with a well-rounded competitive curriculum and a vibrant fine arts program, she found Resurrection.



TEACHER Brad Mulick
Religious Studies teacher and Campus Ministry Team member
Brad holds a Master of Divinity degree from Loyola University. Previously he worked as a Pastoral Associate for the Archdiocese of Chicago, as a Chaplain at MacNeal Hospital, in Campus Ministry at UIC and as a Lecturer at Loyola University.



ALUMNA Nancy Slack Stachnik
Resurrection Class of 1967 and Pay It Forward Scholarship founder
Her education at Resurrection was only possible with a scholarship from Dr. Harold Sullivan, the Fire Department physician. Pay It Forward provides two scholarships annually to students with an active firefighter, paramedic or police officer as a parent.



DONOR Barbara Block Vanderkloot
President of the George and June Block Family Foundation
George and June Block supported organizations that create a strong, healthy community through education, healthcare and medical research. Their daughter Barbara works to carry on their legacy by generously funding the Resurrection Top 10 Scholarship awards.



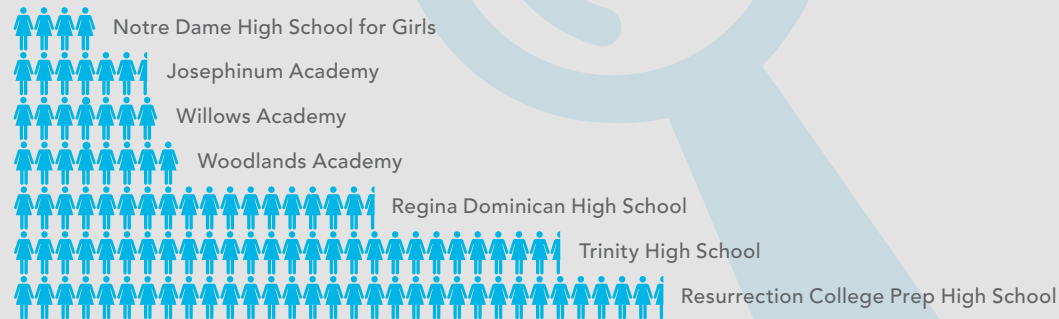
Resurrection helps girls DISCOVER interests and abilities

Our rigorous college preparatory curriculum ensures an academic program that prepares young women for success in college and in the workplace, and our one-of-a-kind Practicum Program provides opportunities to explore career options.

our students come from
100+
feeder schools and live in
40+
different zip codes

RESURRECTION IS THE LARGEST ALL-GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ON CHICAGOLAND'S NORTH SIDE

Resurrection's 630 student enjoy more resources, teaching faculty and curricular choices



TECHNOLOGY

Starting this fall, we'll be using Chromebooks to utilize electronic textbooks and cloud-based apps and data storage. Our educational technology also includes iPads, interactive whiteboards, language software and advanced science lab equipment.

15 =

student : teacher

FLIPPED CLASSROOMS

With teachers as supportive guides rather than lecturers, concepts are more engaging as students become active participants in their learning.

TEACHER *Wanting only the best for my daughter, I fully intend to send her here because she'll be given every opportunity here to excel, and she'll be challenged on all fronts to mature into the strong, smart and spiritual woman I dream of her becoming. And I know she'll benefit from being in a school environment where she is valued and respected.*

PARENT *My favorite thing about being part of the Resurrection community is the generosity and kindness that the staff has extended to my daughter and me, as well as all the girls who attend Resurrection. I am consistently impressed that they are always so friendly and considerate.*

STUDENT *I like that classes are 82 minutes long. At first I thought that seemed like forever, but then I realized that time allows me to actually pay more attention and dig deeper than I ever could before.*

ALUMNA *I love the fact that a single-gender school environment helps takes the hormones out of high school — at least for part of the day.*

DONOR *Resurrection's mission aligns with those of our foundation through advancing the principles of charity we consider essential in developing leaders and a strong community. We decided to fund the Top 10 Scholarship for incoming freshmen because we believe education is essential in creating strong leaders, and a young woman with solid academic credentials should be able to develop those attributes.*



Resurrection encourages girls to PARTICIPATE in activities

Resurrection's numerous extra-curricular opportunities in athletics, the arts, clubs and service — all in a supportive and nurturing faith-based environment — build young women's confidence and prepare them for leadership positions in society.



60+ CLUBS,
ACTIVITIES &
ORGANIZATIONS



6 MUSIC ENSEMBLES

chamber orchestra, band, jazz band,
women's choir, concert choir and liturgical choir



7 STEM-RELATED CLUBS

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
Apps & Podcast Club, Health Careers Club,
Math Club, Science Club, Math Honor
Society, Science Honor Society and WYSE
(Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering)



4 FINE ARTS
DISCIPLINES

art, dance, drama
and music



3 STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Innerview literary journal,
Res Banner news magazine
and *Allegiance* yearbook



27 ATHLETIC TEAMS
WITHIN
12 COMPETITIVE SPORTS

4 times as many students from an
ALL-GIRLS' SCHOOL pursue careers
in math, science and technology
than do CO-ED SCHOOL GIRLS.



CO-ED

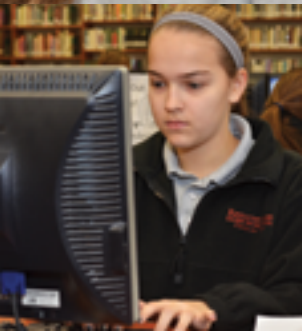
ALUMNA There's an overriding sense at Resurrection that this is a good place to be, one where people really care about each other, about their work and about their relationships.

PARENT My daughter is involved with the music program and a variety of different clubs, courses and activities, there's so much to experience — and it's always presented in a way where girls aren't intimidated to explore.

DONOR The George and June Block Family Foundation is honored to support Resurrection College Prep scholarships, as we believe women are natural leaders who will give back to the community, thus making our community stronger.

TEACHER Resurrection seeks to educate the whole girl. I can think of no better preparation for life than to know that a meaningful and healthy life comes from understanding the need to attend to every dimension of our human lives. I feel that our students leave here grasping the value of that balance.

STUDENT Being at an all-girls' school helps me focus on my schoolwork. I feel so comfortable here and I have a great group of accepting and loving friends who make it easy for me to really be myself. Teachers at Resurrection encourage individuality and leadership opportunities are easy to find...I'm the Vice President of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the National Art Honor Society and just recently had the opportunity to become a Kairos retreat leader.



Resurrection guides girls on a path to **SUCCEED** in life

Our multiple levels of learning, combined with our advanced use of the latest technology and data-driven instructor best practices means that students receive an unparalleled educational experience.



11 ILLINOIS
STATE SCHOLARS
in the Class of 2013

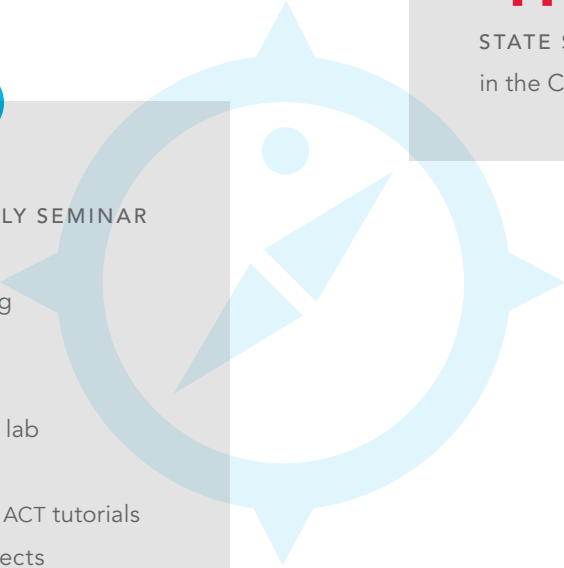


249 MEMBERS
IN OUR TEN
HONOR SOCIETIES



35 MINUTE DAILY SEMINAR

- meet with teachers
- attend peer tutoring
- make-up a class
- make-up a test
- complete a science lab
- visit the library
- participate in AP or ACT tutorials
- work on group projects
- attend lectures by guest speakers
- work in the computer lab



\$8.2
MILLION

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS
for the Class of 2013
from various colleges,
universities and foundations




100% COLLEGE
ACCEPTANCE RATE
for the Class of 2013



82 MINUTES PER CLASS

Our modified A/B block schedule
allows classes to meet on alternate
days for an extended period.



STUDENT *Taking a mix of accelerated and advanced placement classes, I'm certainly academically challenged at Resurrection. But I'm also supported to explore new interests, which is an opportunity to expand my horizons and perhaps open doors to a future I never could have predicted.*

DONOR *The scholarship recipients were very impressive young women who exuded confidence and gratitude. I believe they have exciting, fulfilling futures ahead of them.*

TEACHER *Across all academic disciplines, we work toward nurturing our girls' ability to not just recall or repeat information, but to ask deeper questions, to analyze, reflect, synthesize and apply what they learn.*

PARENT *Resurrection's curriculum is very competitive with a wonderful support system. The block schedule prepares students for college and homework and the extra-curricular demands teach organization.*

ALUMNA *I am acutely aware of what it takes to provide a top-notch education to today's students. I believe the high school years are especially formative, and I'm proud that Resurrection is committed to educating the whole person in a value-based setting.*



Resurrection provides girls opportunities to SERVE their community

Our students learn to live out the Resurrection motto “Charity and Truth” while participating in the Catholic faith through retreats, liturgies, prayer services and volunteer opportunities.

Each student is called to witness to the joy-filled message of Jesus. She does this by her presence at Resurrection each day and by her interactions with all members of the school community. As she deepens her faith, Resurrection is confident she will grow in her understanding of God’s unconditional love and learn to become a woman of faith.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Christmas giving
- food drives
- Misericordia Tag Days
- Northwest Side Hunger Walk
- ResPunzel hair donation program
- St. Mary of Providence volunteers
- service trip to Kentucky
- warm clothing drive



35 STUDENTS
inducted into
the DIAKONIA
SERVICE HONOR
SOCIETY

5,105 HOURS
OF SERVICE during
the 2012–13 school year



89.5 HOURS
average per student

PARENT My daughter learns to give back more than what she's receiving— through service to her community and those less fortunate, as well as her church.

DONOR I have had the pleasure of meeting the scholarship recipients and I have personally witnessed Resurrection students exemplifying the motto Charity and Truth.

ALUMNA Pay It Forward scholars will go on to have fulfilling careers and give back to their communities. I know this because it happened to me. Fifty years ago, the people who made my education possible had no idea that I would become a community banker and a committed Resurrection volunteer...these students are a investment in our future.

TEACHER Charity is one of the varied words used in the New Testament for "love," and Resurrection is a place where we try to practice that virtue and to instill it in the girls. Being people who love God, love their neighbors and love themselves is who we are called to be in a Catholic community. Seeing how passionate our students are about making a difference in the world reassures me we are on the right track. As for Truth, for me that means being true to ourselves, our most authentic selves, and to seeking truth in our lives and our relationships with God and others.

STUDENT At Resurrection we are always reminded not to take our fortunes for granted and to share our gifts with those in need. Those are things I vow to continue throughout the rest of my life.

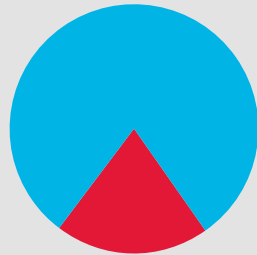


Resurrection needs **SUPPORT** to help make tuition affordable

We strive to keep tuition affordable for all young women, as well as offer financial assistance to those who might not otherwise benefit from a Resurrection education. Your gift makes a lasting difference in the lives of the young women of today and the future generations of young women of Resurrection who are yet to come.

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COST TO EDUCATE
A RESURRECTION STUDENT

80%
comes from
tuition & fees



20%
comes from
contributions

Thanks to the generous support of our benefactors, Resurrection has been able to fulfill its mission and maintain its level of academic excellence, graduating over 13,650 young women in its over 90-year history. We appreciate your support in helping us uphold that legacy.



30% OF STUDENTS
RECEIVE FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE
or scholarships at some level

HOW TO DONATE

visit [RESHS.ORG](https://reshs.org) or
contact Alisa Martorano
at amartorano@reshs.org
or 773.775.6616 x142

WAYS TO SUPPORT

- make a gift
- establish a scholarship
- partner as an athletic or corporate sponsor
- support an event as a sponsor
- plan a future gift from your estate



EACH STUDENT
RECEIVES A
\$2,600
SUBSIDY
the difference between
tuition and actual cost

DONOR *The George and June Block Family Foundation believes that advancing the principles of charity is essential in developing leaders and a healthy community. We are honored to fund the Top 10 Scholarship at Resurrection because we know education is essential in creating strong leaders.*

TEACHER *There's no better job than doing work that you love and that serves God's needs in the world.*

PARENT *Sending all of my children to Catholic school has its challenges. When times were difficult, concerned friends told me that I should consider enrolling them in public school to save money. But I've held onto my faith, and Resurrection alumnae and donors have made a real difference — without them, it would be harder to provide the Catholic education I think is so valuable.*

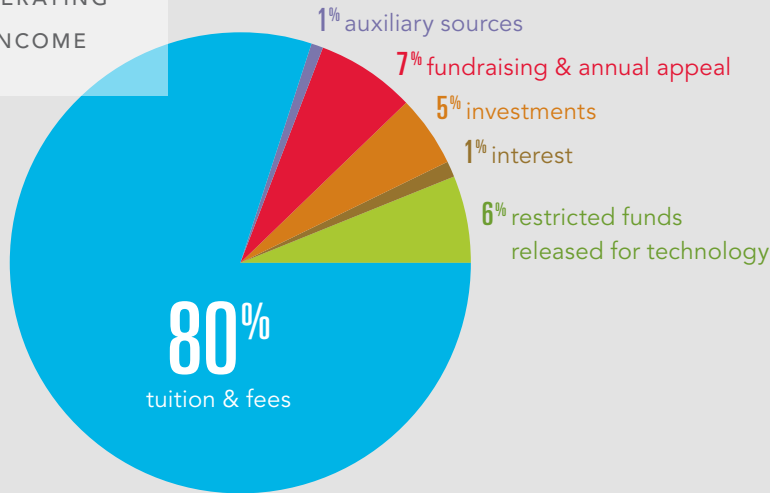
ALUMNA *I know that paying Catholic school tuition requires family sacrifices, and I had the good fortune of attending Resurrection on a 4-year scholarship. Since I have been blessed in my life and have benefited from my education, I want to help other families by offering tuition assistance to their daughters.*

STUDENT *With my siblings off at college, money can be tight. My family and I really appreciate the support that I have received from the Sr. Mary Monica Hope Scholarship. The relationships I've built and the education I've received here at Resurrection will never be forgotten.*

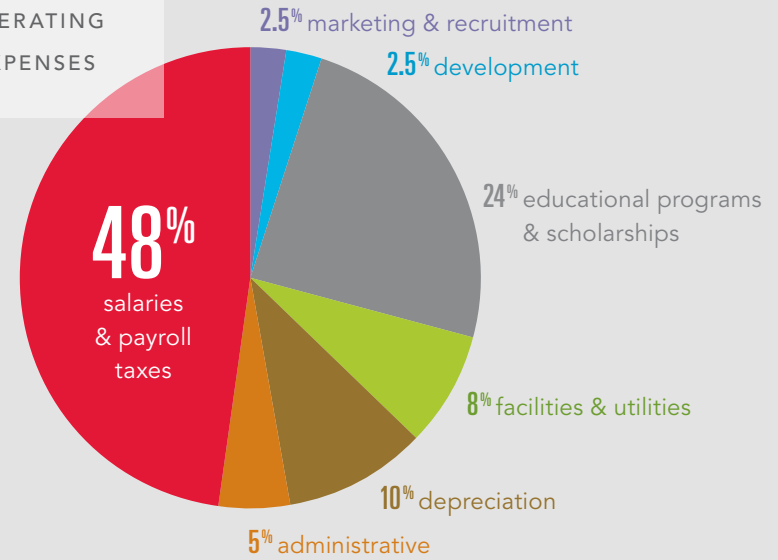
Resurrection Financials

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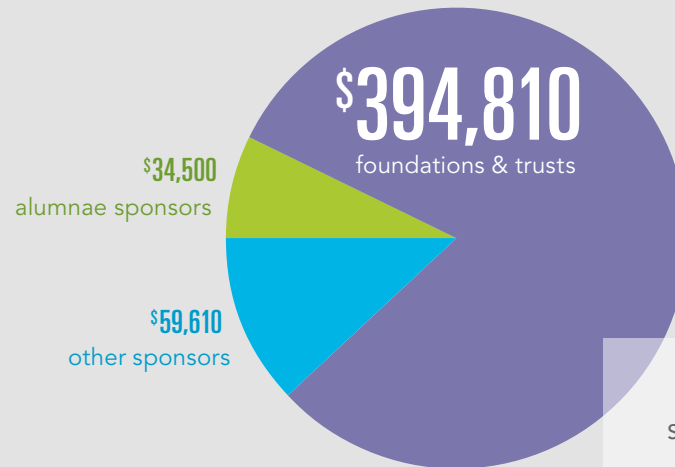
OPERATING INCOME



OPERATING EXPENSES



Annual Donor Report is available at RESHS.ORG



SOURCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

Over 35% of our students applied for scholarships and financial aid with an assessed

NEED OF OVER **\$1.2** MILLION

We were able to fund only about 1/3 of that need.

Behind everything we do is our commitment to provide each Resurrection girl with a quality education and a spiritual foundation that allows her to reach success in every aspect of life.

We rely on the support of others to make a Resurrection education possible for many of our students. Every donor and every dollar play a vital role. To donate, visit RESHS.ORG or call 773.775.6616 x142.

THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Resurrection College Prep High School is in the process of implementing the ambitious recommendations defined in a newly adopted three-year strategic plan for the period 2013 to 2016. This time frame assures that the school is advantageously positioned to continue to excel in educating young women spiritually, academically and socially to take on leadership roles and meet the challenges of tomorrow. The plan contains five key sections: Catholic Identity, Development and Marketing, Enrollment Management, Human Resources and Finance.

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HISTORY The Sisters of the Resurrection, a religious order founded in 1891 in Rome by Blessed Celine Borzecka and her daughter Mother Hedwig Borzecka, began its educational ministry in the United States in 1900. Central to the Sisters' mission is the *transformation of society by uplifting women through education*. Since its founding in 1922 under the leadership of Sister Anne Strzelecka, CR, more than 13,650 young women have graduated from Resurrection College Prep High School. Accredited by AdvancED, we are proud of our dedication to education excellence.

MISSION STATEMENT Resurrection College Prep High School is a Catholic Christian community dedicated to the education of young women, and to the development of their God-given talents. Convinced of God's unconditional love and nourished by the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, we are committed to the spiritual, ethical, intellectual, physical and social growth of our students.

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