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Building a Legacy





Positioned for Growth

Dear Warrior Family,

Fueled by the Holy Spirit, the last 17 months have brought about innovative approaches, fearless leadership, and a relentless dedication to supporting our students during one of the most difficult times in their lives. Together, the Warrior Community courageously accomplished our mission to provide opportunities for all students to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with purpose despite the added challenges of doing so through remote-learning.

At a time when health guidelines forbade going out in public, St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy (PMA) became the stable source of

the living Gospel and formation of mind, body, and soul for our students. PMA not only answered the call, but led as one of the first schools to reopen for limited in-person instruction during the spring of 2021. On June 4, 2021, 72 graduates and their families were welcomed back to campus for Baccalaureate Mass and the campus' 53rd graduation exercises. The graduates were challenged to reflect on how the global pandemic shaped them and how they would take what they learned and apply it in the next stages of their lives.

Three weeks later, PMA became the first Catholic school to welcome back its entire freshman class to a full-time in-person summer induction program, The Freshman Experience. The class of 2025 led the effort in returning to campus, and our halls were once again filled with the sound of teenage voices, the bustling excitement of student activities, and the centering presence of our beautiful chapel.

This August, we celebrated the return to in-person instruction for all grade levels and the launch of the 2021-2022 school year with 450 students, a 10% increase in enrollment, resulting in the largest school population in over a decade. In addition to a new, more profound joy, in simply being able to gather, we have taken the best of what remote-learning has taught us by offering more flexibility through technology. Hosting parent meetings via Zoom for example, allows us to better meet our families needs and build community from wherever we may be.

PMA has a strong track record of innovation that has led to our growth over the years. The value of a PMA education is evident as we see not only an increase in enrollment, we see more of our graduates accepted to higher ranked colleges and universities. As we look ahead towards the next chapter in PMA's story, we are positioned for growth and the possibilities for PMA's future are exciting. With your support, PMA will continue its trajectory towards being the Catholic co-educational school of choice in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We are honored to lead this community and grateful to you for your generosity, faith, and dedication to our mission.

In embracing this year's Life Teen theme, New Fire, St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy recognizes that we are the spark that ignites a bright future for the Church. May God continue to guide us all as we prepare young people for college, career and Heaven.

God bless and go Warriors!

In Gratitude,

Christian De Larkin President Veronica Zozaya / Principal

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Mission

The mission of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is to provide a challenging Catholic college preparatory education in a supportive learning community that will positively affect the lives of teenagers, and provide opportunities for all students to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with a purpose.

Vision

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy will excel in creating a Catholic educational environment where students recognize their significance in our school community, are encouraged and supported to seize opportunities to grow and lead, emerging as empowered, faith inspired and contributing citizens of their community and the world. We will be known for visionary leadership; innovative and passionate educators; inspired, tenacious and optimistic students; supportive families and an engaged community.

Demographics





Male: 53% Female: 46%



Catholic Students: 90%

Attended Catholic Elementary Schools: 85%



Students Receiving Scholarships to Attend PMA: 96% Families Who Meet Federal Poverty Guidelines: 51%



Average Class Size: 23 Student Teacher Ratio: 14:1

PMA Educators who have or are working towards their Masters or Doctorate Degree: 75%

Alumni Faculty/Staff: 19%

100% OF PMA 2021 GRADS WENT TO COLLEGE





Significance Recognized, Opportunities Seized



2021 Valedictorian

This graduating class' valedictorian is Catalina Bayardo, or "Cat", as she is most often called. Cat was born in nearby Bellflower, raised in Downey, and before making PMA her home, she attended Saint Raymond Catholic School.

Earning a spot in the distinguished Onward Scholars Program, during her time at PMA Cat was also a member of the National Honor Society, the California Scholarship Federation, and the Theatre Program. She served as a student ambassador, participated in the World Scholars Cup, and founded the Dance Club. As part of a long running service project for LAUSD, Cat assisted a language specialist to create a program for ESL learners using her image and voice.

When asked about her favorite high school memory, she names Spirit Week. "I loved dressing up and preparing for the rally all week, my favorite part was the dance competition." Cat goes on to say that she believes what makes PMA special is that, "I always felt like there was little to no divide within or between classes and that I could always discuss any issues I had with the administration or teachers." Although she says that each teacher helped her in his or her own way, she singles out PMA's Principal Zozaya. "She helped me finally decide on a college after a whole month of indecision, and personally ensured that I would be able to take the math classes I needed so that I could learn at my own pace." When asked for words of advice for younger students, Cat recommends not being afraid to try new things or to ask for help when you need it.

Catalina Bayardo was accepted into 12 colleges including the University of California, Berkeley, University of California, Irvine, and University of Southern California, to name a few. Ultimately choosing to attend University of California, Los Angeles, Cat is now a proud Bruin! She plans to study engineering with the goal of working as a bioengineer to research genetics and create vaccines. Being that UCLA is not too far away, and since she has two sisters currently attending PMA, we know that Cat will remain a frequent visitor to campus.

2021 Salutatorian

Aubrey Zozaya, 2021's celebrated salutatorian, was born in Upland and raised in Rialto where she attended Day Creek Intermediate School in Rancho Cucamonga before making PMA her home

In high school Aubrey was a member of the National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, World Scholar's Cup, ASB, Campus Ministry, Music Ministry and founded the Cause A Month Club. A multifaceted student athlete, she also kept busy as a member of PMA Girls' Volleyball and PMA Track and Field.

One of Aubrey's favorite memories goes back to freshman year and playing water games on the football field with new friends. When asked about something that makes PMA special, Aubrey has this to say, "PMA makes everyone feel welcomed and is strongly dedicated to the Catholic component of being a Catholic school." She adds a word of thanks to teachers and administration for, "allowing me to grow in faith, academics, and sportsmanship." And when it comes to words of advice for younger students, she says that despite the hard work and challenges that come, "we just have to push through and try our best to succeed in school and in life."

After being accepted into eight colleges, among them Baylor University and the University of California, Santa Barbara, Aubrey decided to attend the University of Southern California. Now a proud Trojan, she is studying biochemistry and minoring in business administration with plans to become a veterinarian.



The St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy community looks forward to the bright futures that await both of these young ladies and wishes them, and the entire Class of 2021, everything wonderful that life has to offer! Once a Warrior, always a Warrior!

Class of 2021 College Acceptances

The institutions in **BOLD** indicate the schools where members of the Class of 2021 matriculated.

AMDA College and Conservatory of the **Performing Arts**

Arizona State University

Ave Maria University

Azusa Pacific University

Baylor University

Benedictine College

Biola University

California State University, Bakersfield

California State University, Channel Islands

California State University, Chico

California State University, Dominguez Hills

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California State University, Stanislaus

Catholic University of America

Cerritos College

Chapman University

Cleveland Institute of Art

Cleveland State University

Compton College

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

DePaul University

Elite Permanent Makeup

Franciscan University of Steubenville

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Grand Canyon University

Hawaii Pacific University

Irvine Valley College

John Paul the Great Catholic University

Kansas Weslevan University

Long Beach City College

Louisiana State University

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University New Orleans

Marist College

Marymount University

Michigan State University

Mount Saint Mary's University

Northern Arizona University

Occidental College

Otis College of Art and Design

Pennsylvania State University

Pepperdine University

Rio Hondo College

Santa Monica College

School of Visual Arts

Scripps College

Seton Hall University

St. Louis University, Madrid

Texas Christian University

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Davis

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles

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University of California, Santa Barbara

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of Dallas

University of Hawaii Manoa

University of Idaho

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University of Nevada, Las Vegas

University of New Mexico

University of Northern Colorado

University of Oregon

University of Pittsburgh

University of Redlands

University of San Diego

University of San Francisco

University of Southern California

University of Utah

University of Washington

Washington State University

West Los Angeles College

Whittier College

Woodbury University

Academy Experience









St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy. By the promise made in its very name, "academy" implies more than your average high school, a higher standard of education. PMA's vision for academy learning is to create a Catholic university experience for teenagers. Our call is to guide every student towards realizing their purpose, that is, where their talents meet the world's needs. Colleges and universities offer several pathways toward reaching a degree, but high schools today sometimes fall short.

"I'm so proud of what has been accomplished by so many over the years, bringing us to this point and making it possible to take the learning experience to the next level," says Principal Veronica Zozaya. "The future promises even greater opportunities for our students, and I look forward with much anticipation."

Personalized Learning

PMA recognizes the value of a personalized learning approach that provides students with access to opportunities to build on their strengths and explore their interests so they can enter adulthood and live with purpose. Personalized learning is achievable today through the use of technology and its immense power in the collection of and processing of student data. This serves as a valuable tool for our educators to access real-time meaningful data that they can act upon in a way that has never been seen before in schools. Through the use of a personalized learning approach, PMA will lead in the ability to customize our educational programming to our students.

Early Access to College

Partnering with colleges and universities such as Cerritos College and Arizona State University, we launched our first two courses in the Academy's Dual Enrollment Program this year. Twenty three Warriors are enrolled in Intro to Law for the fall term, and Sociology for the spring term. They will earn 20 high school advanced course units and 6 transferable college units.

We are proud to announce that we are the first Catholic school in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and our neighboring Diocese of Orange, to welcome 30 incoming freshmen for the 2022-2023 school year as part of PMA's first Dual Enrollment Cohort. This group will take a unique pathway of high school and college courses here on our Downey campus, taught by both PMA faculty as well as outside college professors. Students will earn a minimum of 44 units of transferable college credit throughout this four-year program, and have the potential to earn 60 total units in order to simultaneously be awarded an Associates Degree upon PMA high school graduation.

The Dual Enrollment Program positions students for success after graduation, distinguishes them among their peers when applying for colleges, and provides significant future cost savings.

University Schedule

Ask any graduate of higher education how much of what they learned took place outside of the classroom in addition to inside during their college years. Campus life at a university provides students many opportunities to learn critical skills outside of class time. Today, most high schools reserve the bulk of the day, 8:00am-3:00pm, for class instruction and then schedule limited co-curricular activities after school. The Academy will transition to adopt a schedule similar to a university schedule for the 2022-2023 school year which will support the Dual Enrollment Program as well as integrate a co-curricular learning opportunity into the school day. Students will be able to select courses like Associated Student Body or Mock Trial, they can rehearse for the school play, practice for cross country, or even engage in Christian service in the local community for part of their regularly scheduled school day. The integration of academics and co-curricular activities will allow Warriors to have meaningful learning experiences while maintaining a manageable balance.

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"As to the soul, we must develop her power by faith and knowledge."

-St. Matthias

Encountering GOD Through Uncertain Times

Choosing "Encounter" as Campus Ministry's 2020-2021 theme became a way for students to overcome the challenges that remote-learning placed on their abilities to connect with one another. Throughout the year, students explored what encounter meant to them, and they found new ways to be in community with God, going deeper in their faith while adapting to the virtual world.

Campus ministry found a creative solution to help PMA students to prioritize their faith while staying safe by hosting regular drive-in Masses. Mr. Reyes emphasized, "everything was the same. Same music, same priest, same community." The only difference, he noted, was the seating! Keeping up with tradition at drive-in Mass gave students a comfortable sense of familiarity and brought the community closer together during a tough time.

Our students were able to bond last year through our grade-level retreats, which were all adapted to fit into the 2020-2021 school year. For the freshman retreat, students met over Zoom on day one and then on day two, they enjoyed outdoor in-person small groups on campus. They were so excited to be one of the first groups to reunite in person. Another highlight was the sophomore retreat. The campus ministers were worried that students would be too fatigued by Zoom to fully

engage in the retreat. However, they took the message of "Encounter" to heart and logged on with a renewed fire, feeling open to the retreat experience. Students consistently rose above what was expected of them during a challenging year and took advantage of all the wonderful faith-formation opportunities at PMA.

Throughout the year, students were slowly able to come back to campus and encounter one another in-person. Mr. Reyes noted that they were able to conclude the year with a few service projects that each had great turnouts. At the Soles4Souls shoe drive, students brought in 413 pairs of gently-used shoes and over 1,000 articles of clothing which the organization then distributed to people in need all across the globe. The class of 2021, despite the challenges they faced, successfully reached their Christian Service goals, accomplishing a yearly average of 3,342 hours and a total of 13,369 hours during their four years at PMA.

Facing the difficulties of isolation, Campus Ministry took every opportunity to connect students virtually through prayer services and retreats. They safely gathered in the presence of God at drive-in Masses and outdoor Adoration services, and when they finally made their return to campus, they encountered their community through great acts of service.

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven." -Pope St. Pius X



Leadership In Athletics

The Gardendale campus is no stranger to powerhouse athletics. For decades, Pius X High School was known as one of the most respected athletic programs in Los Angeles County. This year, three new head coaches bring zeal and much anticipation for growth in cheer, football, and baseball.





We welcome Veronica Toledo as the new head coach for Warrior Cheer. Toledo joins us from the youth cheer world with a record of growing programs from five cheerleaders to over forty. Toledo has a wealth of experience as a cheerleader and coach. She cheered in middle school, high school, and college, and developed a passion for helping young student-athletes reach their potential. She has celebrated many of her former cheerleaders moving onto coaching themselves and is excited to take on PMA's effort to grow our program.



Coach Devah Thomas was named head coach this past June, succeeding Todd Butler after four years as his Offensive Coordinator and Assistant Head Coach. Thomas grew up in Watts and attended Verbum Dei High School. During his freshman year his life was changed forever when his brother was murdered. When asked about why he wanted to serve as the next head coach for the Warriors, Thomas shared that football saved his life and was the main reason he was able to stay in school. He has spent his career coaching as a way to pay forward what he learned from his coaches about life, God, and football. Since taking over as head coach this past June, the program has grown from 18 to 38 players. The Warriors celebrate a strong season, 2-1 in league and 9-2 overall, and look good going into the post-season.



Coach Alex Lopez is a big sports lover, growing up he played baseball, basketball, and football. He attended Catholic schools his whole life, from Our Lady of Guadalupe Elementary to Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary College Preparatory. In high school he excelled at baseball winning numerous CIFSS awards like 1st Team All-League, Pitcher of the Year, and 1st Team All-CIF. He began coaching in 2005 at Cantwell and has continued his coaching career for over 15 years. He coached varsity baseball at Cantwell, Monte Vista High School in Watsonville, Ca, and here at PMA. Now in his fifth year here at PMA, he will be serving as a Head Baseball Coach. Coach Lopez shared, "I am beyond grateful and extremely excited to begin my career as Head Coach here at PMA. My passion, determination, and love for the game have brought me here and I hope to stay for 10 years if I can! PMA baseball, it's our time!"

In addition to the sports highlighted above, PMA offers a full range of team sports including: boys' & girls' volleyball, boys' & girls' track and field, boys' & girls' cross country, boys' & girls' basketball, boys' & girls' soccer, and softball.







Performance Percussion Warrior Pride

At the university level, learning happens as much inside the classroom as it does outside. Therefore, part of offering a Catholic university experience for high school students, is expanding PMA's after school activities and bringing in more opportunities for artistic expression on-campus.

Back for the first time in over a decade, the Warrior Drumline re-launched this fall! Thanks to a \$15,000 grant from Operation Progress, the school was able to purchase 11 new instruments which now make up the Warrior Drumline. With the help of their instructor Mr. Paul De La Rosa, the drumline has been working hard all year to learn their instruments and they are now showing off their Warrior pride, livening up the student section at our football games.

Another great addition to the school's arts programs is the World Percussion Group. About 20 students meet for the World Percussion Group and practice drumming together every Friday. The group is organized through Benkadi, a program that brings in world-class professional West African musicians and dancers to instruct students in drumming and dance. Dr. De Larkin, who is involved with the organization, spoke about the ways drumming can benefit students saying, "it's a confidence builder, it allows students to realize talents they didn't know they had, and it promotes unity."

PMA is also proud to welcome Ms. Joannarae Ibañez, our new performing arts teacher. Ms. Ibañez says that in her first year here, she looks forward to, "the way students will build community and grow as creative individuals through the art of theatre-making! We are designing theatre programming that embraces the unique experiences theatre has to offer both on the stage and behind the scenes, I am excited to be part of PMA and for this opportunity to share my passion for the stage." With plans for campus improvements ahead, PMA theatre students will soon have access to a blackbox theater on campus, a dedicated space for them to practice and perform.

We are so grateful to everyone who has invested in arts education at PMA and we hope that you feel a great sense of pride seeing our Warriors seize the opportunity to develop their talents.

"Creativity is intelligence having fun."-Albert Einstien



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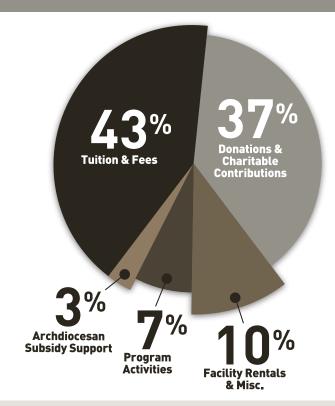
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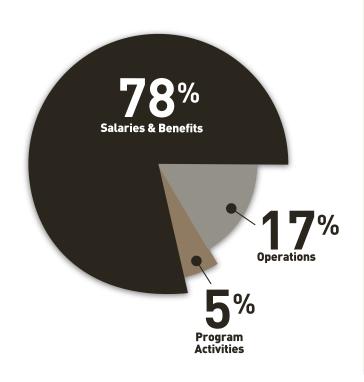
Brenda Rodriguez

Tuition/Fees	
Tuition & Fees	\$1,573,620
Summer School Tuition	\$80,415
Registration/Other Fees	\$247,652
Total Tuition & Fees	\$1,901,688
Donations & Charitable Contributions	
Temporarily Restricted	\$1,122,325
Unrestricted	\$114,108
Catholic Education Foundation	\$430,094
Total Donations & Charitable Contributions	\$1,666,527
Facility Rentals & Misc.	\$467,990
Program Activities	
Student Store Sales	\$5,255
Athletic Activities/Boosters	\$13,669
Student Body/Campus Ministry/Yearbook	\$136,000
Fundraising Receipts	\$177,593
Total Program Activities	\$332,517
Archdiocesan Subsidy Support	\$150,000
Total Revenues	\$4,518,722

2020-2021 REVENUES



2020-2021 **EXPENSES**



Salaries & Benefits	
Salaries & Compensation	\$2,411,459
Benefits	\$562,636
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$2,974,095
Operations	
Office/Other Expenses	\$82,960
Property Taxes/Utilities/Insurance	\$281,519
Educational Expenses	\$106,346
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	\$118,936
Other Expenses	\$68,491
Total Operations	\$658,252
Program Activities	
Food Service	\$9,725
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Athletic Activities/Boosters	\$25,399
Student Body/Campus Ministry/Yearbook	\$25,399 \$76,879
Student Body/Campus Ministry/Yearbook	\$76,879
Student Body/Campus Ministry/Yearbook Fundraising Expenditures	\$76,879 \$15,601
Student Body/Campus Ministry/Yearbook Fundraising Expenditures Marketing & Admissions/Student Store	\$76,879 \$15,601 \$38,305

Living Purposefully

Alumni Spotlight





Rick Adelman, Pius X High School '65, was recently inducted into the 2021 NBA Hall of Fame Class. In their time at Pius X High School, Rick Adelman and his brother Clete led the Warriors to the CIF Championship Game vs. LB Poly at the Long Beach Arena. The Adelman brothers were both fortunate enough to go on to LMU and their talents helped bring the Lions to national recognition. As a player, Rick was picked up by the San Diego Rockets in 1968. He played seven seasons for the Rockets, Chicago Bulls, New Orleans Jazz (later Utah Jazz), and Kansas City Kings (1985 moved to Sacramento). Rick then took his talents to coaching, for which he was inducted. In 1983, Rick became the assistant coach with the Portland Trail Blazers for six seasons and then worked another six seasons as head coach. He coached for two seasons with the Golden State Warriors, then eight with Sacramento Kings, four with the Houston Rockets, and finally three seasons with the Minnesota Timberwolves. Rick Adelman places in the top 10 highest winning records in NBA history with a total of 1,042 games won. PMA is incredibly proud of Rick for living out his purpose to such a high degree of excellence.





Gabriela Roque, St. Matthias High School '11, has found a way to organize her life around her main passions: business, education, and sweets! Her whole life, Gabriela watched her father grow his own business. His entrepreneurial spirit is a huge inspiration to her, and growing up in that environment and eventually working for the family business herself gave her an invaluable education in the field. She graduated from Marymount California University in 2015 with a liberal arts degree in business and psychology. Gabriela went on to earn her master's in education from Pepperdine in 2017. That same year, Gabriela put her business savvy to the test and started Snacks.xo, her very own sweets business. Looking to put her knowledge of business and her love of education to use, Roque began teaching the Business & Marketing course at PMA. She loves educating and sharing her experiences with the class, teaching her students not to simply memorize the material but to critically engage with the content and start thinking in a business-minded way. She now balances her mornings at her father's company, her afternoons at PMA, and her evenings baking for Snacks.xo. Ms. Roque is now in her 3rd year of teaching at PMA and she says that working here, "feels like coming home."





Gabriela Ecobar, PMA '15, graduated from the University of California, Irvine in 2019 with a degree in Public Health Sciences. When choosing what to study, she knew she wanted to work within the medical field. She said that, coming from an underrepresented community, she felt that it was important to learn how to protect individuals from disease transmission as well as get better public health resources to underserved communities. Her plans for her future changed in Gabriela's junior year of college when doctors discovered tumors in her sister, Daniela's, brain. Gabriela reflected on her sister's time in the hospital, "seeing how much hope the nurses gave my sister, and my sister gave the nurses back, inspired me to become one." Daniela lost her battle to cancer on November 11, 2018 and in those last days, Gabriela remembers promising her sister that she would become a nurse and that, "I'll take care of my future patients as if I am taking care of you." From there, Gabriela cleared her pre-requisites at Golden West Community College and began a year-long accelerated nursing program at Mount Saint Mary's University in 2020. When asked about her life path, she said "you have your passion and then you get your calling and it all just comes together and clicks." Gabriela is incredibly thankful to all her mentors at PMA. Particularly, she wanted to thank Mr. Smet, Miss Luisa, Mr. Rubalcava, Mrs. Zozaya, Fr. Sam and everyone who paved her way to academic success and spiritual growth. PMA, she said, "is a special community where there is not only a lot to learn academically, but spiritually as well. It offers something so much higher than your typical high school experience."

Building a Legacy Annual Fund



Thank you so much to those of you who have contributed to PMA's Building a Legacy Annual Fund in the past! This year's work is underway once again and our goal is \$150,000. With your support remarkable things continue to happen in the life of the school and most importantly in the lives of the students we serve.

As a Catholic high school, PMA is not supported by public funds, relying primarily on tuition and fees from families, the vast majority choosing to make great sacrifices in order to provide the gift of a Catholic education. With 96% of students relying on school subsidized scholarships for the opportunity to attend PMA, contributions from generous benefactors like yourself, are critical. We rely on you – our PMA community of alumni, parents and friends to help.

We humbly ask that you join us by contributing to the 2021 Building a Legacy Annual Fund today. No other return on investment is as great as impacting the life of a young person.

We have included a remittance envelope with this Annual Impact Report for your convenience. If you prefer to make your gift electronically, please visit our website and go to the "SUPPORT" tab. Using the dropdown menu, please select, "Building a Legacy Fund".

Class Gifts can be Extra Special

Many PMA students are recipients of scholarships from those graduates who came before them. We are so grateful for the gifts we receive when alumni groups come together to support today's students. A special note of thanks goes out to Pius X Class of 1962 for raising over \$10,000 last year to help support a PMA student in each grade. Additional thanks to Pius X Class of 1971 alumna, Margaret DeMott-Feldman, who continues to honor the legacy of her beloved classmate, Kathy Delis, by helping to support a student through all four years of her high school journey.

Perhaps you have a reunion coming up? What better way to commemorate the gift of your education and the friendships you have made than by helping one of today's Warriors!

• Please reach out to Renee Salvador '88, Director of Advancement, with questions or for assistance when making a donation: rsalvador@piusmatthias.org or 562-861-2271, ext.1025.

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November 30, 2021 GivingTuesday
December 8, 2021 Christmas Tree Lighting
January 12, 2022 Open House
February 5, 2022 Alumni Grand Reunion
February 26, 2022 Poker Tournament
June 4, 2022 Class of 2022 Graduation
June 17, 2022 Warrior Cup Golf Classic

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