



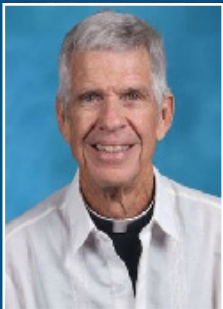
Verbum Dei High School
The Jesuit Work Study College Prep in Los Angeles

Annual Report

2018-2019



“The Best is Yet to Come”



Rev. Stephen A. Privett, S.J.
President

This summer, Verbum Dei anticipates becoming a Jesuit Catholic Cristo Rey school independent from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. So, this may be an opportunity to offer the “Cliff Notes” version of Jesuit education at Verbum Dei.

In 1548, the first Jesuit school opened in Messina, Sicily. The initiative did not come from Jesuits, but from local residents who wanted their sons to enjoy the quality education the order offered its own members. Within twelve years, thirty more Jesuit primary/secondary schools were founded, and schools became the primary ministry of the new order. In a remarkably short time span, the order reimagined itself from a group of itinerant preachers and missionaries to “the school masters of Europe.”

If the Jesuits fell into the ministry of education almost serendipitously, subsequent reflection convinced them of the value of schools for the intellectual, moral and spiritual development of those who would become the shapers of culture. The early Jesuits spoke of “educating students to leaven society for good.” That dual focus: the holistic development of students and the uplifting of society have been a constant of Jesuit education for almost five

hundred years. All Jesuit schools operate on the assumption that well-educated persons with a strong moral compass, proper motivation, and deep faith will positively contribute to their communities. Jesuit education is about both the personal development of students and the world they will create with the education Jesuit schooling offers them.

Ignatius Loyola wanted Jesuit schools “to be open to rich and poor alike, without distinction.” Financial exigencies over centuries made this an “impossible dream.” Cut to Verbum Dei, which is Ignatius’ dream realized in twenty-first century Watts. Verb is principally financed, not by tuition, but through the generous support of corporate sponsors, Foundations and individual donors, without whom our students would never have access to Verbum Dei’s Jesuit college prep education. Thank you for keeping St. Ignatius’ dream alive and for the role you play in “leavening society for good” by unleashing the talent, intelligence, energy and goodness of our students.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steph A. Privett, S.J." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen A. Privett, S.J.

Our Mission:

Verbum Dei is a Jesuit Catholic, Cristo Rey high school that offers young men from supportive families of limited resources a college prep curriculum, corporate work experience, and faith formation that prepare them to graduate from college as men-with-and-for-others who serve their communities and pursue a more just and humane world for all.



Dr. Brandi Odom Lucas
Chief Academic Officer

Verbum Dei has been extremely blessed. The Class of 2019 continued the tradition of hard work and perseverance right up to graduation day. On average the Class of 2019 scholars submitted 26 college applications. This resulted in acceptances to 6- UCs, 7- Catholic, 8- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), 11- Jesuit, and 16- California States Universities and a host of private and public universities nationwide. Not to be outdone, the Class of 2020 amazed us by their hard work in our SAT prep program. Those scholars posted an average best SAT score of 1025, just 43 points shy of the national average—accomplished while having classes only four days per week. The Class of 2021 and Class of 2022 have the highest number of students applying and enrolled in our honors program in recent years. And our incoming freshmen are more academically prepared and diverse than their predecessors.

As you are aware, Verbum Dei is not only about academics. Our mission is to create the next generation of Spirit-filled leaders, and our students are well on their way. Their performance in the work study and Christian service programs are all evidence of that fact. Our students are presenting, creating, and performing in ways we could never have imagine.

Of course, this would not be possible without the support of our benefactors, donors, and parents. We are grateful for this amazing community of believers. As we continue to focus our 2019-2020 efforts on innovation and impact, we invite you to visit our classrooms to see the impact of our teachers and students' collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Please continue to pray for us as we continue this most important work. As the saying goes, *"Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story."* Thank you for being that adult for our Verbum Dei scholars.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. O. Lucas".

Dr. Brandi Odom Lucas

Profile of the Verbum Dei Graduate at Graduation

Open to Growth * Intellectually Motivated * Spritual * Loving *
Committed to Doing Justice * Work Experienced

Statement of Activities

VERBUM DEI HIGH SCHOOL
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

VERBUM DEI HIGH SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES, July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

Revenues:

Tuition/fees	\$384,779
Grant from Catholic Education Foundation	\$378,500
Grant from Corporate Work-Study Program	\$2,055,288
Contributions	\$3,334,043
Other income	\$496,386
	<u>\$6,648,996</u>

Expenses:

Education/instruction	\$2,292,889
Administration	\$1,035,034
Facilities and Maintenance	\$848,073
Student activities and support services	\$811,232
CWSP	\$737,582
	<u>\$5,724,810</u>

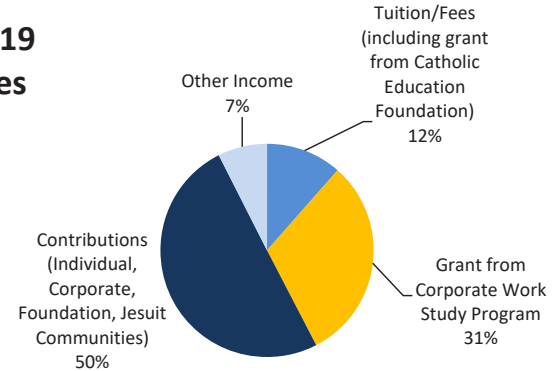
Contributions:

Individual gifts	\$1,481,459
Corporate gifts	\$21,244
Foundation grants	\$1,221,424
Events	\$609,916
	<u>\$3,334,043</u>

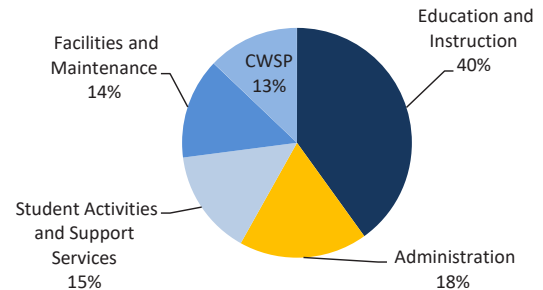
Total Cost of Education per Student:

Average Tuition and Fees Paid/Aid	\$1,237
Average Tuition Assistance Grant	\$1,748
Average Contribution from Work-Study Program	\$6,609
Average Scholarship Grant	\$8,814
Total Sources of Funding Cost per Student	<u>\$18,408</u>

2018/2019 Revenues



2018/2019 Expenses



This has proven to be a remarkable year and we are so proud of the strides our gentlemen have made academically, professionally, and spiritually. The community, staff, faculty, volunteers, students, and parents really stepped up to the plate for the 2018/2019 academic year and will leave an indelible mark. Yet, as you well know, Verbum Dei High School would not be where it is today without the caring, concern and support of donors like you. The following are a few highlights from our 2018/2019 school year:



Board Chairman, Scott Wendelin

On June 7th, 2019 at Graduation, Verbum Dei presented our board chairman, Scott Wendelin, with the Bishop Joseph A. Francis, SVD Award. Just as Bishop Francis was responsible for the original founding of Verbum Dei in 1962, this award is presented to an adult associated with Verbum Dei who has served to advance the school in a significant way. Our awardee is exceptionally and humbly generous in the spirit of St. Ignatius of

Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, who encourages us “to give and not to count the cost; to labor and not to seek reward.”

Scott served as the Verbum Dei Board Chair for four years and has been an active supporter of Verbum Dei contributing to various programs and fundraising efforts such as our Adopt-A-Student Program, Corporate Work Student Program and our Galas. Congratulations, Scott on this well-deserved honor!



Senior Commitment Day Ceremony

On May 3rd, 2019 Verbum Dei held its annual Commitment Day, where our community waited in anticipation as each senior announced which college they will attend in the fall. Family members, donors, Verb underclassmen, and alumni were all present to witness the class of 2019's creative declarations. For example, we watched Alex Hawkins, who opened up his button-down shirt to reveal a Morehouse College sweatshirt. Jamie Partida decorated a t-shirt with the logos of all 9 schools he was accepted to. He pointed to each logo one-by-

one, but ultimately held up a UCLA pennant, proudly sharing that he will be going to his “dream school.”

For the 12th consecutive year, 100% of the graduating class was accepted into college. We've boasted this accomplishment before, because it truly is an accomplishment. Currently only 2.9% of Watts residents are college-educated. From our board of directors, staff and faculty, parents and students, we THANK YOU for believing in our gentlemen.



Spring Gala 2019

Verbum Dei High School held its annual Awards Dinner Gala on March 7th, 2019 at the Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. It was a celebration of what success looks like when young men who have dreams and are willing to work hard to achieve them are surrounded by a community that supports and

believes in those dreams. Thank you to all our corporate sponsors, supporters and volunteers who made the evening so memorable and who continue to support our boys.

A special “thank you” to one of our 2019 honorees, Joe Viola, who helped Verbum Dei surpass its goal. We raised over \$600,000 for scholarships. Funds raised at the Spring Gala Awards Dinner are integral to our ability to provide scholarships to young men from South Los Angeles.

Class of 2019 College Acceptances

Anna Maria College
 Arizona State University
 Arizona State University (Pre-Health Professions)
 Avila University
 Benedictine University (IL)
 Benedictine University at Mesa (AZ)
 Biola University
 California State Polytechnic University - Pomona
 California State University, Bakersfield
 California State University, Channel Islands
 California State University, Chico
 California State University, Dominguez Hills
 California State University, Fullerton
 California State University, Fullerton
 California State University, Long Beach
 California State University, Los Angeles
 California State University, Northridge
 California State University, Sacramento
 California State University, Stanislaus
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 Central Methodist University
 Cerritos College
 Chapman University
 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
 Clark Atlanta University
 College of New Rochelle
 College of the Holy Cross
 Compton Community College
 Concordia University - Irvine
 Concordia University - Portland
 Connecticut College
 Creighton University
 Dillard University
 Doane University
 East Carolina University
 El Camino College
 Fairfield University
 Fisk University
 Fordham University
 Franklin & Marshall College
 George Fox University
 Georgia State University
 Gonzaga University
 Grand Canyon University
 Hawaii Pacific University
 Holy Names University
 Holy Names University
 Howard University

Humboldt State University
 Humboldt State University
 Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
 Langston University
 Lesley University
 Long Beach City College
 Los Angeles Harbor College
 Los Angeles Trade-Technical College
 Los Angeles Valley College
 Louisiana State University
 Louisiana State University (Honors College)
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Maryland
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Lycoming College
 Manchester University
 Manhattan College
 Marist College
 Marquette University
 Marymount California University
 Menlo College
 Middlebury College
 Monmouth College
 Morehouse College
 Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles
 Northern Arizona University
 Northern Vermont University-Johnson
 Northern Vermont University-Lyndon
 Notre Dame de Namur University
 Otis College of Art and Design
 Pasadena City College
 Plymouth State University
 Prairie View A&M University
 Regis University
 Rockhurst University
 Saint John's University (with College of Saint Benedict)
 Saint Louis University
 Saint Peter's University
 San Diego State University
 San Francisco State University
 San Jose State University
 Santa Clara University
 Santa Monica College
 Seattle University
 Seton Hall University
 Southwestern College
 St. Francis College
 St. Thomas Aquinas College

Texas Southern University
 The George Washington University
 The Master's University
 The University of Arizona
 Tuskegee University
 Tuskegee University
 United States Army Recruiting Center
 University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, Merced
 University of California, Riverside
 University of California, San Diego
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of Denver
 University of Illinois at Chicago
 University of La Verne
 University of Oregon
 University of Redlands
 University of San Francisco
 University of St. Thomas
 University of the Incarnate Word
 University of the Pacific
 University of Utah
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 West Los Angeles College
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Cal State University Los Angeles
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Occidental College
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Ramona's

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