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ST. CECILIA ACADEMY

The mission of St. Cecilia Academy is to ennoble young women, e

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There is a long-standing and beautiful culture of philanthropy on The Dominican Campus. Benefactors give for many reasons, including gratitude for the impact, a desire to see the St. Cecilia Academy thrive, and a commitment to ensuring a fulfilled mission. Every gift of every size makes a difference for our students, teachers, and in the daily life of our school.

The Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is St. Cecilia Academy's top fundraising priority. It is an annual campaign that directly impacts each student and our work. The Annual Fund makes up approximately 6% of the school's operating budget each year and supports academic, extracurricular, and faith formation programming. The Annual Fund helps to cover the full cost of educating each student and in particular, the amount not covered by tuition. Think of all that you love about SCA – rigorous academic preparation, Catholic faith formation, vibrant student life programming, robust athletic offerings, outstanding and dedicated lay teachers and Dominican Sisters, time-honored traditions, a tight-knit community – you support all of the components that make up the SCA experience when you give to the Annual Fund.

The St. Cecilia Academy community of parents, alumnae, grandparents, faculty, staff, and friends support the Annual Fund. Every gift matters and is an investment in the mission. Giving levels range from participation gifts to $25,000-plus.



"My mother, Sara Hynes Lea, was a strong supporter of Catholic education, sending all six of us to Overbrook and the four girls on to St. Cecilia Academy. We wanted to honor her memory in such a way that the gift would live in perpetuity – and the best way to do that was to establish an endowed scholarship in her name at SCA."

- Lloyd and Elizabeth Lea Crockett '61

n, equip them to excel, and inspire them to lead lives of integrity.

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Capital Giving and Special Projects

Giving to special initiatives and campus improvements elevates the student experience. SCA maintains a list of prioritized desired enhancements, and the strategic plan guides our building improvements and special projects.

Endowment Giving and Financial Assistance

The endowment provides long-term financial vitality. The school uses a percentage of the interest earned each year to offset operations and provide financial assistance for families with need. Approximately 35% of students receive some level of financial assistance. Donors make outright gifts for financial assistance, give to an established endowment fund, or create a newly named endowment to honor family, friends, or graduation years.

Planned Giving

Including SCA in your estate plans is a gift for the future of St. Cecilia Academy, leaving a lasting legacy and continuing your commitment in perpetuity. Making a future or planned gift ensures long-term stability for the school by strengthening the endowment, funding programmatic needs, and providing scholarships. Often, there may be significant tax benefits for the donor, increasing the size of an estate and reducing the tax burden on heirs. The Heritage Club recognizes donors who have made bequests or other planned gifts to SCA.





Special Events and Clubs

Events help to build community among our families and often generate important funds. St. Cecilia Academy hosts a golf tournament in the fall and a Rose Gala dinner and auction in the spring. Proceeds support general operations or an identified special project.

Other groups, such as the theater guild, Dominican Dads, booster club, and student clubs offer giving opportunities. We encourage you to support these initiatives.



How to Give:

- Make an outright gift of cash, check, or credit card
- Make a pledge
- Ask your company about their matching gift program to double your support
- Donate stocks, securities, life insurance, or other assets
- Give through a donor-advised fund
- Take advantage of an IRA charitable rollover
- Include St. Cecilia Academy in your estate plans

Learn More

We welcome the opportunity to share funding priorities and connect your generosity with impact. Please call the development office at 615.383.3230 ext. 397, visit stcecilia.edu/support or email hubers@dominicancampus.org.

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