

# ACCESS ACADEMIES



ENDING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION.

STUDENT  
FACTS

98% Accepted to College-Prep High Schools

99% Graduate On-Time

95% Are Admitted to Post-Secondary Institutions

## Letter from the Executive Director | *The Power of Board Participation*

Being a board member is more than attending meetings and opening pocketbooks. It requires countless hours reviewing bylaws, going over financial statements to ensure sound financial management, and crafting policies centered on ethical governance. Because of the leadership of our Board of Directors, we have the resources to not only sustain services, but to advance our mission.

Recently, our Board of Directors took steps to reorganize operations through the creation and implementation of five new board committees. This step is part of our organization's strategic plan, building on our progress and meeting the evolving and challenging needs of our students. The committees are as follows: Executive Committee, Governance Committee, Finance & Budget Committee, Program Committee, and Development & Marketing Committee.

The Executive Committee is tasked with planning the work of the board and to provide guidance for the organization between board meetings. Members include:

**Marian V. Mehan, Chair – Board of Directors**  
*Lewis Rice LLC*

**Thomas M. Mackowiak, Vice Chair – Board of Directors**  
*Retired, Enterprise Holdings, Inc.*

**John C. Vatterott, Emeritus Chair – Board of Directors**  
*Retired, Vatterott Educational Centers*

**Joseph F. Jedlicka, III, Chair – Governance Committee**  
*Consultant*

**John T. O'Neill, Chair – Finance & Budget Committee**  
*Retired, Monsanto*

**Terry Mehan, Chair – Program Committee**  
*St. Cecilia School & Academy*

**Paul Minorini, Chair – Development & Marketing Committee**  
*Retired, Boys Hope Girls Hope*

Our ACCESS Board members serve as advisors in committee meetings and through direct action at board meetings:

**Christopher S. Collins, SJ**  
*Saint Louis University*

**Fr. Richard H. Creason**  
*Retired, Most Holy Trinity Parish*

**Don Danforth III**  
*City Academy*

**David O. Danis**  
*Retired, The David Danis Law Firm, P.C.*

**Maureen DePriest**  
*Archdiocese of St. Louis*

**Marie Kenyon**  
*Archdiocese of St. Louis*

**Robert J. Mathias**  
*Cass Commercial Bank*

**Birch M. Mullins**  
*Baur Properties*

**Thomas M. Nolan**  
*Retired, ACCESS Academies*

**Richard H. Patton**  
*Vision for Children at Risk*

**Leo C. Saenger**  
*Millennium Financial Group*

**Paul G. Sheridan, S.J.**  
*Emeritus President, SLUH*

**John G. Simon**  
*The Simon Law Firm*

**Blanche M. Touhill, Ph.D.**  
*Chancellor Emerita, University of Missouri – St. Louis*

**Mark A. Wilhelm**  
*Safety National Casualty Corp.*

To our board members, thank you for sharing your knowledge and leadership. To our donors, we are excited for the ability and opportunity to expand our services and the number of students served in the coming school year as enrollment continues to grow at our three, soon to be four, Academies! Now, more than ever, your support is critical. You are invited to visit one of our Academies and take a student-led tour of our extended-day programming. For more information, please feel free to contact me directly by calling (314) 898-0430 or emailing [Betsy.Liberatore@ACCESSAcademies.org](mailto:Betsy.Liberatore@ACCESSAcademies.org)

All the best,

*Betsy Liberatore*

Betsy Liberatore  
Executive Director

Most Holy Trinity School & Academy | St. Cecilia School & Academy | St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral | St. Louis Catholic Academy - **NEW in 2017!**

### Stay Connected!

LIKE us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/ACCESSAcademies](http://www.Facebook.com/ACCESSAcademies)

Follow us on Twitter @ACCESSAcademies

Check out our Educational Collection on Pinterest at [www.Pinterest.com/ACCESSAcademies](http://www.Pinterest.com/ACCESSAcademies)

Stay informed of News and Announcements by visiting [www.ACCESSAcademies.org](http://www.ACCESSAcademies.org)

Sign up to receive our E-newsletter! Send an email to [info@ACCESSAcademies.org](mailto:info@ACCESSAcademies.org)



## ACCESS Graduates Making News!

### ACCESS Graduate Earns Archdiocesan Martin Luther King, Jr. Model of Justice Award



Vivian C., an ACCESS graduate from St. Cecilia School & Academy, has been awarded the Archdiocesan Martin Luther King, Jr. Model of Justice Award.

This award is presented to high school students who have made justice a central part of their lives, and have committed themselves "to the noble struggle for equal rights."

A senior at Rosati-Kain High School, Vivian was presented the award for demonstrating, through her attitude and work, a commitment to serving humanity in the broader community.

### ACCESS Graduate Awarded over \$2M in College Scholarships

Aaron T., an ACCESS graduate from St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral, has been accepted to 44 colleges/universities and awarded over \$2 million in scholarships—to date!

A senior at Bishop DuBourg High School, Aaron is active in a number of organizations on campus, including the Academy of Advanced Studies, a rigorous program of academic studies, and the award-winning Guild Players Theatre production group.



## SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

6PM - 9PM

Four Seasons Hotel  
St. Louis



9th Annual

SPONSORED BY THE VATTEROTT FOUNDATION

## ACCESS Academies Scholarship Dinner

Mark Your Calendar!

June 7, 2017

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Four Seasons Hotel - St. Louis

This year's theme will be "Lean On Me." It is our hope that ACCESS students can lean on you for support!

## VOLUNTEER



Do you have a talent or passion that you are eager to put to use in service to our students and schools? Become an ACCESS volunteer!

Learn more by visiting our website:  
[www.ACCESSacademies.org](http://www.ACCESSacademies.org)

## 45 ACCESS Academies Graduates Accepted to College-Prep High Schools

### INCOMING FRESHMEN TO ATTEND 16 PRIVATE, COLLEGE-PREP HIGH SCHOOLS

ACCESS Academies will be supporting 45 new Academy graduates from Most Holy Trinity School & Academy, St. Cecilia School & Academy, and St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral at the following private, college-preparatory high schools for the upcoming 2017-18 school year:

1. Bishop DuBourg High School
2. Cardinal Ritter College Prep
3. Christian Brothers College
4. Chaminade College Prep
5. De Smet Jesuit High School
6. Incarnate Word Academy
7. Lutheran High School-North
8. Nerinx Hall
9. Notre Dame High School
10. Rosati-Kain High School
11. St. John Vianney High School
12. St. Louis University High
13. St. Mary's High School
14. Ursuline Academy
15. Villa Duchesne
16. Visitation Academy

Overall, ACCESS will financially support 238 high school students from our three Academies, and juniors and seniors from La Salle Middle School, Marian Middle School, and Loyola Academy. Additional high schools serving scholarship dinner recipients include:

1. Althoff
2. Cor Jesu
3. Crossroads College Preparatory
4. Lutheran High School- South
5. St. Joseph's Academy
6. St. Louis Christian Academy
7. Trinity Catholic High School

While in high school, a Graduate Support Director will monitor each student's progress to ensure academic success.



Leslie V., an 8th grader at St. Cecilia School & Academy, will be the first ACCESS student to attend Visitation Academy!

 ACCESS  
academies

St. Louis University  
3711 W. Pine Mall, #222  
Saint Louis, MO 63108-3305  
(314) 898-0430  
[www.ACCESSacademies.org](http://www.ACCESSacademies.org)