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Most Holy Trinity School & Academy • St. Cecilia School & Academy
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“As I look toward the future, I know the education I have received will prepare me for the challenges of college.”

Brandon Ramsey

Brandon is a freshman and aspiring dentist at Southeast Missouri State University. A graduate of Most Holy Trinity School & Academy and Trinity Catholic High School, Brandon is well prepared for this next phase of his education, thanks to a seven-year commitment by ACCESS Academies. Meanwhile, the aspirations of Jada, a sixth-grader at St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral, are just beginning to unfold, also propelled by ACCESS Academies. Brandon and Jada represent the culmination and the beginning of ACCESS students – one moving on to college and the other just starting the journey.

The possibilities for Jada are amazing. Consider the stark contrast between conventional wisdom about the prospects for economically disadvantaged children and the positive outcomes generated by ACCESS. During the 2012-13 academic year, 81 percent of ACCESS students qualified for federal poverty programs and 88 percent were African American or Hispanic. When compared to national and state norms, our outcomes become more meaningful:

- 97 percent of our students were accepted to college-prep high schools, compared to only six percent of African American students and four percent of Hispanic students nationally.
- 98 percent of our high school students graduated on time, compared to 88 percent of students across Missouri, 76 percent of African American students, 82 percent of Hispanic students and 81 percent of students qualifying for federal poverty programs.
- 92 percent of our high school graduates were accepted to a college or university (91 percent over the past five years), compared to 32 percent of African-Americans and 26 percent of Hispanics from ages 18 to 24 nationally.

Like every student we serve, Jada begins her journey knowing ACCESS will make a seven-year commitment to her success – all the way to her graduation from high school in 2020. She can count on financial, academic and emotional support that focuses on:

- Supporting middle school education that prepares students for the rigors of high school with an extended school day and summer school session.
- Helping each student make the leap to a college-prep high school by guiding them through the application process and providing tuition assistance scholarships.
- Supporting each high school student through regular visits, tutoring, mentoring, ACT preparation, college campus visits and college applications.

While our seven-year commitment to each student produces outstanding results, we always strive for improvement. This past summer, we reviewed and improved our middle school program to ensure our eighth grade students are entering high school confidently prepared in the three key dimensions: academically, socially and emotionally. In our summer school program, we focused on each student’s individual academic needs in math and language arts. Promising improvements in these key subject areas were achieved.

As we proceed through this fiscal year, we are aiming to increase the level of support we can offer in high school tuition assistance scholarships. More than 20 local college-prep high schools serve as great partners in supporting our students academically, as well as financially. As the cost of educating children increases, we will work to boost our scholarships.

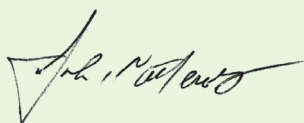
Additionally, we expect growth in the percentage of students accepted to college or other post-secondary institutions. We will not only ensure they are well prepared for a post-secondary education, but also assist in the application, acceptance and transition process to college.

The progress to date and opportunities for improvement make us very optimistic for Jada and all the students we serve. We are most grateful to our donors and our many partners – our students, parents, principals, teachers and graduate support directors at the three middle schools we serve – Most Holy Trinity School & Academy, St. Cecilia School & Academy and St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral. And, we also salute the high schools that make a significant investment in each of our graduates.

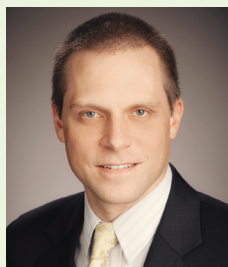
We also extend a special thank you to Tom Nolan and the leadership he provided as the organization’s first executive director. His eight years of dedicated service, ending in January 2013, created the momentum for student success that we sustain today. We feel fortunate that he continues to serve on our Board of Directors.

Together, we have helped almost 600 students be successful in their journey from middle school to college-prep high school to college and beyond. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



John C. Vatterott
Chairman



Blake E. Youde
Executive Director

ACCESS Academies  2012 - 2013 School Year

BY *the* NUMBERS



97%

of our 8th grade graduates were accepted to college-prep high schools



98%

of our high school seniors graduated on time



92%

of our high school graduates were accepted to a college or university

29

college-prep high schools taught ACCESS graduates

23 private and
6 public magnet schools



81%

of our students qualified for federal poverty programs

88%

of our students are African American or Hispanic

115

middle school students were prepared for high school

208 students were served by the ACCESS graduate support program



\$771,761

was invested in educating ACCESS middle school students and tuition support for all NativityMiguel graduates



303

NativityMiguel graduates, including ACCESS students, benefitted from high school scholarships

Since the founding of ACCESS in 2005...



577

students have been served by ACCESS, including those now enrolled for 2013 - 2014

449

ACCESS graduates were propelled to high school

91%

of ACCESS graduates have been accepted to college

PILLARS OF SUCCESS

The idea of ACCESS Academies was launched in 2005 with the enthusiasm of donors who wanted disadvantaged children to aspire and reach their full human potential. Our bedrock of supporters creates an incredible foundation, for which we are infinitely grateful. They are joined by our students, parents, teachers and graduate support directors to form the pillars of success for ACCESS. We introduce a few of these partners in the perseverance of an idea that transforms lives forever.

“In the realm of ideas, everything depends on enthusiasm; in the real world, all rests on perseverance.”

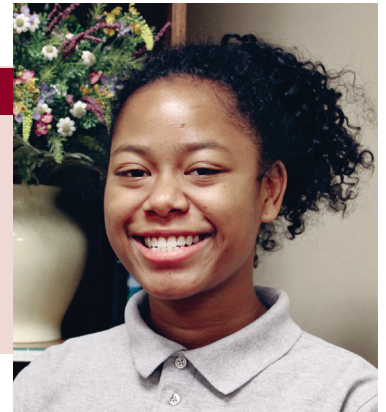
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

REANA ELDER

Most Holy Trinity School & Academy graduate

Now a sophomore at St. Joseph Academy with a 3.98 GPA

“I worked hard to get good grades and ACCESS encouraged me to read more to prepare for high school. ACCESS still gives me great support at St. Joe’s, and I hope to go to Harvard and study medicine.”



JOHN TITSWORTH

6th grade home room teacher

St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral

“What is so amazing is following my students from the sixth grade all the way through high school and college. Many come back to volunteer and inspire the next generation of ACCESS students.”



HEIDI KLOSTERMAN

Academy Director

St. Cecilia School & Academy

“Our students work so hard and face so many challenges, but we walk with them every day on their journey. We don’t know what the future holds, but we do know this: we will find a way for them to succeed.”



ALMA AMEZCUA

Parent of two St. Cecilia School & Academy graduates

“I wanted a better life for my daughters, who now attend Notre Dame High School. They have a strong foundation built on the ACCESS faith-based education. Now my girls are thinking about the future and college.”





HIGH SCHOOLS *enrolling* ACCESS GRADUATES

(SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 – AUGUST 31, 2013)

Bishop DuBourg High School	Lutheran High School South
Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School	Metro Academic & Classical High School
Carnahan High School of the Future	Nerinx Hall High School
Central Visual & Performing Arts High School	North County Christian School
Chaminade College Preparatory High School	Notre Dame High School
Christian Brothers College High School	Rosati-Kain High School
Cleveland NJROTC High School	St. Elizabeth Academy
Clyde C. Miller Career Academy	St. John Vianney High School
Collinsville Christian Academy	St. Joseph's Academy
Crossroads College Preparatory School	St. Louis Christian Academy
De Smet Jesuit High School	St. Louis University High School
Gateway STEM High School	St. Mary's High School
Lutheran High School North	Tower Grove Christian Academy
	Trinity Catholic High School
	Ursuline Academy
	Villa Duchesne & Oak Hill School

NATIVITYMIGUEL

Fundraiser

Per Student Assistance Increases to \$1,500 After NativityMiguel Scholarship Fund Dinner Raises a Record \$567,323!

The generosity of 275 donors means the pathway to college continues for nearly 300 NativityMiguel graduates. Among those graduates are the newest recipients: more than 70 freshman college-prep high school students who attended the June 5, 2013 NativityMiguel Scholarship Fund Dinner.

Recipients of the NativityMiguel Scholarships include 134 ACCESS Academy graduates from Most Holy Trinity School & Academy, St. Cecilia School & Academy, St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral and King of Glory Lutheran School. Participants in the fundraiser included 25 St. Louis area college-prep high schools.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Adriana Aceves (not pictured) and **Ramiro Sanchez**, St. Cecilia School & Academy graduates, were recipients of the 2013 Carlos Beltran Scholarship (a \$2,500 college tuition scholarship). Adriana is studying Nursing at St. Louis Community College – Meramec, and Ramiro is studying Life Science/Medicine at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park.



Josselyn Adams, a Most Holy Trinity School & Academy and St. Elizabeth's Academy graduate, was named a 2013 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Scholar Athlete. Josselyn is now a freshman at Drury University, where she received a full scholarship for track & field.

The inaugural 8th grade graduates of **St. Louis the King at the Cathedral** started the "Above and Beyond" tutoring program in which 8th graders tutored 1st through 4th graders. The program is being continued in the 2013-14 school year.



COLLEGES ACCEPTING 2013 ACCESS GRADUATES

Alabama State University	Princeton University
Aurora University	Quincy University
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Chicago State University	St. Louis Community College
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Lindenwood University	United States Navy
Marquette University	University of Central Missouri
Maryville University	University of Chicago
McKendree University	University of Illinois Chicago
Millikin University	University of Missouri-Columbia
Missouri Southern University	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Missouri University of Science & Technology	University of Missouri-St. Louis
Missouri Western State University	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Northwestern University	Xavier University
Paul Mitchell University	
Penn State University	

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

The fulfillment of our students' aspirations to achieve would be impossible without you, our generous donors. Your gifts nurture the talents to be developed within each student through the power of education. On behalf of the students and community we serve, our 2012-2013 Annual Report is dedicated to you.

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Contributions – ACCESS Academies	\$698,961
Contributions – NativityMiguel	\$567,323
Total Contributions	\$1,266,284

EXPENSES / STUDENT SUPPORT EXPENSES / MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY / GRADUATE SUPPORT

St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral	\$50,680
St. Cecilia School & Academy	\$65,000
Most Holy Trinity School & Academy	\$50,262
Most Holy Trinity/St. Louis the King Summer School	\$15,000
Ancillary School Support	\$75,958
Professional Development - Academy Leadership	\$4,395
Other Graduate Support Expenses	\$4,993
Total ACCESS Schools Support	\$266,288

ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral Graduates	\$57,900
St. Cecilia School & Academy Graduates	\$71,552
Most Holy Trinity School & Academy Graduates	\$45,719
King of Glory Lutheran School Graduates	\$30,305
Emergency Tuition Funds	\$1,497
Charlie Glik Scholarship	\$500
Total ACCESS Scholarship Support	\$207,473

NATIVITYMIGUEL SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral Graduates	\$44,750
St. Cecilia School & Academy Graduates	\$59,250
Most Holy Trinity School & Academy Graduates	\$27,500
King of Glory Lutheran School Graduates	\$24,000
De La Salle Middle School Graduates	\$42,000
Loyola Middle School Graduates	\$56,500
Marian Middle School Graduates	\$44,000
Total NativityMiguel Scholarships	\$298,000

Total Student Support Expenses

NativityMiguel Dinner Expenses	\$96,491
General & Administrative Expenses	\$222,685
Total Expenses	\$1,090,937



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