

Creating a Challenging Education for St. Louis Students







Since 2005, 600 disadvantaged youth have received a top-quality, values-based education thanks to ACCESS Academies' unique model of education.

ACCESS (Academies Creating Challenging Education for St. Louis Students) makes a seven-year commitment to each student, beginning in middle school, to support a robust academic curriculum, homework assistance, service projects and enrichment. ACCESS also supports mandatory summer school, and provides a school-based Graduate Support Director, who works directly with each student, and their family, from middle school, through high school, and into college.

During the 2015-16 school year, over 135 middle school students were enrolled in Academies within three Archdiocesan partner schools:

- Most Holy Trinity School & Academy at 1435 Mallinckrodt St. (North St. Louis)
- St. Cecilia School & Academy at 906 Eichelberger (South St. Louis)
- St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral at 4430 Maryland Ave. (Central West End)

In addition, over 200 Academy graduates received high school tuition scholarships and/or guidance from ACCESS's Graduate Support Directors during the 2015-16 school year.

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## "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." - *Saint Augustine*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This is my first annual report as the chair of ACCESS Academies, and I couldn't be more inspired by the leadership of John Vatterott, who now holds the esteemed position of Emeritus Chair. His counsel and friendship has been and will continue to be a great asset for myself and the Board of Directors as we move forward with our mission.

In 2005 we made a promise to our students and partners, as well as the community at-large, to ensure that socially-and/or economically-disadvantaged students in the St. Louis area have access to top-quality, values-based education. Since that time, we have worked with the Archdiocese of St. Louis to target parish schools in neighborhoods with high poverty and/or minority populations. We have opened Academies at these parish schools and extended the school day and year to provide the education and support services needed to not only get accepted to private, college-preparatory high schools, but to excel in them. Once there, we doubled our efforts to monitor their social and academic growth, and, if necessary, stepped in to ensure that these students were on the pathway to college.

Our mission has not changed, and we are deeply proud of all that we and our students have accomplished. However, the number of students in poverty continues to grow, and we are mindful of the educational challenges in our community that must be addressed.

To meet those challenges, we remain committed and responsible stewards of the financial resources with which we have been entrusted. This report is intended to give you a clear and accurate picture of our ongoing efforts to carry out that stewardship.

It is an honor to do this work, and I extend my deepest thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Bo Mehan

Marian "Bo" V. Mehan Chair - ACCESS Academies



### ACCESS: By the Numbers

#### 2015-16 School Year Data

- ♦ 87% Qualify for Federal Poverty Programs
- ♦ 98% Accepted to Private, College-Prep High Schools
- ♦ 99% Graduated On-Time
- ♦ 94% Accepted to Post-Secondary Institution

#### Middle School Enrollment

- ♦ 37 Enrolled at Most Holy Trinity School & Academy
  - ♦ 14 Enrichment Programs Supported by the Academy's Extended Day Program
- ♦ 55 Enrolled at St. Cecilia School & Academy
  - ♦ 9 Enrichment Programs Supported by the Academy's Extended Day Program
- ◆ 47 Enrolled at St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral
  - 4 12 Enrichment Programs Supported by the Academy's Extended Day Program

#### **High School Enrollment**

- ♦ 193 Academy Graduates attended Private High Schools
- 40 Academy Graduates attended Charter/Magnet/ Public Schools





### "Give the Gift of Brilliance" Donations

The "Give the Gift of Brilliance" holiday party hosted by the Friends of ACCESS was a tremendous success, raising \$20,100. We are incredibly grateful for your encouragement and support in our efforts to raise high school tuition scholarships for ACCESS students attending more than 20 private college-preparatory high schools in St. Louis.

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The ACCESS Academies Scholarship Dinner raises high school tuition dollars for more than 300 graduates from Most Holy Trinity School & Academy, St. Cecilia School & Academy, and St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral, as well as three independent schools: De La Salle Middle School, Loyola Academy, and Marian Middle School. The Dinner also maintains it commitment to students of Central Catholic Academy, which closed.

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### High School Acceptances: Freshmen 2016-17

Althoff
Bishop DuBourg High School
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016

INCOME	
Contributions – ACCESS Academies	\$949.261
Contributions – High School Scholarships	. ,
Total Contributions	\$1,608,383
EXPENSES/STUDENT SUPPORT EXPENSES/MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY/GRADUA	
St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral	
St. Cecilia School & Academy	
Most Holy Trinity School & Academy	
Ancillary School Support	
Professional Development - Academy Leadership	
Other Graduate Support Expenses	
Total ACCESS Schools Support	\$421,021
ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT	
St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral Graduates	\$52 026
St. Cecilia School & Academy Graduates	
Most Holy Trinity School & Academy Graduates	
Central Catholic Academy Graduates	
Emergency Tuition Funds	
Tom Nolan Scholarship	
Give Back Work Study Program	
Charlie Glik Scholarship	
Total ACCESS Scholarship Support	\$272,581
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT	
St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral Graduates	\$69.700
St. Cecilia School & Academy Graduates	
Most Holy Trinity School & Academy Graduates	
Central Catholic Academy Graduates	
De La Salle Middle School Graduates	
Loyola Middle School Graduates	
Marian Middle School Graduates	
Total High School Scholarships	¢420 270
Total Student Support Expenses	\$1 127 022
High School Scholarship Dinner Expenses	
General & Administrative Expenses	
Total Expenses	\$1,424,377
TOTAL EXPENSES	71,727,3//



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