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6:00 p.m. **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

7:00 p.m. **INVOCATION**

DINNER

8:00 p.m. **OPENING REMARKS**
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8:25 p.m. **FUND-A-NEED APPEAL**

9:00 p.m. **CLOSING**

Special Thanks to Bishop DuBourg’s Jazz Group for our entertainment during the cocktail reception.

We are forever grateful to Dan Duffy Productions for capturing our amazing students on video!

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With your help, our schools have planted hundreds of "seeds" that have grown into avid students prepared through education to break the grip of poverty. Your generosity feeds their academic growth so students are ready to learn and succeed at 29 area college-prep high schools.

Your participation helps students born in neighborhoods challenged by poverty and educational inequality, transform into students who are committed, with their families, to a better future through academics. We hope you are thrilled to witness the growth of what you have nurtured... Because of you, over 600 outstanding students are preparing for their next phase of education – be it high school or college.

We are grateful for your unwavering belief that the seed of education, properly nourished, begins the journey out of poverty to full human potential. We congratulate our graduates and our current students, and we thank you for your support in tending this garden to produce a bountiful harvest for the St. Louis community.

THE BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

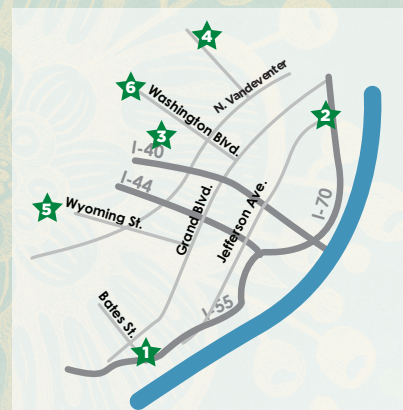
Since 1999, over 1,000 economically-disadvantaged students have graduated from the rigorous middle school education offered by the Academy at King of Glory Lutheran School, Central Catholic Academy, De La Salle Middle School, Loyola Academy, Marian Middle School, Most Holy Trinity School & Academy, St. Cecilia School & Academy, and St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral.

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Zion Christopher Daniel A.

High School: **St. Mary's**

What are you looking forward to in high school?

I'm looking for a good quality education and to be a great athlete.



Alaya B.

High School: **Lutheran High School North**

Favorite memory of middle school:

My favorite memory of middle school is when everyone went on the field trip to the city museum.



Evan C.

High School: **Chaminade**

Role Model: **Phillip, my brother, because he made it to the University of Chicago.**



Kimberly C.

High School: **Cardinal Ritter**

What are you looking forward to in high school?

I'm looking forward to meeting new friends and learning new things.



Jada Renee Ann C.

High School: **Notre Dame**

Favorite memory of middle school: **Being named Student of the Month.**

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Mica'Lan H.

High School: **Rosati-Kain**
 Enrichment Programs: **Basketball, Kickball, Dance, Track, STEM Club, Cheerleading, Volleyball, and STEP.**



Tiamat H.

High School: **Bishop DuBourg**
 Role Model: **My Grandmother because she always helps people out.**



Tyon Malik H.

High School: **CBC**
 What are you looking forward to in high school?
Playing varsity basketball my freshman or sophomore year.



Akacia M.

High School: **St. Joseph's Academy**
 Professional career and why: **For my future career, I would like to be a pediatrician because I found my love for medicine when I was younger. Also, I like to work with children. I found my love for working with children when I was 13.**



Cameron R.

High School: **De Smet**
 Role Model: **My mom and dad because they are hard working.**



She'Kinah Elizabeth T.

High School: **Ursuline Academy**
 Favorite memory of middle school:
The teachers versus students water balloon fight.

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

Good luck in high school, college and beyond!

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ACCESS Academies is sincerely grateful to our college-prep high schools for supporting our students as they continue to learn, change, and grow on the road to a college education.

292 students received scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. Based on the success of the 7th Annual Scholarship Dinner, upcoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors will receive financial assistance in 2015-2016 to continue their college-prep high school education. Thanks for your support!

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Villa Duchesne

Whitfield School

MARIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



Nijah Nalise S.

High School: **Trinity Catholic**
Professional career and why: **I would like to be a veterinarian.**



Nijah Natrice S.

High School: **Trinity Catholic**
Enrichment Programs: **Yoga, art, and French Club.**



Imani V.

High School: **Bishop DuBourg**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **Winning all of our games.**



Liliana V.

High School: **Rosati-Kain**
Enrichment Programs: **Animation, STEM Club, and Culinary.**



Zoe W.

High School: **Incarnate Word Academy**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **When the school went to the City Museum together and had a blast.**



Asia W.

High School: **Bishop DuBourg**
Professional career and why: **I would like to go to into therapy because I like helping people get better, body-mind-and soul.**

De La Salle Middle School

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Keyyaun B.

High School: **Chaminade**
Role Model: **My coach because he inspires me to be better and to do more.**



Teisha C.

High School: **Rosati-Kain**
Advice to Younger Classmate: **Stay positive and never give up. Always do your best no matter what.**



Elijah C.

High School: **St. Mary's**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **When I went to Camp Manitowa and swam in the lake.**



Trinity H.

High School: **Incarnate Word Academy**
Role Model: **My mom because she is strong and does a lot with nothing in return.**



Lanyia J.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Advice to Younger Classmate:
**Don't let anyone tell you
you're not beautiful.**



Daryn J.
High School: **Incarnate Word Academy**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **Being a
member of the chastity club.**



Ja'Juan M.
High School: **CBC**
Advice to Younger Classmate:
Do your work!



Jamison J.
High School: **Nerinx Hall**
Favorite Memory of Middle School:
**Camp in sixth grade- we rode
horses, practiced archery, and
went ziplining.**



Nyrah M.
High School: **Incarnate Word Academy**
Role Model: **My mom is my role model
because of how much she loves me,
and what she has done for me to
be okay.**



Doris Marie Rae O.
High School: **Incarnate Word Academy**
Professional career and why: **I know that I
want to help people and express
myself through art. I am
interested in music, art, musical
theater, graphic designing,
and history.**



Donovan P.
High School: **St. Mary's**
Role Model: **My brother because he
is the first in our family to finish
college.**



Taylor Andrea Yvone P.
High School: **Duchesne High School**
Enrichment Programs: **Choir, Theater,
STEP, Culinary, Volleyball, Track
and Dance.**



Deasia Q.
High School: **Bishop DuBourg**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **Going to
the school Gala, and going on field
trips to different places and
visiting different schools.**



Jaylah D.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Enrichment Programs: **Cooking, STEP, Volleybal, Ambassador Club, and Student Council.**



Deontae Q.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **I enjoyed service learning, helping out the elders and homeless.**



Mariah Kristin F.
High School: **St. Joseph's Academy**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **My favorite memory of middle school was being the very first keynote speaker and emcee at my school's annual event "Girls Night Out".**



Zion R.
High School: **St. Mary's**
Role Model: **My sister because she cares a lot about me.**



Aaliyah Charisma G.
High School: **Trinity Catholic**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **My favorite memory is when we went to Junior Achievement's Bizztown.**



Kiario S.
High School: **St. Mary's**
Role Model: **My brother because he is always leading me to do better.**



Ro'Niyah H.
High School: **Bishop DuBourg**
Professional career and why: **Lawyer because we need more lawyers.**



Cameron T.
High School: **St. Mary's**
Advice to Younger Classmate: **Work hard.**



Melissa H.
High School: **Nerinx Hall**
Enrichment Programs: **Art, French Club, and STEM.**



Celia Ann T.
High School: **Incarnate Word Academy**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **The 7th grade class exposure trips.**

DE LA SALLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Madisyn W.

High School: **Incarnate Word Academy**

Favorite Memory of Middle School:

Performing a STEP routine that I created before the whole school.



Anaz W.

High School: **De Smet**

Advice to Younger Classmate: **I would tell younger classmates to use a planner and to be organized.**

Marian Middle School

Est. 2000 - 4130 Wyoming St. St. Louis, Mo. 63116

Marian Middle School seeks to foster the academic, emotional, spiritual and physical development of economically disadvantaged adolescent girls of all religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds through a full range of educational settings.



DeJa A.

High School: **Incarnate Word Academy**

Professional career and why: **I want to open up a non-profit organization for kids who have lost a loved one due to gang or drug violence because I, myself, have lost both my mother and father due to drug violence.**



Mariel A.

High School: **Bishop DuBourg**

Enrichment Programs: **volleyball, acting, STEM class, French club, and track.**



Ariel B.

High School: **Nerinx Hall**

Enrichment Programs: **Art, STEM Club, and Robotics.**



Tegan C.

High School: **Notre Dame**

Professional career and why: **Neonatal Pediatrician because I want to help kids and I love giving back.**



Samuel S.
High School: **CBC**
Favorite Memory of Middle School:
Helping my mom with cooking food for St. Cecilia.

Loyola Academy

Est. 1999 - 3851 Washington Blvd. St. Louis, Mo. 63108

Loyola Academy of St. Louis is a Jesuit middle school for economically and socially disadvantaged boys, which conducts a challenging program aimed at preparing each student to achieve his full human potential. In the Ignatian tradition, the school inspires its students to live lives of service and leadership through the use of God-given talents.



Jeezel V.
High School: **Notre Dame**
Professional career and why: **I would like to be a Financial Advisor because I like what they do.**



Anthony A.
High School: **De Smet**
Role Model: **Ben Carson, the neurologist, because he worked hard to get to where he is today.**



Frieda V.
High School: **Nerinx Hall**
Favorite Memory of Middle School:
A fond memory was when we took our class field trip to the City Museum.



Christopher B.
High School: **De Smet**
Favorite memory of middle school: **Working hard and earning my acceptance to high school. I am very proud to have received my acceptance to DeSmet.**



Ishaz D.
High School: **St. Mary's**
Favorite Memory of Middle School:
A fun memory for me was hanging out with my friends at the school dance back in February.



Jalen B.
High School: **CBC**
Role Model: **My father because he provides for us and helps us.**



Tyrese C.
High School: **CBC**
Professional Career: **Clothing entrepreneur because I like designing clothes and shoes.**



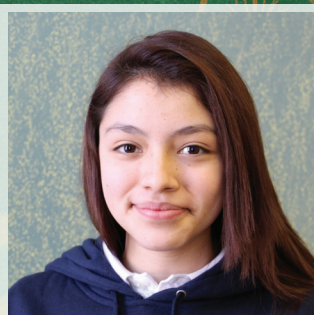
Alexander C.
High School: **Trinity Catholic**
Role Model: **My mom because she is there no matter what.**



Jenny O.
High School: **Notre Dame**
Professional career and why: **Graphic designer because I like to draw and I love art.**



Tywonslee D.
High School: **St. Mary's**
Professional Career: **I would like to be an engineer because I can use my favorite subjects- Math and Science.**



Maria P.
High School: **Ursuline Academy**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **My favorite memory of middle school is the whole school running in the 5K.**



Sherron I.
High School: **St. Mary's**
Favorite memory of middle school: **Going to Camp Manitowa.**



Michel Q.
High School: **Lutheran High School South**
Professional career and why: **I would like to be a travelling nurse because I want to see the world and still do my job of taking care of people.**



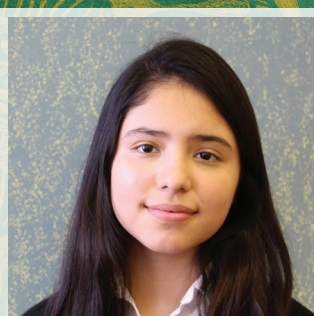
Jaylan J.
High School: **SLUH**
Professional Career: **I would like to be a neurologist because I want to help people with nervous disabilities.**



Callie R.
High School: **St. Louis Christian Academy**
Professional career and why: **Chef because I love to cook.**



Christopher M.
High School: **CBC**
Favorite memory of middle school: **Going on our 8th grade class trip.**



Brenda S.
High School: **Nerinx Hall**
What are you looking forward to in high school? **I am looking forward to taking classes in math and science because it will be helpful towards my goal to pursue a career of being a doctor or lawyer.**



Samantha H.
High School: **Nerinx Hall**
Professional career and why:
I would like to be a child counselor because I want to help kids in need.



Isaiah M.
High School: **CBC**
Favorite memory of middle school:
Taking a week-long camping trip in Michigan.



Emily Elizabeth H.
High School: **Bishop DuBourg**
Professional career and why:
I would like to be an Animator. I've been very interested in it for awhile, and I have been learning how to animate.



Fatir M.
High School: **St. Mary's**
Role Model: **My sister because she is going to school to become a physician while working a job. Every day she tells me to work hard and never give up.**



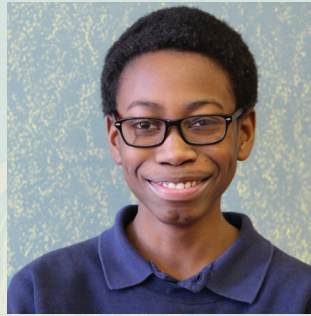
Carrie J.
High School: **Notre Dame**
Professional career and why:
I would like to be a hairstylist because I enjoy doing styles on people's hair.



Shaakir M.
High School: **De Smet**
Role Model: **My mom because she is a single mom and takes care of three kids by herself.**



Pedro M.
High School: **Bishop DuBourg**
What are you looking forward to in high school?
Playing on the football team and doing art classes.



Caleb P.
High School: **St. John Vianney**
Professional Career: **I would like to be a mechanical engineer because I like to work with my hands.**



Christian M.
High School: **SLUH**
Favorite Memory of Middle School:
My favorite memories were at the Valentine's Dance.



Rashaad W.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Favorite memory of middle school:
Winning the school's first basketball championship.

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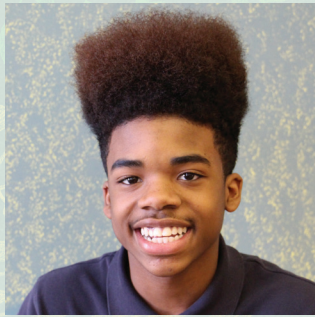
Isaiah W.

High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Professional Career: **I want to become a Computer Scientist because I love dealing with computers and how they work.**

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Through education, we strive to love God, our neighbors and ourselves.



Antwine W.

High School: **SLUH**
Role Model: **My role model is my father. Even though my father died, he still was really good at doing the right thing.**



Carley B.

High School: **Cor Jesu Academy**
What are you looking forward to in high school?
Earning college credit, entering honors classes, making new friends, and discovering new skills that I didn't know I had.



Adam H.

High School: **SLUH**
Role Model: **My parents are my role models because they are always there for me and provide for my sister and me.**



Omar C.

High School: **St. John Vianney**
Professional career and why: **I would like to be a programmer because I like to work with electronics.**



Yesenia G.

High School: **Villa Duchesne**
Favorite Memory of Middle School:
I won three art contests and two science contests.



Francisco G.

High School: **St. Mary's**
Favorite Memory of Middle School: **Going to Camp Lakewood.**

ST. LOUIS THE KING SCHOOL AT THE CATHEDRAL



Ronique Tierra T.

High School: **Cardinal Ritter**

Advice to Younger Classmate:

I would tell them to always be on top of their game. Make sure they do all of their work and try not to get into trouble.

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One child at a time.



Le'la Rayshawn W.

High School: **Cardinal Ritter**

Professional career and why:

I would like to be an FBI field agent. It takes a lot of work.



Leslie A.

High School: **Cardinal Ritter**

Professional career and why:

Fashion Designing because I love to try different styles.



Kevin B.

High School: **CBC**

Advice to Younger Classmate:

I would tell them to keep working hard until the end of the year and not to stop after they get their acceptance letters.



Kylan Desmond B.

High School: **Chaminade**

Professional career and why:

A mechanical engineer because I love mathematics.



Ahmad B.

High School: **Trinity Catholic**

Advice to Younger Classmate:

I would tell a younger person to be positive and study a lot.



Shawn E.
High School: **Chaminade**
Enrichment Programs:
Robotics, Basketball, Art,
Public Speaking, Man Up,
and High School Prep.



Kelcie J.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Professional career and why: **A hairstylist**
because I want to do hair.



Kamryn H.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Advice to Younger Classmate:
If you believe then achieve.



Antonio L.
High School: **CBC**
Enrichment Programs:
Basketball, football, track
and tutoring.



Felice F.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Advice to Younger Classmate:
Always try your best in anything.



Keven L.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Advice to Younger Classmate:
Keep God first.



Brandy J.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Enrichment Programs: **Robotics and**
Public Speaking.



Jordyn N.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Advice to Younger Classmate:
I would tell my younger classmates
to be a leader and try new things.



Kali J.
High School: **Nerinx Hall**
Professional career and why: **I want to be**
a musical therapist and a
professional singer because I like
singing and helping people.



Tia T.
High School: **Cardinal Ritter**
Professional career and why:
A lawyer because it seems like it
would fit me and my personality.