

QUARTERLY INVESTORS' REPORT

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at the Cathedral**



St. Cecilia Academy

Letter from the Director



The Promise of Great Achievement

Reward and anticipation are two dominant emotions at ACCESS Academies every spring.

As our students complete the school year, *their* success is our reward. Our seven-year commitment to each of our students culminates in the graduations of our high school seniors. The Class of 2013 is the second high school graduating class to have been supported by ACCESS since sixth grade. Each of these students rose to meet the challenging rigor of longer school

days and school years that prepared them for St. Louis' best college-prep high schools. They continued to thrive in high school, boosted by our graduate support team members and ACCESS financial support. They have grown into outstanding young men and women.

Our graduating eighth graders are completing the first phase of their ACCESS journey and will begin high school in the fall. We are proud of their accomplishments, with 97 percent going to college-prep high schools. Our ACCESS graduate support team will shepherd them through a college-prep education for four more years and our generous donors will provide the tuition scholarships to fill the gap. On June 5, 2013, we will witness their pride and gratitude firsthand as they energize our 5th Annual NativityMiguel Scholarship Dinner. Again, *their* success is our reward.

We are also filled with happy anticipation as we prepare to welcome our new sixth graders, ready to begin the ACCESS program. Their great potential will start to unfold this summer at our summer session, as they are exposed to the NativityMiguel middle school program for the first time. So begins our seven-year commitment to each student! We envision their accomplishments as the Class of 2020.

Whether at the beginning, middle or end of receiving the gifts of ACCESS, we are grateful for the support our students receive from the St. Louis community. We are unified by the shared belief that every child is capable of great achievement if given the opportunity. Your support has provided our students the opportunity to attend strong schools that prepare them for college, and *their* success – our reward – is evident in three numbers: 96, 92 and 80.

- 96 percent of our 8th graders since 2005 have been accepted by college-prep high schools
- 92 percent of all our students have graduated from high school on time
- 80 percent of all our graduates have been accepted to college

This only happens with your help. Thanks for stepping up and reaching deep to support the children we serve.

Blake E. Youde, Executive Director of ACCESS Academies

New Principal at Most Holy Trinity Academy



Jonathan Batchelor is a Former ACCESS Graduate Support Director

Jonathan Batchelor is returning this fall to

Most Holy Trinity Academy as the new school principal. A parishioner, former teacher and ACCESS Academies graduate support director at Most Holy Trinity, Jonathan has been making a difference in education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis for 13 years.

In addition to his contributions at Most Holy Trinity, he previously taught at Cathedral School in the Central West End and served in a leadership role at Immaculate Conception School in Dardenne Prairie, Mo. He was formerly principal of Holy Cross Academy at Seven Holy Founders in St. Louis County.

We welcome Jonathan and support his passion for guiding students to a better life through education!

Mark Your Calendar!
Young Minds Wait to Blossom!
RSVP by calling 314-898-0430



Blazing a Trail

University of Notre Dame Junior Luis Llanos Returns Home to Inspire Young ACCESS Students

"I wanted to instill hope and drive into these young men and women who are in the shoes I was in years ago." -- Luis Llanos, St. Cecilia Academy 2006

Twenty-year-old Luis Llanos has seen friends take the destructive path of "easy money" and other empty promises of gang life and crime in south St. Louis. He knows the hopelessness that can settle in the hearts of children born into poverty. But he believes in the value of hard work and is grateful for the blessings of attentive and loving parents who want more for their children and sacrifice to fund their education.

Now a junior at the University of Notre Dame, Luis is an inspiring example of determination to realize a dream – helped by the ACCESS Academies

program at St. Cecilia Academy. On March 13, 2013, he returned to St. Cecilia to deliver a powerful message to students: education is the best ticket out of poverty.

"I wanted them know that there was hope to do well in life and to rise above all of the negatives," said Luis. "I told them what ACCESS Academies did for me. ACCESS provided enrichment programs and extracurricular activities that were all geared to keep me on task to work hard and succeed at every level of school."

ACCESS enabled Luis to attend St. Louis



University High, from which he graduated in 2010. He is now studying to be a mechanical engineer at the University of Notre Dame, with visions of working in the renewable energy industry. He will graduate in 2014 and promises to return to inspire future generations at St. Cecilia.

High School Class of 2017: New Success in the Making

97% of ACCESS Eighth Graders Accepted to College-Prep High School of Choice

High school acceptance letters brought bursts of joy to the homes of impoverished middle school students served by ACCESS Academies this year. The "dreams-come-true" moment found 97 percent of ACCESS eighth graders accepted by their school of choice. Since its founding in 2005, the ACCESS program has prepared and propelled 96 percent of all its graduates – more than 400 students – to college-prep high schools.

A total of 37 ACCESS students from Most Holy Trinity Academy, St. Cecilia Academy and St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral received letters of acceptance from 17 college-prep high schools. The Class of 2017 will proudly attend:

College-Prep High School	ACCESS Students	College-Prep High School	ACCESS Students
Bishop DuBourg High School	5	Rosati-Kain High School	2
Cardinal Ritter High School	1	St. John Vianney High School	3
Chaminade College Preparatory School	1	St. Joseph's Academy	1
Christian Brothers College High School	1	St. Louis Christian Academy	1
De Smet Jesuit High School	2	Saint Louis Medical High School (opens in August 2013)	1
Incarnate Word Academy	1	St. Louis University High	2
Lutheran South High School	1	St. Mary's High School	7
Nerinx Hall High School	2	Trinity High School	1
Notre Dame High School	5		

The ACCESS graduate support team guided students (and their parents) throughout the challenging and competitive high school application process. ACCESS scholarships and NativityMiguel Scholarship Dinner proceeds will provide students attending a private school with tuition scholarships while ACCESS also continues to support academic success in high school and acceptance to college.