

ACCESS ACADEMIES



ENDING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION.

STUDENT FACTS

- 87% Qualify for Free and/or Reduced Lunch
- 98% Accepted to College-Prep High Schools
- 99% Graduate On-Time
- 94% Are Admitted to Post Secondary Institutions

Letter from the Executive Director | *Seeing is Believing*

There is a degree of truth in the old adage *seeing is believing*. Every time a parent, donor, or guest walks into one of our Academies they see students excited to learn. They see students, once limited by their circumstance, emboldened with new opportunities. Opportunities to earn a seat at a prestigious high school. Opportunities to earn a college degree. Opportunities to earn a career that will one day support a family.

For Academy students seeing their high school acceptance letters was believing that their hard work paid off, paving the way for new opportunities. Our seniors in college-prep high schools had a similar experience when their college acceptance letters were delivered.

Because *seeing is believing*, I also invite you to attend the Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, June 1st, as we collectively celebrate our students and their accomplishments. I also invite you to tour one of our Academies to see our program in action. I want you to believe how your investment allows us to provide critical support and resources during the seven most critical and formative years of our students' lives.

Should you have any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly by calling (314) 898-0430 or emailing Betsy.Liberatore@ACCESSacademies.org

All the best,

Betsy Liberatore

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Executive Director



BY the NUMBERS : 2015-2016 School Year Data

139
Academy Students in
Middle School

143
Graduates Attending
Private, High Schools

96
Graduates Attending
4-Year Colleges

70
Graduates Attending
2-Year Colleges

Most Holy Trinity School & Academy |

St. Cecilia School & Academy |

St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral

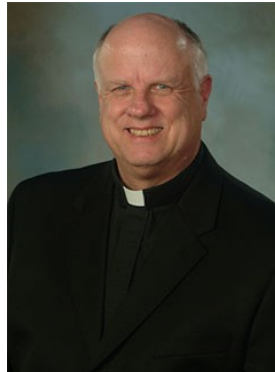
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ACCESS Welcomes New Leadership

ACCESS is pleased to welcome Father Paul Sheridan to the ACCESS Board of Directors.

His leadership experiences include founding Boys Hope | Girls Hope in 1977; serving as the president at Bellarmine College Preparatory High School in San Jose, CA; serving as the president of St. Louis University High School; and helping to found Loyola Academy.



Fr. Sheridan holds a Master of Divinity degree from Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a master's degree in history from Saint Louis University and a bachelor's degree in philosophy and letters from Fordham University. He joined the Society of Jesus in 1963 and was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1975.

ACCESS would also like to welcome Mrs. Cyndi Hasten as the new principal at St. Louis the King School at the Cathedral.

Previously, Mrs. Hasten served as the principal for Assumption School and Holy Redeemer School, and as a middle school teacher at Assumption School, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Philomena, and St. Mary's in Metamora, IL



She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Teaching from Illinois State University and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Administration from Bradley University.



Mark Your Calendar!
June 1, 2016
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Four Seasons-Hotel St. Louis

Invitations are in the mail. Hope we can count on your support June 1st!

Deborah Patterson has Retired!

ACCESS would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Deborah Patterson, president of the Monsanto Fund, on her retirement.

Special thanks for Deborah's commitment and support for many years to ACCESS!



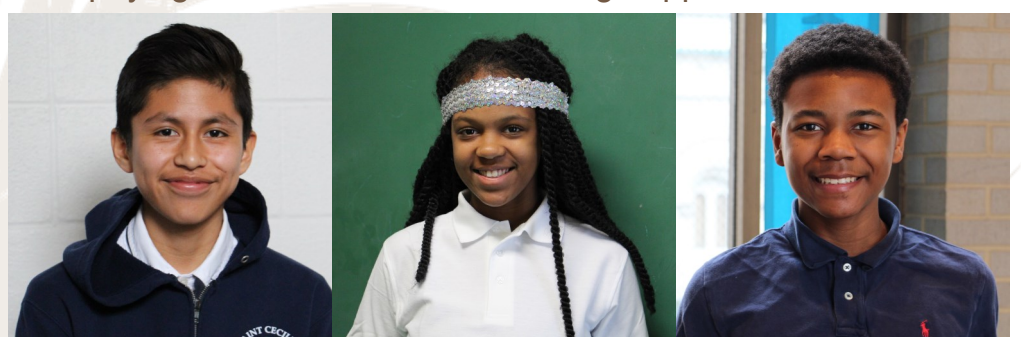
8th Grade Academy Students Accepted to Private, College-Prep High Schools

31 INCOMING FRESHMEN TO JOIN 107 ACADEMY GRADUATES AT PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS

ACCESS Academies will be supporting approximately 138 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 2016-17 school year:

1. Althoff
2. Bishop DuBourg High School
3. Cardinal Ritter College Prep
4. Chaminade College Prep
5. Christian Brothers College
6. Crossroads
7. De Smet Jesuit High School
8. Incarnate Word Academy
9. Lutheran High School-North
10. Lutheran High School-South
11. Nerinx Hall
12. North County Christian School
13. Notre Dame High School
14. Rosati-Kain High School
15. St. John Vianney High School
16. St. Joseph's Academy
17. St. Louis Christian Academy
18. St. Louis University High
19. St. Mary's High School
20. Trinity Catholic High School
21. Ursuline Academy
22. Villa Duchesne High School

Support services include consistent high school visits, tutoring, mentoring, tuition scholarships, and monitoring each student's individual academic growth and achievement through all four years of high school. In addition, the Graduate Support Directors provide post-secondary counseling and support through college tours, ACT test prep, college application and essay support, and FAFSA counseling, as well as paying for all ACT tests and college applications.



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