



ACCESS 2018 Annual ACADEMIES REPORT

98%

ACCEPTED TO PRIVATE,
COLLEGE-PREPARATORY
HIGH SCHOOLS

99%

GRADUATE
HIGH SCHOOL
ON-TIME

96%

ADMITTED TO COLLEGES,
UNIVERSITIES,
OR OTHER POST-
SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Enrichment | Counseling | Scholarships

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A heartfelt thank you to our retiring board members for their many dedicated years of service to our students and mission.

Our Students

98%

**REPRESENT MINORITY
POPULATIONS**



96%

**QUALIFY FOR FREE OR
REDUCED LUNCH**



62%

**LIVE IN SINGLE-PARENT
HOUSEHOLDS**

Our Program

Enrichment

*Extended Day
Summer School
Character Education
Service Leadership*

Counseling

*11+ Year Commitment
Family Engagement
Advocacy
Mentoring*

Scholarships

*High School Tuition
Work Study
College Applications
ACT Testing*

Our Graduates



St. Louis Catholic Academy



St. Cecilia School & Academy



Most Holy Trinity School & Academy

Enrichment

“Treating others the way you want to be treated is respect. It is one of the character traits I learned in ‘Passion, Purpose, Leadership,’” an ACCESS Enrichment program.

Samuel W., pictured top right with Tony Thompson, instructor and motivational speaker.



Academy Program Highlights:

- ⇒ Begins in 6th grade
- ⇒ **ALL** students participate
- ⇒ **No cost** to our students
- ⇒ **Over 35** challenging enrichment programs

Counseling

"I just wanted to thank you for playing such key roles in Jada's growth. Thank you for all that you have done for my girls and continue to do. It takes a village. My family has been truly blessed to have you."

Gwen, mother of ACCESS graduates, Jada, a junior at Cardinal Ritter College Prep and 2018 National Catholic Educational Association Seton Scholar (pictured right), and Shayla, a freshman at University of Missouri—Kansas City.



A relationship of trust is formed between a Graduate Support Director and a student based on years of support and advocacy

**ACCESS middle and high school students toured:
Fontbonne University
Maryville University
Ranken Technical College
Saint Louis University**



Scholarships

High School Tuition Scholarships

ACCESS provides tuition assistance and partners with private, college-prep high schools, ensuring our Academy graduates have access to a challenging, values-based education.

Work-Study Scholarships

The Give Back Work Study Program engages our high school and college students by tutoring Academy students at their former middle schools. Half of their earnings are paid directly toward their tuition expense.

This past fiscal year, 52 high school and college students logged 5,438 work hours by tutoring and/or mentoring over 170 Academy students.

Post-Secondary Preparation

ACCESS covers all costs related to ACT preparation and testing as well as costs for college applications and college visits/road trips.

Tuition Scholarships

\$597,508

Awarded (Tuition Scholarships & Work Study)

211

Scholarship Recipients



24

Private High Schools



“I like tutoring the younger students at St. Cecilia. I was shy before the work study program, and now I feel like I make a difference.”
Roy C., freshman at St. Mary’s High School

Our Team



Amy Clark
College & Career Counselor



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Graduate Support Director
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Heidi Klosterman
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Letter from our Board Chair

Dear Friends,

The end of each fiscal year is always a time to reflect upon the past year. I also pause and look back several years to 2005 when a small group of passionate leaders founded ACCESS Academies. Since then, through the generosity of our donors and supporters, ACCESS has helped over 1200 at-risk children reach upwards to their full potential.

As we celebrate our students' successes and achievements, it's also a time for action, to look forward to the future with hope, and continue with our passion to serve more students and propel each one further onward in their life's journey.

With your generosity, our enrichment program expanded to Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School in East St. Louis—serving more children in need. We are also formally serving our students after high school with the support of our new College and Career Counselor, expanding our multi-year commitment to 11+ years for each student. The future is indeed bright!

We are blessed with many wonderful partners—our students, their families, teachers, principals, our partner middle and high schools, the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and our Graduate Support Directors. It's the collaborative support of so many which makes the reality of dreams possible.

There is also so much gratitude in my heart for our donors. Each one of you that invests in ACCESS, invests in our mission and our students, enabling them to reach their full potential. Thank you, thank you. Now, onward to 2019 and beyond!

Sincerely,

Bo

Marian "Bo" Mehan
Board Chair

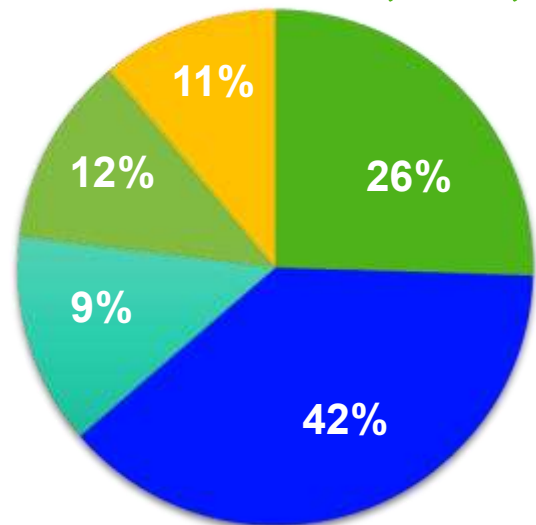
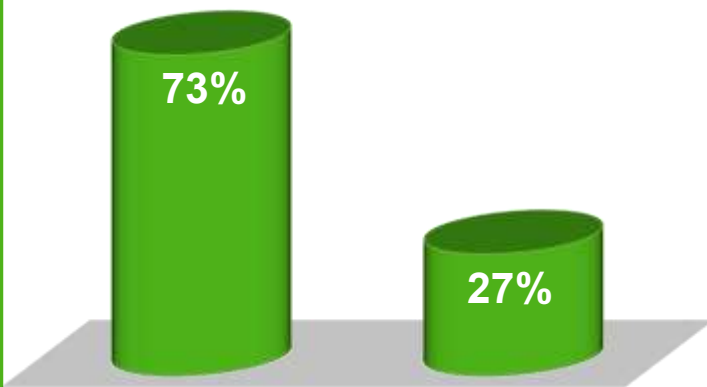


Financial Report

(Fiscal Year 9/1/17-8/31/18)

CONTRIBUTIONS

EXPENSES: \$1,413,000



General Contributions & Grants \$1,726,000	Celebration Dinner \$654,000	Tuition Scholarships	Academy Programs
		Fundraising/Outreach	Administrative
		Additional Programs & Support	

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On behalf of our students, thank you for investing in their future.

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"ACCESS has impacted me by teaching me to be logical and mature through all situations, and to have integrity."
D'Laurea T., junior, Rosati-Kain High School



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ACCESS propels at-risk middle school students through high school and on to college and career success with enrichment, counseling, and scholarships.



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