

2026 Celebration Dinner

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Access

Every Student. Every Chance. Every Day.



Twenty one years ago, John Vatterott, Terry Mehan, Tom Nolan, and others championed the idea for a nonprofit organization aimed at propelling historically underserved middle school students into high school and onto college and career success. Rooted in the belief that education was the most enduring path to economic stability and that a strong school was the bedrock of a vibrant neighborhood, Access launched with 15 eighth graders inside a single South City middle school.

Today, Access Academies serves more than 390 students from middle school to college across the St. Louis region and beyond. Since our founding in 2005, we have invested over \$10.7 million in our students' tuition and our 26 partner high schools. We have funded more than \$6.9 million to support high-quality enrichment programs, summer school, and graduate support services. And we have helped guide over 1,437 students on a path to success.

It has truly been a remarkable two decades. Looking ahead, we're energized to build on this momentum—expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and walking with even more students as they pursue college, career, and lifelong success.

OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- Expanded our impact from serving 15 students in our founding year of 2005 to serving 390 students in 2025, benefiting 1,437 students over two decades.
- Increased our students' acceptance rate into private, college-prep high schools from 80% in 2006-2007 to 98% in 2024.
- Increased our students' acceptance rate into college or a post-secondary program from 80% in 2012 to 95% in 2024. In 2018, we also deepened our commitment to our students' success by launching our College & Career Success Initiative. Students now benefit from our ACT Preparation Program, Access 2 College Program, Bilingual FAFSA Completion Workshops, and post-secondary scholarships.
- Since 2020, Access has awarded more than \$257,094 in college scholarships.



98%
ACCEPTED
to college-
preparatory high
schools



97%
GRADUATED
high school on-time
(compared to 87%
nationwide)



95%
ACCEPTED
to college or other
post-secondary
institution



Access Academies
2026 Celebration Dinner
Thursday, May 28, 2026
Christian Brothers College
High School

Sponsor the Access Celebration Dinner Today

The Access Celebration Dinner is our largest fundraiser of the year and helps raise the lion's share of our programming and scholarship budgets. It is an inspirational evening intended to celebrate the success of our students, recognize the hard-earned accomplishments of our scholars, and reconnect with alumni and graduates of the program.



Sponsorship of the Celebration Dinner supports:

Our high school and college-prep enrichment programs, including ACT Prep, Access 2 High School, Access 2 College, and Summer Scholars.

Our Graduate Support Directors as they build enduring relationships and provide critical mentoring and counseling from middle school through college graduation

Our students and their families with four years of private, college-prep high school tuition scholarships

Our College & Career Success Program and Access College Scholarships



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2026 Sponsorship Packages

Valedictorian • \$50,000

- 20 VIP tickets in designated VIP seating with logo printed on table placard
- Verbal recognition at the dinner
- Recognition in marketing materials and signage. Logo displayed in or on:
 - Print: Dinner invitation and annual impact report
 - Digital: Dinner email promotions, event slideshow, social media, and annual impact report
- Exclusive individual social media post, one group post by sponsorship level, one post featuring all sponsors
- Five scholarships in the sponsor's name to the high school of the sponsor's choice

Salutatorian • \$25,000

- 10 VIP tickets in designated VIP seating with logo printed on table placard
- Verbal recognition at the dinner
- Recognition in marketing materials and signage. Logo displayed in or on:
 - Print: Dinner invitation and annual impact report
 - Digital: Dinner email promotions, event slideshow, social media, and annual impact report
- Exclusive individual social media post, one group post by sponsorship level, one post featuring all sponsors
- Three scholarships in the sponsor's name to the high school of the sponsor's choice

Merit Scholar • \$15,000

- 10 VIP tickets in designated VIP seating with logo printed on table placard
- Verbal recognition at the dinner
- Recognition in marketing materials and signage. Logo displayed in or on:
 - Print: Dinner invitation and annual impact report
 - Digital: Dinner email promotions, event slideshow, social media, and annual impact report
- Exclusive individual social media post, one group post by sponsorship level, one post featuring all sponsors
- One scholarship in the sponsor's name to the high school of the sponsor's choice

Dean's List • \$10,000

- 10 Celebration Dinner tickets
- Verbal recognition at the dinner
- Recognition in marketing materials and signage. Logo displayed in or on:
 - Print: Dinner invitation and annual impact report
 - Digital: Dinner email promotions, event slideshow, social media, and annual impact report
- Exclusive individual social media post, one group post by sponsorship level, one post featuring all sponsors

First Honors • \$5,000

- 10 Celebration Dinner tickets
- Verbal recognition at the dinner
- Recognition in marketing materials and signage. Logo displayed in or on:
 - Print: Dinner invitation and annual impact report
 - Digital: Dinner email promotions, event slideshow, social media, and annual impact report
- One group social media post by sponsorship level plus one post featuring all sponsors

Second Honors • \$3,500

- 10 Celebration Dinner tickets
- Verbal recognition at the dinner
- Recognition in marketing materials and signage. Logo displayed in or on:
 - Print: Dinner invitation and annual impact report
 - Digital: Dinner email promotions, event slideshow, social media, and annual impact report
- One group social media post featuring all sponsors

Key Metrics

- Estimated Dinner Attendance: 300-400 guests
- Direct Mail Reach: 1,600 people
- Social Media Reach: Facebook (908 followers); X (247 followers); Instagram (276 followers); LinkedIn (181 followers)
- Email Reach: 1,097 subscribers; Average open rate: 64.3%

	VALEDICTORIAN \$50,000	SALUTATORIAN \$25,000	MERIT SCHOLAR \$15,000	DEAN'S LIST \$10,000	FIRST HONORS \$5,000	SECOND HONORS \$3,500
TICKETS	20 VIP	10 VIP	10 VIP	10	10	10
VERBAL RECOGNITION AT EVENT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RECOGNITION IN INVITATION	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RECOGNITION IN EMAIL PROMOTIONS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RECOGNITION IN EVENT SLIDESHOW	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RECOGNITION IN EVENT SOCIAL MEDIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RECOGNITION IN ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ALL SPONSOR SOCIAL MEDIA POST	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SPONSOR LEVEL SOCIAL MEDIA POST	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
EXCLUSIVE SOCIAL MEDIA POST	✓	✓	✓	✓		
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS IN SPONSOR'S NAME	5	3	1			



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