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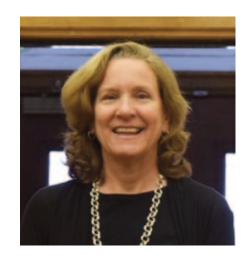
Letter From the President

Dear Friends of LSA:

Treat everyone with the same care as if you were meeting God. - Maxim 49, Sisters of St. Joseph

The spirit of these wise words from the Sisters of St. Joseph's maxims are realized each day through the interactions of our teachers, staff and students, and by extension, all of you: the generous friends of La Salle Academy! Your support of our high-quality Catholic education allows us to unlock the potential of each of our students and realize their worth through the eyes of God.

This past year included many blessings: Our Class of 2024 graduates are all attending Catholic High Schools, including Cardinal O'Hara, Cristo Rey, La Salle College HS, Merion



Mercy Academy, Mercy Career and Technical, Mt. St. Joseph's Academy, Roman Catholic, and St. Hubert's. As LSA graduates, these students become part of LSA Connects, our Graduate Support program. This year we have a new Director, Paul Barycki, who has been promoted from his previous role as School Support staff and will continue to work with Sr. Margaret Birtwistle in developing opportunities for our LSA alumni.

In April of 2024, we welcomed a new addition to the LSA Campus! LSA purchased the adjacent row home immediately south of our main school building: 1430 N. 2nd Street. The building is currently being used by our Development Team – Megan Thomson (Director) and Danielle Diamond (Communications and Development Coordinator) – as well as our new Business Manager Richard Crespo.

This year (2024-2025) is off to a great start. Our beloved Principal, Teresa Diamond, has received the District of Eastern North America's Distinguished Educator Award. LSA also has embarked on a Strategic Plan process. With more than 20 years providing a comprehensive and enriching faith-filled education, the timing is right to consider needs and priorities, as well as dreams and vision for the future of LSA.

None of this could happen without your strong belief in and support of our mission. Thanks for being a blessing to our LSA Community!

Peace and blessings,

Maria J. Walker President, La Salle Academy



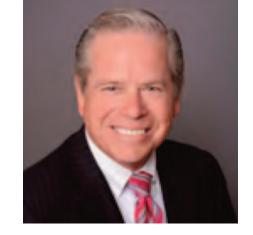
Letter From the Board of Trustees

Greetings One More Time!

Drawing on my veiled reference to Robert Frost's poem in my Annual Report letter last year, allow me a bit of meandering to begin, reflecting upon:

- the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph;
- the beginning of the Philadelphia ministry of the Christian Brothers at 2nd & Jefferson;
- the Sisters of St. Joseph, through Sister Jeanne McGowan's path giving birth to, and sustaining, LaSalle Academy for over twenty years; and
- Maria Walker continuing to lead the way having completed her first year as President in June, and staying the course so well!

Our Students' theme for this Academic Year is: "JOY IN THE JOURNEY." The message of this theme is enrichment through Faith, Academics, Learning, and Friendships. Their theme serves as a guidepost for their on-going travels as, it has been said, a joyful system of education



teaches our Students how much they still must learn while re-enforcing in each of them being respectful, peaceful, responsible, consistent, and especially motivated!

And I . . . I chose the road travelled so well by my predecessor Chairman of the Academy's Board of Trustees, for I am now serving in my sixth year as the current Chairman; so, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, this is my final opportunity to greet You and thank You for all that you have done, and continue to do, for and with our Administration, Teachers, Staff, Volunteers, and especially, our Students and our Academy Graduates!

I again earnestly applaud You because without your support, as benefactors, donors, and participants, in the Catholic Faith-based education of our Students, their journey would not have begun at 2nd & Jefferson, which is not their destination but rather, is the start of each of their roads they will travel.

It is better, it has been said, to travel than to arrive, for it is in the journey, as on the way to Emmaus, that the revelation of the righteous path evolves. You make possible that path; that revelation; that continuing journey for our Students! For this partnering with us I thank each and all of You yet noting the continuing need for you to walk along side with us as our Lord reveals the Faith our Students embrace through their education at the Academy until they each reach their Graduation Day, a profound crossroad in our 8th Grade students' lives, which you have made, and continue to make, possible.

I conclude by recognizing the Good News exemplified in our Principal, Teresa Diamond acknowledged by the Christian Brothers of the District of Eastern North America as the "Lasallian Educator of the Year!" What a blessing Teresa continues to be in her dedicated guidance, nurturing, and schooling of our Students over these many years.

Thanks be to Our Lord and the Blessed Mother for instilling in Teresa, and all of You, the spirit and charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Christian Brothers for which the Good Work continues at the oasis of LaSalle Academy, in Philadelphia!

Love & Peace,

John C. Fenningham, Esquire Chair, Board of Trustees





Letter From the Principal

Dear La Salle Academy Friends,

As we reflect on the 2023-2024 school year, we are filled with gratitude for the support and commitment of our Board members, benefactors, students, families, faculty and staff.

The theme for the 2023-2024 school year was "LSA: Good News is Poppin." It was a time of exciting growth and achievement, and we are proud to share these "Good News" moments with you. From academic successes to athletic triumphs, and from deepening our commitment to service learning to expanding our Enrichment program La Salle Academy continues to thrive as a school of excellence grounded in faith and values.

We are particularly pleased to announce that La Salle Academy has been reaccredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. This re-accreditation recognizes our continued commitment to academic excellence, student development, and the integration



of service learning into our curriculum. Students improved their math, reading, writing, research, and technology skills learning about the population and needs of those they wished to serve. We believe that service to others, based on the seven Catholic Social Teachings, is an essential part of a holistic education, resulting in the students' efforts touching the lives of many both locally and globally.

Good energy was poppin' during last year's basketball season. LSA history was made when our boys' basketball team was named CYO Region 3's Basketball Champions after an undefeated season. Both boys' and girls' teams were cheered on by a supportive LSA cheering section comprised of parents/guardians, relatives, teachers, staff and school friends.

LSA's extended day provided opportunities for new skills to pop. Students' skills improved while participating in various enrichment activities such as Meditation through Movement, My Family Kitchen, Healthy Newsworks, Scrabble, Chess Club, Green Team, and Art Club.

As we celebrate our successes, we also take this opportunity to thank all who make this possible. Your unwavering support ensures that La Salle Academy remains a place where students grow intellectually, socially, and spiritually. Thank you for being part of our vibrant community and for helping us continue to live our mission: With a strong awareness of Christ in themselves and in others, La Salle Academy students and graduates are confident of their own self-worth and responsive to the communities in which they live.

Gratefully,

Teresa Diamond Principal

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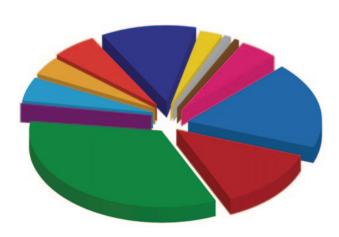
FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2023-2024

La Salle Academy is deeply grateful to our Board of Trustees and to our Benefactors who have made the 2023-2024 year a fundraising success. La Salle Academy celebrates more than 20 years of La Salle Academy powering the potential in our students and graduates. It was a year of growth. Because of your generosity, La Salle Academy was able to reach our fundraising goals. We are sincerely thankful for your help in making a difference in each of our students' lives. LSA spent \$2,350,000 on general operations, our Academic Program, the Education Plus Health program and educational supports.

Gifts and Donations by Source of Funds

During the fiscal year 2023-2024, La Salle Academy received approximately \$1,900,000 in unrestricted donations,\$1,500,000 in restricted Scholarship and Sponsor A Student funds; \$250,000 in donations and restricted funds for the LSA Graduate Support program. Our Board of Trustees continues to recognize Sr. Jeanne McGowan, SSJ's work and legacy with the Sr. Jeanne McGowan Family Support and Scholarship fund.

Sources of Gifts	Amount
Board and Board Related	\$475,000
Individuals	\$325,000
Companies (including EITC & OSTC)	\$875,000
LSA Families, Faculty & Staff and Volunteers	\$17,500
Foundations	\$125,000
Religious Congregations	\$100,000
Other Non Profits & Scholarship Organizations	\$150,000
LSA Sponsor A Student Program	\$300,000
Transfers from United Way and Other Entities	\$75,000
Day of Giving	\$20,000
SJM Fund	\$10,000
Income from Investments	\$122,000
	\$2,494,500



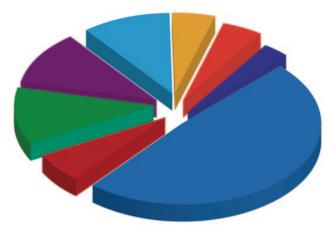
Operating Expenses by Program

La Salle Academy spent \$2,400,000 for Academic Programs and Operations in the 2023-24 Fiscal Year. With the help of our Board of Trustees, LSA Administration and many dedicated teachers, volunteers and donors, the education of our students and the LSA Mission remain the focus.

Purpose of Expense	Amount
■Academic Program	\$1,200,000
■Graduate Support	\$150,000
Administration	\$275,000
■ Development	\$272,000
Family Support Programs	\$250,000
Event Programs	\$125,750
Facilities Spending	\$109,825
Extended Year Programming	\$75,000
	\$2,457,575

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Please note: Development includes newsletters, printing, event support and the salaries of the Development Assistant, the Development Director and a portion of the salary of the President.



La Salle Academy Endowment Fund

The La Salle Academy Endowment Fund was established in 2006 and as of June 30, 2024, LSA leadership has grown the fund to \$3,125,000. In 2014, the LSA Board of Trustees established a Board Designated Endowment Fund with an intermediate focus. These funds are valued at approximately \$5,500,000. Our hope is that these Endowments will provide support, stability and security for long-term operations of La Salle Academy and the LSA mission.

OUR DONORS

La Salle Academy continues to live our mission of educating the whole student and reinforcing the Five Goals of La Salle Academy: to be peaceful, motivated, consistent, responsible and respectful. Thank you, Board of Trustees, Benefactors and Donors! Your gifts of time and treasure have brought us all great joy and the ability to continue to educate students from underserved and underprivileged neighborhoods. The following pages reflect donations and gifts made between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. We are grateful, and we are humbled by your generosity.





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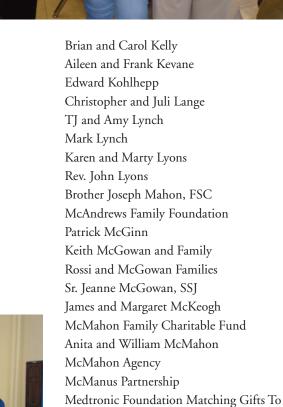
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Hurricane Ophelia may have rained on our original golf date, but it it did not dampen our spirits or effort. Our Annual LSA Proud Golf Outing 2024 was held on a beautiful October day at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club. A special thanks to every Board Member, company, and individual donor that supported this outing and helped make it a hole in one! Your continued support of our mission, students, and school is something we are forever grateful for here at LSA!

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The Pennsylvania Tax Credit Programs provide significant donations and scholarship support to La Salle Academy, our students and families. We are grateful to the companies and individuals that support La Salle Academy with these critical funds. With gratitude, LSA recognizes the companies below. Thank you for participating during the 2023-24 fiscal year!

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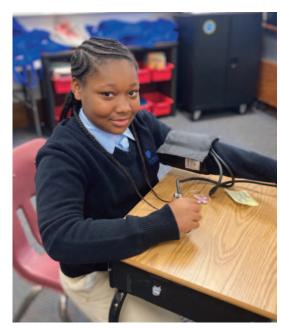
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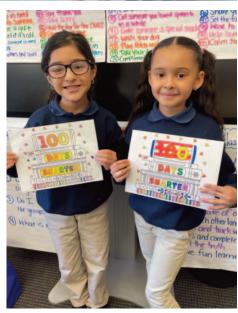
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LA SALLE ACADEMY GRADUATE SUPPORT PROGRAM

The La Salle Academy Graduate Support program works with our soon-to-be graduates and their families to choose the best high school for them. While in high school, we continue to nurture our alumni, to guide them and to encourage them not to just graduate from high school but to become the best version of themselves.

The LSA Connects program helps them with the many decisions they face, decisions that determine the next steps in their journey. Paul Barycki and Sr. Margaret Anne Birtwistle and the LSA Graduate support team continue to ground them with the LSA Five Goals and with the Lasallian spirit while encouraging them to become more independent and achieve their goals.

NAME OF SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS
Mercy Career and Technical High School	16
Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School	9
Little Flower High School	7
Roman Catholic High School	3
St. Hubert High School	2
Archbishop Ryan High School	1
Cardinal O'Hara	1
La Salle College High School	1
Merion Mercy Academy	1
Mount St. Joseph's Academy	1
Sts. Neumann Goretti High School	1



For the 2023 – 2024 school year, our LSA Graduate Support team supported nearly 60 students with the following outcomes:

100% of our graduates earned scholarships to Catholic High Schools

132 hours of community service with La Salle Academy 71% of our current high school students earned honors

Processed more than **65 financial aid applications** for high school and for college





LSA Service Learning – and – Middle States Colloguium

In May 2024, La Salle Academy held our Middle States Colloquium. Special thanks are given to Ms. Diamond, Mrs. Maryann Fynes and Mrs. Lauren Schwartz Zanoni for leading the committee and helping to make the day a huge success! Our LSA community discovered that Service Learning does not just help our students and others. Our LSA community discovered that Service Learning does not just help others, it also helped our students and alums learn invaluable lessons as they carried out their projects.

Integral to our mission are the seven Catholic Social Teachings: Human Dignity, Pursuit of Peace, Individual Human Rights, Care for the Poor and Vulnerable, Workers Rights, Solidarity (our brother's keepers), and Care for God's Creation. Each grade adopts a service-learning project that supports the poor locally and globally. Our students identified a problem to solve, researched it, connected it to their learning curriculum, and implemented their method for change.

Middle States Observers commented: "One of the standout features of our visit was witnessing the school's robust Service-Learning program in action. Each aspect of this initiative was meticulously planned, from the clearly stated objectives aligning with the school's mission to the methods and techniques employed to engage students in meaningful inquiry. What struck us most was the emphasis on not just completing projects but understanding their significance and impact on both local and global communities."



Third Grade raised money from a snack cart and dress down day to purchase a water pump and hand washing station for a community in Nigeria.



Fourth Grade held a baby shower and raffle contest to raise money and obtain necessary baby supplies for expectant mothers at Casa Del Carmen.



Fifth Grade designed placemats for seniors and learned how to make needlepoint crosses. They then spent an afternoon with the Sisters at St. Joseph's Villa.











Sixth Grade collected food donations to support the children and families of the Ronald McDonald House.



Seventh Grade participated in Covenant House's Hoops for Hope to raise awareness about the young people facing homelessness.



Eighth Grade learned about the various intellectual and physical disabilities that may impact daily life. The students took a trip to CADES to interact with the students. They found it so fulfilling that they returned a second time!







LSA Extended Year Summer Session







Our Extended Year is a time of enrichment for both our students and our faculty. Alongside their summer curriculum, our students had a summer filled with exciting activities. Our Third Graders took swimming lessons, the school enjoyed a field day, and all classes spent a day at the beach, all thanks to the generosity of our Board of Trustees. Our Faculty also had the opportunity to further their knowledge. Mrs. Lauren Schwartz Zanoni and Mr. Michael ShackelfodPena participated in the STEM Teaching Fellowship at Notre Dame University in partnership with St. Peter the Apostle School. So much learning and fun in the sun during LSA's Extended Year!







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