

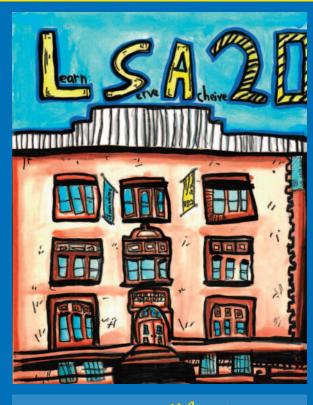
# La Salle Academy

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### **Letter From the President**

Dear Friends of LSA:

The past 20 years of success at La Salle Academy could not have happened without the vision, hard work, and faith-filled determination of LSA's founder, Sr. Jeanne McGowan! It is through her commitment and belief in the benefits of Catholic education that I am able to continue this tradition at LSA.

In the short time I have been in my new role, I have been inspired by the dedication of the staff, teachers and, particularly, our Principal Teresa Diamond. This same commitment and dedication can be found in our very active and faith-filled Board of Trustees, whose participation goes well beyond just attending meetings and includes showing up, volunteering, and offering their gifts, time, talent and energy.

Of course, our students are a source of inspiration each day. Their enthusiasm to learn, their creativity and their resilience remind us of the importance of our work.

Yet, the need continues to be great! Philadelphia remains the largest city in the nation with the highest poverty rate and the highest hunger rate among children! We are all motivated by these challenging facts and are united around our belief that quality education, particularly high-quality Catholic education, is the best way out of poverty.

As we continue to work in faith and spread the Good News, we **thank you** for your *faith in us* – our faculty, staff and, especially, our students – as we surely could not do this without you!

Peace and blessings,

M J Well Maria J. Walker President of La Salle Academy

...Our students are a source of inspitaion each day.





### **Letter From the Board of Trustees**

### Greetings:

The bell rings; the morning begins; we rise to the joy each day brings.

We meet the challenges of change as we recognize the necessity of transition so our plans and goals are sustained.

La Salle Academy has not just endured over these past 20 years, but has flourished in fulfilling the Mission of Catholic faith-based elementary education of our Students who continue transitioning to higher education and achieving the goals they aspire to attain and do attain through their earnest school work.

We have had the blessing and guidance of **Sister Jeanne McGowan SSJ** who now we recognize in joyful appreciation as our Academy's **Founder-President Emerita!** We applaud the vision, energy, and devotion of Sister Jeanne for all she has done and will continue to do in her retirement, through continuing to serve as a Member of the Board of Trustees, to ensure the continuity of change and the sustainability of her beloved Academy.



We have welcomed our new President, **Maria Walker**, who as of June, 2023 has "hit the ground running" at La Salle Academy, for which we express our sincere gratitude and trust in Maria continuing to support the "good works" of our Teachers, Administration, Staff, and Students. Yes, things change but all that has been nurtured to a vibrant and continuing Mission remains the same!

We recognize the blessings of the continuing dedication of you: our Benefactors, Volunteers, and Graduates all of whom make La Salle Academy all that it has been and will continue to be for another twenty years and more!

We are equally blessed by the daily commitment of **Teresa Diamond**, our Principal; **Megan Thomson**, our Development Director; **Sister Margaret Birtwistle**, our Graduate Support Director; and of course, our dedicated Teachers with whom we entrust the continuing education of our Students.

I thank my fellow Board Members who join with you in providing not only time, talent, and treasure to uphold our Academy for the benefit of our current Students and those who will follow in the footsteps of our Graduates, but we also provide our Students role models to emulate as they carry the Mission of La Salle Academy, and Jesus, in their hearts, forever!

Thanks to All. ... and God Bless!

John C. Fenningham, Esquire Chair, Board of Trustees



# **Letter From the Principal**

Dear Friends,

Thank you to our students, families, alumni, benefactors, volunteers, staff, and Board of Trustees for celebrating 20 years of La Salle Academy. Whether you joined us at our LSA 20 event, attended our LSA 20 Alumni event, or simply celebrated with us in spirit and prayer, you helped us highlight our school and our mission.

Our 2022 - 2023 La Salle Academy School theme was **LSA20 - Learn, Serve, Achieve**. We wanted to make sure that as we celebrated all we accomplished in two decades, that we helped our current students know that La Salle Academy creates a foundation for them to do anything that they might imagine. **Education, learning, and the LSA Five Goals** will be intangibles that LSA alumni can always take with them. Our community reflects the Christian Brothers and Sisters of Saint Joseph, both of whom serve others to become closer to God and to understand their community better. We pray daily that LSA students and LSA graduates will use what they learn, that they will serve others, and that these lessons will help them reach their potential and **achieve** anything they dream.



I would be remiss if I did not use this letter to share my GRATITUDE and CONGRATULATIONS to Sr. Jeanne McGowan, SSJ. Thank you for all you did, and continue to do, for La Salle Academy, our LSA students and graduates. So many of you know that I love *Wicked*, and I love the song "For Good." Some of the lyrics are so very perfect to recognize Sr. Jeanne -

"I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason. Bringing something we must learn. We are led by those who help us most to grow if we let them. And we help them in return. Well, I don't know if I believe that's true. But I know I'm who I am today because I knew you. Because I knew you, I have been changed for good."

Gracefully,

Teresa Diamond

Principal

Thank you, Sr. Jeanne, for changing our world for the better and for good.



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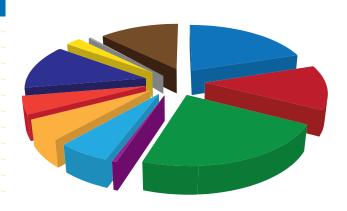
# **FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2022-2023**

La Salle Academy is deeply grateful to our Board of Trustees and to our Benefactors who have made the 2022-2023 year a fundraising success. Celebrating 20 years of La Salle Academy powering the potential in our students and graduates made the year challenging and amazing. 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 \$2,250,000 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 2022-2023, La Salle Academy received approximately \$1,900,000 in unrestricted donations,\$1,500,000 in restricted Scholaship and Sponsor A Student funds and \$250,000 in donations and restricted funds for the LSA Graduate Support program. To recognize Sr. Jeanne McGowan's work and legacy and efforts, we created the Sr. Jeanne McGowan Family Support and Scholarship fund.

Sources of Gifts	Amount
■ Board and Board Related	\$600,000
■ Individuals	\$375,000
■ Companies (including EITC & OSTC)	\$675,000
■ LSA Families, Faculty, Staff and Volunteers	\$15,000
■ Foundations	\$175,000
■ Religious Congregations	\$175,000
■ Other Non Profits & Scholarship Organizations	\$150,000
■ LSA Sponsor A Student Program	\$380,000
■ Transfers from United Way and Other Entities	\$70,000
■ Young Friends of La Salle Academy	\$500
■ LSA 20 Powering Potential Gala	\$378,000
	\$2,893,500

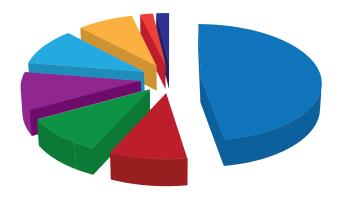


# **Operating Expenses by Program**

La Salle Academy spent \$2,500,000 for Academic Programs and Operations in the 2022-23 Fiscal Year. With the help of our Board of Trustees, and LSA Community, we recognized and celebrated La Salle Academy's 20 years of excellent education and Sr. Jeanne's service.

Purpose of Expense	Amount
Academic Program	\$1,255,000
■Graduate Support and High School Scholarships	\$250,000
■Administration	\$265,000
■ Development	\$280,000
■Family Support Programs	\$275,000
■Event Programs	\$220,000
■Facilities Spending	\$50,000
Extended Year Programming	\$50,000
	\$2,645,000





# La Salle Academy Endowment Fund

The La Salle Academy Endowment Fund was established in 2006 and as of June 30, 2023, LSA leadership has grown the fund to \$2,830,925. In 2014, the LSA Board of Trustees established a Board Designated Endowment Fund with an intermediate focus. These funds are valued at approximately \$4,975,000. 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 out our mission of educating the whole student and reinforcing the Five Goals of LSA 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 this year. The following pages reflect donations and gifts made between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. We are humbled by your generosity.





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Working to create, start and strengthen La Salle Academy brought me great joy. I loved working with the students, families, teachers, Teresa and the LSA Board of Trustees. La Salle Academy grew and impacted hundreds of students and families. The LSA 20 celebration and gala was simply amazing! Now I am blessed, and happy, to see how my loving work continues and thrives. This 20th La Salle Academy Annual Report gives me the opportunity to thank you and to applaud Maria Walker as she continues the LSA Mission with the entire LSA Community. The impact continues and the ripples grow. I continue to reflect on something Mother Teresa said: "... we can do small things with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." La Salle Academy continues to be something wonderful because of great love. With prayerful appreciation,

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