Dear Friends,

Every morning, we begin the day at Sisters Academy of Baltimore by lighting a fire. The lighted candle is at the center of our Circle of Peace and Respect as we gather for greetings, announcements, and prayer. The fire reminds students and teachers of God's presence with us, of our responsibility to fuel the fire within ourselves, and of our call to be light to others.

Because of your generosity during the past year, our teachers kindled the desire for learning, leadership, service, and growth in our students. They helped the girls discover what areas of study “light them up.” Our program offered opportunities for students to explore their talents and interests and to discover how their experiences in middle school could shape the direction of their lives.

Our students caught fire as they made steady progress in learning and in life skills. Students took initiative in building the distinctive culture and climate of Sisters Academy. Our 2012 graduates gained acceptance into the best high schools in Baltimore. We took special joy in the accomplishments of our first graduating class, the Class of 2008, as they all graduated from high school and prepared for college.

Our Board of Directors took leadership in developing a strategic plan to assure a strong future for Sisters Academy. We are particularly grateful for the service of Christine A. Lay as Chair of the Board, and David Gordon and George Blair, founding members of the Board of Directors, who completed their terms of office.

From a financial perspective, we spent most of our time igniting the desire of donors to share in our exciting mission. And you, our donors, responded generously. The amount contributed in class and student scholarship sponsors increased by 15% from the prior year and moved closer to our goal of raising half of our income through sponsorships. We exceeded our projections for grant revenue and for money raised through our “Taste and See” dinner. A challenge grant, generous gifts from foundations and individuals, and an unexpected major bequest helped us to increase our endowment by 60%. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of a million-dollar endowment.

Thank you for helping to kindle the spirits, hearts, and minds of our students at Sisters Academy of Baltimore. Your gifts inspire students to reach for excellence, to make enlightened life choices, and to become agents of transformation in their families, communities, and society. May you be blessed!

Sincerely,

Sister Delia Dowling, SSND  
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The Year 2011-2012 in Review

Student Accomplishments

- Every student who graduated from Sisters Academy was in high school and completed the year. Eighty-four percent (84%) attended private or Catholic high schools including: Archbishop Spalding High School, Catholic High School, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Friends School of Baltimore, Institute of Notre Dame, Maryvale Preparatory School, Mercy High School, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Roland Park Country School, St. Paul School for Girls, and Seton Keough High School.

- In June 2012, one hundred percent (100%) of the students in our first graduating class (2008) received a high school diploma. Each one of these young women entered a 2 or 4-year college.

- Students in the Class of 2012 made significant progress over four years in reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. Results in science and social studies on the Stanford Achievement Test were particularly noteworthy. From 5th to 8th grade, on average the Class of 2012 increased their percentile score in science from 43 to 61 and in social studies from 51 to 64.

Program Growth

- Sisters Academy was granted provisional membership in the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (A.I.M.S.). This is the first step in the process of seeking accreditation.

- With a $42,000 grant from the University of Maryland Health Sciences Research Park Corporation (RPC), we replaced all of the donated equipment in our student lab with new, state-of-the-art desktop computers. We also installed ceiling projectors and screens in two large rooms for group viewing.

- Our new music teacher formed a school choir and started an “Urban Beats” Club. In April 2012, she collaborated with one of the Academy’s art teachers to present for the first time a “Fine Arts Evening” showcasing the talents of our students.

- We established two Sisters Academy Girl Scout Troops – a Juniors troop with 5th graders and a Cadettes troop with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Both troops began meeting once a week during the afternoon at school.
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“Identify your demons and overcome them,” said Caira Ayahna Lee (Sisters Academy Class of 2008) when she addressed a large crowd at State Theatre in Cleveland, Ohio on June 7, 2012. The occasion was her high school graduation ceremony. Caira was one of two students chosen to speak for the 370 graduates of Shaker Heights High School – Class of 2012.

In her commencement address, Caira spoke about suffering, resilience, and rejoicing. She is a young woman who believes in her own power and in the power of others to accomplish great things.

While at Shaker Heights High School, Caira participated in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. As a sophomore, she created a documentary film about bebop jazz for a National History Day competition and won a spot representing Ohio at the national competition. As a junior, she won Ohio’s sixth annual Poetry Out Loud contest with her recitation of *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud*, by William Wordsworth. Caira prevailed over 38 other students and received an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals. She also writes her own poetry.

On October 13, 2012, Caira took the role of “Special Guest Speaker” at the
A Graduate’s View

Academy’s second “Are You Smarter Than a 6th Grader?” event. From the stage in Kraushaar Auditorium at Goucher College, she stated “My primary purpose here is to talk to the students.” Turning to the audience she added, “But there are many types of students in life, so you be listening too.”

Caira’s message was inspiring. “Before you can realize your goals and dreams, you must love yourself with a fierce passion – constantly. You must respect yourself above all.” Caira then quoted Morrie Schwartz’s words from the bestselling book *Tuesdays with Morrie*. “The culture we have does not make people feel good about themselves. And you have to be strong enough to say if the culture doesn’t work, don’t buy it.”

Caira continued, “That means from your hair to your clothes to your words to your friends. Your decisions are yours alone. You are a thousand splendid suns greater than the situation, always. Be careful and be happy.” She is currently very happy as a freshman at The College of Wooster in Ohio.
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and accomplishment.”

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