



Sisters Academy
of Baltimore

ANNUAL REPORT 2023–2024

STILL WE RISE

Celebrating 20 Years of Education Excellence



Sister's Academy is often described as one of Baltimore's "hidden gems;" so we want our friends and supporters to tell your friends and family about the Academy. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn and share our posts! Email development@sistersacademy.org to add your email to our list for future updates about the exciting things happening at Sisters Academy.

Class of 2028 students Sophia W. and ZoeyNicole M. pose during a special gym activity

Front and Back Covers: Jaelyn Y. Class of 2026 wearing the costume for our new mascot, the Sisters Academy "Phoenix"

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

STILL, WE RISE!

Dear Friends of Sisters Academy of Baltimore,

As we reflect on this extraordinary year, I am honored to share how the words, “Still, we rise!” have guided and inspired our journey. These powerful words from Maya Angelou’s timeless poem not only encapsulate the resilience of the human spirit but also mirror the courage and determination of our students, staff, and you, our supporters.

This year has been one of transformation, triumph, and celebration. Like our new mascot, the Sisters Academy Phoenix, we rise—undaunted by challenges and steadfast in our mission to nurture young women who overcome obstacles and soar toward their dreams. Our students embody this spirit every day, proving that no barrier is too great when determination and support combine.

In these pages, you will discover the profound impact of a Sisters Academy education through a year in review—a vibrant tapestry of stories that highlight the triumphs of our students and graduates, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the commitment of our community to our shared vision.

We are proud to feature the accomplishments of the Class of 2024, young women whose journeys inspire us all. You also will meet Dr. Margo Veal, who joined us this September 2024 as our new principal. With over 25 years of experience as an educator, education researcher, and data-driven leader, Dr. Veal has a passion for developing young minds and cultivating faith-filled hearts for service and just leadership in our communities and in our world.

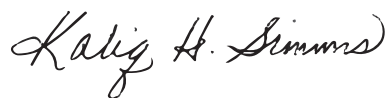
As I write this, I am reflecting on a personal milestone for me, the second year as the president of this fine academy. I was officially installed as president in September of 2023. Building on the incomparable legacy of Sister Delia Dowling, I am deeply proud of the strides we have made in year one:

- > Hired staff in key open positions –Principal, Business Manager, Marketing/Recruitment, Student Advocate, College Success Director, Language Arts, Music, Spanish, Technology, and Science faculty
- > Enhanced extended school-day academic enrichment and athletic programming
- > Updated web presence and website for improved marketing
- > Streamlined the admissions process with an eye toward increased enrollment
- > Facilitated students’ spiritual formation and social-emotional development through service learning, restorative practices school-wide, and active, monthly participation in Mass (readers, choir, liturgical dance, and altar servers)
- > Raised funds and completed significant repairs to our aging school building
- > Engaged families and our broader network of supporters in school events and fundraisers
- > Provided stewardship of resources and strategic planning for long-term financial sustainability

As we celebrate our 20th year, we are reminded that our mission is only possible because of you—our donors, friends, and champions. Your belief in our students and their limitless potential fuels their success and inspires them to rise above every obstacle.

Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for investing in the dreams of our young women. Thank you for rising with us.

With gratitude and hope,



Kalig Simms, President
Sisters Academy of Baltimore





President Kaliq H. Simms with her husband and children during the Presidential Installation reception



President Kaliq H. Simms with Rev. Timothy Brown, S.J.

PRESIDENT'S INSTALLATION

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA

On Friday, September 8, 2023, at 10 a.m., Sisters Academy of Baltimore celebrated a momentous occasion with the Presidential Installation Mass for Kaliq Hunter Simms.

This special Mass marked the official transition of leadership, welcoming President Simms into her new role with the prayers, support, and blessings of the Sisters Academy community. The event was more than just an administrative milestone—it was a spiritual celebration that connected the school, the church, and the broader community in a spirit of love and unity.

Held on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the timing of the Mass carried profound significance. It provided a meaningful way to honor Mary on her birthday, a symbol of grace, love, and compassion that aligns with the core values of Sisters Academy. The Mass highlighted the deep connection between the academy's mission and the traditions of faith, serving as both a moment of reflection and celebration.



Center: President Kaliq H. Simms receiving the SAB star-studded stole from former President, Sr. Delia Dowling, SSND

The smooth transition from former President Sr. Delia Dowling to President Kaliq Hunter Simms marks a new chapter for Sisters Academy, blending tradition with forward-thinking progress. Under Mrs. Simms' capable leadership, the academy is poised for continued success and growth.

President Simms has already launched several initiatives aimed at modernizing the academy's educational approach. By prioritizing technology integration, promoting collaboration in the classroom, and providing professional development opportunities for educators, she is positioning Sisters Academy to meet the demands of 21st-century learning while staying true to its mission.

President Simms' leadership promises to continue the legacy of excellence at Sisters Academy while fostering an environment of inclusivity, compassion, and academic success. The Presidential Installation Mass symbolized not just a change in leadership, but a shared journey of faith and education.

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

THE IMPACT OF OUR DEDICATED SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

In the heart of our school community, one new volunteer stands out for her unwavering commitment to enhancing the educational experience for our students: Mrs. April Carroll. Over the past year, Mrs. Carroll has devoted her time and energy to mentoring others and making a lasting impact on both students and staff alike.

A PASSION FOR EDUCATION

Mrs. Carroll, a former admissions director, saw an opportunity to stay connected to enrollment management and a girls school environment after her retirement from Roland Park Country School. "I offered to mentor the Sisters Academy admissions manager twice a week," she said, during which she found other ways she could help current Sisters Academy students. Her passion for education shines through in every task she undertakes, from organizing reading programs to assisting in classroom activities.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS

Mrs. Carroll made it possible for the Sisters Academy Class of 2024 to have a class trip to Six Flags at the end of the school year. After hearing that the girls wanted to have a class trip but that the school didn't have the monetary resources necessary, Mrs. Carroll stepped in and paid for coach bus transportation and amusement park tickets for each student and the chaperones. Her generosity resulted in a day that each girl will always remember.

While at Six Flags, the students spent every second they could riding various roller coasters, water slides, and hoping to win prizes from different games throughout the amusement park. After the adrenaline settled from all the excitement, some spent time eating together at Jimmy Rockets while others went straight to desserts and sweets.

Beth '24, who started at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School this fall, shared that what she most enjoyed about this trip was being able to spend time with her friends. Similar to her experience, most students felt this trip was filled with time for friendships, laughter, and new unforgettable memories!

As they boarded the bus, tired but thrilled, the students reflected on their day. Each student felt a little bolder as some rode rides for the first time, and a little more connected to each other. They experienced not just a day of fun, but a day that would bond them for years to come.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

In the short time that she's been part of the Sisters Academy community, Mrs. Carroll's impact extends beyond contributing her time and treasure. Her enthusiasm has inspired other community members to get involved and to volunteer in more creative ways. "Mrs. Carroll's passion is contagious; she motivates others to contribute their time and skills," remarked Kaliq Simms, Sisters Academy president.

A LASTING LEGACY

Mrs. Carroll's unwavering dedication to Sisters Academy exemplifies the profound impact that one individual can have on making a difference.

As she enters her second year with Sisters Academy, her ongoing presence continues to contribute to our school. Her enthusiasm has deeply inspired her daughter, Olivia Carroll, to personally and professionally advocate for our school and its mission. The values instilled by Mrs. Carroll have motivated Olivia to spread the word about Sisters Academy through various channels, extending the reach of our school's vision to even more people. Olivia's passion for education and community involvement, nurtured from an early age by her mother's example, stands as a testament to the enduring influence of the Carroll family. Together, the Carroll family's efforts support the transformative impact of our students and the broader community. Through their continued involvement, they remind us of the far-reaching influence that one person, or family, can have on the future of education and community building. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Carroll family and their network.



SAB volunteer April Carroll and daughter Olivia Carroll

WELCOMING A NEW ERA

As this school year kicks off, excitement fills the air as we introduce our new principal, Dr. Margo Veal. With a rich background in education and a passion for fostering student growth, Dr. Veal is poised to lead our school into a bright future. She hit the ground running, immediately winning over students, families, and faculty/staff with her joyful heart and expertise as a seasoned educator and school leader.

A BACKGROUND IN EDUCATION

For the past 29 years, Dr. Veal has spent most of her adult career in education and earned a Ph.D. in Education from Auburn University. Her work has been primarily as an educator of gifted and special education students. She was an American Disabilities Act Section 504 coordinator, student support team leader (SST), multi-tiered support systems (MTSS) facilitator, and a reading specialist. These opportunities have allowed her to work across the country, including in the states of Texas, Ohio, Alabama, and Maryland.

A VISION FOR THE SCHOOL

Dr. Veal's vision is clear: to create an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed. "For this next chapter in my career, I truly believe that God has led me to Sisters Academy." Dr. Veal believes that education is not just about academics; it's about nurturing the whole child including emotional awareness and wellness. Her goals include reintroducing a Sisters Academy's theater program, promoting mental health awareness, and fostering strong partnerships with parents and the community.

MEET OUR SCHOOL'S NEW PRINCIPAL

INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES

One of Dr. Veal's first initiatives was the introduction of a theme for the new school year: Finding JOY. As Nehemiah 8:10 states, "...the joy of the Lord is my strength!" Her intent is to "celebrate joy in all aspects of school life" starting with asking faculty and staff to read "Unearthing Joy" by the insightfully moving author Gholdy Muhammad.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we embark on this new chapter, Dr. Veal's leadership promises to bring fresh energy and innovative ideas to our school. With her commitment to student success and community involvement, we are excited to see the positive changes that will unfold this year.

There will be several opportunities throughout the 2025 school year for members of the Sisters Academy community to meet Dr. Veal and share their ideas for the school's future. We look forward to our continued growth as a school under Dr. Veal's instructional leadership.



President Simms and former co-principals, Allyn Hall and Gabrielle Hurley, presenting the Barbie themed welcome sign for school year 2023-24

REVITALIZING KNOWLEDGE

EXCITING RENOVATIONS AT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY



Our school library, a cornerstone of learning and exploration, is undergoing a significant transformation that promises to enhance the educational experience for students and staff alike. With an eye toward modernizing resources and creating a more inviting space, refreshing the space aims to meet the evolving needs of our community.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The library renovation project, which began last summer, is designed to create a dynamic environment that fosters collaboration, creativity, and a love for reading. Led by Jenny Sorrel, Librarian and Assessment Coordinator, the initiative incorporates feedback from students, teachers, and parents to ensure the new space reflects the interests and needs of its users.

KEY FEATURES OF THE RENOVATION

Brighter Learning Spaces: One of the primary goals of the project is to create a brighter and more functional environment with casual seating arrangements and study areas. Several fresh coats of paint and a reconfiguration of the space has already made such a difference in the school's ability to support diverse learning styles and promote collaboration among students.

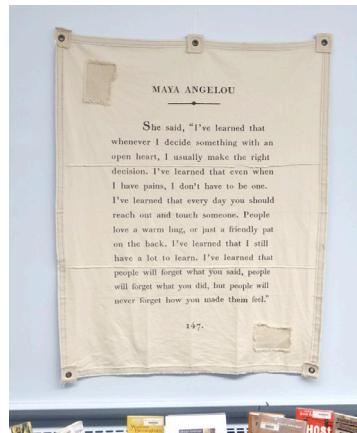
Reading Nooks and Art: To create a cozy atmosphere, the library will feature reading nooks filled with comfortable seating and inviting décor. These spaces will provide students with tranquil spots to immerse themselves in books, fostering a love for reading and reflection. One of the special additions to the space is a large woven tapestry that President Simms brought back from her summer travels.

ENHANCING RESOURCES

In addition to physical changes, the library's collection will expand to include a wider range of books, e-books, and multimedia resources. The focus will be on diversifying the library's offerings to reflect various cultures, perspectives, and interests, ensuring every student finds something that resonates with them.

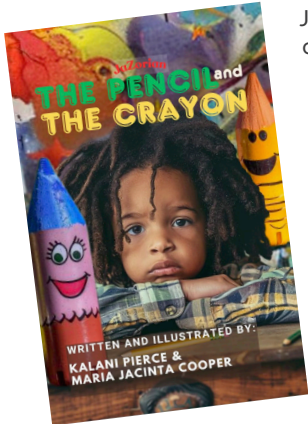
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The library project has already sparked enthusiasm within the community. Donors rallied together to support the initiative on Amazon Prime Days with donations of materials and supplies. "It's wonderful to see everyone come together to enhance our library," says Ms. Sorrel. "The library is a vital part of our school, and these enhancements will benefit generations of students."



FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

LEADING THE WAY FOR OTHER FAMILIES



Sisters Academy of Baltimore's fifth-grader, Kalani Jacinta Pierce, and her mother have published a children's book, The Pencil and the Crayon.

Every day, except on their Sabbath day, Kalani and her sister, Kaleena Pierce, scholars at Sisters Academy, must complete 3- 5 extra learning activities at home before indulging in their electronic devices. Whether reading, practicing the piano, foreign language, art, articulation, or SAT prep, they must pick (3) 20-minute activities.

One day, Kalani created a book from pieces of price tag labels that she stapled together. She illustrated and wrote the mini book, The Pencil and the Crayon. Then, Kalani presented it to her mother and her sister.

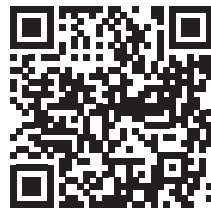
"It was such a cute story, and the message resonated with me long after the story was told," says her mother, Maria Cooper. Kalani, who at that time was a 4th grader, understood the story as a little boy torn between using a pencil or a crayon. As an adult and parent of a blended family, Mrs. Cooper could relate to Kalani's story as the struggle of choosing between two separated parents. She added and tweaked her daughter's story to include that aspect. Now, children can relate to The Pencil and the Crayon, and parents can relate to the message within the book as well.

"God has been so good to us. It was a blessing to have Kalani and her sister, Kaleena, accepted into Sisters Academy. Likewise, it was a blessing to have Kalani's stepdad, Darren Hicks, executively produce her book and audiobook. To Kalani, it might seem like a check on her bucket list; but to us, we wanted to show her that, through Christ, all things are possible," says Cooper.

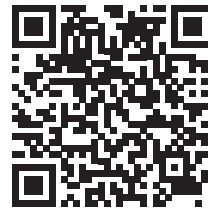
The book is doing very well. The Pencil and the Crayon is available online through Ingram Sparks, Barnes and Noble, Walmart, Bookshop.org, Amazon, Booklife.com, Powell's Books, eBay, Book & Mortar Record Store, Audible, Google Books, Shakespeare & Co., Magers & Quinn Booksellers, Split Shops, as well as many overseas online bookstores.



BOOK ON AMAZON



READ ALOUD VIDEO



CONGRATULATIONS



DIGITAL QUILT PROJECT

PURE.INNOCENT.GENIUS

Last year, the school started a new tradition at Graduation: an eighth grade digital quilt. Essentially, it is a "tapestry" of short film vignettes that capture defining moments in the lives of each member of our eighth grade class, the Class of 2024. This is a modern twist on our quilting tradition at Sisters Academy.

This original film, *Pure.Innocent.Genius*, was written by our students and produced by Caira Lee, a filmmaker and graduate of Sisters Academy Class of 2008. Sisters Academy Marketing and Enrollment Manager, Samina Clark, co-produced this film, written and filmed over the course of two months at the conclusion of the eighth grade year.



Class of 2024 participating in film-related activities with Notre Dame of Maryland University student ambassadors and SAB Class of 2008 film director, Caira Lee



SCAN TO VIEW THE FILM

"I have a kind heart, when I try to... I am focusing on learning myself."

-Kayla C., Class of 2024

THE REWARD OF BEING A SPONSOR

Student Scholarship Sponsors give the gift of an education, making an immediate impact in the lives of our students and walking with them throughout their educational journey. From regular events to letter exchanges to student updates, Student Scholarship Sponsors become an important part of the Sisters Academy family.

When each Sisters Academy of Baltimore class graduates, we know that it is a collective achievement that would not have been possible without the generosity of donors.

By providing a transformative education to promising female scholars, donors help ensure a brighter tomorrow, encouraging futures, and a community strengthened through knowledge and resilience. Indeed, donor generosity paves the way for dreams to flourish.

Because Sisters Academy is both tuition-free and entirely privately funded, benefactors play an essential role in providing the educational opportunities and postgraduate support that Sisters Academy students count on while here in middle school and continuing through high school and college. For our entire 20 year history, the school has run a Scholarship Sponsorship program to help cover the cost of a Sisters Academy education.

In honor of Sisters Academy of Baltimore's 20th anniversary, we've recently enhanced the sponsorship opportunities available to individuals, groups, foundations, and organizations. We are eager to share more with you about ways to sponsor.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR

Individuals, groups, families, or businesses make a four-year commitment to support a student with an annual scholarship of \$10,000. These sponsors will be billed annually and this sponsorship guarantees a four-year private school education for one student.

Scholarship sponsors are recognized with an annual appreciation event in the springtime.

COHORT SPONSOR

Cohort Sponsors are corporate entities, organizations, foundations, or individuals that make an annual commitment of \$12,500 for four years.

Each grade is divided into two sections (i.e., cohorts who travel together from one learning session to another) for instructional purposes and to achieve the small student-to-teacher ratio of 8:1.

Sponsoring a cohort helps the school maintain small class sizes and supports teachers' ability to provide individualized attention to Sisters Academy students.

CLASS SPONSOR

Class Sponsors are corporate entities, organizations, foundations, or individuals that make an annual commitment of \$25,000 for four years. The focus is to provide additional scholarship funding to support an entire class, e.g., the Class of 2028.

Class Sponsors commit to a high level of funding because they believe in the mission of Sisters Academy. Often Class Sponsors interact with a class by sponsoring field trips or facilitating tours showcasing the nature of their business to provide co-curricular experiences to students.



Scholarship sponsors spending quality time with students during Sponsor Appreciation Day

Seeing students flourish over the four years at the School is so rewarding. What better gift can one give than the gift of a Sisters Academy education.

—Dale McArdle, Scholarship Sponsor and former Board Chair

CORPORATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

Corporations and their organizations that support Sisters Academy see a bigger connection between the mission of Sisters Academy and the values and direction of their organization. Sisters Academy works closely with these groups to identify how sponsorship will directly impact the challenges related to the students and communities we serve.

Corporate and organizational sponsorships are available through special events, scholarships, student activities, capital projects, and program development. The following priority areas are opportunities for corporate support:

Technology

Adopting 21st-century technology in our classrooms is essential for students to access the wide range of information available. Technology needs include interactive whiteboards, laptops, computers, and new software.

Campus Improvement Project

After 20 years, the campus needs major facility and ground improvements. The beautification of the campus and the renovation of classrooms and buildings create an environment in which students feel comfortable, motivated, and proud. The community is also improved with a campus that sets a standard.

Supplemental Programming

Intensive supplemental educational programs are essential to prepare students for a rigorous high school curriculum and improve levels of academic achievement.

Eleven-Month Program

A unique summer program is a component of our 11-month curriculum. All students attend this academically demanding session balanced with co-curricular activities.

Enrichment

Our enrichment classes reflect a wide range of interests and activities. The impact of these classes extends beyond the classroom and expands students' worldviews and cultural experiences. Classes include service, athletics, and the arts.



Sponsor guest Kevin Kelehan with Class of 2026 student Makiyah M.



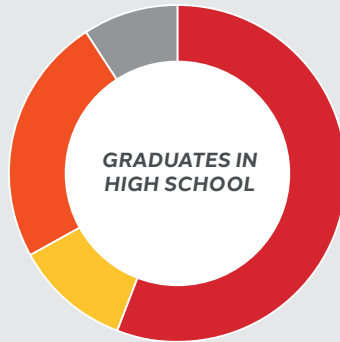
Class of 2026 student Gabriella L. with student sponsor Dorothy Wright

SISTERS ACADEMY

CLASSES 2020-2023

SISTERS ACADEMY GRADUATES ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2023-2024

- Archbishop Spalding High School
- Baltimore City College
- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
- Bard High School Early College Baltimore
- Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
- Friends School of Baltimore
- Greensboro Day School (NC)
- Lansdowne High School
- Mercy High School
- Mount de Sales Academy
- New Town High School
- North County High School
- Notre Dame Preparatory School
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel School
- Roland Park Country School
- Saint Paul's School for Girls
- Saint Vincent Pallotti High School
- SEED School of Maryland
- The Bryn Mawr School
- The Catholic High School of Baltimore
- Western High School
- Western School of Technology & Environmental Science



55% Catholic High Schools

6% Public High Schools

27% Selective Public High Schools

12% Private Independent High Schools

GRADUATES GIVING BACK

DANEIRA SINGLETARY '18

Current role at Sisters Academy: Substitute Teacher (previously Food Service Manager & Before Care Coordinator during 2023-2024 school year)

Daniera's contagious smile, listening ear, and sound advice are things all of the Sisters Academy scholars appreciated during Before Care each morning. She expressed the same care as she prepared breakfast and lunch for our students each day. The sisterhood between Daniera and current Sisters Academy students is undeniable. Outside of her time at Sisters Academy, she also completed a cosmetology certificate program from Empire Beauty in January 2024. Daniera is building her clientele and has an entrepreneurial spirit that will carry her far throughout her career.

TRINITY DANIELS '16

Current role at Sisters Academy: Half Day Care Coordinator; 2024 Summer Program Intern (Teacher's Assistant and Half Day Care Coordinator during 2023-2024 school year)

Trinity has always been outgoing, academically driven, and wise beyond her years. She thrived in the Sisters Academy environment and attributes many of her values and goals back to what she learned at Sisters Academy. After graduating from Sisters Academy, Trinity attended the now closed Institute of Notre Dame. At IND, she was a member of the cheer team, National Honor Society, and student government. She graduated from Western High School in the height of the pandemic in June 2020. She graduated with special recognition for completing the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences Program. Upon high school graduation she pursued a Pharmacy Technician certification prior to enrolling at Morgan State University. She is now an undergraduate student studying Social Work with a minor in Legal Studies. Outside of classes she works as a Pharmacy Technician and generously pays it forward to her little sisters at Sisters Academy of Baltimore. Trinity is currently the half day care coordinator and was one of four of our summer 2024 interns. As an intern she focused on the STEM summer program as well as the rising 8th grade leadership week. Her kind, giving spirit is a gift to the current students of Sisters Academy.

SISTERS ACADEMY

CLASSES 2008-2019

SISTERS ACADEMY GRADUATES ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES (2023-2024)

Anne Arundel Community College
Baltimore City Community College
Bowie State University
Charles R. Drew University
Community College of Baltimore County
Coppin State University
Frostburg State University
Geisinger Commonwealth
George Mason University
Howard Community College
Howard University
Loyola University Maryland
McDaniel College
Morgan State University

Newman University
Norfolk State University
Salisbury University
Stevenson University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
The Chicago School of Psychology
Towson University
University of Baltimore
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
Wake Forest University

44

Baccalaureate Degrees

12

Completed Professional Programs

8

Master's Degrees

2

Active Military

MORE GRADUATES GIVING BACK

MONICA ARGUETA '19



Current role at Sisters Academy: 5th & 8th Grade Spanish Teacher

Monica is a young woman dedicated to her family and her faith. She was a positive, eager, and driven middle school student at Sisters Academy. She now brings those characteristics to the classroom as a teacher in her Spanish courses. Her mastery of Spanish linguistics and creative project ideas inspire her students to learn a new language. As she comes from a family of teachers, she is excited to expand and grow with her scholars. Now, as a second year student at Baltimore City Community College, she is exploring how to blend her passions of legal studies and education. In addition to teaching at Sisters Academy and attending college, Monica is also very involved with her parish community. During her inspiring alumna speech at our New Student Blessing and Investiture this fall, Monica beamed as she shared, "I am proud to stand before you today as not just a graduate, but as a teacher at Sisters Academy. Being able to come back to this school—my haven—feels like coming full circle. I have the privilege now of paying forward the love, support, and knowledge that was given to me."

ASHAE SINGLETARY '14



Current role at Sisters Academy: 5th and 7th Grade English Language Arts Teacher

Ms. Singletary, as her students lovingly call her, brings expertise, fresh ideas, and a deep understanding of the mission of Sisters Academy of Baltimore to her classroom each and every day. Her high expectations of her students are rooted in love and the desire to empower her students to become their best selves — just like those she experienced as a student at Sisters Academy. With a gift and passion for teaching, Ashae first returned to the halls of Sisters Academy as a teacher's assistant during our New Frontiers summer program in 2019. Upon graduation from University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, she returned to Sisters Academy to teach English Language Arts in January 2024.



Students and faculty watching the 2024 Solar Eclipse

ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS

The following individuals, foundations, and corporations have contributed to the Scholarship Funds established at Sisters Academy of Baltimore during July 2023 through June 2024.

NAMED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Mary Catherine Bunting Endowed Scholarship

Jim & Gerry Cavanaugh Endowed Scholarship

Dorothy Day Fund
The Thomas More Project

Sister Delia Dowling, SSND Endowed Scholarship

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Pompelia Girardi Esposito Fund

The Thomas More Project

Jeanne Bur Fischer Scholarship Fund

Michael J. Buckley & Jeannette Suflita

Anthony & Margaret Bur
George Bur, S.J.

Michael & Kathleen Burgess
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Martha & Robert Oare
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Mary Sommerfeldt
Loretta T. Whalen

France-Merrick Endowed Scholarship

Rose Gordon Memorial Scholarship

Richard & Eibhlin Henggeler Endowed Scholarship

Jesuit Community of Loyola University Maryland in honor of Rev. Timothy Brown, S.J.

Joseph A. Karibo Endowed Scholarship

Middendorf Endowed Scholarship

Mary & James Miller Endowed Scholarship

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Jean & Richard Rittermann Endowed Scholarship

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Ellen Yankellow & William Chapman Endowed Scholarship

General Endowment Gifts

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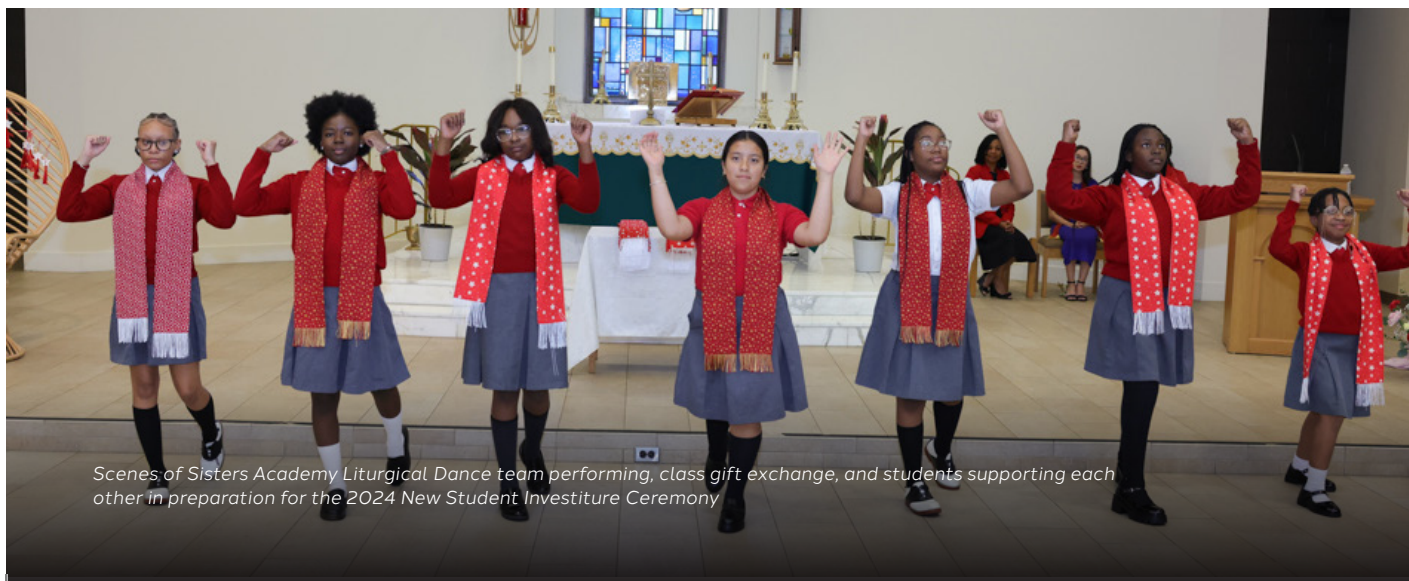
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

East-West Province

Ohio Province

Mary Patricia Smith

Monica & John Spain



Scenes of Sisters Academy Liturgical Dance team performing, class gift exchange, and students supporting each other in preparation for the 2024 New Student Investiture Ceremony

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS 2023–2024

Sisters Academy is grateful to the following individuals, religious communities, businesses, and foundations that have chosen to make a multi-year commitment to sponsor a student for four years.

Sponsoring Congregations

School Sisters of Notre Dame
Atlantic-Midwest Province
Sisters of Bon Secours USA
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
East-West Province
Ohio Province

Class Sponsors

Frank Family Fund for Sisters
Academy of the Baltimore
Community Foundation
The Leroy M. Merritt Charitable
Trust
Daniel G. & Jean K. Schuster
Foundation

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Margaret McMillan
Susan Middaugh
Jane Nitsch
Mary Lou & Peter Quaid
Patricia Silva
Marge Starr
Celebrating Strong Women
Rebecca Brower
Rosann Catalano
Lynne Cummings
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Sisters Academy Choir singing during the 2024 New Student Investiture Ceremony



Class of 2026 student-athlete Jewel M. playing point during a CYO league basketball game



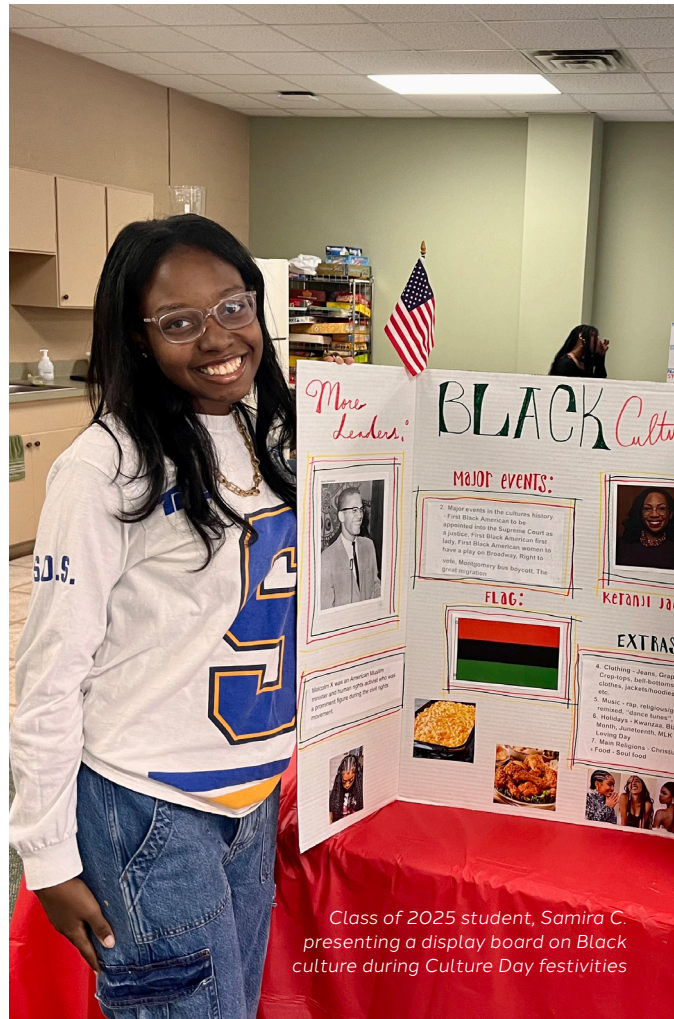
Class of 2024 students holding their high school acceptance shirts during 'Signing Day' alongside former Graduate Support personnel Ruth Wickless



Class of 2025 students Olyvia I. and Alice J. featured with Principal Dr. Marggo Veal and President Kaliq H. Simms during the Dia de los Muertos Celebration and Bake Sale



Class of 2028 students engaged in a quilt-making activity with notable fiber artist and master-quilter Dr. Joan Gaither



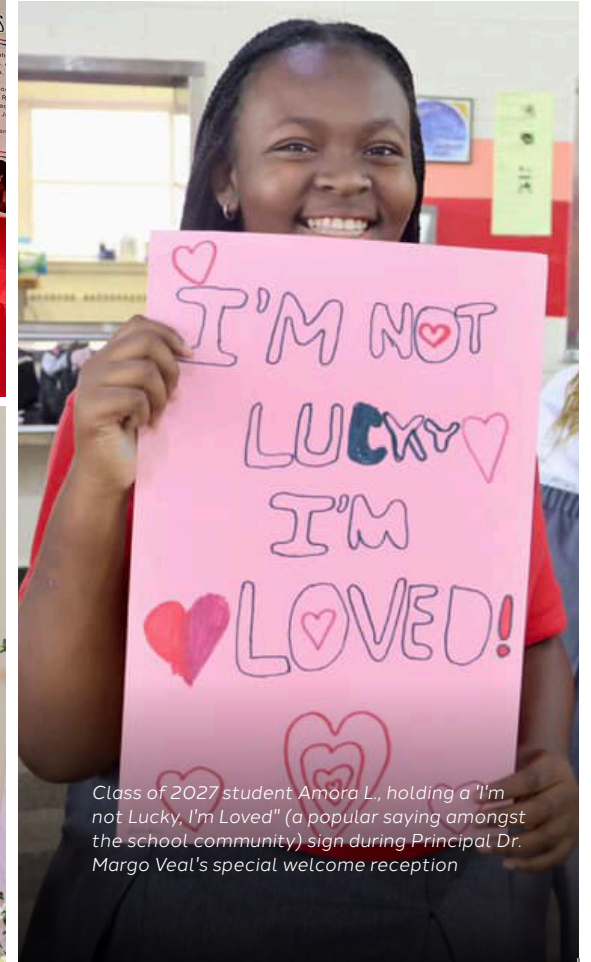
Class of 2025 student, Samira C. presenting a display board on Black culture during Culture Day festivities



Class of 2025 students enjoying the 2024 Solar Eclipse



Class of 2025 students debuting new athletic uniforms (sponsored by the Baltimore Ravens) for Volleyball, Track & Field, and Basketball



Class of 2027 student Amora L., holding a 'I'm not Lucky, I'm Loved' (a popular saying amongst the school community) sign during Principal Dr. Margo Veal's special welcome reception



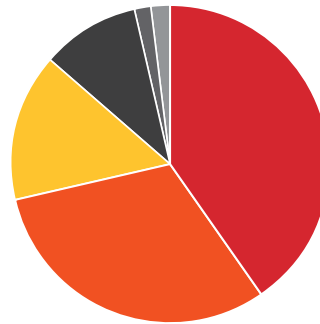
Class of 2026 students holding a 'Sisterhood' sign during the 2024 New Student Investiture Ceremony

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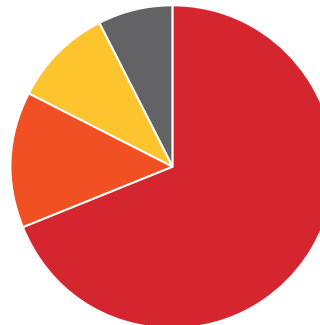
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Student & Class Sponsors	\$571,014 40.5%	Total Income \$1,410,840
Annual Giving	\$437,770 31.0%	
Grants	\$213,612 15.1%	
Sponsoring Congregations	\$142,500 10.1%	
Rentals & Investment Returns	\$23,528 1.7%	
Family Fees	\$22,416 1.6%	



OPERATING EXPENSES 2023–2024

Instructional	\$1,347,753 68.9%	Total Expenses \$1,954,898
Administration	\$268,851 13.8%	
Development	\$193,042 9.9%	
Facilities & Maintenance	\$145,252 7.4%	



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