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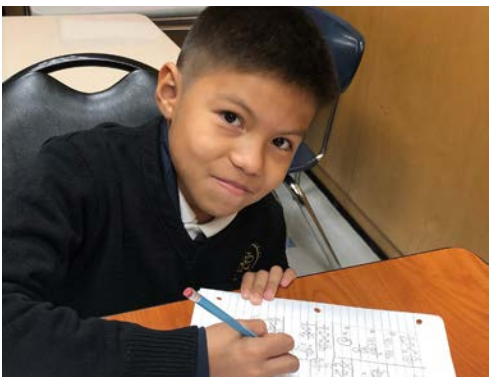
St. Ignatius School (SIS) is a tuition-free, independent, co-educational, Catholic Jesuit middle school in the South Bronx that empowers low-income students of all faiths to become their best selves by creating a safe and nurturing environment in which intellectual, spiritual and social growth are fostered.

SIS's 11-year program follows students from middle school through high school and college, and includes mentoring, tutoring, financial assistance and other support programs that produce a demonstrated record of educational success far greater than that of the local public and charter schools.



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Leading with Gratitude



Dear Friends of SIS,

"Love is shown more in deeds than in words." -St. Ignatius Loyola

This principle, so central to Ignatian spirituality, reminds us that every aspect of our lives, no matter how small, can be a source of grace, inspiration, and love. This spirit of openness and gratitude infuses our SIS community with purpose and joy.

We see this spirit reflected in the young men and women of our middle school, who work hard each day to prepare themselves for the challenges of high school and beyond. We see it in our graduate support participants, who defy the odds and pursue their dreams of higher education with determination and grit. We see it in our teachers, who remain focused each day on finding creative ways to inspire our students. We see it in our volunteers, who generously give their time to further inspire our students in the pursuit of academic excellence. And we see it in our supporters, who help ensure that our students have access to a tuition-free education that can **"ignite minds and transform lives."**

It is with great pride that we report on the progress and accomplishments of St. Ignatius School for the 2023 fiscal year. We launched a mandatory community service program for our sixth and seventh graders in addition to the existing requirement for our graduating class. Our students made meaningful contributions to the South Bronx through local collaborations with the Hunts Point Community Partnership. We also expanded our higher education collaborations with Fordham University and Fairfield University to provide our students with diverse and enriching service opportunities throughout the year. Additionally, we expanded our focus on the whole person by integrating and developing our retreat programs through new collaborations with Loyola School and Regis High School, adding to our longstanding partnership with Fordham Prep. These are just a few of the many ways we pursue growth in our programs in and outside the classroom.

We are immensely proud of the Class of 2023, who are more than equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in high school. Despite facing significant disparities in incoming proficiency levels due to vast learning inconsistencies from the pandemic, our students witnessed tremendous growth in their three years at SIS, with many exceeding their academic goals. This speaks volumes about the dedication and hard work of our faculty and staff, as well as the resilience and determination of our students.

It brings us great joy to report that our alumni in the Graduate Support Program received a record amount of financial aid for high school and college, awarded approximately \$3.25 million dollars in scholarships. This is a testament to the strong results from the eleven-year commitment we make to our students.

Our Summer Leadership Program remains successful, following the longstanding tradition of Nativity-model academic enrichment and social emotional growth. This past year, we were thrilled to see that 20 of the 25 camp staff were graduates of SIS or other Nativity schools, which is a testament to the profound impact SIS has had on their lives and their desire to give back to the community. We are proud of our alumni's commitment to service and leadership, and we are confident that they will continue to positively impact society at large.



Looking ahead, we are committed to remaining rooted in our purpose to provide a Jesuit Catholic education to every qualified student who desires an education rooted in Ignatian values. Every student has the potential to become a leader and make a positive impact in the world, and we are honored to play a part in helping them achieve their dreams.

We thank you, our incredible supporters, who join us in empowering our students to become future leaders. Your commitment to our mission continues to humble and inspire us, and we are grateful for your support as we work towards a brighter and more just future for all.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,

Rich Darrell
Head of School

Thom Devlin
Chair, Board of Trustees

"SIS has become a family who is always there to support me when I need it the most and has given me the opportunity to attend an amazing high school!"

—JORDAN H.,
XAVIER HS '26

BY THE NUMBERS

Impact Statistics from the 2022-2023 Academic Year

CLASSROOM MAKEUP

11

Average Class Size

6:1

Student to Adult Ratio

9:1

Student to Teacher Ratio

CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

100%

SIS Middle School graduation rate (2022-2023)

100%

Middle School students accepted into one of their top three choices

97%

HS graduation rate of SIS Alumni since 2014
Compared to Hunts Point High school graduation rate of 65%
New York City high school graduation rate: 82%

MISSION FOCUSED

\$32,011

Median Annual Household Income for Hunts Point and Longwood, as of 2022 (source: NYU Furman)
Compared to the median annual household income of \$70,663 in New York City

100%

Registered households that were eligible for the National School Lunch Program

12

Students accepted into Leadership Enrichment Programs (as of 2023)
INES Program (Loyola School);
REACH Program (Regis High School)



As a parent I know a combination of a perfect school, faculty, and teachers are hard to find but for me, SIS is it... I couldn't be any happier with the impact SIS and the faculty made in the growth and development of my three children. I kept the tradition going with two of our children now in GSP and our youngest in the seventh grade!

—JOSÉ P., P'22, P'26

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY

100%

of enrolled students are from the South Bronx

47%

of the Class of 2026 live in the immediate Hunts Point peninsula

97%

of incoming students from public or charter schools

A FAMILY OF FAMILIES

50%

of the Class of 2026 have relatives that are SIS alumni

AFTER-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

60%

of students participating in Hunts Point Alliance for Children (HPAC) afterschool programs:

Shakespeare Ensemble
Storefront Ensemble
Bronx Ballet
Brain Science Club
Architecture through Drawing

RELIGIOUS

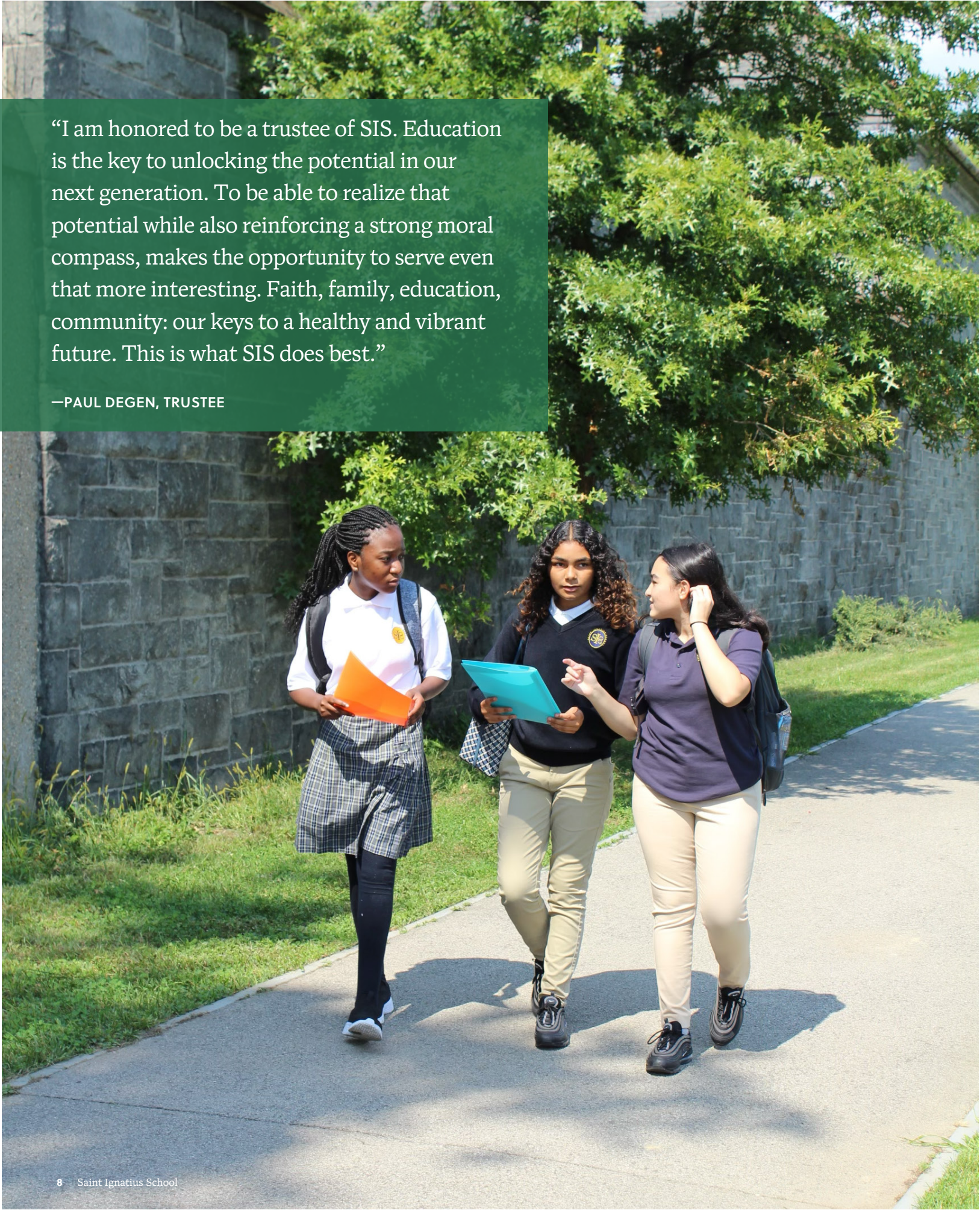
84%

of the incoming Class of 2026 are Catholic

FOR OTHERS

468

service hours completed in 2022-2023



“I am honored to be a trustee of SIS. Education is the key to unlocking the potential in our next generation. To be able to realize that potential while also reinforcing a strong moral compass, makes the opportunity to serve even that more interesting. Faith, family, education, community: our keys to a healthy and vibrant future. This is what SIS does best.”

—PAUL DEGEN, TRUSTEE

Revenues & Expenses

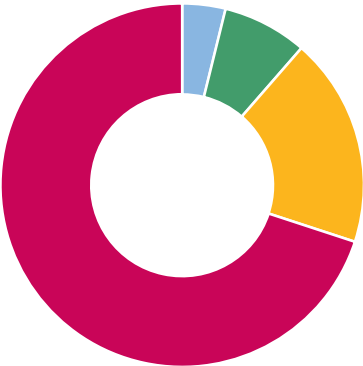
JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES \$2,285,600

OPERATING REVENUES*

Contributions from Individuals & NGO	\$1,599,000	70.1%
Special Events	\$426,000	18.6%
Other Income	\$172,600	7.6%
Government Grants	\$88,000	3.9%

**Excludes 'Investment Income' and non-cash 'Contributed Services' of \$788,000*



TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$2,387,000

OPERATING EXPENSES

Middle School	\$1,476,000	61.8%
Graduate Support Programs	\$264,000	11.1%
Development & Fundraising	\$250,000	10.5%
Management & General	\$234,000	9.8%
Summer Camp	\$163,000	6.8%



Igniting Minds

EXTENDED DAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our sixth to eighth-grade students follow a rigorous curriculum with small class sizes and individualized support.

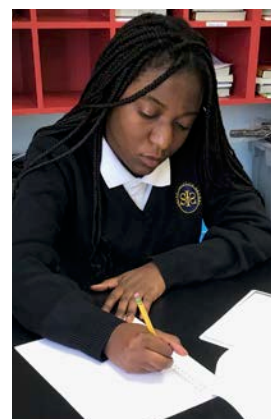
Daily instruction in English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science closely aligns with the New York State Common Core Standards. The program also offers extracurricular activities such as sports, art, drama, and music. Students choose from various popular activities such as campus ministry, student council, Rocking the Boat, Play Rugby USA, film, fitness, and photography clubs.

“The school has small class sizes that promote engagement and individualized support. As Catholics, we know our daughter will participate and grow in her faith.”

—LAURITA G., P' 26



Our promise is to inspire, empower and support each student as a unique individual so that they may attain their educational and personal goals.



Transforming Lives

SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

*Camp Ignatius & Camp Monserrate
Lake Placid, NY*

The Summer Leadership Program provides students with five weeks of additional learning opportunities and recreational activities that foster character development, leadership skills, and community involvement. It starts with two weeks of enrichment at the school in Hunts Point, followed by a three-week residential camp

experience in Lake Placid, New York. This program aims to empower our middle school students by fostering confidence and teaching valuable teamwork, cooperation, and leadership skills. In 2023, 16 SIS alumni returned to serve as counselors and other roles in the program, reinforcing the strong sense of community at SIS.



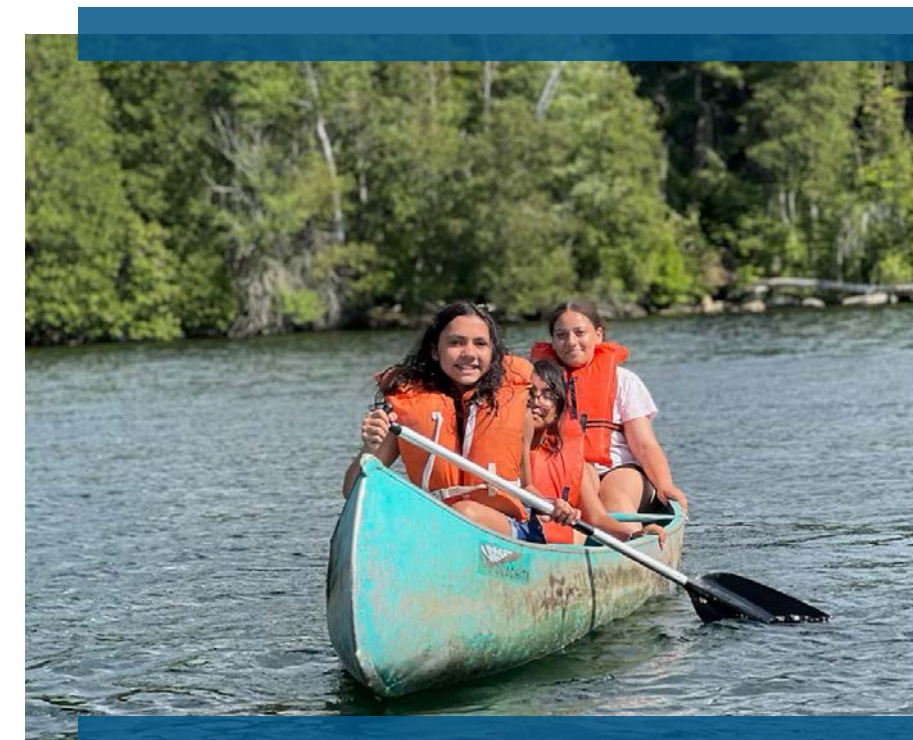
FAST FACTS

A Home Away From Home | 16 SIS Alumni returned as camp counselors in 2023, plus one director and one aquatics supervisor. In total, 20 of the 25 staff members were Nativity model school graduates.

Happy Trails To You | Every student hiked both Cascade Mountain (4.8 miles, round trip) and Mount Jo (2.6 miles, round trip). Our 8th graders also ventured to Copperas Pond (1.5 miles, round trip). Campers hiked a combined 2,000 miles.

Making a Splash | Campers had the opportunity to swim for roughly 10 hours per week. That's over 2,460 hours over the course of the Summer Leadership Program!

Breakfast of Champions | Our campers collectively go through roughly 2,000 ounces of cereal. With one ounce equaling one serving, our campers get their fill of morning fuel.



“In this little slice of the world, we have the opportunity to provide SIS students with an oasis of learning and growth. Through their experiences, our students learn to be men and women for and with others, both within their communities and beyond.”

—GREG ARTE, SUMMER CAMP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

An 11-Year Commitment

THE GRADUATE SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Graduate Support Program (GSP) is an essential component of St. Ignatius School, providing academic, social, and financial support to our esteemed alumni in high school and college. The GSP offers a comprehensive range of services, including high school transition and completion support, after-school and summer job search assistance, skill-building events, community service opportunities, and college search and financial aid application support.

GSP staff members begin working with seventh-grade students and families to ensure that each student attends the high school most suitable for their academic and personal growth. Our regular GSP activities, such as study halls, tutoring resources, study skills development, and individual counseling, are designed to help SIS graduates excel in their academic pursuits.

“One of the many ways SIS has positively impacted my life is by teaching me the importance of being open to growth. This lesson has allowed me to try things outside of my comfort zone and make me a better person.”

—STACY G., SIS '18, ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY '26



Thanks to our GSP, we are able to make a positive impact on the lives of our students and help them achieve their academic and personal goals. We take pride in our commitment to providing our alumni with the necessary support and resources to succeed in their future endeavors.

UNLOCKING DREAMS

SIS Class of 2023 received
\$700,380
in high school scholarships and financial aid

GSP Class of 2023 (SIS high school graduates) received
\$2,563,972
in college scholarships and financial aid

Amount of financial aid provided by SIS to GSP high school and college participants in 2023:

\$147,564
(57% of GSP FY23 Budget)



SIS Middle School Graduates attended the following high schools over the past four years:

Academy of Mount St. Ursula
Albertus Magnus High School
All Hallows High School
Cardinal Hayes High School
Cardinal Spellman High School
Cathedral High School
Cristo Rey New York High School
Dominican Academy
Fairfield College Preparatory School
Fordham Preparatory School
LaSalle Academy
Loyola School
Monsignor Scanlan High School
Mount Saint Michael Academy
Our Saviour Lutheran School
Regis High School
Saint George Academy
Salesian High School
St. Barnabas High School
St. Jean Baptiste High School
St. Raymond High School for Boys
St. Raymond Academy for Girls
St. Vincent Ferrer High School
The Ursuline School
Xavier High School

GSP HS Seniors matriculated to the following colleges and universities over the past four years:

Barry University
Baruch College (CUNY)
Binghamton University (SUNY)
Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY)
Boston College
Boston University
Bowie State University
Bucknell University
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
College of Mount St. Vincent
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Hostos Community College (CUNY)
Hunter College (CUNY)
Iona University
John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)
LaGuardia Community College (CUNY)
Lehman College (CUNY)
LeMoynes College
Loyola University New Orleans
Manhattan College
Marist College
Medaille College
Mercy University
Monroe College
Mount Saint Mary College
New York University
Niagara University
NY Institute of Technology
Providence College



Purchase College (SUNY)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rockland Community College
Sacred Heart University
Siena College
Skidmore College
St. Francis College
St. John's University
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Cortland
Syracuse University
Tulane University
University at Albany (SUNY)
University of Chicago
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania



We are able to
ignite minds and
transform lives
because of
YOU.

SIS must raise over \$2 million annually to support the school's operating budget. It is only through the generous support of individuals and foundations that we are able to continue the school's vital mission—providing a life-changing education for students who are most in need and most deserving.

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