



MISSION DOLORES ACADEMY
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

A young girl with dark hair pulled back, wearing a black school cardigan over a white collared shirt, smiles warmly at the camera. She is standing in a library or classroom, with bookshelves filled with books and papers in the background. A white basket with blue sticky notes is visible on a shelf behind her. The text 'CONTENTS' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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WELCOME

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we present Mission Dolores Academy's 2017-2018 Annual Report.

Once again, it was a stellar year at MDA! As in years past, we are humbled by the generosity of our benefactors, by the hard work and dedication of our teachers and staff, and most importantly, by our young scholars and their devoted families. It would be difficult to sum up such an amazing year in one paragraph, but here is a brief look into 2017-2018.

- 90% of our 2018 graduates were accepted to a top Catholic, Independent, or College Preparatory Charter school
- Record levels for both Reading and Math (NWEA Standardized Tests)
- Enrollment continues to remain strong - bolstered by 32 new MDA Tiger Cubs in Kindergarten
- A record Luncheon honoring Father Gagan
- 100% teacher retention
- Operating costs remain flat for the third straight year
- Our NO BULLY program was a resounding success with disciplinary incidents down 50%
- 10 students received the Sacrament of Baptism, 18 students received First Holy Communion, and 21 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Inaugural Eighth Grade Outdoor Education trip to Yosemite

Amidst all this wonderful news, the MDA community was deeply saddened by the passing of two longtime friends, benefactors, and mentors. Mr. William Buckingham and Mr. Frederick Furth both succumbed to illness and are now in the graces of God. Their thoughts, contributions, leadership, and friendship will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the MDA faculty, staff, students, and families, we humbly and respectfully thank you for making MDA a beacon of excellence!



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TRUE TO OUR MISSION OF PROVIDING A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AT AN AFFORDABLE TUITION LEVEL, WE:

OFFER THE 2ND LOWEST TUITION AMONG K-8 SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

PROVIDED \$1.62 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE LAST 7 YEARS

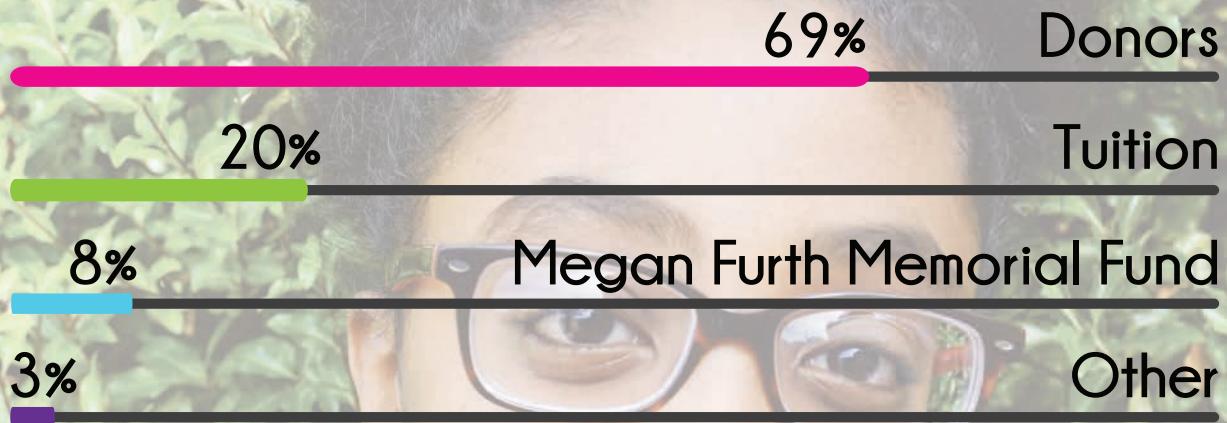
HAVE A 100% TEACHER RETENTION RATE

HAVE A 13:1 STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

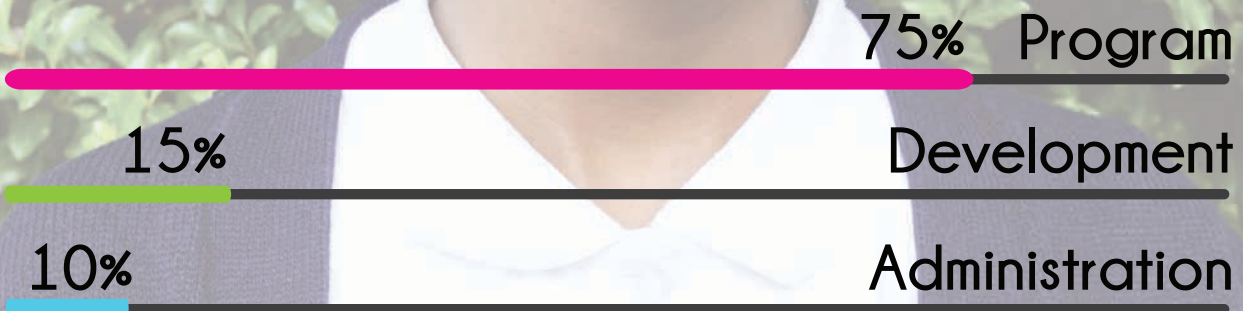
REVENUE

\$3,091,838*



EXPENSE

\$2,736,988*



Results are for the fiscal year starting August 1, 2017 and ending July 31, 2018
*pass through charges for In-kind donations have been removed

PER STUDENT FINANCIAL METRICS



MDA RELIES ON COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TO HELP FUND THE \$8,925 GAP BETWEEN WHAT IT COSTS TO EDUCATE A STUDENT AND WHAT OUR FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO AFFORD.



San Francisco Unified expenditure per student



MDA expenditure per student



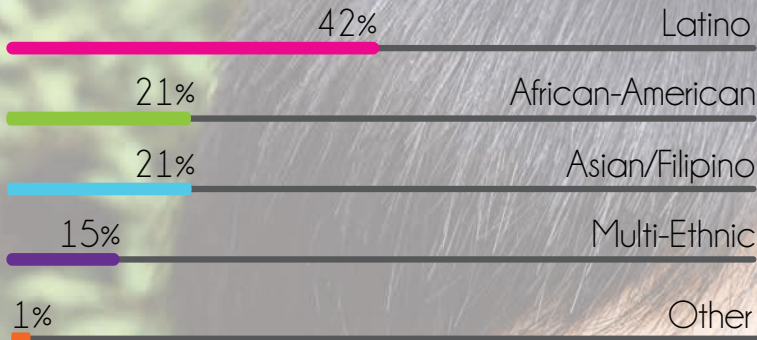
Average tuition MDA receives per student

MDA DELIVERS OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS (BASED ON STANDARDIZED TESTS) AT A LOWER COST THAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

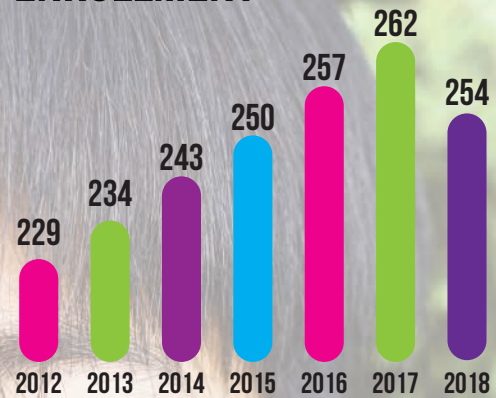
EVEN WITH THE SECOND-LOWEST TUITION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE, 88% OF OUR FAMILIES REQUIRED SOME FORM OF TUITION ASSISTANCE

OUR SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

ETHNICITY



ENROLLMENT



WHERE OUR STUDENTS LIVE

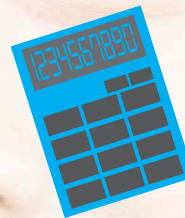
73%

of our students live in San Francisco. MDA families live in neighborhoods including the Mission, Tenderloin, Western Addition, Bay View, Hunters Point and Visitacion Valley.

18% live in San Mateo County

9% live in the East Bay

OUR ACADEMIC RESULTS



In demographic comparisons, Mission Dolores Academy students outperformed those in public schools by:

MATHEMATICS +43.6%

LANGUAGE ARTS +11.8%

HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE



90%

OF OUR CLASS OF 2018 WERE ACCEPTED INTO THE BAY AREA'S TOP CATHOLIC, INDEPENDENT AND CHARTER COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOLS.

- Archbishop Riordan
- The Bay School
- City, Arts & Technology
- Convent of the Sacred Heart
- Drew School
- Immaculate Conception Academy
- KIPP
- Lick Wilmerding

- Lowell High School
- Mercy High School
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep
- Saint Ignatius College Prep
- Stuart Hall High School
- The Urban School
- University High School



IN AN EFFORT TO CULTIVATE THE VAST TALENTS AND ABILITIES OF THE MDA STUDENT BODY, PARTNERSHIPS HAVE BEEN FORMED TO PROVIDE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS ALL GRADE LEVELS.

Students in Grades Six through Eight apply to work on a weekly basis with the Human Rights Commission of San Francisco, forming a Student Relations Council on campus to develop ideas on strengthening community and celebrating the diversity of MDA.

Girls in Sixth through Eighth Grades are mentored by Krystle Morales and the Movement Foundation, focusing each week on body positivity and mindfulness through dance.

Our Fifth Grade students foster a community garden in MDA's new planter boxes under the guidance of Fresh Growth Gardens.

First and Fourth Grade students learn from CUESA (Center for Urban Education About Sustainable Agriculture), spending a day at the Ferry Building's Farmer's Market and cooking with their classmates and families here on campus at Family Cooking Night.



Sixth Grade students head out to the Marin Headlands for three days, in partnership with NatureBridge, studying marine biology at their Golden Gate campus.

Eighth Grade students head out to Yosemite National Park for one week, in partnership with NatureBridge, studying life sciences at their Yosemite Valley campus.

Third and Fourth Grade girls engage in a weekly book club, SOS (Sisterhood of Solidarity), reading together and discussing ways to support and empower one another on topics like self-esteem, friendships, and goal-setting.

Fifth Grade sets sail aboard the historic Balclutha—an overnight adventure studying what it was like to be a sailor at the turn-of-the 20th Century.

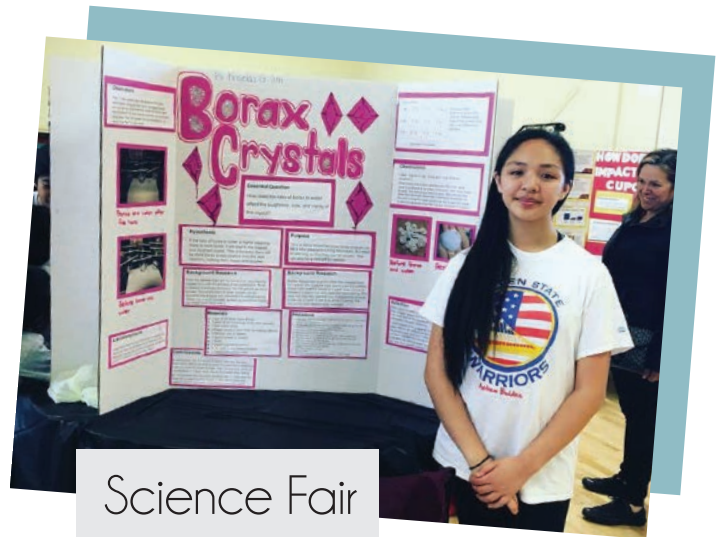
Kindergarten through Third Grade and Sixth Grade learn the art of song through a partnership with the San Francisco Opera. Sixth Grade even wrote their own Opera on Social Justice themes in the Fall!

After school enrichment opportunities include: StreetSoccer USA, YouthSF, Alonzo Lines Ballet, Art, Spanish Club.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR



100th Day of School



Science Fair



St. Patrick's Day



Marin Headlands Fieldtrip



Learning to Cook

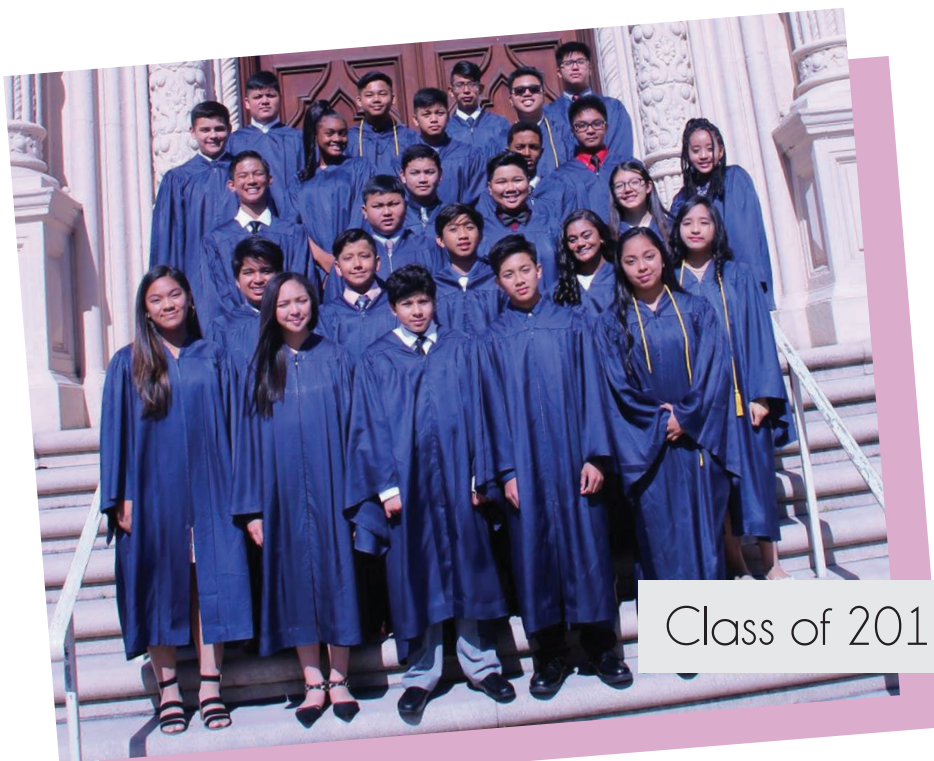


Fr. Gagan's 80th Birthday



May Crowning

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR



Class of 2018!



Kindergarten Graduation



Tiger Trot Lap-a-Thon



Christmas Nativity



Fire Station Visit

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Thursday, May 9th, 2019

The Four Seasons, San Francisco

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