



**SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL**  
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Transforming lives through education, commitment and love.



Annual Report August 2013 - July 2014

*“Your investment in San Miguel during the 2013-2014 school year yielded a high return...”*

## About San Miguel

Founded in 1995 in a convent dining room with 18 students

A private independent Catholic School based on Lasallian Principles

Three core programs: middle school, graduate support, and family support

Serves students who are academically and financially at-risk

Serves 90 middle school students, over 120 graduates, and over 600 family members

Relies almost entirely on community support and donations to operate

Is a model for urban education- helping students improve 4-6 grade levels in just three years and graduate high school at rates much higher than their neighborhood peers.



*"San Miguel is a safe and loving environment for my child. I know San Miguel will take care of our children from the second they walk through the door until they are in college. After that, graduates come back to the school to help serve; San Miguel is like family."*

*San Miguel Parent*



## A Smart Investment

As I sit down to write this letter I cannot help but smile. I can honestly say that San Miguel School Chicago is in a very hopeful place and things are looking even brighter for the days ahead.



*Thaddeus Smith, Principal/Executive Director*

This year:

- 100% of our high school seniors graduated (in four years) compared to 60% of their neighborhood peers (in five years)
- 92% of those students went on to college and the remainder entered the workforce or joined the military.
- The San Miguel Class of 2014 increased 4-6 grade levels in reading, math, and science in just three years.

Your investment in San Miguel during the 2013-2014 yielded a high return! Not only did the students and graduates make the most of this opportunity through hard work and excellent achievements but the Board of Directors and leadership at San Miguel did as well. Expenses were cut significantly in the areas of administration and fundraising costs so that more of your dollars went directly to the programs that serve our students, their families and the Back of the Yards neighborhood! (see next page)

I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to those of you who remained committed to San Miguel over the past 19 years. And, for those of you who are new to San Miguel, WELCOME! The days ahead are bright for our students, graduates, AND our family of supporters.

Finally, I would like to invite you to get involved this year. On the last page of this Annual Report there is a calendar of activities. Your support is making a difference and goes a long way here at San Miguel School Chicago!

Gratefully Yours,

Thaddeus Smith

Principal/Executive Director







## Investing in Relationships that Keep our Mission Strong



97% of San Miguel’s operating revenue comes from donors like you, and we are invested in keeping these relationships strong so that we can continue our mission! Recently San Miguel School received a generous grant to help resource our fundraising efforts over the next two years.

Meet Colleen Ahearn, Chief Advancement Officer, and new leader of San Miguel’s fundraising efforts. Colleen came to us from St. Louis where she was the Director of Advancement for De La Salle Middle School, another San Miguel School.

**“One of the most exciting things about my job at San Miguel is that I not only get to see the students’ lives transformed but I also get to see the lives of our donors and volunteers transformed through their participation in this mission. I look forward to meeting you, hearing your “San Miguel” story, and helping you find ways to support SMS with your time, talent, and treasure!”**

If you have questions about your donation, financial support, or getting involved feel free to **contact Colleen at any time by email - [cahearn@sanmiguelchicago.org](mailto:cahearn@sanmiguelchicago.org) or by calling 773-890-0233.**



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## Making the Most of Your Investment – Fund Development!

Did you know?

97% of San Miguel’s income comes from donations, yet 90% of our expenses go directly to programs and only 10% of our expenses are allocated to fundraising.

In the 2013-2014 fiscal year San Miguel spent just over \$130,000 to raise just over \$1,000,000. The dedication of our donors allows us to continue to invest more in our students, graduates, and their families!

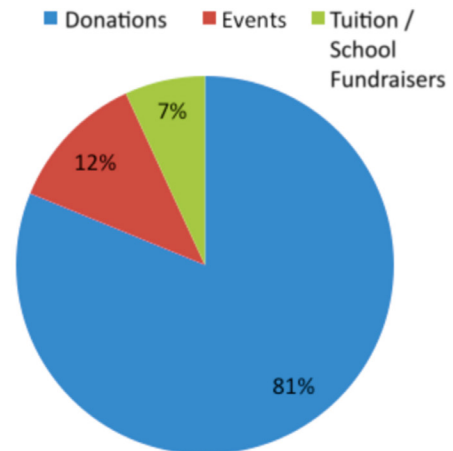
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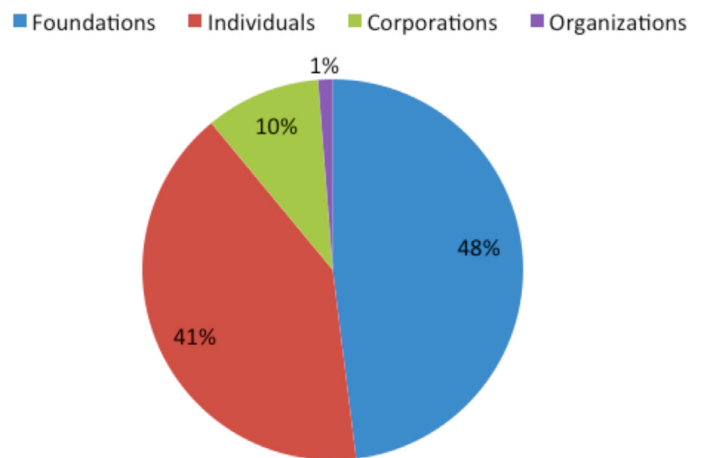
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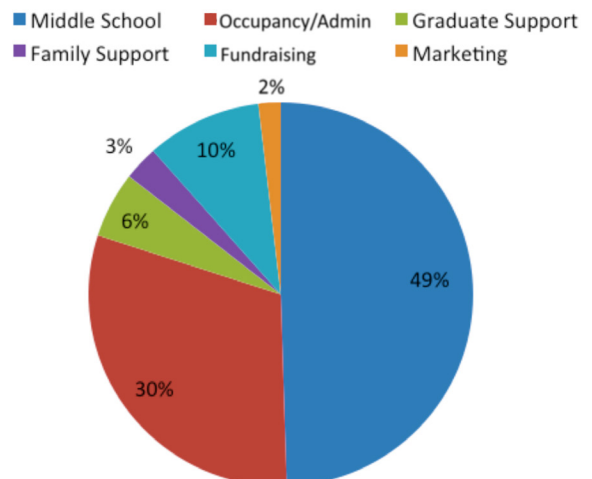
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### Fundraising Income Breakdown



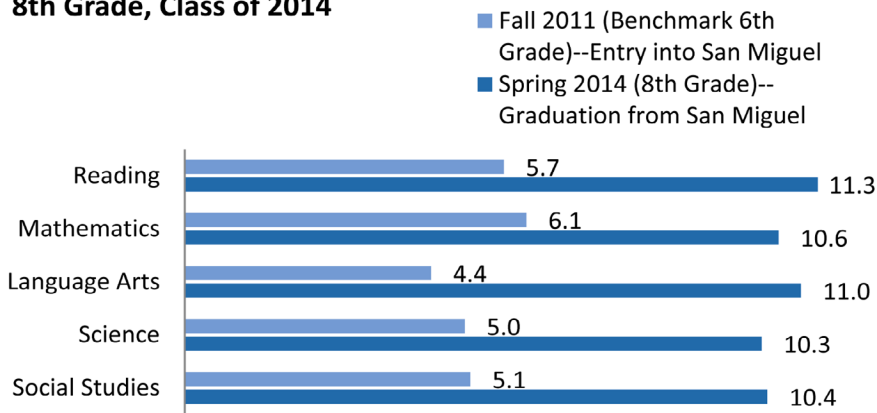
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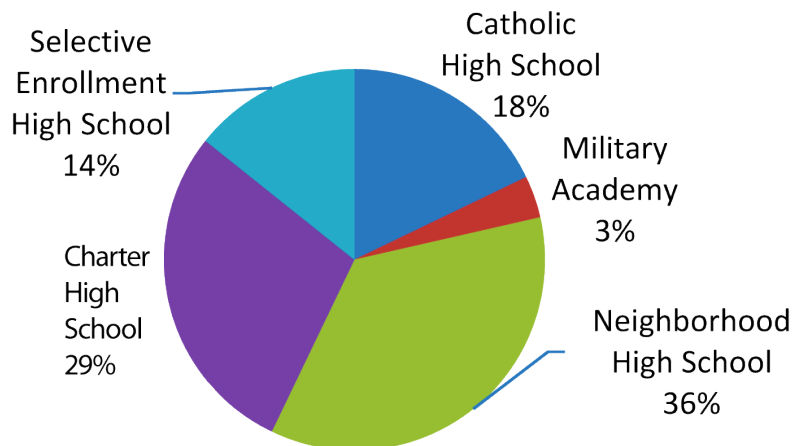
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## 2013-2014 Program Results

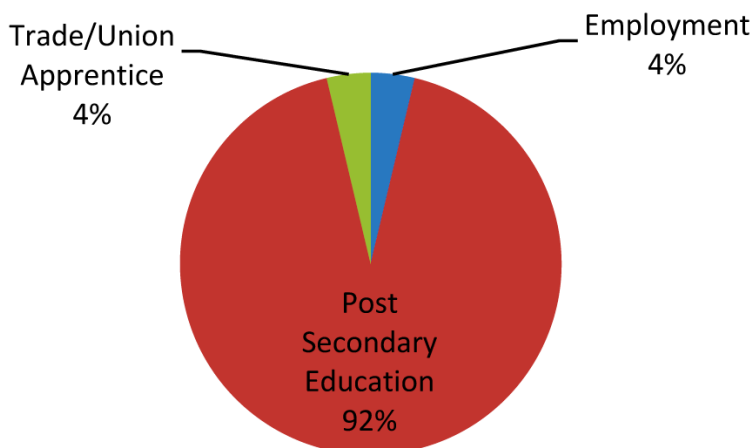
### Terra Nova 8th Grade, Class of 2014



The CLASS OF 2014 improved 4-6 grade levels in just three years during their time at San Miguel!!



Now they are off to high performing high schools....



100% of the class of 2010 graduated high school in four years compared to 60% of their neighborhood peers in five years!! Now they are off to further their journey...



*Without you San Miguel would not exist! Thank you!*

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**ALUMNI...Where Are They Now?** *Alumni...Their Journey continues as they remember th*

**Class of 2003**



**Samantha Sosa**

Graduated DePauw University on a POSSE Scholarship and is now working for a Marketing Agency.

**Class of 2004**



**Martha Munoz**

Graduated from Lewis University with a degree in Social Work and is currently working with the San Miguel Graduate Support Program as an Americorp Notre Dame Mission Volunteer.

**Class of 2007**



**Samantha Busso**

Senior at the University of Urbana Champaign. Samantha will graduate this year with a degree in communications.

**Class of 2008**



**Priscilla Nava**

Junior at St. Mary's University in Winona. Priscilla will graduate in 2016 with a degree in Spanish.

**Class of 2011**



**David Dominguez**

Senior at De La Salle Institute. David has been awarded a soccer scholarship to St. Xavier.

**Class of 2012**



**Salvador De La Luz**

Junior at Rauner College Prep. Salvador is a participant in St. Mary's University, Winona, Countdown to College Program.





*their roots at San Miguel...*

### *Class of 2005*



#### **Cindy Nava**

Graduated from St. Mary's University in Winona and she is now in her second year teaching 6th grade at San Miguel!

### *Class of 2006*



#### **Arnie Luna**

A senior at Lewis University, Arnie will graduate this year with a degree in criminal justice.

### *Class of 2009*



#### **Jimena Villagomez**

Jimena is currently attending DePaul University and will graduate with a degree in Accounting and Finance.

### *Class of 2010*



#### **Daniela Torres**

Freshman at the University of Illinois at Chicago studying Biology and Spanish.

### *Class of 2013*



#### **Eveyln Busso**

Sophomore at Jones College Prep Eveyln helps coach sports at San Miguel.

### *Class of 2014*



#### **Juan Pablo Navarro**

Freshman at De La Salle Institute. Juan Pablo is an honor-roll student.

*Collectively Over 150 Years of Service to San Miguel!*

## Meet our dedicated teachers and staff...



**Mr. Mark Barry**  
7th Grade Teacher  
(Math, Social Studies, Reading, Religion)  
Basketball and Soccer Coach  
Former Lasallian Volunteer  
5 years of service



**Mr. Mike Fedoruk**  
7th Grade Teacher (Literature, Writing, Religion, Reading)  
Basketball Coach  
Former Lasallian Volunteer,  
Graduate of Lewis University  
1 year of service



**Mr. John Kennedy-Farrell**  
6th Grade Teacher (Writing, Science, Social Studies, Reading, Religion)  
Lasallian Animator; Buttimer Institute  
11 years of service



**Mr. Dan Bowers**  
8th Grade Teacher  
(Math, Science, Reading)  
Soccer and Basketball Coach  
Current Lasallian Volunteer;  
Graduate of LaSalle University in Philadelphia  
1 year of service



**Mr. Grant Gorman**  
8th Grade Teacher (Math, Social Studies, Literature, Reading)  
Graduate of St. Mary's University of Minnesota  
6 years of service



**Ms. Martha Munoz**  
Coordinator of Graduate Support  
San Miguel Class of 2004  
Current Notre Dame Mission Americorp Volunteer;  
Graduate of Lewis University  
2 years of service



**Mr. Salvador Chavez**  
Assistant Athletic Director  
Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Softball Coach  
Parent of San Miguel Graduates  
5 years of service



**Ms. Erin Hempstead**  
Literacy Remediation and Volunteer Coordinator  
8th Grade Teacher (Writing, Reading, Religion)  
7 years of service



**Mr. Ricky Munoz**  
Literacy Tutor  
Soccer and Basketball Coach  
San Miguel Class of 2008  
2 years of service



**Ms. Maria Esparza**  
Family Support Coordinator  
Parent of San Miguel Graduates  
7 years of service



**Ms. Ana Hurtado**  
Librarian, Art Teacher,  
6th Grade instructional aid  
Parent of a San Miguel Graduate  
18 years of service



**Ms. Cindy Nava**  
6th Grade Teacher (Literature, Math, Reading)  
Volleyball and Basketball Coach  
San Miguel Class of 2005  
Graduate of St. Mary's University of Minnesota  
2 years of service



**Ms. Alison Orbin**  
 Assistant Principal  
 7th Grade Teacher (Science,  
 Reading)  
 Development Associate  
 Former Lasallian Volunteer,  
 Lasallian Leadership Institute  
 16 years of service



**Mr. Thaddeus Smith**  
 Principal and Executive Director  
 8th Grade Teacher (Religion)  
 Former Lasallian Volunteer, CIL,  
 and District Mission Council  
 Member  
 13 years of service



**Mr. Marvin Rivera**  
 6th Grade Instructional Aide  
 Soccer and Basketball Coach  
 San Miguel Class of 2008  
 Current Notre Dame Mission  
 Americorp Volunteer  
 1 year of service



**Ms. Martha Tellez**  
 School Secretary  
 Parent of San Miguel Graduates  
 19 years of service



**Ms. Marisela Romo**  
 Food Service Coordinator  
 Parent of San Miguel Graduates  
 19 years of service

*Program Staff Not Pictured:*

**Mr. Peter Goschy**  
 Ignatian Volunteer Corp  
 13 years of service

**Brother Ryan Thibert**  
 Volunteer  
 2 years of service  
 Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

**Ms. Angela Zuccaro**  
 Title I teacher  
 1 year of service



**Mr. Eric Serrano**  
 Director of Student Life  
 Athletic Director  
 Soccer, Softball and Basketball Coach  
 Nativity Miguel Coalition  
 15 years of service



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 different because  
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 stay in touch with  
 you even after  
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*- Naomy, 8th grade*



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<b>May 3rd</b>	Cinco De Mayo Event
<b>June 11th</b>	River Fest - Happy Hour
<b>September TBD</b>	20th Anniversary Reunion
<b>October 22nd</b>	School Rocks Event

For more information about San Miguel events contact Maggie Burke at [mburke@sanmiguelchicago.org](mailto:mburke@sanmiguelchicago.org)

