Cathedral High School has an outstanding track record in graduating students and helping them get into college with academic scholarships and substantial financial aid. Nearly 100% of our graduating seniors attend college. For many families these students are the first to graduate high school and attend the college of their choice.

Cathedral’s senior class of 98 students have been accepted to 125 schools, offering over $20 million in scholarships and awards!

Check out the impressive colleges and universities:

Adelphi University • Adelphi University Honors College • Albright College • Alfred University • Barry University • Berkeley College • Boston College • Bowie State University • Caldwell University • Cazenovia College • Clark Atlanta University Honors and Scholars Program • Clark University • College of Mount St. Vincent • CUNY Baruch College • CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College • CUNY Bronx Community College • CUNY Brooklyn College • CUNY The City College of New York • CUNY Hunter College • CUNY LaGuardia College • CUNY Lehman College • CUNY Medgar Evers College • CUNY NYC College of Technology • CUNY Queens College • CUNY College of Staten Island • CUNY York College • Curry College • Dean College • Delaware State University • Delaware Valley University • DePaul University • Dominican College • Fairfield University • Fairleigh Dickinson University • Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising • Fordham University • Gannon University • Hartwick University • Hilbert College • Hofstra University • Iona College • Iona College Honors College • Ithaca College • Johnson and Wales University Rhode Island • Kean University • Keiser University • LaSalle University • LeMoyne College • LIM College • Lincoln University • Long Island University Brooklyn • Loyola University Maryland • Manhattan College • Marymount Manhattan College • Mercy College • Molloy College • New England College • New York Institute of Technology • New York University • New Jersey Institute of Technology • Nova Southeastern University • New York Institute of Technology • Ohio University • Otis College of Art and Design • Pace University • Pace University Pforzheimer Honors College • Penn State University • Penn State University Abington Honors Program • Pratt Institute • Pratt Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute • Rensselaer Polytechnic University • Rutgers University • Sacred Heart University • Saint Peter's University • Savannah College of Art and Design Scholars Program • School of Art Institute of Chicago • School of Visual Arts • Scranton University • Seton Hall University • Siena College • Southern New Hampshire University • Spelman College • St. Francis College • St. John’s University • St. Joseph’s College • St. Thomas Aquinas College • SUNY Albany • SUNY Alfred State • SUNY Binghamton • SUNY Brockport • SUNY Buffalo • SUNY Buffalo State College • SUNY FIT • SUNY Fredonia • SUNY Geneseo • SUNY New Paltz • SUNY Oneonta • SUNY Oswego • SUNY Plattsburgh • SUNY Potsdam • SUNY Stony Brook University • Susquehanna University • Syracuse University • Temple University • The College of Saint Rose • The George Washington University • The New School-Parsons School of Design • The University of Scranton • University of Bridgeport • University of Connecticut • University of Connecticut Honors College • University of Delaware • University of Hartford • University of Miami • University of New Haven • University of Notre Dame • University of the Sciences • University of Vermont • University of Virginia • University of Southern California • Virginia State University • Westchester Community College

We are very proud of the entire Class of 2020!
Dear Cathedral Family,

As our Spring/Summer 2020 CATHEDRAL CONNECTION goes to print we remain in uncharted territory. In this time of unprecedented challenges, I have so many things to be grateful for. I am proud that the entire Cathedral community of faculty, staff, and students have come together with extraordinary grace over the past several months.

With graduation postponed, no prom or year-end celebrations our Class of 2020 has responded with the many wonderful attributes Cathedralites are known for – positivity, strength, and compassion. Our reunion was canceled, as was our Spring Benefit which we turned into a match for the newly created MARGUERITE KIELY SCHOLARSHIP FUND which provided critical support so that many students could finish the school year at Cathedral.

We are thrilled to have received two transformative six-figure foundation grants this year, which you’ll read about in this issue. Two 3D printers purchased through a Fund II Foundation grant for our STEM program proved invaluable in the creation of shields for front line workers in New York City. The Dolciani Halloran Foundation’s recent gift for the naming of our Mathematics Wing in honor of our esteemed alumnae Mary P. Dolciani ’44 will profoundly impact our mathematics department and carry forward Mary’s legacy.

My deepest thanks to so many who have given “over and above” in their support and guidance. I am ever grateful to our extraordinary Board of Trustees and the many treasured alumnae, friends and foundations who have bestowed additional funding to Cathedral during this crisis.

The administration, faculty, and staff at Cathedral extend our condolences and prayers to those who have lost loved ones and have been affected by COVID-19 and we stand with you in pain and sadness at the events that have unfolded over the past few months in Minneapolis, across the United States, and globally.

As a Catholic community committed to the teachings of Jesus and the teachings of the Church, we believe our most authentic response to this crisis is to recommit ourselves to the promise of our mission statement to continually challenge each and every one of our students – regardless of race, ethnicity or economic status - to become productive members of society who will conduct themselves with religious and moral integrity in the pursuit of social justice.

With our unwavering commitment to offering unparalleled education and life-changing opportunities, we look forward to all being together as soon as possible. I have promised the Class of 2020 that we will continue the Cathedral tradition, since 1909, of holding graduation ceremonies at St. Patrick’s Cathedral as soon as we are able. The next issue of CATHEDRAL CONNECTION will feature that joyous celebration.

This year has been like no other and we are uncertain as to what will transpire in the Fall. We have convened a Reopening Team to plan the safe return to Cathedral High School and we remain nimble and flexible in envisioning various scenarios for the 20-21 school year.

Thank you all for your continued support and friendship. Stay safe and well!

With gratitude,

Maria Spagnuolo
Principal
RESPONDING TO THE CRISIS

Jonathan Boo delivers face shields to St. Barnabas Hospital

In December Cathedral High School happily announced a $100,000 grant from the FUND II FOUNDATION to enhance our STEM program with an expanded curriculum, including instruction in technical drawing and 3D modeling. We never could have envisioned how indispensable this gift would be during the crisis!

With a portion of this grant Cathedral purchased two 3D printers. Jonathan Boo, Director of STEM and the 2019 recipient of the “Emergent Design Science Professional Award” from the Rhode Island School of Design, created and built hundreds of face shields for first responders. In collaboration with Shields for Heroes, they were donated to local hospitals, including St. Barnabas in the Bronx.

In addition to constructing and providing desperately needed masks, this project is serving as an invaluable teaching tool for Cathedral students in learning how to put the manufacturing process to practical use and in creative problem-solving.

Spotlight On Nurse
Shinequa Waite ’09

It’s a very rewarding feeling to be a part of history and part of the pandemic efforts in general.” - Shinequa Waite ’09

Cathedral alumnae include many women on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis. Shinequa works as a clinical nurse at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan in the Mother Baby/Continuing Care Nursery. She credits Cathedral’s Gateways to Health (now Medical Gateways) program under the supervision of Ms. Alice D’Orazi as the inspiration for her chosen career. After graduating from Cathedral, Shinequa studied Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh and will soon receive her MSN in the Women Health Nurse Practitioner program at SUNY Downstate. Her advice to current Cathedral students interested in healthcare — “Stay the course!”
Cathedral High School has always been technology-focused. In mid March we quickly and seamlessly transitioned to remote learning. Unlike other high schools in NYC with our demographic, every student at Cathedral already had Chromebooks and iPads. Utilizing a combination of Google classroom tools, reading assignments, hands-on projects, and independent study, our proactive approach ensured the continuity of a regular school day from 8:10am to 2:30pm. This afforded minimal disruption for faculty and students, and fostered a sense of normalcy as we adjusted to a new routine.

Though many of our families are among the most vulnerable today, through the extraordinary efforts of our remarkable faculty and staff and the commitment of our students to their education, learning at Cathedral thrived in these challenging times. As the school year draws to a close, we are so grateful to Cathedral High School teachers, students and their families who fostered the continuity of instruction and learning.
Seniors picked up their caps and gowns at Cathedral in preparation for graduation on July 30.
The annual Spring Benefit is Cathedral High School’s largest fundraiser and a vital source of revenue. Our April 20th event was planned as a celebration of beloved Marguerite (Peg) Kiely’s 50 years at Cathedral. In lieu of this event, we initiated The Marguerite Kiely Scholarship Fund to pay tribute to Peg and mitigate the urgent financial challenges of this crisis.

Scholarships are widely available at Cathedral, with more than 80% of our students receiving financial assistance each year. This Spring the need became even more critical with so many of our students and their families adversely affected by the pandemic and struggling with tuition payments.

A group of generous donors provided matching funds for all contributions, up to $50,000, received by April 30th. This campaign exceeded its goal of $100,000, offering vital support for many students.

The Marguerite Kiely Scholarship Fund is critical to providing promising young women an exceptional education.

Contributions continue to arrive daily and we are grateful for the generosity of over 140 people who donated to this Fund.

For more information visit www.cathedralhs.org/donate.

### A Salute to Marguerite (Peg) Kiely

**Adele Vera-Angel ’68**

I met Peg during my senior year at CHS and her first year at the school. She was and is an extraordinary woman. She is what CHS has stood for since 1905, the model of the women we prepare for the world.

**Florence Ressegue ’75**

I was a student of Peg’s back in 1972 and 1975 and reconnected with her 20 years later. She also had a smile on her face but a very strong and determined woman. She always knew what she wanted and always found a way to get it. “I believe her strong faith is what motivates her. It is a true pleasure to call her my former teacher and, most importantly, my friend.

**Iris Guzman ’16**

I graduated from Syracuse University this year. Ms. Kiely gave me her red leather briefcase and told me I’d use it as a lawyer one day. I didn’t tell her then but those words meant the absolute world to me. Because she convinced me to join mock trial, I have excelled in college. Hopefully I’ll be attending law school in the Fall of 2020. To Ms. Kiely, “Keep doing what you’re doing for your students. It does not go unseen.”
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TRANSFORMATIVE GIVING

MARY P. DOLCIANI MATHEMATICS WING

We are thrilled to announce an extraordinary gift from the Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation for the naming of the mathematics wing at Cathedral High School. With this grant, Cathedral will honor the legacy of our esteemed alumnae Mary P. Dolciani ‘44.

Mary was voted one of the two “most studious,” “most reliable,” and “the Ideal Cathedral Girl” in a 1941 class poll as reported in The Arbutus, Cathedral’s school publication.

At a time when it was uncommon for women to enter the field, Mary excelled as a gifted mathematician, educator and author. The Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation was established in her name to further the study of mathematics and mathematics education.

Cathedral High School’s Mary P. Dolciani Mathematics Wing will encompass five classrooms on the fourth floor. This gift will celebrate Mary and foster future generations of mathematicians, by incorporating new technology to enhance learning, launching the Mary P. Dolciani Summer Bridge Program and providing professional development for Cathedral’s math teachers.

We look forward to a celebratory Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and the unveiling of a display of Mary’s accomplishments in the coming months.

IN MEMORIAM

The Cathedral High School community extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of recently deceased alumnae and friends. Please remember them in your prayers.

Theodora Podesta Farrell ’40
Sr. Mary Aquin Flaherty ’40
Helen T. Gorman ’44
Sr. Catherine McGlynn ’44
Helen Farrell O’Malley ’44
Patricia Howell Ross ’45
Eileen McGinley Sutherland ’45
Catherine O’Leary Hallacy ’46
Joan Burke Maloney ’46
Winifred Theresa Childs
Saltus ’46
Veronica Fenty Joyce ’48
Sr. Patricia Maureen Mulryan (Mary Catherine) ’48
Mary McElligott Wagenhofer ’48
Patricia Flanagan
McGlinchey ’49
Mary T. Burdett ’50
Mary Louise Rasche Butler ’50
Sr. Alice Maureen
Darragh ’51
Anne M. Mulqueen ’51
Rosemary Scanlon Dolan ’51
Catherine Ungaro Caridi ’52
Ann Vaughn Murphy ’55
Sr. Patricia McGowan ’56
Marianne Dirkx Krafcheck ’57
Margaret Galvin ’57
Camille Eileen Ferrara ’62
Ann P. McDonagh ’62
Sheila M. Parris, Ph. D. ’72
Sandra Morales ’73
Stacey Bell ’84

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Giving Back to Cathedral

Our esteemed alumnae are integral to the continued success of Cathedral High School. From the naming of the Ursula M. Burns MakerSpace to the The Mary P. Dolciani Mathematics Wing to the numerous alumnae and their families who sponsor scholarships, contribute, and become members of the Sr. Mary Raymond Legacy Society, Cathedral graduates have a strong tradition of giving back. We are most grateful to have recently received a generous bequest from Patricia C. Westwater ’46.

REMEMBERING ALUMNAE ANNE MULQUEEN ’51 (1933 –2019)

Anne Mulqueen of Glen Rock, New Jersey passed away on October 27, 2019. Anne was with Verizon for 37 years and retired as a communications consultant. She was a strong supporter of tuition assistance for urban children in Camden, New Jersey and at Cathedral, where she has sponsored two students since 2016. Now graduating seniors, as a treasured Scholarship Sponsor, she had a huge impact on both of them. Anne’s hope was that the girls would be successful in their lives and when the opportunity presented itself be helpful to others on their journey. We are grateful to Anne for giving back to Cathedral.

BECOME A SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR

Many Cathedral families have been hardest hit in the COVID-19 crisis and unable to complete their tuition payments for the 2019-20 school year. The need for assistance is even greater for the coming school year.

These families understand that attending Cathedral is a transformative experience and can break the cycle of poverty through a rigorous values based education. Scholarship support ensures that families receive the assistance they need so that their daughters can focus on the benefits of an exemplary education at Cathedral.

Cathedral Scholarship Sponsors play an integral part in the Cathedral community. They are kept apprised of student’s academic progress and many develop enduring relationships.

Please help us continue the legacy of Anne Mulqueen and so many others who support Cathedral students with scholarships.

For more information, contact glombardo@cathedralhs.org.
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REMEMBER CATHEDRAL IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN

Join the Sr. Mary Raymond Legacy Society

“I decided to give back to Cathedral because I had a very solid education. Those are the values that have followed me over time. I want to give young women an environment in which they can excel and opportunities unmatched by other places.”

- Marta Baez ’65, CHS Legacy Society member

Please consider including Cathedral High School in your estate plan. Members of the Sr. Mary Raymond Legacy Society receive special invitations to events and programs as well as VIP receptions and “behind the scenes” activities at Cathedral.

When you remember Cathedral with a legacy gift, you’ll join the Sr. Mary Raymond Legacy Society, a group of wonderful alumnae and friends who recognize and support Cathedral High School. Please join them in playing an integral role in helping to support future generations of women leaders.

Sr. Mary Raymond Legacy Society

Frances Amicone
Wilma Aponte ’80
Marta Baez ’65
Gertrude L. Balicki ’45
Mary J. Brady ’40
Ursula M. Burns ’76
Mary E. Cummings ’48
Nancy Cunnane
Rita Clymer ’31
Joanne M. DePaola ’57
Mary Patricia Dwyer ’42
Ann C. Healey ’48
Mary Ann Micillo Kikel ’57
Marian Pasini Kryshak ’63
Leona Leo
Catherine P. Martin ’42
Phyllis Milton
Hannah Murphy ’47
Helen Von Wyl Murphy ’44
Norma T. Pace ’37
Ms Helen C. Tausch ’53
Mary J. Weinbaum ’52
Patricia Westwater ’46
Philip J. Wilker

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SUPPORT CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Since 1905, Cathedral High School has served young women of all faiths and cultures especially from urban low-income families who would otherwise be unable to afford a private education. As the largest all-girls college preparatory school in Manhattan Cathedral’s mandate is to provide promising young women with an exceptional education and essential skills needed for success.

So many Cathedral families have been adversely affected by COVID-19 and are struggling financially. Many of their daughters are the first in the family to graduate high school and complete college. Now, more than ever, it is vital that Cathedral have the resources to continue to transform the lives of young women of all faiths and cultures through unparalleled education and life experiences.

There are multiple ways you can become part of the Cathedral Community:

» Become A Scholarship Sponsor
» Join the Legacy Society
» Donate to Cathedral
» Volunteer - Consider participating on a Committee or the Board of Trustees
» Introduce us to your company’s corporate philanthropy team or your matching gift program

For more information contact development@cathedralhs.org.

Thank You!!!!!!