
Cathedral High School Annual Appeal
Our Mission

Since 1905, Cathedral High School has provided a transformative Catholic education to the daughters of immigrant families: an education that challenges them to fulfill their academic potential, inspires them to serve and care for their communities, and imbibes them with a deep sense of their own human dignity.

Today, Cathedral High School maintains its commitment to educating any young woman who earnestly desires a Cathedral education, especially those whose families struggle financially.

As a college preparatory school in the Archdiocese of New York, Cathedral offers a robust curriculum for young women of all religious, economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds. However, the Cathedral experience is not just an academic one; here, students are engaged in the fullness of their humanity as they grow intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally.

Your financial generosity to the Cathedral High School Annual Fund is what allows us to provide this opportunity to hundreds of young women each year. Thank you for supporting our mission!

We believe that God has called each of our students into existence for the very purpose of sharing her unique gifts with the world. The whole Cathedral community is here to identify and cultivate those gifts and to walk with our students during the joys and trials of these four years of their lives.

Juliette Picciano,
President
Cathedral Girls **Belong**

Cathedral girls belong to a school community that affirms and inspires them. Fundamental to this experience is the bond of sisterhood. During their four years here, Cathedral students form deep friendships with one another as they navigate the joys and challenges of adolescence.

Cathedral Girls **Believe**

Cathedral girls believe that God has entrusted to them particular gifts that they are called to cultivate and share. They believe in each other’s potential and work to uplift and improve the world around them.

Cathedral Girls **Become**

Cathedral girls become women of purpose and conviction. They become women who are bold and confident yet open-minded. They embody a spirit of joy and gratitude and celebrate the diversity of the world God has created.
Cathedral by the Numbers

430 Young Women

26 Languages Spoken

$35MM in College Scholarships Awarded to the Class of 2022

56% Latina Students
117 Years in New York City

59 Nationalities Represented

Students Come From All New York City Boroughs, As Well as Long Island, Westchester, and New Jersey

28% African American Students
The Cathedral *Experience*

During their time at Cathedral, students complete a full New York State accredited curriculum, as well as additional coursework to enrich and enhance their education. Students can participate in a wide array of athletic, artistic, and extracurricular activities and have ample opportunities for service hours, internships, mentorships, retreats, and spiritual formation.

In all of their academic and personal pursuits, Cathedral students receive the guidance, preparation, and support necessary to achieve goals they never before thought possible.

“My favorite thing about Cathedral High School is the wealth of opportunities. I was active in many clubs, participated in service to the community, and held internships both in school and at BlackRock. I left Cathedral feeling well prepared to meet the challenges ahead.”

*Amanda Mercado, Class of 2022*
The Cathedral Outlook

Cathedral students have outstandingly high graduation rates (100%) and college admissions and enrollment rates (100%) and participate in prestigious scholarship programs, including The Gates Scholarship, the Ron Brown Scholar Program, Tom Joyner Scholarships, and The New York Times College Sponsorship Program. Cathedral graduates are accepted and matriculate into a wide array of colleges and universities, including:

- Colgate University
- Fordham University
- Manhattan College
- City University of New York
- Harvard University
- Seton Hall University
- Emory University
- SUNY
- NYU
- Spelman College
- University of Notre Dame
- Williams College
- College of Mount Saint Vincent
- Pace University
- Howard University
- Fairfield University
Business, Law, and Finance Academy

Through Cathedral’s Business, Law, and Finance Academy, students engage in a series of courses to develop their critical and analytical skills, expose themselves to various business concentrations, and cultivate a growth-oriented mindset. Cathedral students hone their writing and public speaking skills by participating in Junior Achievement’s national business plan competition, as well as a competitive mock trial led by volunteer attorneys. Through internships at organizations such as BlackRock, Moses & Singer LLP, and Ernst & Young, students learn firsthand the power of strategy and innovation.

Medical Gateways Academy

Medical Gateways provides students with the academic background, practical experience, and confidence needed to pursue medical studies after graduation. For nearly two-thirds of Cathedral students, this program is a defining element of their high school experience. While completing the program’s rigorous academic curriculum, students spend one day per week during their junior year in a clinical internship aligned with their professional aspirations at organizations such as Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, NYU Langone Health, Hospital for Special Surgery, and Mount Sinai Health System.

STEM Academy

During classroom instruction in the state-of-the-art Ursula Burns (’76) MakerSpace, Cathedral girls engage with hands-on applications in design and engineering. Within the STEM Academy, students sharpen their problem-solving abilities and are exposed to disciplines such as coding, 3D printing, and robotics. For many graduates, the Cathedral STEM program serves as the catalyst for their future pursuits of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
Cathedral High School is one of the only Catholic high schools in New York City with dedicated medical, business, finance, law, and STEM programs.

Through Medical Gateways, I had the privilege of participating in the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center’s Science Enrichment Program. I attended lectures mainly centered around cancer biology, and toward the end of the internships, I presented my findings regarding the impact of hospital-provided services on colorectal cancer patients. This experience is what solidified my interest in pursuing research next year as a neuroscience major at Colgate University.

Zemira Meade,
Salutatorian of the Class of 2022
Although our families make great personal sacrifices for their daughters to attend Cathedral High School, all of our students rely on the generosity of friends and alumnae to support their education. While the actual cost of one year at Cathedral is $18,000, annual tuition is heavily subsidized, and 85% of Cathedral students pay $2,500 or less per year.

Your gift to Cathedral High School is a direct investment not just in one student, but in her family and local community. A Cathedral education can change the course of a young woman’s life and serves as a catalyst for her future economic, social, and personal well-being.

Please consider making your gift today to support the deserving young women of Cathedral High School!

We are a community. I know that when I leave Cathedral for college and a career, I will always be a Cathedralite. I’m able to attend Cathedral thanks to the support of my sponsor, and I hope to one day pay it forward to another student. I am very grateful and work hard to honor my sponsor’s belief in me!

Janessa Diaz, Class of 2026
Ways to Give

Donate by Check or Phone:

Mail your check to:
Cathedral High School
350 East 56th Street
New York, NY 10022

If you have any questions or prefer to contribute by phone, please call:
212-688-1545, ext. 233 or email us at development@cathedralhs.org.

Become a Monthly Sustainer

Monthly giving provides ongoing support to the women of Cathedral High School. Visit cathedralhs.org/monthly-giving to sign up or to learn more about the benefits of a recurring gift.

Give a Girl a Year, Change Her Life

Sponsors play an invaluable role in encouraging Cathedral students and often maintain those relationships for life. If you are interested in sponsoring a Cathedral student’s education in part or in full, please call 212-688-1545, ext. 233 or email us at development@cathedralhs.org.

Securities Donations

If you would like to contribute stock or appreciated securities, please call 212-688-1545, ext. 233 or email us at development@cathedralhs.org.

Sr. Mary Raymond Legacy Society

Remembering Cathedral High School in your estate plan is a powerful commitment to the Cathedral mission. If you are interested in learning more about including Cathedral High School as part of your legacy giving, please call 212-688-1545, ext. 233 or email us at development@cathedralhs.org.

Matching Gifts

Many employers have matching gift programs that allow you to increase the impact of your charitable gift. If your company has a matching gift program, please be sure to include the appropriate form or link with your contribution.

Thank You