



2019-20

ANNUAL REPORT



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Bethlehem Academy, a Catholic school in the Sinsinawa Dominican tradition, strives to empower its students and staff to achieve personal, spiritual, and academic excellence. We challenge ourselves to love as Jesus Christ loved, to lead, to serve, to inspire, and to seek the truth: Veritas.



Letter from the President/Principal - Melinda Reeder

Dear Bethlehem Academy Supporters and Families:

Each additional year is a celebration and culmination of our history and our progress. The academic year of 2019-20 created unique challenges not only for BA, but for schools nationwide. I joined the BA family in July 2020 amidst these instructional challenges, ready to face new opportunities in my 11th year as an administrator of Catholic schools.

BA transitioned to distance learning in the spring of 2020 due to COVID-19. Prior to March, however, BA continued its rich traditions and progress toward the school's strategic plan goals by following our mission. The final windows were replaced throughout the building thanks to generous gifts from donors. BA expanded the agricultural program and begin building a greenhouse. Our students competed and placed in Science Olympiad and VexIQ Robotics. Staff honored students monthly and our scholars experienced extended learning opportunities through excursions to the Sinsinawa Mound, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center and San Lucas Toliman Mission in Guatemala. College in the Schools courses and AP classes expanded student opportunities, and professional development brought teachers together for cultural competency and ACT instructional implementation.

Despite moving classes to distance learning in the spring, BA graduated a class that spread across our nation to 27 colleges. Our graduates represent BA to the world as the hands and feet of Christ. Each generation of graduates carries on the BA mission, "To love as Jesus Christ loved, to lead, to serve, to inspire and to seek the truth: VERITAS."

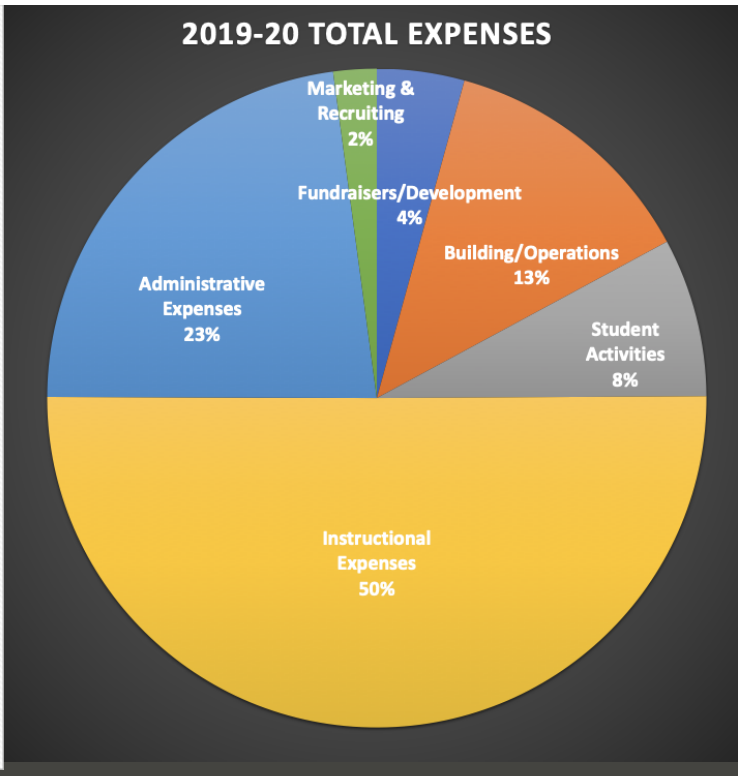
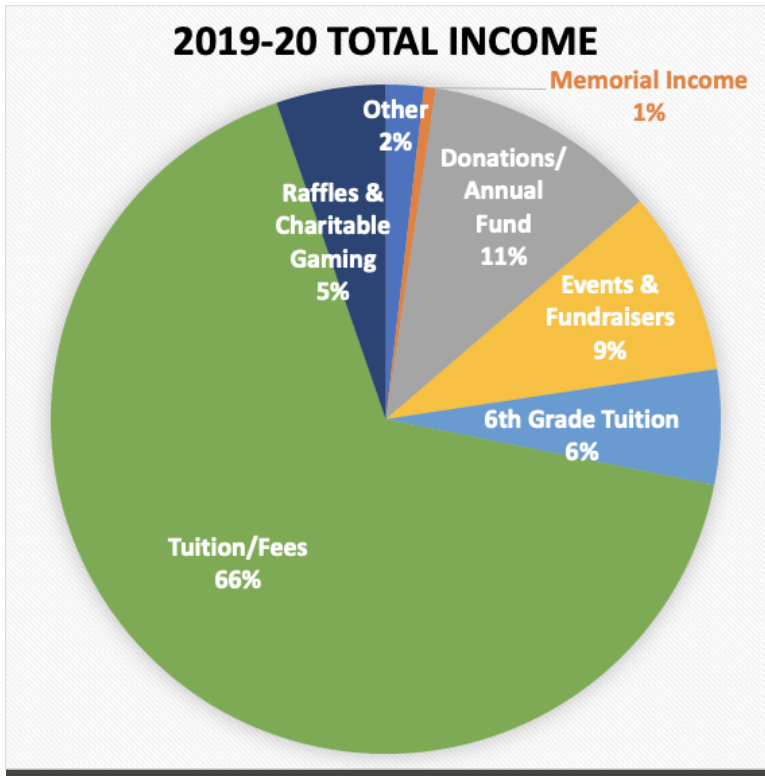
We are blessed by our students, staff, families and supporters. A look back at 2019-20 reveals hope for the year ahead. I anticipate meeting the challenges of enrollment and budgetary needs with the support of all of our stakeholders. Join me in prayer and support as we continue to live out our mission!



OUR LATEST NUMBERS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Bethlehem Academy manages a 2.3 million dollar budget through the dedicated commitment of BA staff, the Finance Committee, the BA Board of Directors, and under the guidelines of the Sinsinawa Sponsor's Council. In 2019-20 we ended our year with a small surplus of \$23,699 thanks to the generous support of our donors and families. (Please note: Depreciation expenses are not included in this amount.)





CLASS OF 2020 PROFILE

Average ACT Composite Score: 23.5

National Average ACT Composite Score: 20.0

2020 Graduates: 35

Four-Year College: 63% Two-Year College: 14% Military: 6%

College Scholarships/Grants Awarded: \$1,145,104

Average Award/College-Bound Graduate (27): \$42,411

University of Minnesota College Credits Earned (CIS): 72

DID YOU KNOW?

Bethlehem Academy was founded in 1865. Since its beginning, Catholic doctrine embraced through the Dominican charisms have led graduates to serve in the faith and follow their vocation. Our story of graduates is a story of our Catholic faith, inspired to make a difference for others - a difference for life!

79 Sisters

1 Bishop

3 Brothers

13 Priests*

*2 recent graduates presently in study

1 Deacon

12 NET Team Members (2000-2015)