

2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT



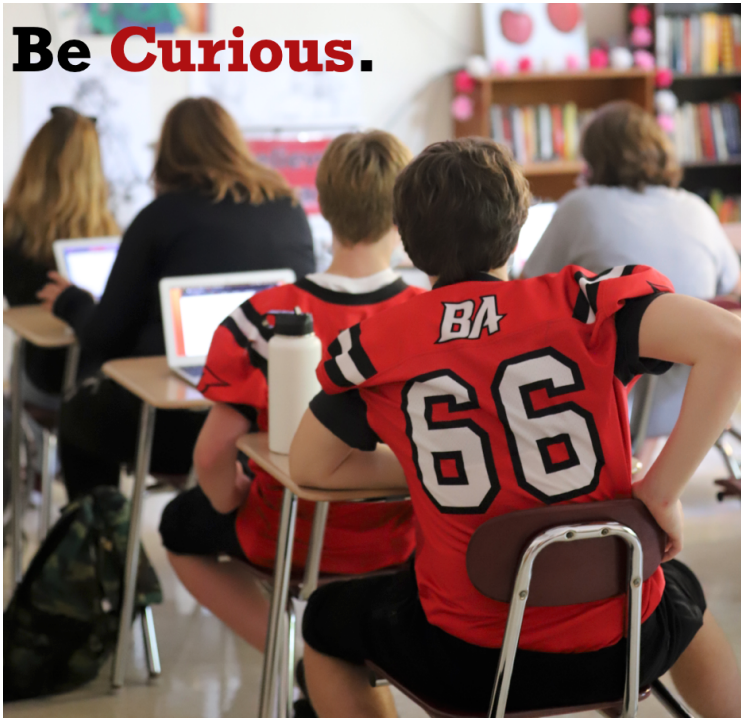
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ACADEMY

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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.

Be Curious.



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Be a Cardinal.



Letter from the President/Principal - Melinda Reeder

Dear Bethlehem Academy Supporters and Families:

I am honored to begin my second year in service to the Bethlehem Academy (BA) community. In my first year as President/Principal, we met the many challenges of the year with detailed plans and protocols to ensure both excellence in education and safety on campus. We were blessed to begin each day in prayer throughout the year, regardless of where our students were, online or in-person. Without the prayer of our students, staff, families, alumni and supporters, we could not have persevered through the many struggles of the 2020-21 school year. THANK YOU!

This last year, Bethlehem Academy followed schools nationally in offering varied learning formats. Staff spent additional time over the summer planning for all our 2020-21 school learning scenarios. We began the 2020-21 year with in-person learning (except for those who chose a full year of online learning), followed by periods of full online learning and hybrid learning, and ended the year with full in-person learning once again. Our staff were truly miraculous in their teaching efforts and flexibility. Through their support our students thrived, and our graduating class surpassed school records in both academic and athletic prowess.

We are thankful to have made it through the year with the grace of God and all of your support. As we look forward, God has richly blessed BA for this next year. We increased enrollment, met fundraising revenue targets, and added new courses and faith-filled enrichment experiences for students and staff. Our finance committee and Board just approved a balanced budget with a surplus for the first time in years. All of this is in thanks to our generous donors and supporters.

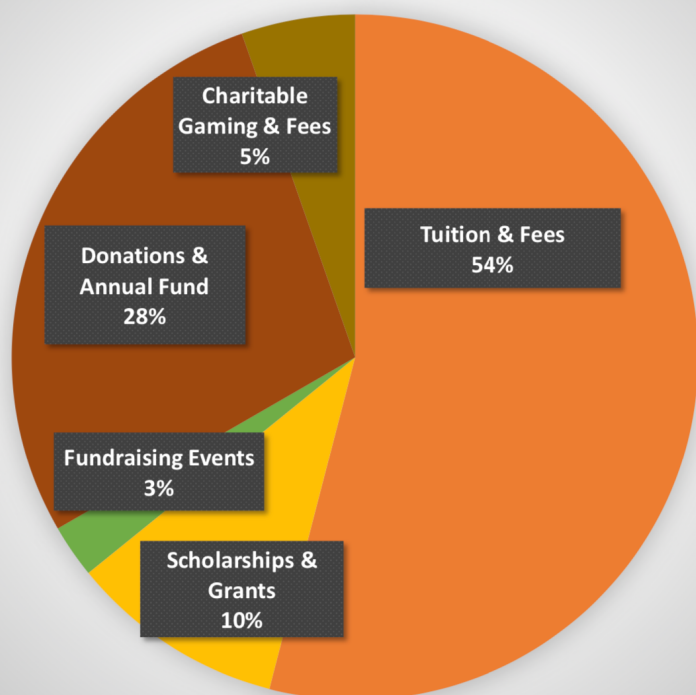
I look forward to visiting with you in the year ahead. My coffee pot is on; please stop in to learn more about all of the exciting news at BA!

OUR LATEST NUMBERS

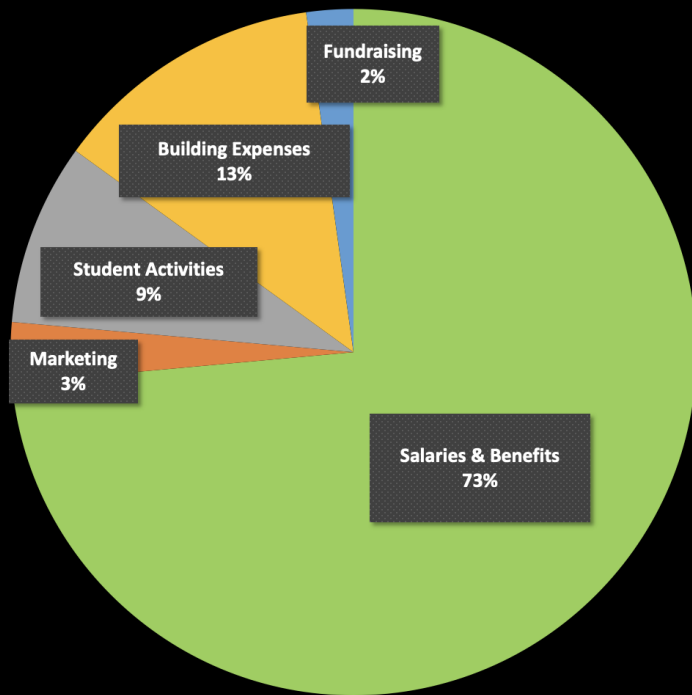
FINANCIAL UPDATE

Bethlehem Academy manages a 2.1 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 2020-21, we ended our year positively thanks, in part, to the generous support of our donors and families and through the COVID PPP loan.

INCOME 2020-21



EXPENSES 2020-21





OUR STUDENT PERFORMANCE

CLASS OF 2021 PROFILE

2021 Graduates: 31

Average GPA: 3.50; 15 Summa Cum Laude Graduates (3.9+ G.P.A.)

Four-Year College: 71% Two-Year College: 23% Work: 6%

College Scholarships/Grants Awarded: \$1,224,780

Average Award/College-Bound Graduate (29): \$42,234

U of Minnesota College Credits Earned (CIS): 11; AP Classes Taken: 37

One National Merit Scholar; 4 Eagle Scouts

1 D1 Athlete; 5 DIII/NAIA Athletes; 8 three-sport senior athletes

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)