College Enrollment, Persistence, and Completion Rise



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Thanks to the generosity of the Altman Foundation, Inner-City Scholarship Fund (Inner-City) commissioned an independent study that looked at college enrollment, persistence and completion rates for 52,000 Catholic high school graduates from 39 high schools in the Archdiocese of New York (ADNY) between 2007-2022.

The study was prepared by Eric P. Bettinger, Ph.D. of Stanford University and Evaluation and Assessment Solutions for Education LLC. Following are some key findings from the study:

College Enrollment

- ◆ College enrollment rates for ADNY graduates rose from 78 percent to 86 percent.
- Inner-City scholarship recipients were 3% more likely to enroll at a four-year college than ADNY graduates who did not receive a scholarship.
- Students who participated in Inner-City's jobreadiness program were 19% more likely than non-participants to enroll in a four-year college.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, college enrollment rates rose 5% for Inner-City scholarship recipients.

Persistence & College Completion

- Over 70% of ADNY high school graduates who started their studies at a four-year college completed a bachelor's degree within six years, 10 points higher than the national average.
- ◆ The four-year college completion rate increased 12% from that of the graduating class of 2007, the first cohort that was studied.

"This report is a powerful reminder that students in Archdiocesan schools and those supported by Inner-City Scholarship Fund have the foundation to thrive in their educational endeavors," said Jill Lloyd, Executive Director of Inner-City Scholarship Fund. "The investment our donors make not only helps our students graduate high school with the skills they need, but also go on to succeed in higher education."

Inner-City supported students go on to highly-ranked institutions such as Fordham University, New York University, and Saint John's University, among many others.

See the 2024 graduate list of colleges on page 6.



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A Child. A Chance. A Future.

Dear Friends,

The start of a new school year always comes with a strong sense of hope and excitement about the learning and growth that lies ahead. However, the families we serve often don't share this same optimistic outlook prior to their children having the opportunity to enroll in one of our wonderful Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York. Providing students with a

scholarship changes the trajectory of not only the school year, but in most cases, their lives. Simply put, it's why Inner-City Scholarship Fund exists; to give students and their parents hope for a brighter future.

As supporters of our very worthy cause, you are making an investment in the success and lives of these deserving students. They do not disappoint! This edition of our newsletter is dedicated in part to celebrating our high school graduates. These smart and dedicated young men and women do not take your investment in them lightly. As you'll see in the pages ahead, they maximize it all the way to the finish line when they put on those caps and gowns and are filled with pride in what they've accomplished.



But, it doesn't stop there. As we've also highlighted in our cover story, our Catholic high school graduates go on to college and get degrees at a rate that is higher than the national average. They go on to become hard-working and thoughtful citizens of the world. As one of our board members so aptly put it, "They are givers, not takers."

These outcomes are made possible in part

by the committed and passionate teachers in our Catholic schools and the values that are instilled within the school communities. For the families who come to us for help to set their children up for this same kind of success, it's the generosity of our donors and all who support our work that makes the difference. We are grateful for the partnership that allows us to give more and more families that hopeful feeling as they begin each school year.

Sincerely,

Jill Turner Llovd

Executive Director, Inner-City Scholarship Fund

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The 47th Annual FRIENDS Gala

This year's 47th Annual Inner-City Scholarship Fund FRIENDS Gala raised over \$1.3 million, led by our dedicated Gala Chairs, Donna, Lisa, and Mark D'Urso, and Marion Macaro.

This year's event included the presentation of the inaugural Founders Award to Ruth Woolard, in appreciation of her extraordinary lifetime service, commitment, and generosity.

We were honored to have Martha MacCallum, Anchor and Executive Editor at FOX News, as our emcee. Martha and her husband Dan Gregory believe providing a Catholic education to lowincome students is life-changing and are dedicated to Inner-City's mission.

Student speaker Gianna Raldiris of Preston High School met her sponsors, Martha MacCallum and Dan Gregory, moments before taking the stage. Gianna's heartfelt gratitude resonated deeply with everyone in the room. "Every day I get to have an amazing education with supportive teachers and a wonderful principal who constantly cheers me on. I am beyond grateful to have the security of knowing my mother doesn't have to take on an extra worry due to financial stress. I can't thank you enough, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory."

Marion Macaro, speaking on behalf of the Gala Chairs, painted a beautiful picture of how deserving Ruth is of the Founders Award. "She never said no when the phone rang, and Inner-City needed her help. Her endless energy, and support of this



Peter T. Grauer, Ruth Woolard, Cardinal Dolan



Dan Gregory, Gianna Raldiris, Martha MacCallum

incredible mission is helping so many children thrive with a Catholic education who may not have been able to afford one." Ruth's leadership has been pivotal to Inner-City's success, and we are so grateful to her and each of the Gala chairs.

In Ruth Woolard's powerful speech about her time with Inner-City Scholarship Fund, she said she believes "The success stories of our alumni are our proof. And the children and families whose lives are transformed through their Catholic school education will go on to help generations of people who come after them. That is a powerful legacy of the work we are all doing with Inner-City Scholarship Fund."

The evening had special performances from the choirs of St. Raymond Elementary School, All Hallows High School, Cardinal Spellman High School, and Notre Dame High School.

The funds raised from this event will allow us to further our mission of providing low-income families the opportunity to give their children a quality, values-based Catholic education in the Archdiocese of New York.

Save the date for the 46th Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at The Plaza Hotel, where we will honor Stephen J. Squeri, the Chairman and CEO of American Express.

Welcome to the Inner-City Board of Trustees!

Leon F. DeJulius, Jr.

Lee DeJulius is Partner-in-Charge of the New York Office at Jones Day. Mr. DeJulius, a former law clerk to Chief Justice William Rehnquist, represents clients across industries and legal subjects in high-stakes trial and appellate matters throughout the country. He has tried cases before juries, judges, and arbitration panels. Mr. DeJulius also has appeared in dozens of appellate matters, presenting

arguments in several federal circuit courts and state supreme courts. Mr. DeJulius serves as national counsel for Sherwin-Williams in lead paint litigation. He also leads Chevron's defense of thousands of lawsuits, including a federal multidistrict litigation (MDL) and coordinated state proceedings, related to alleged health effects from a historical herbicide. Mr. DeJulius recently secured a unanimous reversal in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on a billiondollar dispute involving a consent decree with the Pennsylvania Attorney General.

Michael E. Martin

Michael E. Martin is the former Managing
Director in the Financial Services group
at Warburg Pincus. Prior to joining
Warburg Pincus in 2009, he was President
of Brooklyn NY Holdings, a private
investment company. Previously, Mr. Martin
was a Vice Chairman and Managing
Director of UBS Investment Bank
where he also served as a member

of the UBS Investment Bank Board and its Global Executive Committee. He has also held senior positions at Credit Suisse First Boston and practiced Corporate Law at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Mr. Martin was a Clerk for the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Martin holds a BA in Economics from Claremont Men's College and a JD from Columbia University Law School.

Graduation Reception for Class of 2024

On May 15th, the class of 2024 and their sponsors gathered for a commemoration of their imminent graduation from many of our beloved Catholic high schools. The celebration was attended by 54 graduating students and 38 sponsors of Inner-City Scholarship Fund.

Among the honored students was Avery Cox, a graduate of All Hallows High School. Avery, a scholarship recipient since the first grade, distinguished himself as student body president and a vital member of his school community. This fall, he is attending Fordham University on a full scholarship to study Finance, with aspirations of becoming an

accountant. Avery's education has been generously supported by Jim Naughton and Laura Richards.

Every year, this event reinforces the bond between students and their supporters who have greatly influenced their education. We love seeing them come together to celebrate this important milestone. **Congratulations graduates!**



Jody Morrison and graduating seniors



Susan and Steve Rooney and graduating senior

The FRIENDS of Inner-City Scholarship Fund

The FRIENDS of Inner-City Scholarship Fund enhance the education of students attending Inner-City supported schools through three programs: *The Job Opportunities Program, The Junior Board,* and *Learning to Look.* The dedicated volunteers involved in these programs were busy this spring.

The Job Opportunities Program provided high school juniors the opportunity to gain professional experience through job-readiness workshops conducted by a committed group of volunteers from a variety of industries, as well as access to interviews for paid summer internships at many of New York's most prestigious companies and organizations. Students learned basic skills that will help them acquire and retain that first, crucial job in today's dynamic workplace.

The Junior Board members hosted basketball clinics for elementary students in the Bronx, organized a Valentine's Day party at Incarnation School, and took students from Our Lady of Lourdes on a field trip to the Central Park Zoo. These programs were made entirely free for students. The spring fundraiser, "Cocktails in the Clouds," which supported these programs and scholarships, was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work of our committed volunteers.

The devoted Learning to Look volunteers taught a six-session mini-course in art appreciation to students at Our Lady of Lourdes, School of the



Field Trip to the Central Park Zoo

Blessed Sacrament, and Our Lady Queen of Angels. The students then visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art where they explored the many treasures they had studied.

Thank you to everyone who donates their time, talents, and resources to our mission. If you are interested in getting involved, email Info@InnerCityNYC.org.

Meet One of Our Friends

Meet Matthew, an 8th grader at St. Raymond Elementary School in the Bronx.

Matthew enjoyed every bit of his 7th grade year. "School was so much fun this year!" says Matthew. "I am so proud of myself because my math grade is getting better. I've finally started to enjoy solving math problems." He also participated in this year's Science Fair for the first time. "I am already thinking about what I should do next year!"

Each morning, Matthew makes sure to greet each one of his teachers. Throughout his time at St. Raymond's, Matthew has felt their consistent support. "I want to continue to work hard to make my mother, teachers, and sponsor proud." Matthew expressed his gratitude by stating, "I don't know if I could attend St.

Raymond's without the kindness of my sponsor." Matthew is looking forward to 8th grade and hopes to continue his Catholic education in high school.

There are more students like

Matthew who are seeking the help
of a scholarship. To learn more about
becoming a sponsor, please contact Jackie
Kielty at Kielty@InnerCityNYC.org.

2024 GRADUATES

Mahlah A.

Northeastern University

Peter A.

Lehman College

Israel A.

Iona University

Sherlyn A.

Undecided

Matthew A.

Fordham University

Kristen A.

Iona University

Henderson A.

Penn State University

Jordan A. Pace University

Bladimil A.

Northeastern University

Kayden A.

New York Institute of Technology

Paola A.

New York University

Judith A. Undecided

Dominic A.

Mercy University

Fiona A. Undecided

Yulibeth A.

Undecided

Isabella A.

Seton Hall University

Matthew A.

CUNY College of Staten Island

Chelsea A.

SUNY University at Albany

Ashlyn A.

CUNY Hunter College

Kyle A.

Genesee Community College

Madison A.

Syracuse University

Gabriela A.

Marymount Manhattan College

Leilany B.

Lehman College

Hassatou B.

Syracuse University

Isaiah B. SUNY University at Albany

Bryanna B.

Iona University

Delson B.

Manhattan University

Savannah B.

SUNY at Purchase College

Yandel B.

Undecided

Jesse B.

Quinnipiac University

Makaila B.

Saint John's University

Emmanuel B.

New York Institute of Technology

Kameron B.

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Nathaniel B.

Saint John's University

Jordin B.

Hampton University

Liam B. Belmont Abbey College

Madison B.

University of Tampa

Julian B.

Iona University

Zoe B.

New York Institute of Technology

Mychaela B.

Undecided

Taskico B.

Marywood University

Darrell B.

CUNY Hunter College

Justin C.

CUNY New York City College of Technology

Zarah C.

DePaul University

Ronny C.

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Kaitlyn C.

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Nicole C.

CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College

Jason C.

Rosemont College

Olina C.

Virginia Tech

Richard C.

SUNY University at Albany

Roslie C.

CUNY New York City College of Technology

Emmy C.

Pace University

Anthony C.

The College of Staten Island

Mariah C.

Penn State Berks

Michelle C.

Iona University

Adriana C.

Undecided Aileen C.

CUNY New York City College of Technology

Dexron C.

Undecided

Matthew C.

SUNY Hudson Valley Community College

Saphier C.

Saint John's University

Gianni C.

Undecided

Camila C.

Marymount Manhattan College

Amaya C.

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

William C. CUNY College of Staten Island

Lamin C.

Pace University

Madison C.

Penn State University

Jason C.

Manhattan University

Rick C.

Manhattan University

Brianah C.

SUNY Stony Brook University

Antonia C. Saint Francis University

Avery C. Fordham University

Katilyn C. SUNY Maritime Lewin C.

Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology

Zaret C.

SUNY Binghamton

Nicholas C. SUNY Oneonta

Jada D.

SUNY University at Albany

Katalina D.

Indiana University Bloomington

Jessica D. Undecided

Emily D. Saint John's University

Matheus D.

SUNY Binghamton Madison D.

Florida Atlantic University

Kiera D. CUNY LaGuardia Community College

Joseph D.

SUNY New Paltz

Rvan D. Undecided

Karlvana D.

Undecided

Maddex D. Lehman College

Aislyn D. CUNY The City College of

New York Samanta E.

Undecided

Alejandro E. United States Naval Academy

Chelsea F

Fordham University Christian E.

Mercy University Madison E.

Undecided

Maggie F.

Undecided

Denver F.

CUNY Hostos Community College

lanthy F.

Hofstra University

Roseberlin F. CUNY The City College of

New York

Masyn F. Lehman College

Lindsey F.

CUNY Bronx Community

Priscilla F.

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice Ashley F.

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Melissa F.

Iona University Isabelle F.

Saint John's University Stephanie F.

Undecided Jalynn G.

Undecided Brianna G.

St. Peter's University Christopher G.

Iona University Madison G. Undecided

Raleigh G.

CUNY Baruch College

Emmanuel G.

CUNY New York City College of Technology

Niya G.

Fordham University

Elijah G.

Long Island University

Kemson G.

Undecided Kenrick G.

Undecided

Brigette G.

Fairleigh Dickinson University Leah G.

Undecided

Matthew G. Manhattan University

CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College

Juan G. Undecided

Olivia G.

College of the Holy Cross

Jazmyne G. Connecticut College

Dallas G.

Iona University Joseph G.

Belmont Abbey College

Destiny G. University of Mount Saint Vincent

Jael G. SUNY Westchester

Community College

Ava G. Louisiana State University

Nick G.

Iona University David G.

Undecided

Alisha G. Saint John's University

Natalie H.

Mercy University

Kadin H. SUNY University at Albany

Kassidy H. SUNY University at Albany

Destiney H. Virginia State University

Jermaine H.

Marius H.

Muhlenberg College Christopher H.

Saint John's University Jaiden H.

CUNY Hunter College Jah'Nelle H.

Penn State University Jada H. Mount Holyoke College

Adrian H.

Fordham University Amanda H.

Enlist in the Military

University of Scranton Ariana H.

Ashley H. CUNY College of Staten Island

Citlali H. Undecided Maya H.

Manhattan University

Mia H.

Stonehill College

Viviana H.

Hawaii Pacific University Diana H.

East Carolina University

Mary I.

Catholic University of

America Natalie J.

Fordham University

Nicole J.

Fordham University

Angelina J.

University of Scranton

Marianna J. Saint John's University

Genesis J.

Syracuse University

Jiana J. Pace University

Miguel J.

SUNY Farmingdale State College

Ethan J. SUNY Oswego

Jessica K. Pace University

Antonia K. Undecided

Adriana K. Fordham University

Alexandra K.

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice Niamh K.

The George Washington University

Isabella K. Saint John's University

Mia K.

Morgan State University Nicole K.

SUNY Cortland

Lexie K. Wagner College

Joshua K.

Iona University

Amerie L. Virginia State University

Joi L. Fordham University

Joseph L. Undecided

Zahyel L. Pace University

Hallie L. Saint John's University

Aidan L. Cornell University Brian L.

Dartmouth College Abbyia L. St. Francis College

Sergio L. Connecticut College Ashley L.

Undecided Elvsa L.

Mercy University Emily L.

Manhattan University Ihoshua L.

CUNY Baruch College

Seton College at Mount Saint

Jayden L. Iona University

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Lauren L.

SUNY Univeristy at Buffalo

Manhattan University

Madeline L.

Marywood University

Karen L.

Penn State University

Jadelynn L.

CUNY Hostos Community College

Robert Thomas M.

Undecided

Amanda M. Mercy University

Joe M.

CUNY Hunter College

Zinaida M.

Morgan State University

Jason M.

Enlist in the Military

Melanie M.

Mercy University

Alan M.

Fordham University

Dashawn M. Iona University

Isabella M. Fordham University

Vitalina M.

Lehman College

Manjalyn M.

SUNY University at Albany

Isaiah M.

Howard University

Lil M.

Penn State University

Laiya M.

SUNY Univeristy at Buffalo

Ashleigh M.

North Carolina Central University

Michael M.

Iona University

Joshua M.

Work Full Time (no college)

Isabella M. Undecided

Jasiah M.

SUNY College of Environmental Science and

Gabriel M.

University of Connecticut

Jason M. Monroe College

Nicholas M.

SUNY Binghamton

Justin M.

Undecided

Emilie M.

University of Louisville

SUNY Univeristy at Buffalo

CUNY The City College of New York

Jordan M.

Seton Hall University Angel M.

Manhattan University

Angel M.

Undecided

Joshua M.

Lehman College Joshua M.

SUNY University at Albany

Shaban M.

Manhattan University

Aneesa M. SUNY Stony Brook University Justin M.

CUNY Hunter College

Anahi N.

Iona University

Joskarl N.

University of Notre Dame

Aaliyah N. Delaware State University

Obiako N.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Adaugo N.

Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education

Jonathan O.

Mount Saint Mary College

Nyla O.

Undecided

Sean O.

Iona University

Alexander O.

Iona University

Andrea O.

New York University Donata O.

Wagner College Afua O.

New York University

Michelle O.

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Kiarra O. Pace University

Raven O.

Seton Hall University

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CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Janel O.

Undecided

Raquel O. Undecided

Beryl O.

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Temple University

Breanne P. University of New Haven

Adrian P.

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Emma R. Iona University

Aliana R.

Fashion Institute of Technology Gabriel R.

Southern Illinois University Gabriel R.

Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology

Hannah R. North Carolina State Natalie R.

Manhattanville College

Sage R.

Adelphi University

Amaya R.

Undecided

Anais R. SUNY University at Albany

Joseph R.

Monmouth University

Jenna R. Undecided

Hanley R.

SUNY University at Albany

Ashley R.

Undecided

Mariana R. Saint John's University

Anastasia R.

Union County College Anthony R.

Undecided

Jaiden R. Undecided

Jacob R.

Monroe College Aidan S.

Iona University

Sabrina S. SUNY New Platz

Jayden S. **CUNY Bronx Community**

College

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Vincent Bre'ana S.

Howard University Alan S.

CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College

Andy S. Manhattan University

Argenis S. Lehman College

Edgar S. Universal Technical Institute

Nydializ S. Lehman College

Tyler S.

SUNY Univeristy at Buffalo Kvlie S.

Fordham University

Jesse S. Fordham University

Kaitlyn S. Villanova Univeristy

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Ciara V. Mercy University

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Israel V.

Vincent

William Paterson University Juan V. University of Mount Saint

Coastal Carolina University

Gianna V.

Nyamekye V. CUNY The Grove School of

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Jalen V. Lehman College

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Carli W.

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Tacoma

Angelia Z.

Rutgers University

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