The Nativity Model

St. Martin de Porres Academy follows the very effective NativityMiguel School model established in New York City in 1971 to educate at-risk children. The mission was to create a high-quality, non tuition-driven values-based school that reverences respect for the dignity and potential of each person, a responsibility to assist those who are poor and in need, a strong sense of community within the one family of God, and the obligation to promote a society characterized by social justice.

Since its inception, 64 NativityMiguel schools have been founded across the nation. Their success has been exceptional. Over 90% of NativityMiguel students graduate from high school. Over 75% of those students attend a two or four-year college. Their success is proof that this model not only works, but thrives!

Our Mission

St. Martin de Porres Academy is a faith-based, NativityMiguel Network middle school that provides tuition-free, extended day education for underserved girls and boys from low-income families in the New Haven area. We are an independent Catholic school committed to a belief in the dignity and worth of every person. We strive to provide each child with a promising start in life and to equip them to fulfill their academic potential while achieving spiritual and social maturity. We welcome children of all faiths, races, and cultures.

Our school is named after St. Martin de Porres who embodied a spirit of compassion, social justice, and peace. Born in Lima, Peru to African and Hispanic parents, Martin spent his entire life among the poor and the sick as a Dominican friar, touching the lives of thousands of people from all races and creeds. We strive to instill that same gospel-based love of others in our students.

Be the Difference

You can make a difference in the life of an Academy student — and in your community.

DONATE

As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, contributions to St. Martin de Porres Academy are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our development team can also work with your financial institution to process annuities, stock transfers or planned gifts.

SPONSOR

Opportunities to underwrite the annual cost to educate a student or a class are available. Consider becoming a member of our High School Scholarship Club to assist with the next phase of a student’s academic career.

VOLUNTEER

If you have time to offer, whether regularly or periodically, or if you have a skill to share, we have a place for you! Volunteer to tutor, share a special talent with small groups after school, provide administrative support, or assist with special events.

Visit www.saintmartinacademy.org to learn more and act today. A child is waiting!

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St. Martin de Porres Academy is a tuition-free, private middle school for underserved children from low-income families. We provide urban boys and girls the opportunity to choose a quality education that will allow them to live up to their full potential.

At the Academy we promote more than academic excellence; we cultivate personal responsibility, social skills, and leadership that are balanced with a strong spiritual foundation and a recognition of the need to serve others.

Graduation from the Academy is just the first important step in our students’ academic career. Unique to the Academy is our long-term commitment to academically, financially, and personally mentor and support our students throughout their high school and college years. To neglect this ongoing formation is to only do a third of our job!

Discover the Difference

Educating one precious child at a time

A Unique Opportunity

ACADEMICS

Our rigorous academic curriculum challenges students to perform to high standards expected of students who are college bound. We provide instruction in reading, writing, math, science, social studies, Spanish, religion, and a mandatory instrumental music program.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

Students learn in groups of no more than fifteen with many classes much smaller. Our goal is to provide each child with the individual attention, care, and instruction that will motivate them to recognize their skills and talents, define personal goals, and develop a work ethic that will encourage them to achieve those goals. Our dedicated faculty of twelve full-time teachers gives us a student-teacher ratio of almost five to one.

EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY AND YEAR

We have a mandatory ten hour school day. Beyond the rigorous academic program, our afternoons incorporate instrumental music practice, study hall, individual tutoring, and a diversity of co-curricular enrichment activities, performing arts, and athletics. Additionally, all students participate in an extended school year that includes field trips, camp experiences, academic enrichment, and community building activities.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Through daily prayer, worship services, and spiritual retreats we instill in each student a belief in themselves and a closer relationship with God.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

Through non-violence programs, peer mediation and peer ministry, social awareness education, and outreach activities, we nurture students to be peacemakers and agents for social change in the Academy, their families, and their communities.

Discover the Difference

Academy students achieve their personal best and receive 850 more hours of instruction than their public school peers through our extended day and year programs.