Saint Martin de Porres Academy is a faith-based, NativityMiguel middle school that provides a 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 Mission

Who are our students?

100% Low Income
98% Students of Color
65 Middle School Students
66 High School Students
49 College Students
Dear Friends,

Two classes have now moved through SMPA’s 12-year commitment, starting here in grade 5, graduating from high school and then from college in 2017 and 2018. It is impossible to convey the pride and excitement of those graduations. For the past two years a SMPA college graduate has returned as the speaker for our eighth grade graduation. Their words are so powerful, describing their journey from the very same chairs in which the current eighth grade students now sit!

Our program continues to evolve as we learn what it takes for each of our kids to achieve success both as a student and as a person. There are obstacles and challenges, but our combination of high standards and an enormous amount of care, faith, love and support is working! 99% of our eighth grade graduates are enrolled in or have completed high school. This compares to a graduation rate of less than 70% for their cohorts in public school. 100% of last year’s eighth graders are enrolled at private college prep high schools.

Our Graduate Support Program is stronger than ever. Monday through Thursday evenings we offer Evening Study for recent graduates now in high school or attending local colleges. Each evening 25 – 40 grads return to SMPA for tutoring, music lessons, help with homework or simply to spend time with their “second family”. Last year we offered 25 evening workshops for students and families to complete high school and college applications, financial aid and scholarship forms. As you will see on the map on page 6, our graduates are enrolled in a broad array of colleges and universities.

Your support makes the work we do each day possible! Contributions large and small, volunteer hours and gifts in kind, those who Golf-Fore-Kids and attend Spring Fling – these all combine to support our SMPA students as they make the journey to fulfill their potential and move beyond the generational cycle of poverty.

Please come visit SMPA and see the impact of your support. I know it will fill your heart as it does mine. Thank you again and again.

With great appreciation,

Allison Rivera
President

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Joyful and Rigorous Classroom Learning

SMPA middle school students are in school 50% more time than their public school peers, because that’s what it takes to prepare economically disadvantaged students for successful lives. We combine the experience of long-time educators with the energy of young AmeriCorps Fellows, placing two adults in each class of approximately 16. Lessons incorporate hands-on learning activities and each child is expected to participate actively in class discussions. This model provides the challenge, support and encouragement students need. They begin to see themselves as students who can tackle academic challenges and can ask for help when needed.

Our curriculum is student centered and rich in fostering the foundational 21st century skills of communication, collaboration and critical thinking. In grades 7 and 8 students are introduced to higher education, learning a vocabulary that can seem mysterious to those who have no experience with college.

Meetings of teachers with the Principal and Social / Emotional Support Team provide time to develop targeted strategies to meet students’ individual needs. Our focus on each individual child has powerful results.

97% daily attendance
98% year-to-year retention
99% high school graduation
100% college acceptance

“Every graduate of Saint Martin de Porres Academy learns from the day we walk through the doors that education is our most powerful weapon, our ticket out of poverty. Your support of our school means everything to us and we do not take it for granted.”

–Mishell, Class of 2019
Lauralton Hall ’17
St. Lawrence University ’19
New Opportunities, Growing Confidence

SMPA students participate in a broad variety of athletic programming, arts, technical and service clubs while learning to play at least one musical instrument. They especially love the field trips that introduce them to new environments. They relish these new experiences, which require them to practice the skills necessary for working as a team or an ensemble. Each child discovers and develops unique talents and interests. In many ways these experiences are as important as academic skills because they build confidence and motivation. Students who are actively engaged know themselves better and make friends more easily. They develop responsibility and understand the importance of being a reliable contributor.

“Middle school is a time of transformation, a time when the ground is fertile. We are planting billions of seeds that will continue to grow and bloom throughout our students’ lives.”
–Allison Rivera, President

100% of SMPA Students

• Play one or more musical instruments and at least one sport
• Attend many cultural offerings including museums, historical sites, symphony, choral and theater productions
• Shadow students at area college-prep high schools
• Spend a week living, working and learning at a dairy farm in Vermont
• Write and deliver a speech to the school community annually
• Participate in arts and service clubs twice weekly, including Drama, Interact, Peace and Justice, Fix-It, Art, Scouting, Garden and Cooking
Graduate Support Program (GSP)

The Graduate Support Program is critical to fulfilling our 12-year commitment to support each student after their graduation from SMPA, through high school, into and through college. Almost all of our current students and graduates are first generation college hopefuls and lack the experience needed to navigate the college process.

Our Graduate Support Program works directly with the 66 SMPA graduates now in high school and 49 now enrolled in college. Monday through Thursday we offer Evening Study for graduates in high school or attending local colleges. Each evening 25 – 40 grads return to SMPA for a safe place to be, access to technology, tutoring, music lessons, help with homework or simply to spend time with their “second family.”

GSP provides:

• Tutoring
• Assistance with high school & college applications
• Assistance with financial aid and scholarship forms
• SSAT and SAT preparation
• College counseling
• High school and college visits

“What I want to say to the donors is thank you. Thank you for believing in us. Thank you for believing in me. I appreciate everything you’ve done for me. I’m going to show you guys that investing in me is the best thing you’ve ever done.”

–Jerell, Class of 2021
    Notre Dame High School ’17
    Babson College ’21
89% of SMPA high school students come back for evening study

Students give 300 hours of service to the community annually.

99% high school graduation rate

93% accepted early action to college

4 out of 5 SMPA grads are enrolled in post-secondary education or the military

Over 224 SMPA grads currently supported

Graduate Support Program

100% college acceptance rate

25 college and financial aid evening workshops annually

Over $500K secured in college financial aid & scholarships

SMPA grad groups visit 20 college campuses

Over 224 SMPA grads currently supported
“If it wasn’t for someone believing in the mission of Saint Martin de Porres and, in turn, believing in me, I would not have had the opportunities that I have been granted throughout middle school, high school and college. Because of your support, so many doors have opened in my favor.”

–Judith, Class of 2021
Sacred Heart Academy ’17
Roger Williams University ’21
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Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Expenses
Faculty/Staff $769,045
Administrative Supplies $77,428
Educational Programs/Supplies $99,809
Graduate Support Program $376,780
Building/Vehicles $160,869
Development $177,087
Total $1,661,018

Revenues
Foundation Grants $499,795
Business/Corporate Donations $73,674
Gifts from Organizations $61,969
Individual Contributions $1,148,623
Total $1,784,061

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- Foundations 28%
- Corporations/Organizations 8%
- Individuals 64%
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SMPA hosts two fundraisers each year – our Spring Fling Gala and the Golf-Fore-Kids Scholarship Tournament. These events provide much-needed scholarship funding, and an opportunity to celebrate our students with the people who make our work possible. Almost four hundred people attend the Spring Fling each year, and another 100 participate at the Golf-Fore-Kids Tournament. Hundreds of businesses provide sponsorships, take program ads, and donate items or services.

2018 Spring Fling was highlighted by two SMPA graduates, now in college, who served as auctioneers for the live auction. Confident, funny, and engaging, they inspired much laughter (and bidding!)

We hope you will join us this year for one or both events. Both offer a wonderful opportunity to meet the students you are supporting, and they relish the opportunity to give back and show the people who make their education possible how much they appreciate it.

Save the Dates for 2019

Spring Fling Gala
Thursday, March 28, 2019
Woodwinds
Branford, CT

Golf-Fore-Kids
Monday, October 7, 2019
Great River Golf Club
Milford, CT
Remembering two who touched our hearts...

Mrs. Geraldine Giaimo, “Jeri” to all who knew her, was a lifelong educator. She passed away on August 24, 2018. A leader in the growing field of Special Education in response to learning differences, she taught in the East Haven school system for 25 years, retiring as director of special education. She came out of retirement to serve as Principal of Sacred Heart-Saint Peter School and later served as a founding Board member when Saint Martin de Porres Academy was established. Jeri brought an incredibly loving spirit to everything she did. She was instrumental in helping to start our school, coaching our early teachers and recruiting Mary Surowiecki as principal; Mary continues to be one of our most beloved teachers. Jeri’s dedication to ensuring that children have what they need to succeed – academically, socially, emotionally and financially – lives on in the mission of Saint Martin de Porres Academy.

Gifts in memory of Jeri Giaimo will be included in the 2018-2019 Report to the Community.
Father Robert Beloin led the Catholic community at Saint Thomas More Chapel and Center at Yale University for nearly 25 years. Father Bob believed deeply in the power of community to bring out the best in individuals, and he had a special ability to connect with people young and old. His ministry focused on the important connections that create community and the power of love and kindness. He reminded us “You never know the impact of one encouraging word, one kind intervention, or one merciful action.”

He was an enthusiastic proponent of Saint Martin de Porres Academy and found numerous ways to support SMPA. He also inspired others to support the school as volunteers and as donors. Last year, the school’s new van was given in honor of Father Bob, and he was honored at our Spring Fling Gala in 2017. Father Bob passed away on September 23, 2018.

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Please contact Wendy Natter, Director of Development, if you would like to support Saint Martin de Porres Academy with a bequest or other planned gift. wnatter@saintmartinacademy.org or (203) 772-2424 x 352

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A Message from the Board

Dear Friends,

We could not be more proud of the accomplishments of the Saint Martin de Porres community during the past two years. While our students dream big and work hard – with impressive results! – the SMPA teachers and staff continue to demonstrate a level of dedication that is truly inspiring. The Board has been busy, too, with plans to sustain this very special school.

We are excited to report the purchase of the property on which the school stands. With ownership of the block, SMPA can create a much-needed playing field, new basketball area, improved parking lot and safer entrance to the school building. We have been assured that our school building itself is in good shape, with a 40+ year lifespan ahead. But it will require maintenance and some upgrades. In time, we would love to convert the former Sacred Heart Church into a gymnasium and performance space. These dreams will require funding, and we will approach the work in phases, seeking your help to make these important improvements in support of our program. Our initial plans are depicted in the renderings shown on the right.

In the meantime, we must continue to raise funds annually to support the Academy. During the past two years, contributions to SMPA have increased, sustaining our programming, strengthening our Graduate Support Program and providing scholarships for the increasing number of our students enrolled in private college preparatory high schools.

Our graduates are thriving in the challenging environments they join for high school and college, contributing both as citizens and as students. It is wonderful to have your support and we are delighted to report on the powerful impact your contributions have had. Thank you! Together we are changing lives and ending the cycle of poverty, one child at a time.

With deep appreciation,

William T. Kosturko  Barbara L. Pearce
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In 2017, Saint Martin de Porres purchased the school and adjacent property. Plans are underway to create a playing field and outdoor basketball court, as well as a parking lot and improved access to the school building.
“It’s a small school and you interact with everyone, which I just love. You know when you come in, Ms. Rivera will be at the door to hug you. I know I will not have someone at the door hugging me next year, asking me how my weekend was. Being part of the SMPA family means a lot. It is knowing that someone will be there to guide you and support you, but also that you have the chance of supporting others.”

– Azucena, Class of 2022