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Mission Statement

The mission of Student/Partner Alliance is to support inner city high school students in New Jersey with private school tuition assistance and mentoring to increase their chances for college admission and scholarships, and ultimately to lead successful and productive lives.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10: Student Orientations

September 29: Mentor Training Workshop

October: Partner/Mentor/Student Breakfasts

November 12: Community FoodBank

From the Desk of the Executive Director:

Congratulations to all our graduates!! We are very proud of all 46 of you, **our largest class** in many years! We are also very grateful to all **Partners, Mentors, and Sponsors**, who have supported the Class of '16 throughout the past four years – Thank you!

Congratulations to **Bruce & Susan Reitz** for organizing the **largest golf event** ever! Your

success and all of you who played enable more students to benefit from the excellent education offered by our partner schools.

Welcome to our three new Board members: **Christopher Beltran, Alice J. Miesnik and Ann Stachenfeld!** Your unique talents, experience and dedication further strengthen our organization and we look forward to working with you.

We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday!

— Margaret Momber,
along with the S/PA Board and Staff

Ten Years, 128 Strong and Growing!!

Bunk's Golf X turned out to be an event to remember; for the perfect weather, the largest group of golfers ever (128) and the most money (\$30,000) raised for Student/Partner Alliance students! What Bruce and his wife Susan started ten years ago with a small group of close friends has grown every year. This year's proceeds will go straight into the scholarship fund which has already supported over 100 students so that they could attend a strong academic private school in their neighborhoods.

Shane Kelly, Kyle Kelly, Pat Dalrymple and Pat Doyle were the scramble winners this year, with an 8 under par score of 63. Chris Zingaro, Dave Biderman, Chris Mykiety and Gil Gonzalez were the Pink Ball winners.

Ernst & Young, Dave & Cindy Hughes, Investors Bank, ICHS Trustees, Star Mountain Capital and WithumSmith & Brown were lead sponsors of the event. Additional sponsors included KPMG, Legacy Care Wealth, LLC, Liberal Finance Company, Metro Lube Pershing and Sobel & Co.



▲ Scramble Winners: Shane Kelly, Pat Dalrymple, Kyle Kelly, Pat Doyle



▲ Pink Ball Winners: Gil Gonzalez, Dave Biderman, Chris Mykiety, Chris Zingar

Congrats to the winners of the skill contests: Longest Drive on 3, Jamie Goodwin; Closest to Pin on 11, Jim Honohan; Straightest Drive on 6, Frank Fekete.

Many Thanks to our Loyal Supporters

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- Christ Church (Summit)
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- TD Bank, USA (2014 Community Spirit Award)
- Turrell Fund (2015 Dedication to Education Award)
- Victoria Foundation
- WithumSmith+Brown, PC

We also thank numerous family foundations and corporations who wish to remain anonymous

Congratulations to the Class of '16

St. Anthony High School



◀ **Raven Brown**
Hudson County Community
College

Kharizzma Chandler ▶
Montclair State University



◀ **Precious Gethers**
Mt. St. Vincent

Jaleel Lord ▶
College of Merrimack



◀ **Eveline Pierre**
Rutgers

Jahlil Reynolds ▶
Bryant University



St. Benedict Preparatory High School



◀ **Gregory Cordero**
Kean University

Khalil Elliot-Flemming ▶
Essex County College



Christ the King Preparatory High School



◀ **Kyfie Darby**
Felician University

Ashley Diaz ▶
College of St. Elizabeth



◀ **Alex Ignatio**
Ateneo De Manila University
Phillipines

Guy Noel ▶
Kean University



Christ the King Preparatory (cont)



◀ **Tajeer Robinson**
New Jersey City
University

Hudson Catholic High School



Nicole Auriemma ▶
Sacred Heart
University



◀ **Tanaya Bell**
Chestnut Hill
College

Nicholas Giordano ▶
St. Anselm's Manchester
(Football Scholarship)



◀ **Sarah Lopez**
Susquehanna University



Immaculate Conception High School

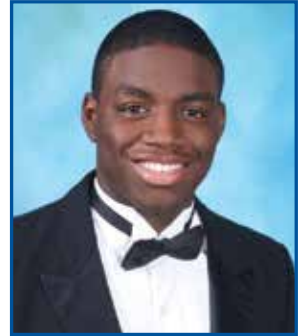


◀ **Isaaah Arrington**
Bloomfield College

Krevon Davis ▶
Fairleigh Dickinson
University



◀ **Khalil Ferguson**
DeVry University



Josiah Joyner ▶
Felician College



◀ **Joshua Okaro, Valedictorian**
St. Peter's University



Hannibal Smith ▶
Union County College



◀ **Alyssa Sosa**
Monmouth University



Marist High School



◀ **Melvin David**
New Jersey Institute of
Technology

Luccina Germain ▶
University of Hartford



◀ **Benjamin Karioki**
University of Bridgeport

Ashley Marion ▶
Rutgers



◀ **Devin McLean**
St. Peter's University

Esmeralda Montas ▶
Rutgers



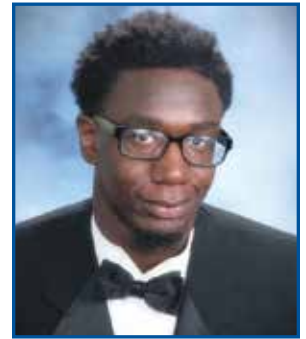
◀ **Dominique Ridley**
Hampton University

Marist High School (cont)



◀ **Audrey Sagna**
Seton Hall

Michael Samuels ▶
New Jersey City
University



St. Vincent Academy



◀ **Sabrina Adabunu**
Fairleigh Dickinson
University

Brittany Archer ▶
Rutgers



◀ **Jemima Cineus**
Fairleigh Dickinson
University

Alexandria Gregory ▶
Seton Hall University



◀ **Susan Jerez**
Felician College

St. Vincent Academy (cont)



◀ **Erika Llivicota**
Villanova University

Danielle Lynch ▶
Fairleigh Dickinson
University



◀ **Marsha Richard**
Fairleigh Dickinson
University



Genesis Rocha ▶
Mt. Holyoke College



◀ **Brianah Simon**
William Paterson
University



Dejah Smith ▶
Fairleigh Dickinson
University



◀ **Maryam Tobias**
University of Bridgeport



Joshua Okaro, NJ State Champ - High Hurdles, 2016 (Immaculate Conception Class of 2016)

Throughout high school at IC, Joshua distinguished himself as a dedicated student and athlete. He recently won Boys non-public B 110m hurdles at the NJSIAA group track & field championships. At graduation, as the 2016 Valedictorian, Joshua, “delivered a touching address” wherein he acknowledged help from many. Eric Muller, his S/PA mentor at IC, remarked that “I am extremely proud of Josh, I was impressed with the way he remained focused - and with his humility in the light of all his successes”. Joshua has an interest in business.

Tajeer Robinson, 2016 Christ the King Prep graduate and Eagle Scout

At school, Tajeer applied himself to each of his jobs through CTK's student work program with a serious dedication, commitment and his ever-positive spirit! This spring, Tajeer earned his **Eagle Scout** at a Court of Honor event after completing a special community project which brought food to 75 hungry families at Thanksgiving. Having graduated in June, Tajeer will be attending **New Jersey City University** in September to study Computer Science. We look forward to hearing more about Tajeer and his plans as he gains new knowledge and life experiences in college!



Rising Marist High School sophomore Jared Radil with mentor Mark Tanner



Jared Radil is a rising sophomore at Marist High School. Jared jumped right into getting involved in a lot of activities at school. He volunteered as a school ambassador, at the school carnival and helping younger kids' sports teams.

“I interviewed Jared when he applied to S/PA last year. I came away from the interview feeling he was a special young man and asked to be his mentor. My hunch was right on target. Jared completed his freshman year making the Dean's list all year and becoming an important part of Marist's freshman class. To mentor this young man throughout his high school years makes me a very lucky mentor.” (Mark Tanner)

Kristelle Grant, rising senior at St. Peter's University at recent visit with S/PA mentor Ann Stachenfeld

“I graduated **Marylawn of the Oranges** in 2013 with honors and I'm a rising senior at **St. Peter's University**. I'm currently a biological chemistry and biotechnology major with a minor in math. I'm also a part of the **Biology Honor Society & Treasurer of the Chemistry Club**. I plan on attending Medical School in 2017. I'm extremely thankful to **S/PA** for allowing me to achieve my dreams; their generosity and guidance have allowed me to achieve goals that I never thought were obtainable,” wrote S/PA alum Kristelle Grant.



Kristelle recently heard about S/PA's Young Professional's Network and instantly expressed interest in becoming involved. She is also becoming a mentor this year to help a high school student at a Jersey City school near St. Peter's. Kristelle's story is surely coming full circle!

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We Welcome New Board Members



Chris Beltran is employed as a National Scientific Recruiter at Aerotek, a National Recruiting and Staffing Agency. In this position, Chris helps individuals in the health care field find job opportunities best suited to their skills and interests.

Chris received a BS in Sports Medicine from Montclair State U. In addition to working, Chris is now pursuing a Master of Science in Public Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Admin at Rutgers U, Newark.

Mr. Beltran is a 2007 graduate of St. Benedict's Prep, where he was a S/PA student mentored by Emmett Daly, current President of the S/PA Board of Trustees. Chris began mentoring students at St. Benedict's Prep while in undergraduate school. Identifying the "positive impact" mentoring had on him, Chris continues to mentor through S/PA. Chris is an active member of S/PA's Young Professionals Network (YPN) and an active advocate for the mission of Student/Partner Alliance.



Alice J. Miesnik, currently holds the position of Head of School at Marist High School in Bayonne, NJ. Alice J. Miesnik joined Marist in 1987 as a member of the English Department.

At the same time, Alice was teaching Freshmen English courses as an adjunct professor at Montclair State University. In 1997 she became Asst. Principal for Academics, and devoted herself to the creation and development of academically rigorous programs for Marist High School students. The Board of Trustees of the Marist Network of Schools appointed her Principal in 2011; and Head of School in 2014.

Alice holds a BA in English Teaching from the Univ of Delaware, an MA in English Teaching from Villanova and a Masters in Administration from Seton Hall University.

Alice brings her unique blend of compassion and commitment to high school learners to her place on the Board of Trustees of S/PA.



Ann Stachenfeld is founder and President of The Sweetie Pig Foundation, Board Vice President at Cornerstone Family Programs, CASA volunteer, and an Isshinryu martial arts instructor. Her prior professional experience includes marketing management at Merck, small business consulting and Japanese business.

Ann holds a BSBA from Washington University in St. Louis and an MBA from Columbia University.

Ann has been a partner at Student/Partner Alliance since 2011. During that time Ms. Stachenfeld has mentored several students, providing frequent contact, guidance and support to her mentees as well as advocating for mentoring through S/PA. Ann brings her generous spirit and easy connection to students to her role on the Board of Trustees of Student/Partner Alliance.

Ann and her husband live in Chatham where they raised their adult children.