PROVIDENCE ST. MEL SCHOOL

A TRIBUTE TO OUR TEACHERS



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL J. ADAMS III, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN & FOUNDER, AND JEANETTE BUTALA, PRESIDENT



We are grateful to those who are the heartbeat of our school and our success —the teachers!

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The educators of Providence St. Mel School walk alongside our students everyday, inspiring them to live up to their potential and build upon our legacy of integrity and academic excellence.



Since 1978, the march toward a quality education and a better, brighter, and richer future for all has been the foundation of the mission and vision of Providence St. Mel School. Our tradition of success on Chicago's West Side has been unrivaled, not only locally but nationally. Let us not forget who has been at the forefront of our success – our incredible and tremendous faculty and staff. Our teachers touch the lives of our students daily, and we know their impact can influence the trajectory of a student's life, empowering them to realize that they are capable and committed individuals.

The educators of Providence St. Mel School walk alongside our students everyday—for some, during the most tumultuous moments of their lives—inspiring them to live up to their potential and build upon our legacy of integrity and academic excellence. Each year we are struck by their persistence and courage—it is not hard to recognize that their drive is the heartbeat of the school. Our average faculty tenure of 15 years epitomizes our teachers' steadfast devotion to students who simply need to know that someone believes in them. In fact, half of the entire faculty and staff have been at Providence St. Mel for over 10 years, many for more than 20 years.

Many incoming students at Providence St. Mel previously attended schools that remained complicit in the academic disparities happening throughout the City of Chicago. Our students often enter our school with an academic deficit of two to three grade levels, and our tireless teachers ensure that these students are given the necessary intervention and are prepared for college in just a few short years. This undertaking entails additional hours spent tutoring students after school and on weekends. All of our dedicated faculty go above and beyond-tutoring after school and on Saturdays, organizing extra-curricular activities, and coaching academic and athletic competitions. Our teachers not only encourage and mentor our students outside of school hours, but they also give their time at home to plan challenging instruction and analyze test scores in order to keep pushing our students to better themselves daily.

A Providence St. Mel education has profound impact on the lives of our students and exemplifies for future generations that, no matter the adversities they face along the way, they too can succeed. Unlike other schools in our West Side community, our perfect college acceptance rate is accompanied by a drastic improvement in standardized test performance. The average student that enters Providence St. Mel School as a freshman will increase their ACT score by 7-8 points from 9th grade to 11th grade. The Class of 2018 boasts an average ACT score of 25! As a result of this hard work, universities throughout the nation recognize Providence St. Mel students are competitive wherever they attend and are worthy of the valuable scholarships they receive.

Our students continue to achieve in spite of the despair happening outside of our doors. Just steps from our school, we are confronted with a community riddled with drugs, violence, and poverty. However, rather than discouraging our faculty and staff, this reality motivates us. As we say in our mission statement, we are not frightened by the challenges of reality. Our faculty believes that through the power of education, we can change our conception of this world, and our place within it. We defy the odds every single day.

As we reflect on another accomplished year we are so grateful, yet again, for our ardent and caring supporters. With your generous support, our bright, hopeful, and determined students can — and will — continue to thrive. Our students' success is dependent upon the enduring commitment of our faculty, staff, the Board of Trustees, as well as the generosity and support of our donors. We would be remiss if we didn't take a moment to recognize you for your assistance.

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your support.

A MESSAGE FROM MIKE O'HALLERAN AND GREG PUSINELLI, CO-CHAIRS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Thank you for making a life-changing education and college dreams a reality!

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We know that providing a dynamic and comprehensive learning experience is no simple feat. The faculty is

INSPIRATIONAL

helping students with diverse learning needs gain confidence and prepare for success in all of their future endeavors—often sacrificing their personal time in the process.



Once again, we are elated to celebrate another successful year at Providence St. Mel School! Instilled with confidence and the skills necessary, our students have yet again achieved an unparalleled level of success. To be sure, the past and future accolades of Providence St. Mel and our distinguished record of accomplishments would not be possible without generous support from such kind and caring friends as you. Your investment has empowered students to reach their highest potential and has made college dreams with impressive scholarships a reality for students in a community where higher education is not a given.

As long-time board members of Providence St. Mel School, we are thrilled, honored, and so proud of the academic successes and the national recognition received by both our faculty and our students. This year, we are privileged to begin our tenure as Co-Chairs of the Board of Trustees. We have both served as chairs in the past, and we are proud to remain resolute in the Providence St. Mel mission to be a school where every child is able to receive a globally-competitive education.

The Providence St. Mel model is, without a doubt, building the next generation of leaders and innovators in a community that continues to grapple with crime, a lack of opportunities, and violence. Providence St. Mel stands as a reminder of what is possible if someone invests in the West Side community. We know that attending a prominent college can truly change the lives of our students, and that this life-changing education is only accessible to our students when rewarded with significant financial assistance.

It is especially integral that we recognize the determination and persistence of the hardworking teachers at Providence St. Mel. We know that providing a dynamic and comprehensive learning experience is no simple feat. The faculty is inspirational, helping students with diverse learning needs gain confidence and prepare for success in all of their future endeavors—often sacrificing their personal time in the process. By giving to Providence St. Mel, you are providing these dedicated professionals the resources needed to guide our students to success through an enriching learning experience. Most independent schools can expect their tuition to cover 85% of the cost of educating students, according to The National Association of Independent Schools. At Providence St. Mel School, our tuition can only meet less than 40% of the operating cost to educate our students. Therefore, we are responsible for fundraising the difference in order to continue to provide this lifechanging education in a high-need community.

Your investment in the future of our students enables this remarkable school to deliver an exceptional, transformative, and competitive college-preparatory education to deserving children whose families face immense financial limitations. In a city where one's access to a quality education is all-too-often determined by zip code, Providence St. Mel opens doors for its students that would not otherwise be available. These invaluable avenues help to create a richer life and future for our students and for the generations of students who will follow in their footsteps. As we strive for another year of 100% college readiness and acceptance, please join us in continuing to support Providence St. Mel so that even more students on the West Side can receive this premier education and the hope of a better tomorrow.

As you read this Annual Report and reflect on the highlights of the 2017-2018 academic year, please know that all of us at Providence St. Mel are truly fortunate and honored to have such a strong community of supporters who share in our belief that an exemplary education can make a profound difference in the lives of our students and for their families. Together, let us continue to educate students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to receive a prestigious education!

CLASS OF 2018 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST



"Providence St. Mel has allowed me to expand my vision. I wouldn't have dreamed as big or applied to some of the top schools, but the teachers helped to push me for something larger. I love being in an environment that truly supports my dreams and future."

- La'Treil A., Class of 2018

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OF GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



Top 200 National Universities/Liberal Arts Colleges *Top 50 National Universities/Liberal Arts Colleges **IVY LEAGUE**

Alabama A & M University Alabama State University Alma College American University Arizona State University Augustana College Baldwin Wallace University Ball State University Beloit College Blackburn College *Boston University Bradley University Butler University Calvin College *Carnegie Mellon University Carroll University Carthage College Central State University Chicago State University Clark Atlanta University Clarke University (IA) Coe College College for Creative Studies Colorado State University Columbia College Chicago Columbia College Concordia University **CORNELL UNIVERSITY** **Creighton University** DePaul University DePauw University Dominican University Drake University Drexel University Drury University

Eastern Illinois University Elmhurst College *Emory University

Fisk University Florida State University Fordham University George Washington University

Georgia State University Goshen College Governors State University Hampton University Hope College Howard University Illinois College Illinois State University Illinois Wesleyan University Indiana University Indiana University NW Indiana State University Iona College Iowa State University Jacksonville University Jacksonville University Kansas State University Kendall College *Kenyon College

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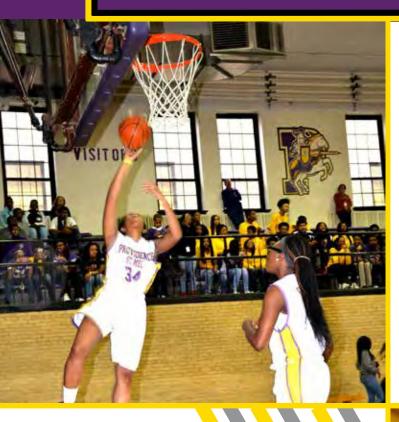
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2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS



We are #psmproud of our students' accomplishments this past year!

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Would You Like To Visit Providence St. Mel School?

Call us to schedule a school tour and see the difference that your support is making at our school.





CELEBRATING 50 YEARS WITH RENEE KALLOK

Congratulations to Ms. Kallok for her 50 years of hard work, dedication, and passion for Providence St. Mel School, our mission, and our students! Providence St. Mel School's history of academic excellence and legacy of impressive college scholarships would not be possible without Ms. Kallok's tenacity and commitment.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES!

Congratulations to the Providence St. Mel Class of 2018. Once again, since 1978 100% of our seniors were accepted to four year colleges and universities. On National College Decision Day, students celebrated their accomplishments, hard work, and bright futures by wearing gear from the colleges they plan to attend.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

On January 15th, 2018 Providence St. Mel celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement. We were honored to have Rev. Dr. Marshall Hatch, Sr. as the keynote speaker.

BEN CARSON SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the Providence St. Mel students who received the 2018 Ben Carson Scholarship award for academic accomplishments and humanitarian achievements. This award includes a \$1,000 scholarship that is invested for their college education. Congratulations to Maya D. (5th Grade), Connor S. (5th Grade), Titus E. (8th Grade), Jada C. (9th Grade), Nia J. (9th Grade), Ezekielus S. (9th Grade), Malik E. (10th Grade), and Malissa L. (11th Grade)!







2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

PERCY JULIAN STEM SYMPOSIUM

Congratulations to Erik I. who won 1st Place with his project in the freshman/ sophomore group at the annual Percy Julian (STEM) Symposium at Oak Park River Forest High School! He won against all STEM categories and over 60 students in his group! He showed great depth of knowledge, poise in presentation and even some humor in his pure mathematics presentation: "Explorations and Investigations of Geometric and Aesthetic Measures of Iterated Functions on 2D Unitary Algebras over R."

LEGO TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the ten Providence St. Mel 6th and 7th graders for receiving an award for the "Hydrodynamics" LEGO Tournament on Monday, December 11th. The winning PSM team created a website to generate contributions to a charity that installs wells in Africa. We are proud of their global citizenship!

2018 SCIENCE FAIR

Students shared their science projects during the annual Science Fair. We are **#psmproud** of Providence St. Mel students who use their talents as problem solvers and critical thinkers in order to be the next generation of leaders and innovators!

WORLDWIDE YOUTH IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The following students placed in the WYSE regional and advanced to the sectional.

- Louis H. 2nd Place in English
- John B. III and Erik I. 1st and 2nd Place in Computer Science respectively
- John B. III, Ben D., and Justin A. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in Chemistry respectively
- > Erik I. 1st Place in Math
- Providence St. Mel Team 2nd Place in 700 Division

STOCK MARKET GAME

Congratulations to the students participating in the Chicago Area Stock Market Game! Our teams in the 4-8 grade division won 2nd and 3rd Place. Our high school students received 2nd Place in their age group.

This spring, nearly 13,000 Illinois students in grades 4-12 participated in this competition! In the Chicago Grades 4-8 competition, 206 student teams participated. In the Chicago Grades 9-12 competition, 93 student teams participated.

To celebrate their success, they attended an awards reception on Tuesday May 8th at the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE)! At the ceremony, six teams were selected to give presentations. We are delighted that all three of our teams were selected to present.





REGIONAL AFRO-ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC OLYMPICS (ACT-SO)

Three of our students competed in the regional competition of ACT-SO, for the DuPage County Chapter. John B. received an Honorable Mention in Chemistry. Justin A. received a silver medal in Computer Science and a gold medal in Engineering. Erik I. received gold medals in both Mathematics and Physics.

The competition is sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and holds contests in Mathematics and Science, as well as other categories.

NATIONAL ACT-SO COMPETITION

Justin A. and Erik I. advanced to the National ACT-SO Competition, held in San Antonio, Texas last July! Last year, Erik I. won the Silver Medal in Mathematics.

ORGAN / TISSUE DONOR AWARENESS

Jada A. won 1st Place in her grade level and overall for the 2018 Organ/Tissue Donor Awareness Student Poster Contest for the state of Illinois.

AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Several of our top 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students participated in the American Mathematics Competition. Our winners were: Nazeerah M. (3rd Place), John B. (2nd Place), and Eric I. (1st Place).

ILLINOIS JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE REGIONALS

Three of our 7th grade students participated in the Illinois Junior Academy of Science regional competition at the Museum of Science and Industry. Robert M. III won the Gold Award, and Laila G. won the Silver Award. Alika N. won the Chicago Department of Water Reclamation Special Award.







2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Six of our female high school students had the extraordinary opportunity to explore the world of STEM research at the Science Careers in Search of Women conference. The conference provides participants with the unique opportunity to explore their desired profession or area of interest through interaction with Argonne's world-class women scientists and engineers. Below are some of their takeaways from the event.

"This trip to Argonne was by far the best field trip I've ever been on. When we were there, we got to connect with a lot of current workers and received some inspirational messages and advice from all of them... I even got a card from one of the Argonne members for more connections with scholarships and internships, which is great on my behalf. I also got to see the laboratories and see how they work on a day to day basis and even learn some fun facts about what they do and how it applies to modern day society.... Hopefully I have the opportunity to go back. It was a really great experience and I hope that at Providence St. Mel, this could be a staple in the science department."

≽ Ayonie E.

"I really think that the Women's Day at Argonne National Laboratory was a great experience and that the school should continue to send students there in the future. **This day was inspiring to me because you get to see all these successful** women in different careers and it makes you want to be successful as well. I want to pursue Medicine and maybe even sports medicine and the woman that I sat next to at lunch was a physician therapist and we had a great conversation about the challenges and the requirements to get into that field.... This program helped me network and explore different careers that I otherwise would not have had the opportunity to do so."





"It was truly inspiring. I learned about a woman, Marie Curie, who was a chemist that conducted research on radioactivity. I enjoyed the tours and I went to four different stations where we learned about magnets and physics as well as electrons and why it is important that they travel in a vacuum... **Overall I had a great experience, but I couldn't help but notice: there were almost no African-American women scientists anywhere. Because of that, I think it is extremely important to expose young black women from PSM to these type of events.** It was fun and exciting and it may spark something in them and cause them to study Biochemistry, Environmental Science, Computer Science, etc. **Maybe attending that event could change their life.**"

≽ Malissa L.

ILMEA JUNIOR COMPETITION

Nine students participated in the ILMEA competition at Reed-Custer Middle School, and seven students were chosen to participate in the festival performance on November 4th. Congrats to the following students: Ajene C., Mario H., Daniel L., Ogechi O., Aiden S., Aiyannah T., and Dakota H. for band!

AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

In February, the following singers were chosen to perform the world premiere of a new choral piece as part of the American Choral Directors Association Chicago High School Honors Choir at the Harris Theater in Millenium Park: LaNiece D., Malik E., Tia E., Jalen F., Kaitlyn M., Richard H., and Aiyannah T.

WEATHER SKETCHERS

We had seven students featured on Tracey Butler's Weather Sketchers on the ABC7 morning news program this year. Compliments to the following talented artists: Charles S., Erica P., Dion N., Myles H., Paulie C., Jordan W., and Kennedy B.

ILMEA SENIOR COMPETITION

Five Providence St. Mel high school students were selected for the ILMEA District 1 festival concert. Congratulations to the following students: LaNiece D., Tia E., Malik E., Jalen F., and Kaitlyn M.!

HAMILTON

Once again, our high school students were selected to take part in **Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History's** prestigious **Hamilton Education Program**.

Congratulations to John B. and Erik I. for being selected from hundreds of area students to perform their original piece on Benjamin Banneker before the matinee performance of Hamilton.

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

Our 7th graders participated in the Center for the Book's national "Letters About Literature" contest. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White recognized the achievements of the below students:

Honorable Mention: Madison B., Ajene
C., Mario H., Mallanah J., Jaden M.,
Aaliyah R., Aiden S., Rachel S., and Caleb W.
Semi-Finalists: Zyon E., Journee M., and
Niaja W.







2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

SISTER ACT

In November, students performed Sister Act, with April Shipp, featured artist at the Joffrey Ballet, as the choreographer for this production. Our talented students shined in our ninth annual musical performance.

REGIONAL ACT-SO COMPETITION

Providence St. Mel students also participated in the ACT-SO competition in the Dance, Music, Visual Arts, Entrepreneurship, Culinary Arts, and the Humanities categories. LaNiece D. won the Gold Medal in the Music-Vocal -Classical category, and Nara F. won the Gold Medal in the Music-Instrumental - Classical category. In the Poetry - Performance category, Toni R. won 1st place, Tatiana T. won 2nd place, and Travelled W. won 3rd place! In the Poetry - Written category, Aiyonie E. won 3rd place! In the Drawing division, Tea F. won 3rd Place. Toni R. also won 3rd Place in the Painting category.

IESA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Providence St. Mel Middle School musicians earned 12 Division I ratings and 4 Division II ratings this March. Several of the students received perfect scores. Congratulations to vocal soloist Jaiden C., and the 15 singers in the "Travelin' Train" ensemble for winning two "Best-of-the-Day" Awards!

LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC

PSM students participated in Lutheran Summer Music (LSM), a residential performance and training program for young musicians in grades 8-12. Through this program, students have the opportunity to perform in band, choir, or orchestra and take a variety of electives to build new musical skills and pursue their unique musical interests.

IHSA SOLO AND SMALL ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Nathan F., Louis H., and Mikayla P. received a Division 1 on their trio performance. Providence St. Mel received 12 Division I (Superior) ratings and 6 Division II (Excellent) ratings. Richard H. earned a perfect score of 40 points for his vocal solo, and LaNiece D. won the "Best-of-the-Day Award" for her vocal room!

DANCE COMPANY RECITAL

Our dynamite students performed at the Providence St. Mel Dance Company's recital. Congratulations to the performers for showcasing their hard work and talent!



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TRACK AND FIELD

Congratulations to Sam H.! This May, Sam qualified for State in the 400 meter run. The State meet will take place from May 24-26 at Eastern Illinois University. Sam ran a 50.75" which beat all times!

PEP RALLY

On November 16th, the gym was filled with energy as students cheered on their fellow **#psmknights** during our Pep Rally! Our Knights, Lady Knights, and MidKnights demonstrated that they are ready for a winning season. Deion J. dominated in the dunk contest. **#GoKnights!**

VARSITY KNIGHTS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the PSM Knights Boys Varsity Basketball team for another victorious season! This year the varsity boys basketball team qualified as Sectional Champions of the IHSA tournament. Our fantastic cheerleaders cheered them on along the way!











2017 - 2018 TEACHER & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

MR. GRAHAM VISITS PROVIDENCE ST. MEL

In October, we were honored to have Mr. Stedman Graham join us as he taught our faculty and staff the tools and skills of Identity Learning. We thank Mr. Graham for taking the time out of his busy schedule to help Providence St. Mel teachers enhance the work they do each day.

TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT AT WRIGLEY FIELD

For the second year, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day at beautiful Wrigley Field with a Cubs win, where Mr. Paul J. Adams III threw out the first pitch! We are truly **#psmproud** of our hardworking and dedicated teachers. Thank you, teachers, for your belief in the potential of every Providence St. Mel student and for creating successful futures for our students!

NORTHWESTERN DISTINGUISHED SECONDARY TEACHER AWARD

Congratulations to Ms. Stopka for being nominated by a Providence St. Mel alum for the Northwestern University Distinguished Secondary Teacher Award for 2018. Award recipients will be recognized at Commencement at Northwestern. We wish her luck for this honor!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AWARD

Congratulations to Paul J. Adams III for receiving the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award on February 13th from The Leaders Network! We congratulate you, and honor your lifetime of **working, planning, building, and dreaming** for a brighter future.















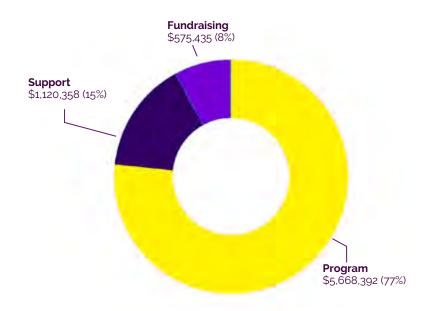
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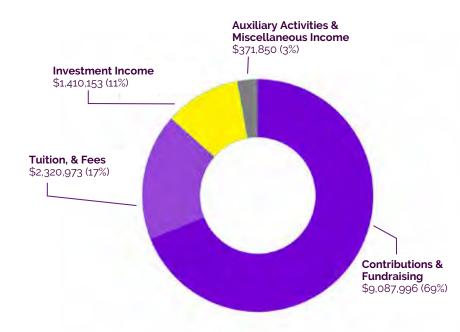
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NEARLY **\$30 million** IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS has been awarded to our graduates **OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS** <image>

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SOURCES OF REVENUE 2017-2018









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The Cornerstone Society consists of friends and supporters who provide a solid foundation through their generous gifts. This society honors those who have made contributions that total \$100,000 or more since their involvement began with Providence St. Mel School. Gift totals since 1978 through June 30, 2018. The Cornerstone Society is also recognized on our Donor Wall, a series of plaques displayed in the front hallway of the school.

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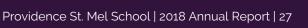
















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We believe that one must earn the right to dream.

Our talent, discipline, and integrity will be our contribution to a new world, because we believe we can take this place, this time and this people, and make a better place, a better time, and a better people.

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