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BEYOND OUR DOORS

POWERS 2017 | ANNUAL REPORT



DEDICATED TO
EXCELLENCE
IN EDUCATION
WHILE MAKING
DISCIPLES OF
JESUS CHRIST
IN A SAFE AND
WELCOMING
ENVIRONMENT

DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

The 2016-17 school year was filled with wonderful stories of faith, love, hope, discipleship, and an ongoing growth of family and community. We are very thankful to all of our friends and families for being part of our Powers Catholic experience. We are sincerely grateful for your support and generosity that permeates throughout our circle of parents, alumni, friends, and most importantly, our students.

Within our school setting, we continue to work and prepare students to be faithful servants of Christ who go out into the world and give back by sharing His love. There is plenty of evidence of our students and alumni going BEYOND OUR DOORS and becoming leaders within their respective communities by demonstrating discipleship with a joyful heart.

In last year's annual report we highlighted encouraging stories of our families who are committed to their faith, the Powers Catholic community, and to our future. As part of this year's annual report, we bring to light students who go BEYOND OUR DOORS by putting their faith into action as disciples of Christ.

Students will be part of a concerted effort to develop a heart for service through work with local non-profits and other charitable organizations. Each of our classes 9th-11th grade, will participate in their own Mission

God Bless,



Rory Mattar, President



Day within our local community, working with non-profits and other organizations such as My Brother's Keeper, Whaley Children's Center, Carriage Town, and Catholic Charities just to name a few. The seniors will participate in a capstone project where they develop possible solutions to the challenges facing Flint non-profits and other community organizations.

We invite you to turn to the pages that follow and learn about our students' involvement that take them BEYOND OUR DOORS.

Thank you once again for your continued generosity and support of our Powers Catholic mission. Only through your sustained prayers and financial support are we able to provide students with an exceptional educational experience focused on faith, service, and academic excellence.



Sally Bartos, Principal

TOTAL # OF STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN 2016-17

659

APPROXIMATELY

50%

OF STUDENTS RECEIVE
TUITION ASSISTANCE

CLASS OF 2017 RECEIVED OVER

\$7M

IN ACADEMIC AND
ATHLETIC COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS



42

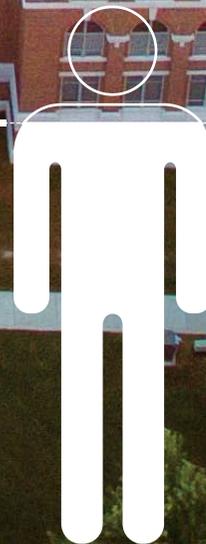
CATHOLIC PARISHES

58

SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

+1

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



81%

OF STUDENTS
ARE CATHOLIC



AT POWERS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, WE UNDERSTAND FOUR YEARS IS A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME TO DEVELOP STUDENTS WHO WILL MAKE A LASTING, LONG TERM IMPACT ON THE WORLD AROUND THEM. WITH OUR FAITH, SERVICE AND ACADEMICS AS OUR PILLARS, WE CULTIVATE AN EXPERIENCE-RICH ATMOSPHERE WHERE AN ENGAGING, CURRICULUM DRIVEN CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE IS COMBINED WITH A MULTITUDE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LEAD, TO SERVE AND TO EXPLORE FUTURE CAREER PATHS.

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Powers students gained first-hand experience volunteering in a third-world country while attending a faith-based mission trip—and were so affected by it, they are headed back for a third time.

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



2017 Powers Catholic graduates and global missionaries,
Peyton Beauchamp, Maycey Carlock and Gracie Snyder



“At Powers we are taught to put others before ourselves, but always have God first and that alone has instilled in me the call to go out and to help those who need it most.”

GRACIE SNYDER (2017)

OPENING THE EYES OF THEIR HEARTS

Last summer, 2017 Powers graduates Maycey Carlock, Gracie Snyder and Peyton Beauchamp returned to Guatemala for their second service trip to aid Dorie’s Promise orphanage and the surrounding impoverished communities. Led by the example of 1983 Powers graduate, Cinda Rachor and her husband Jim—who have led Guatemala mission trips with high school juniors and seniors for several years—the students were so moved by their experience from the first two trips that they will be returning for a third time this coming June. “I don’t know if I could point to one thing that led me to go back, the whole experience was just something so unreal. The ability to spend a whole week serving others and putting them before yourself is so rewarding,” said Snyder.

both to a large extent.” This summer Peyton will again return to Guatemala for three weeks with the Rachors, this time to serve as a group leader. “The environment at Powers emphasizes lifelong service to others. I am very thankful to my high school for shaping me into the person I am.”

Macey also credits the faith development at Powers with instilling a lasting call to serve, “Powers always offered tons of service opportunities for which I am very grateful. Looking back on my years at Powers, I was extremely blessed and it left an impact on my life forever.” Inspired by the organization, Safe Passage—which helps women and their families better their lives through education—Macey sees a great opportunity to take what she learned on her mission trips to help right here in Flint, “All of the service we did while down there, impacted my life in such a way that I knew going back was the right thing and what God was calling me to do. It greatly strengthened my faith and really showed me what it was like to be a servant of Christ.”

Peyton says, “Powers shaped me into a person who is driven to help others. I heard about the trip through other students, and was encouraged to go by several Powers families. Service and faith are very important values at Powers. In Guatemala, I was able to carry out



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The Powers Catholic four-day Kairos Retreat program for juniors and seniors underscores the school's commitment to deepen each student's relationship with God.

A STRONG FAITH





“The environment at Powers allows kids to be comfortable in asking for help no matter what the situation is.”

—ALEXIS DAMOUNI (2017)

PAYING IT FORWARD, SHARING THE KAIROS EXPERIENCE

For Alexis Damouni and Nina Haley, it wasn't enough to just share their excitement about their Kairos experience with others. They wanted to ensure that every Powers student had the opportunity to participate in the profound religious retreat for themselves. “It is the most extraordinary four days, full of love, forgiveness, realizations and faith,” Nina shared.

In two unrelated incidents, the girls learned that the financial cost was an obstacle for some students and interceded. Alexis overheard of a student's need while working as a Teacher Assistant. “Knowing what an amazing time I had on Kairos and how much I grew in my relationship with God, I couldn't sit there and not do anything.” Alexis said, “After the student left the office, I told Mrs. Tower I would pay for his trip.”

Nina was compelled to act after a close friend confided that attending Kairos was not possible because of the cost. The two had discussed the retreat and the profound impact it had on Nina many times. Once she was aware of the situation, Nina did not hesitate in lending a hand, “I credit my parents and my Catholic upbringing here at Powers and St. John Vianney for teaching me the value of compassion and generosity. I knew it was something I had to do, because Kairos is what I would call a game changer. I knew I wasn't the only one impacted so strongly by the retreat, and I would never wish on anyone the inability to attend, especially due to a financial circumstance.”

The effect of the Kairos retreat continues to resonate with Nina, “I always make sure to mark down the dates students are attending Kairos and to pray especially for them while they are there.”



The **KAIROS RETREAT** has been a part of
THE **POWERS CATHOLIC**
EXPERIENCE FOR
21 YEARS.

Nina Haley

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Powers graduates have a strong legacy of building successful careers in business, health care, teaching, engineering, and non-profit organizations.



EMERGING
LEADERS



Nikhil Mukkamala and Ethan Sperla
outside of Powers Catholic High School



“As a result of our close Flint community, I found many connections with people in many occupations. This allowed me to learn about many careers and their local applications and contributions.”

NIKHIL MUKKAMALA (2017)

PROVIDING A JUMP-START TO COLLEGE AND CAREERS

Through a wide variety of extracurricular programs and learning opportunities with local universities, Powers students have many options for expanding their knowledge beyond the traditional classroom setting and exploring a variety of career options.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) offers students exposure to the fields of marketing, finance, hospitality and management. The extracurricular club helps students hone goal setting, consensus building and project management skills. The group formulates and presents business concepts, strategies, and solutions based on given situations. Students compete against other schools at District, Regional and National competitions. “The role-play situations at competitions help kids to get out of their shell, be articulate and think outside the box, as well as provide exposure to different careers,” explained moderator Brenda Goyette. Junior Ethan Sperla agrees, “I know it’s helping me prepare for real life situations such as interviews, problem solving, compromise and even important social

skills.” The DECA program at Powers is unique in that it is not integrated into a specific marketing class, allowing students in ninth through twelfth grades the opportunity to participate.

The Court Street location for Powers Catholic allows students easy access to partnerships with Kettering University and the University of Michigan-Flint. Both offer college level classes to academically prepared students and have welcomed them on campus for unique hands-on experiences. Senior Nikil Mukkamala spent a portion of his summer, observing and conducting research at Kettering Working with Mechanical Engineering professors, Theresa and Pat Atkinson, Mukkamala participated in a university research project first hand. “The research I worked on dealt with femoral fractures. I learned how to observe and conduct research using CAD (Computer-Aided-Diagnosis), as well as use something called Finite Element (FEM) Analysis to simulate these fractures. It was a glimmer into the college curriculum experience.”

2017-2018
STUDENT PARTICIPATION
IN EXPANDED LEARNING
PROGRAMS

35 DECA

75 DUAL
ENROLLMENT



Ethan Sperla

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Powers is often recognized for our outstanding young men and women, and are among the first to be chosen for extraordinary experiences.



FAR REACHING
PARTNERSHIPS

Jawanza Brown with commercial fisherman Buck Gibbons.



STUDENT TAKES A LEAP OF FAITH AND REELS IN A COLLEGE EDUCATION

In 2011 as a young teen, Jawanza Brown began visiting the Boys and Girls Club of Flint with his younger siblings. It was there that Jawanza heard Seattle Seahawks running back Thomas Rawls speak. At the time, Rawls was playing football at the University of Michigan and Jawanza was a star-struck kid. Jawanza remembers Rawls talking about pushing through adversity. Staff members took early notice of Jawanza's work ethic and invited him to join various service clubs and programs, which he readily did. That open mind and willingness to try new things soon led Jawanza to Powers Catholic High School (PCHS), as a recipient of a joint scholarship offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters and PCHS.

"Jawanza's experience at Powers took him out of his comfort zone and forced him to be more social. By going to a new school and interacting with new kids he was forced to step out on his own and create new friendships. The administration and staff also did a great job helping him seamlessly transition into the school community," said Tauzzari Robinson, CEO, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint. His years at Powers were a formative step in a unique journey.

In 2016, the Seattle Times sent reporters to Flint to profile the story of Seattle running back and Flint native, Thomas Rawls. The Seattle Times article described Flint's struggles, from the abandonment by the auto manufacturing industry to the water crisis.

"I want to be superman for my city," Rawls told the reporters.

Buck Gibbons, a commercial fisherman from Bristol Bay, Alaska, read the compelling Seattle Times story and started making calls. During Jawanza's senior year, Gibbons enlisted the help of Boys and Girls Club program Director, Stacy Winchester, to identify a young man who would be open to a life changing employment opportunity to fund his college education. Gibbons, accustomed to hiring Washington state high school athletes, was inspired by the Seattle Times story about Thomas Rawls. He decided to extend the employment opportunity to a Flint area youth looking for a means to pay for college. "When I looked at the available kids, Jawanza stood out. Really good kid, good student, works hard," said Winchester.

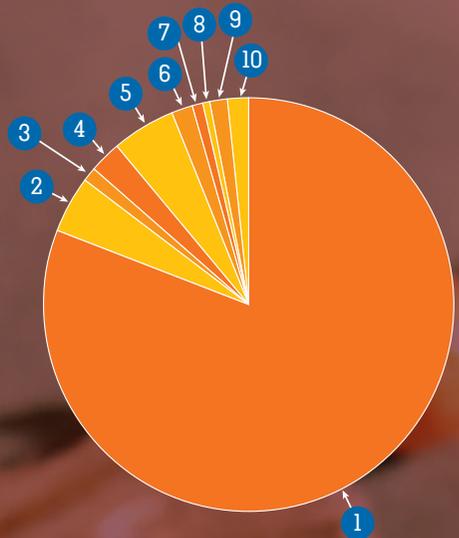
After a thorough vetting and training process, Gibbons and Jawanza agreed it was a match. Two days after graduation, Jawanza took his first plane ride to a boat 3,400 miles away from home. His skills and stamina were undoubtedly tested. Drawing from his previous experiences and with his eyes on the prize of a college degree, Jawanza persevered. The long, hard days pulling fish from nets, repairing gear, preparing meals and cleaning decks resulted in two things Jawanza never dreamed of, adding commercial fisherman to his resume and a check to cover his first year of tuition at Saginaw Valley State University.



"He's gone from being a shy individual who was not comfortable in situations that were unfamiliar, to a mature young man ready for success."

TAUZZARI ROBINSON, CEO, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint

FINANCIAL VIEW



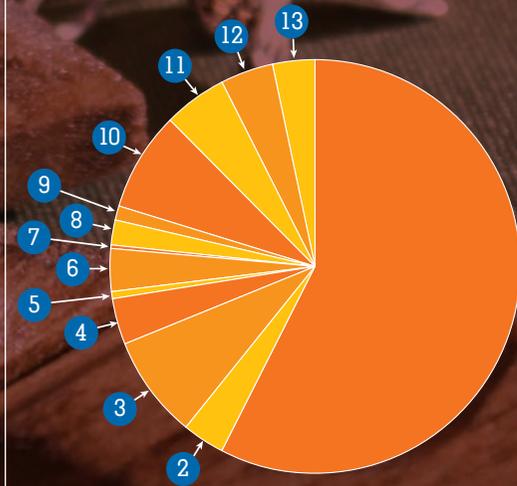
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- 6 Endowment Donations
- 7 Annual Giving
- 8 Golf Outing Fundraiser
- 9 Other Advanced Income
- 10 Other Inome

OPERATING REVENUES

Tuition & Fees	\$4,944,243
Tuition Assistance Received	\$262,417
Athletic Revenue	\$77,700
Annual Giving	\$51,608
Golf Outing Fundraiser	\$28,358
Building Lease Reimbursement	\$154,084
New Building Pledges & Donations	\$297,924
Endowment Donations	\$100,135
Other Advancement Income	\$83,238
Other Income	\$99,622
Total Operating Revenue	\$6,099,329

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$3,546,078
Instructional & Administrative Expenses	\$213,943
Plant Operation	\$488,351
Athletic Expenses	\$223,223
Technology Expense	\$38,292
Building Lease	\$200,000
Major Repair Contribution	\$18,000
Capital Replacement Contribution	\$120,000
Department Fees	\$75,000
Other Expenses	\$474,106
Advancement Operating Expense	\$313,320
DOL Loan Payments	\$254,556
Endowment Loan Payments	\$199,603
Total Operating Expenses	\$6,164,472



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HELP SUPPORT

The Powers Catholic High School Educational Trust Fund is overseen by the Powers Catholic Educational Trust Fund Board. Its purpose is to ensure the schools' long-term viability by providing tuition assistance opportunities to students of Powers Catholic for generations to come.

Gifts may be unrestricted or can be made to support specific scholarship funds. Making a gift to the Educational Trust Fund is easy to do and allows you to leave a legacy for tomorrow's Catholic students.

OPENING DOORS. GROWING OUR FUTURE.

As we look forward and plan for tomorrow's Powers Catholic High School, our vision of excellence, spiritual growth, sustainability, and accessibility for future generations does not waiver. We are committed to fulfilling our mission and serving the needs of our students, families, and local community.

While we've settled into our home on Court Street, there is still much work to be done so that we can continue to offer our students the best in facilities, programming and overall opportunity. You likely have noticed change both in the building and outside of campus over time. The generous commitment of time, talent and treasure across our Powers Catholic community has helped to wrap up several projects that wouldn't have otherwise been possible. Looking ahead, we know that resources and funding will be necessary to continue to move additional important initiatives forward.

Just as we are committed to excellence in facility and offerings, we are equally committed to all families who are seeking a quality Catholic education. Because accessibility is so important to our mission, we will continue to make tuition assistance and serving our Catholic community a priority. With close to 50% of our students receiving some sort of financial help, the need to build our Endowment to support access for today and tomorrow's student is vital.

We are thankful for the opportunity to prepare students for a brighter tomorrow, to impact their communities, and to influence the world. As students leave us and go "BEYOND OUR DOORS," we hope to equip them with the necessary tools that will guide, protect, and help counter the worldly challenges that are inevitable.

► TUITION ASSISTANCE

- **GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND** –Emergency tuition assistance for students where families experience serious illness, job loss, or even the unexpected death of an immediate family member.
- **LEAVE A LEGACY** – provides long-term financial stability and tuition assistance to Powers Catholic students

► ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM SPACE AND RESOURCES

► COMPLETION OF ATHLETIC COMPLEX, INCLUDING OUTDOOR PRACTICE AREAS AND TENNIS COURTS

► RELOCATION DEBT

► BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

Join us in securing a strong **FUTURE** for Powers Catholic High School and the many students whose lives are enriched through expanded experiences that will set them apart as they move forward in their life journey.

Will **YOU** be a part of helping all students to have the opportunities to explore, learn and grow...**BEYOND OUR DOORS?**

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