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How are we doing?

More importantly, how are our graduates doing? Let's take a look at the San Miguel Academy Class of 2013 pictured below. Thirteen out of fourteen have graduated high school in four years. Not only that, 11 out of the 13 will be starting college in the Fall while the other two boys are going off to basic training for service in the U.S. Military. The success of our program and impact on the lives of the young men of Newburgh is incalculable. Thanks to the enduring support offered by our donors lives are being transformed daily because of our mission.



Pictured left to right: Dilan Herrera, Raul Ramirez, Esteban Arizpe, Alejandro Arizpe, Anthony Fiscal, Dajour Fisher, Lisandro Chihuahua, Luis Jimenez, Keyrell Staples and Chris Lane. Not pictured are Luis Ascensio, Eduardo Rivas, and Antonio Del Agua.



Emma Carillo, Kirsten Carillo, and Dajour Fisher, SMAN '13 and Harvey School '17. Emma and Dajour were classmates at Harvey, and Kirsten, of course, served at SMAN for nearly 10 years as our school counselor. By the way, Dajour is off to St. Bonaventure's University on an HEOP scholarship. Congratulations to all!

A proud family surrounds Lisandro Chihuahua, SMAN '13 after his graduation from Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie. Big L will be moving on to St. Bonaventure University in September, where he will join his San Miguel classmate Dajour as a freshman student.



Chris Lane, SMAN '13 and Marvelwood School '17, is pictured with Headmaster Art Goodearl. Mr. Goodearl presented Chris with a few awards during the commencement exercises. Thank you Marvelwood for taking such good care of Chris! For his next adventure, Chris will take on business studies at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh.

Lauren and Bob Steers flank the proud Jimenez family after the graduation ceremony at Canterbury School, where Tito earned much deserved recognition for his achievements. The Steers will be sponsoring our fourth San Miguel graduate, Na'sah Dabbs, at this exceptional school. Thank you for indelibly changing so many lives! Tito will be continuing his education at Maritime College in the Bronx.



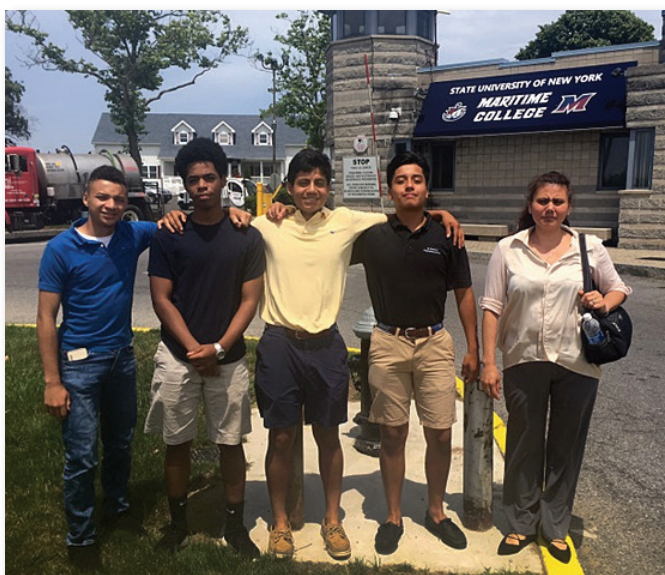
Admission Director of the Harvey School and soon to be SMAN IMPACT Awardee, Bill Porter, hangs out with Harvey students Omar Coca, SMAN '14, Dajour Fisher, SMAN '13, and Jason Chunchi, SMAN '16. Bill has been a great advocate for underserved kids from around our region. Thank you, Bill!





Omar Coca, SMAN '14, stands in front of an impressive artistic creation at The Harvey School. During the school's 100th Anniversary, Omar helped to create this timeline of significant events in the world and at the Katonah, NY, school. Omar is looking to further his art education in his college search.

Tito Jimenez, SMAN '13, is pictured with soon to be SMAN IMPACT awardee, Julie Pipolo, at a recent lunch they shared at Pizza 300, Louie Pipolo's pizzeria in Newburgh. Julie will be recognized for her support of our mission at the Annual Benefit Dinner in October.



Joshua Quinones, SMAN '14, DeWilliam Carter, SMAN '14, Tito Jimenez SMAN '13, Anthony Cruz SMAN '16, and Delia Jimenez, SMAN '13, gather outside the gate of Maritime College in the Bronx. Tito was giving his fellow San Miguel Academy graduates a tour of the campus where he will take up residency in the Fall. Maritime College has been singled out as having one of the best engineering programs in the country. Good luck, Tito!

SMAN Class of 2016 gathers shortly after completing their first year of high school. All 15 boys have done quite well during their first year of secondary education. The Class of 2016 is especially supportive of one another in their quest for success. Keep it up, guys!

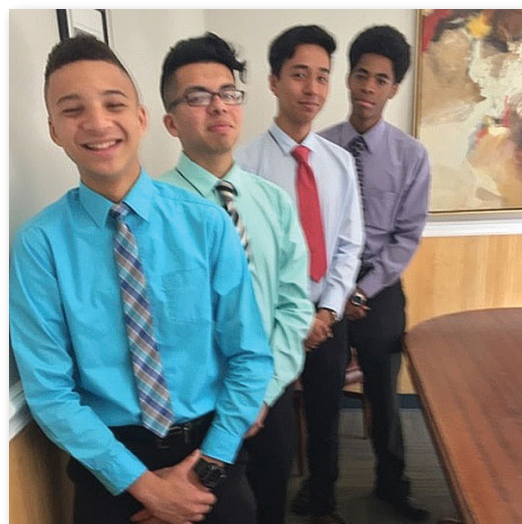


Anthony Cruz, SMAN '16, Coach Craig White of St. Benedict's Preparatory School, and Cory Arias, SMAN '16, celebrate after a medal winning rowing event in the Fall of 2016. Cruz and Arias learned to row at SMAN and now they're excelling at the sport in high school. We are also happy to tell you that they are on the Honor Roll at St. Benedict's as well.



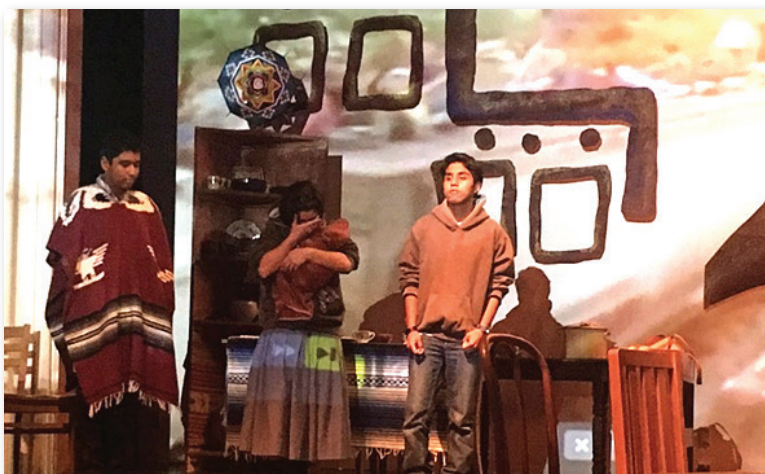
Henry Garcia, SMAN '11, and Tito Jimenez, SMAN '13, watch from the coach's launch as our Soaring Eagle rowers battle the strong currents of the mighty Hudson River during a summer afternoon practice. SMAN Oarsmen are assisted by the Orange County Rowing Association, Tito Jimenez, and Anthony Cruz who supervise on land practices and in water rowing. Thanks to everyone for making our rowing program such a success.

Joshua Quinones, SMAN '14, Marc Ramos, SMAN '14, Nayib Portillo, SMAN '14, and DeWilliam Carter, SMAN '14, gather for their interviews with Melissa Mineau. Melissa has created a local internship program for our boys for summer employment. We are grateful to Hudson Valley Investment Associates and Orange Bank and Trust who currently employ some of our boys. We are looking forward to future expansion of the program under Melissa's leadership.



Brian Lopez (forward right, standing) SMAN '11, Canterbury '15, is seen on stage at a Mount Saint Mary College production of the "Laramie Project." Brian has continued his on stage activities through high school and college. He also works at a local restaurant to pay his tuition. With such a busy schedule he also manages to keep an impressive GPA. Brian is enrolled in the 5 year MBA program at the Mount. Keep up the good work, Brian!





Kevin Gomez, SMAN '15, and Aldair Garcia, SMAN '15, enjoy the spotlight in The Mount Academy production of "The Lamp." Both boys are typically quiet and reserved, but this daring experience taught them both that they have talents beyond what they imagined. The Mount Academy has become an amazing high school partner, as they continue to empower our boys with strong academics and a broad array of extracurricular activities. We thank the Bruderhof Community for their ongoing support of our mission in Newburgh.



The highlight of our Graduate Success Program is when all the boys return on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day. The 2016 gathering enjoyed almost perfect attendance. It is a great time for the boys to catch up and support one another as they rise above the challenges of the streets of Newburgh. In addition to sharing a meal and thanking our benefactors, the boys also battle it out in our annual dodge ball tournament. The Class of 2015 reigned supreme! Congratulations, boys! In our minds, you are all winners!

Nat Prentice, SMAN graduate success volunteer and Trinity College alum, accompanies Dilan Herrera, SMAN '13, Daniel Ruiz, SMAN '15, and Tito Jimenez, SMAN '13, on a winter tour of his alma mater. Thank you, Nat, for your faithful service to our guys.



Saeed Adams, SMAN '14, Graduate Success Mentor Henry Garcia, SMAN '11, JP Colon, SMAN '16, Cory Arias, SMAN '16, and Kevin Marin, SMAN '15, gather during a "check up" visit to St. Benedict's Prep. We are happy to report that all the boys are achieving great things. We continue to be thankful for Father Edwin Leahy, and his amazing SBP Staff, for taking care of the "Newburgh boys" in Newark.



George Huagui, SMAN '16, and Larry Coleman, SMAN '16, ascended to the Newburgh Free Academy Varsity Lacrosse team as a result of their introduction to the sport at SMAN. George is on a positive trajectory at the Excelsior Academy, and Larry is achieving high marks at the NFA West Campus. Both boys are in alternative public high school programs which are aimed at supporting our city's low opportunity kids. These programs are helping us to break the cycle of poverty one child at a time.

Henry Garcia, SMAN '11, and Bayron Morales, SMAN '12, stand in front of the President's Office at Fairfield University where they are both excelling. Henry, in addition to his typically high GPA, is now working in the university's institutional research where he is helping to advise Fairfield administrators on diversity issues on their campus. For his part, Bayron has earned recognition (*see insert*) after an impressive first year at Fairfield.





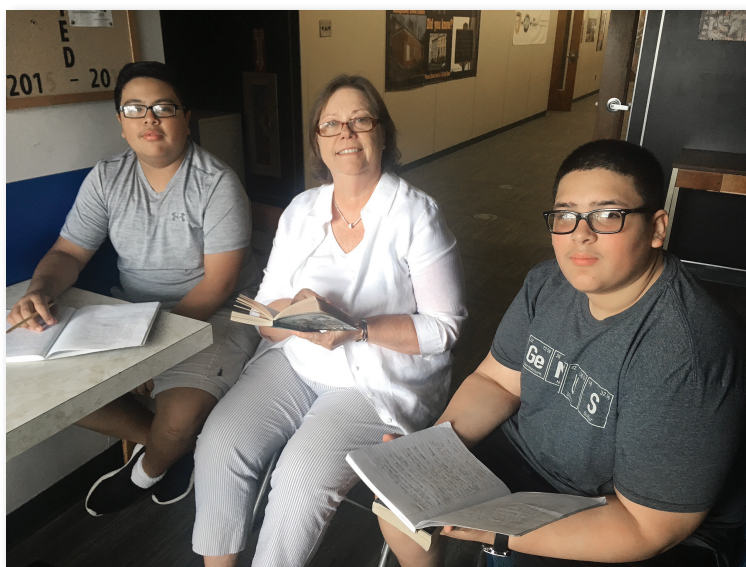
Guillermo Cruz, SMAN '11, checks out his "new" wheels courtesy of long time mission benefactor, Barbara Craig. Barbara decided to donate her 2006 Pontiac to SMAN, who in turn sold it to Guillermo for his daily commute to Marist College in Poughkeepsie. Thank you, Barbara and good luck, Guillermo in your studies at Marist!

Jason Luna, SMAN '17, is our first student to earn a scholarship to Fordham Prep. We thank Fr. Chris Devron and Brad Serton for their support during the admissions process. In place of a daily commute from Newburgh, Jason will be living with Peggy and Tom Hickey in Mount Vernon. The Hickeys had two of their sons graduate from the prep, so "mothering" Jason through high school will not be an issue for Peggy. We are also happy to say that Jason's parents are delighted that the Hickeys are welcoming their son into their home Monday through Friday. If anyone is interested in becoming a "host family," please let us know. "It takes a village..."



Instructor Mike Nicastro looks on as Dewilliam Carter, SMAN '14, takes a swing off the practice tee. Mike will be volunteering his time on Monday evenings during the summer months to teach our high school and college boys the sport. Thanks, Mike!

Ms. Linda Tarant works with Emmanuel Flores, SMAN '17, and Ronald Ortiz, SMAN '17, as part of our summer programming and graduate success efforts. Linda has been working at San Miguel for 10 years offering ancillary help to the boys. Emmanuel and Ronald will be joining The Mount Academy Class of 2021 in September.



ALL IN THE FAMILY



Kevin Morales, SMAN '10, accompanies his brother, Manny, SMAN '21, to our Summer Scholars Program. Manny joins older brothers Kevin and Brian, SMAN '11, as a "Brother in Blue." Good luck, Manny!

George Huagui, SMAN '16, joins his nephew Joshua on the first day of our Summer Scholars Program. As San Miguel ages, we see more and more family members joining the ranks of the "Brothers in Blue" at the academy. Good luck, Joshua! Your Uncle George has set a fine example for you.



SAVE THE DATE

13th Annual Benefit Dinner

Thursday, October 26 • 6:30 p.m.

Westchester Country Club

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