

2019 IMPACT Awardee Honoring Ann Mara Cacase

San Miguel Academy of Newburgh

Defying the Odds
Annual Scholarship Dinner



Passing the Legacy

Friday, October 25, 2019 | 6:30PM

In Memory of Wellington T. Mara

Westchester Country Club
Rye, NY

Event Chairs

Vanessa Williams, Julie Pipolo, Maureen Mirabile



NEXT STEPS

Alumni Update

2019

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The San Miguel Journey - Next Steps

Our program has come to full maturity and that means many of our alumni are moving on with their education and their lives. Some are moving on to high school, some to college, and others into military service and vocational training. In this edition we are proud to highlight our San Miguel Men and their personal journeys. It is a profound joy to hear them articulate the role that our mission has played in giving them hope for a better future. We are breaking the cycle of poverty through education, and the stories that follow give ample evidence of the influence we are having on these young men. Thank you to all of our donors who have supported these boys on their next steps. Most particularly we'd like to extend our gratitude to Lauren and Bob Steers, and Bonnie and Tom Grace, who designated their giving to close tuition gaps for those in need. Read and enjoy as we celebrate the many successes of San Miguel Academy students. God bless you all for helping us to change and transform these young lives in such significant ways.

Alumni Happenings



Avante Walker graduated from SMAN in 2015. Avante moved on to The Marvelwood School in Kent, Connecticut, where he received all of the nurturing and academic support that he would need. He not only graduated with a stellar GPA, Avante also scored 1000 career points on the basketball court! Avante's inspiring story got a whole lot better in early 2019 when he became our first alumnus to receive an HEOP scholarship to Niagara University. At Niagara University, Avante will major in business. This young man's journey is marked by good decisions and the will to help his mother, who is his biggest fan. Congratulations Mom, and thank you for bringing Avante to our doorstep in 2011.



2019 ALUMNI UPDATE

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Daniel Ruiz has been a standout since his arrival at San Miguel Academy in 2011. Daniel benefited enormously from our small class size and individual attention. Our progressive curriculum helped Daniel realize that he is capable of higher level learning, which is one of the reasons that he landed at The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut. In the competitive academic environment at Loomis, Daniel excelled in many ways, especially the sciences. Daniel aspires to become a physician, serving people and dedicating his life to healing and research. As a member of the College of the Holy Cross Class of 2023, Daniel will have all the advantages needed to make his dreams come true. This impressive young man found his life's path by daring to dream big while in middle school. We are tremendously proud of Daniel's achievements, and more importantly in the "content of his character."



In a light hearted moment, Victor Garcia, SMAN 2015, is photographed with his mother during accepted student day at The Culinary Institute of America. Victor was able to find his passion during his high school career at Trinity Pawling School, discovering that he enjoyed the art of cooking. Victor's realization of his potential and purpose came slowly and sometimes painfully. However, this gritty young man never gave up. Instead, he derived from every opportunity presented to him new perspectives on where his heart was leading him. We are proud of Victor's tenacity, and we look forward to his culinary career.

Aldair Garcia has graduated from The Mount Academy while also earning his American Welding Society certification. These dual accomplishments lay the path to a bright future for Aldair who plans to return to college after working in welding and saving his money. TMA brought out the best in Aldair, challenging him to try new things and uncover his true potential. We thank our friends in the Bruderhof Community for their generosity and support of the San Miguel Academy mission. Aldair has enjoyed the benefits of the strong relationship between our schools and our mutual understanding that our loving God has written a plan into each child's heart. Aldair will continue to discover his meaning and purpose because of the early decision made by his parents to place him in our care.



Did you know? San Miguel Academy graduates have a 96% high school graduation rate!

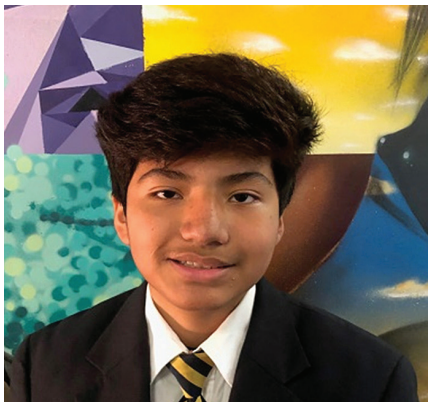


Berna Mejia

Clubs Film, Hiking, Food
Career Goal Architect
Sports Basketball, Rowing, Soccer
Favorite Subject Science
Favorite Book Harry Potter
High School Newburgh Free Academy

Gary Miller

Career Goal Architect
Favorite Book Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Favorite Pro Athlete "Greek Freak"
Clubs Robotics
Sports Rowing, Soccer
High School Newburgh Free Academy



Anthony O'Garra

Clubs: Technology Club
Sports Basketball
Favorite Pro Athlete James Harden
Favorite Book Night
Favorite Subject Science
High School Newburgh Free Academy

Michael Sanchez

Career goal Computer Engineer
Favorite Book My Brother Sam is Dead
Clubs 3D Printing
Sports Rowing, Soccer
High School Excelsior Academy



Fernando Lucero

Favorite Subject Math
Favorite Pro Athlete Michael Phelps
Clubs Robotics, Technology
Sports Soccer
Career Goal President of the United States
High School Excelsior Academy



Aser Marin

Favorite Subject Math
Sports Rowing
Clubs Food, Film
Favorite Pro Athlete Lionel Messi
Favorite Book Night
Career Goal Welder
High School The Mount Academy



Abel Martinez

Sports Soccer, Basketball
Clubs 3D Printing
Favorite Book Night
Favorite Pro Athlete Cristiano Ronaldo
High School Oakwood Friends School



Martin Mendoza

Favorite Subject Math
Sports Soccer, Basketball
Clubs Technology, Bird Watching, Film
Favorite Athlete Lionel Messi
Favorite Book Night
High School The Mount Academy



Kevin Marin will be taking his bat and glove to the Bronx. No, not to Yankee Stadium but rather to SUNY Maritime College. Kevin has just completed a successful four years at St. Benedict’s Prep, where, after a slow start, he finished strong. With renewed confidence Kevin will be studying International Transportation and Trade when he arrives on campus in September. SBP has been a strong advocate for SMAN graduates, and Kevin is a stellar example of how “The Hive” brings out the best in our boys. We are grateful for all of the lives touched by Father Edwin and his remarkable staff in Newark.

The SMAN Class of 2015 - Next Steps

STUDENT	GRADUATE OF	NEXT STEPS
Jordyn Angel	Excelsior Academy	SUNY Orange
Na’Zeem Dabbs	Excelsior Academy	SUNY Orange
Aldair Garcia	The Mount Academy	American Welding Society Certification
Victor Garcia	Trinity Pawling School	Culinary Institute of America
Kevin Gomez	The Mount Academy	American Welding Society Certification
Kevin Marin	St. Benedict’s Prep	SUNY Maritime
Brandon Miller	The Church Farm School	SUNY Maritime
Daniel Ruiz	Loomis Chaffee School	College of the Holy Cross
Christian Salinas	Our Lady of Lourdes H.S.	Niagara University
Andrew Silva	Burke Catholic H.S.	Mount Saint Mary College
Avante Walker	The Marvelwood School	Niagara University

The SMAN Class of 2011 - Next Steps

STUDENT	GRADUATE OF	NEXT STEPS
Henry Garcia	Canterbury School	Fairfield University ‘19
Alfredo Liendo	The Harvey School	Nichols College ‘19
Brian Lopez	Canterbury School	Mount Saint Mary College ‘19
Teshawn Staples	Newburgh Free Academy	SUNY Orange ‘19
Brian Morales	Our Lady of Lourdes H.S.	Mount Saint Mary College (Dec. ’19)

The Class of 2019



Ladies and gentlemen,
introducing to you the
San Miguel Academy Class of 2019.

Above the class is pictured during their fifth grade year in 2015. They're now a bit taller, somewhat smarter, and ready for the next big step in their journey. God bless the Class of 2019.



Khalil Aguilar

Favorite Subject Math
Favorite Pro Athlete Lionel Messi
Career Goal Doctor
Favorite Book Night Clubs
Clubs Film, Financial Literacy, Hiking, 3D Printing
Sports Rowing, Soccer
High School The Harvey School

Miguel Benitez

Sports Soccer, Rowing, Basketball
Clubs Film, Financial Literacy, Hiking
Career Goal Doctor
Favorite Book Soldier Boy
Favorite Subject Science
High School Blue Ridge School



Christopher Farias

Favorite Subject Math
Favorite Pro Athlete Lionel Messi
Favorite Book To Kill a Mockingbird
Career Goal Engineer
Clubs Book, Financial Literacy, Hiking, Robotics
Sports Rowing
High School Fordham Prep

Arturo Giron

Favorite Subject Science
Favorite Pro Athlete Damian Lillard
Sports Soccer
Clubs Technology, Robotics
Career Goal Computer Science
High School Church Farm School

