



# Success

## UPDATE 2022

### College ACCEPTANCES for the SMA Class of 2018

Cornell University  
NYU  
University of Rochester  
LeMoyne College  
SUNY New Paltz  
SUNY Maritime  
Canisius College  
Mount Saint Mary College  
Fordham University  
Syracuse University  
SUNY Stony Brook  
SUNY Binghamton  
Skidmore University  
Northeastern University  
Piedmont College  
Savannah College  
of Arts and Design  
Case Western University  
Bucknell University  
Bentley College  
University of Wisconsin  
Ithaca College  
Dominican University  
of New York  
Boston College  
SUNY Orange

### College ENROLLMENTS for the SMA Class of 2018

Kenny Aguilar – SUNY New Paltz  
Angel Arizpe – SUNY Orange  
Amageo Burks – Savannah  
College of Arts and Design  
Jack Minano – NYU Stern  
School of Business  
Brandon Pineda – Dominican  
University of New York  
David Salazar – Boston College  
Anthony Tehuitzil – SUNY Orange

When we received word that **Jack Minano, SMA Class of 2018, was accepted into the Fordham Prep Class of 2022**, we were elated! Jack has a promising intellect, so we all knew that the rigors of Fordham Prep would challenge him to develop even further his God-given gifts. There was at the same time some hesitation. The daily commute would consume at least four and a half hours of Jack's day on the Metro North Hudson Rail Line. His mother would have to get him to Beacon, on the east side of the Hudson River, every morning by 6:15am. Many of our staff expressed concern about the responsibilities that lay ahead for this family. It was a concern I shared.

One day, as I was reviewing with Jack what a typical day would involve over the next four years, I simply asked, "Can you do it?" At this point in his life, Jack's verbal skills were less than effusive. Most often he was soft spoken, if not non-verbal, preferring a nod rather than a spoken word. But on this day Jack looked me straight in the eye, with a resolve I didn't expect, and responded, "I know I can do it!"

Challenge accepted, Jack and his mother, who made multiple sacrifices for her son's education in the Bronx, committed to an arduous daily schedule in pursuit of the American dream. Though Jack got off to a very slow start, struggling to socialize with his peers, he persisted day after day as the drip of the Jesuit culture cut through his doubts and apprehensions. Fast forward to 2022: Jack made it, graduating in the top 10% of his class! Even more impressive is that Jack will be attending New York University's Stern School of Business beginning this September.

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STUDENT WILL ALWAYS RESPOND,**

**"I know  
I can do it!"**

Jack's journey is a source of great pride for his family. **Jack credits San Miguel Program for providing the opportunities that otherwise would not have been attainable.** So too, Fordham Prep made an indelible mark on his character as he has resolved to live his life as a "man for others."

Enjoy the pages that follow. **Your goodness and generosity have allowed our mission to inspire so many young men and now at last, young women.** The hallmark of our program is character formation, which encourages commitment and determination. As you read about our alumni achievements remember that in each vignette the cycle of poverty has been vanquished. The lives of our students are no longer limited by the negative influences of this troubled city, nor by a pessimistic outlook that often inhabits the minds of those born into poverty. Can you do it? The San Miguel Program student will always respond, "I KNOW I CAN DO IT!"

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# Alumni Visitors



Paying us a surprise visit in the Spring of 2022 are brothers **Oscar Cruz**, SMA '11, and **Angel Cruz**, SMA '10. After the boys graduated from St. Benedict's Prep, the family relocated to San Diego, to be closer to their relatives. If you look above you will see an earlier photograph of the two boys, circa 2011. **Both boys work in the hospitality industry after completing degrees at a junior college in California.**



Yet another alumnus, **Brian Silva**, SMA '10, The Harvey School '14, Nichols College '18, made a visit to catch up with his former middle school teachers. Brian is pictured here with **Ayden Garcia**, SMA '23, who is a cousin to Brian. **Silva is currently living in the Boston area and working with an executive recruiting firm.**



During a brief visit to New York, **Ensign Luis "Tito" Jimenez**, SMA '13, Canterbury School '17, SUNY Maritime College '21, stops by SMA. **Tito is currently serving on the USS Blue Ridge in Yokosuka, Japan.** By mere coincidence Mary Kay Satriano, active Army reservist and head of the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center in Bedford, NY, along with David Terwilliger, retired US Navy Major, and commercial pilot for American Airlines, happened to also be in the building. It reminded us all of the self-sacrifices that so many women and men make to serve our nation. We are grateful for all of them!

## ALUMNI VISITORS ARE A COMMON OCCURRENCE AT SAN MIGUEL ACADEMY.

**Josh Quinones**, SMA '14, Our Lady of Lourdes H.S. '18, and Army Reservist, has been **assigned to active duty in Djibouti, Africa, as a peace keeper**. Josh paid us a visit and then sent these photo's of him during his recent training at Fort Drum, NY.

**God bless all  
of our women  
and men who  
are serving our  
nation in the  
military.**



## Update on Cory Arias

After suffering a near devastating electrocution, Cory Arias has defied all the odds and recovered completely from his injuries. During the Summer of 2021, Cory coached our rowing squad to their first ever competition, *The Philadelphia Independence Day Regatta*.



Cory is pictured here at the far right, with Rowing Advocate and Author, Arshay Cooper behind him.



On the left is Cory during the final day of freshmen year in the Spring of 2022, at Virginia Military Institute, where he met with great success, handling the rigors of military life with his typical strength and grace.

# College Happenings



**Chris Lane**, SMA '13, Marvelwood School '17, Mount Saint Mary College '22, with proud mom, Delbra, at the commencement exercises where **Chris earned a B.S. in Business.**



**Avante Walker**, SMA '15, Marvelwood School '19, Niagara University '23, **took advantage of a study abroad opportunity in Lyon, France, where he studied international business.** Bien joué



**Brandon Pineda**, SMA '18, St. Benedict's Prep '22, Dominican University of New York '26, **has been recruited by Ivan Rudolph-Shabinsky, Business Professor and Head Rowing Coach.** Ivan is building a successful rowing program and our well-trained rowers will be a welcome addition to his squad.



**Ronald Ortiz**, SMA '17, The Mount Academy '21, SUNY Maritime '25, was awarded the prestigious Alftis Family Scholarship for his overall academic performance. **Ronald is majoring in Marine Science and has achieved a near perfect GPA.**



**Arturo Giron**, SMA '19, Church Farm School '23; **Miguel Benitez**, SMA '19, The Blue Ridge School '23; **Fernando Lucero**, SMA '19, P-Tech Academy '23; and **Khalil Aguilar**, SMA '19, The Harvey School '23; **take a tour of Syracuse University during the 2022 SMA Annual Graduate Support College Tour.** The boys toured a dozen upstate schools to broaden their knowledge on programs and majors that are available to them.



**George Huagui**, SMA '16, P-Tech Academy '20, SUNY Maritime College '24, is pictured here at the Overpeck Regatta in New Jersey during the Autumn of 2021, where both SMA oarsmen and Maritime College rowers competed. **George is one of our many graduates who have successfully leveraged the sport of rowing to further their education.**



**Brandon Miller**, SMA '15, Church Farm School '19, SUNY Maritime '23, **has been accepted into the Navy ROTC Scholarship Program of New York City.** Brandon has succeeded in the classroom and in developing his leadership abilities. Upon his graduation, Brandon will serve as a Naval Officer for a minimum of five years.



**Yahir Martinez**, SMA '17, The Mount Academy '21, and **Emmanuel Flores**, SMA '17, The Mount Academy '21, both took a gap year to earn money for college. Through a generous scholarship program funded by Lori and Paul Guillaro **they will each pursue a two-year degree in Welding and Business at SUNY Alfred.**

# High School Happenings



Mount Academy students, left to right, **Derry Moran**, SMA '21, **Joshua Cervantes**, SMA '21, **Christopher Recinos**, SMA '20, and **Martin Mendoza**, SMA '19, pose during one of our recent visits to the high school which is operated by the Bruderhof Community. Presently, seven of our boys are studying at *The Mount*, and **all are flourishing thanks to the great care and encouragement they receive from the teaching staff.**



**Brandon Rodriguez** (left) SMA '21, Canterbury School '25; **Christian Recinos** SMA '20, Suffield Academy 24; **Geoffrey Moran** SMA '20, Canterbury School '24, met up a rowing competition between their respective schools in Spring 2022. **SMA oarsmen are competing in ever increasing numbers in the private high school circuit.**



Former U.S. Olympic Rowing Coach, Mike Teti, stops for a moment to visit with SMA graduates, **Steven Palacios**, SMA '20, St. Benedict's Prep '24, **Carlos Enamorado**, SMA '21, St. Benedict's Prep, '25, and **Jaime Ruiz**, SMA '21, St. Benedict's Prep '25, while these oarsmen were competing in the Philadelphia Youth Regatta in late October 2021. **Coach Teti has been amazingly encouraging of our rowing squad** as he works closely with Arshay Cooper to advance inclusion in the sport.



**Jack Minano**, SMA '18, Fordham Prep '22, was accepted into the Stern School of Business at New York University. Jack flourished while at Fordham Prep, as evidenced by his most impressive college acceptance list. **Jack chose NYU because he also received the Education Opportunity Program scholarship** which covers the costs of tuition and fees.



**Julian Marin** (black jacket) , SMA '20, The Harvey School '24, has been excelling in all aspects of high school life. Besides his A average in the classroom, Julian serves as a tour guide for prospective families, plays baseball and soccer, and competes nationally with Harvey's Robotics Team. **The nurturing environment at Harvey serves our students well.** Julian is yet another example of the fantastic opportunities afforded to our boys while studying with this valued high school partner.



**Arturo Giron**, SMA '19, Church Farm School, '23, pays us a holiday visit in late 2021. Arturo is doing well academically and socially at this amazing partner school for our program. **We continue to be grateful to the Reverend Ned Sherrill, Head of School, and the supportive staff at CFS.**



**David Salazar**, SMA '18, Canterbury School '22, is flanked by fellow SMA alums after his graduation ceremony in May. David will be moving on to Boston College, joining fellow SMA and Canterbury alum, **Na'sah Dabbs** who is standing to the right of David. On the left is **Geoffrey Moran**, SMA '20, Canterbury '24, and on the right is **Brandon Rodriguez**, SMA '21, Canterbury '25. **We are grateful to Lauren and Bob Steers for their ongoing generosity in funding SMA scholars at Canterbury School.**

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# Scholarships

## Michael Santangelo, Jr., Scholarship Fund

The San Miguel Academy Santangelo Scholars traveled to Marblehead Farm, Virginia, for the annual Michael G. Santangelo, Jr. Fundraising Luncheon. In addition to giving individual testimonies on the impact of private education to the donors who were present, the boys also had time to ride the horses and swim in the farm's pool. **We are grateful to Michael Santangelo, Sr., Georgia Derrico and Rod Porter for hosting this annual event.**



Current Santangelo Scholars are:

**Miguel Benitez** - Blue Ridge H. S. in Saint George, VA  
**Luis Chirinos** - Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, VT  
**Khalil Aguilar** - The Harvey School, Katonah, NY  
**Julian Marin** - The Harvey School, Katonah, NY  
**Geoffrey Moran** - Canterbury School, New Milford, CT

**Arturo Giron** - Church Farm School, Exton, PA  
**Adan Aguilar** - Church Farm School, Exton, PA  
**Brandon Rodriguez** - Canterbury School, New Milford, CT  
**Carlos Enamorado** - Saint Benedict's Prep, Newark, NJ  
**Jaime Ruiz** - Saint Benedict's Prep, Newark, NJ

Also pictured above on the left are **Henry Garcia**, SMA '11, Canterbury School '15, Fairfield University '19; and **Brian Lopez**, SMA '11, Canterbury School '15, Mount Saint Mary College '19, and current teacher at San Miguel Academy. Henry and Brian served as chaperones for the weekend excursion.

## Magliocco Family Scholarship in Memory of Jay Andretta

In 2018, **Pat and John Magliocco** funded a scholarship for certain members of the San Miguel Academy Class of 2018, to bridge the tuition gap. **Members of Jay Andretta's family** also supported this initiative, making private education possible for many of our families. The following boys were Magliocco Scholars, and we are happy to provide an update on their success:

**Kenny Aguilar** attended The Harvey School and is now enrolled at SUNY New Paltz.

**Brandon Pineda** attended Saint Benedict's Prep and is now on scholarship at Dominican University of New York.

**Axel Juarez** graduated Marvelwood School and is taking a gap year to work and save for college.

**David Salazar** attended Canterbury School and is now a Quest Bridge scholar at Boston College.

**Amageo Burks** attended Friends Christian School and is now enrolled at Savannah College of Arts and Design.

**Cristian Lucero** is taking an additional year of high school at Our Lady of Lourdes.

## James F. McCarthy Scholarship Fund – Updates:

**Martin Mendoza** is entering his senior year at The Mount Academy, Esopus, NY

**Alexis Mendoza** is entering his junior year at The Mount Academy, Esopus, NY

**Emanuel Giron-Luna** is entering his junior year at The Mount Academy, Esopus, NY

**Jayden Barrera** is entering his junior year at Church Farm School, Exton, PA

**Alexis Martinez** is entering his junior year at Marvelwood School, Kent, CT

**Steven Palacios** is entering his junior year at Saint Benedict's Prep, Newark, NJ

**Jonathan Ochoa** is entering his junior year at Saint Benedict's Prep, Newark, NJ

Our continued gratitude to **Lianne and Sean Dugan**, and **all the many fans of Jim McCarthy** who continue to fund this scholarship.