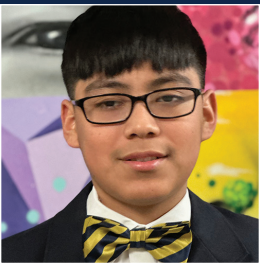
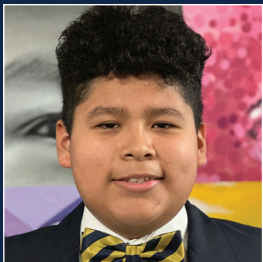
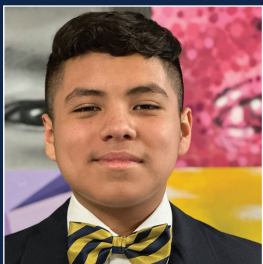


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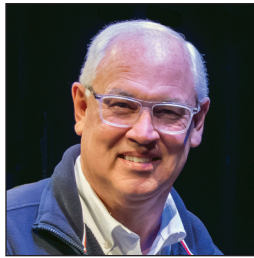


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# A Message from Father Mark

As we walk alongside each girl and boy on their educational journey, one of the highlights is the transition our students make from middle school to high school. This year's commencement ceremony at San Miguel Academy was distinguished by two friends who joined us and offered to our Class of 2023 words of encouragement. Collin Johnson, wide receiver for the NY Giants, spoke about the need for faith and commitment in order to create a better world. Author and acclaimed documentarian, Arshay Cooper, shared with the audience the role of the coxswain in the sport of rowing: *"we all need multiple coxswains who can steer us in the right direction, motivate us, and keep us safe during life's adventures."* He urged our students to look around and to identify all of the people who have influenced their life so far, and to continue to look for trusted people on whom they can rely.

The Class of 2023 was our last all male group. Going forward we will graduate girls who have long waited for the benefits of our private high school and boarding school placement program. Speaking of which, this year's placements are among the most impressive in our history. Further in your reading you will see the high schools who will be receiving our boys this September.

Finally, thank you for making all of this possible with your investment in these children. We are breaking the cycle of poverty with your assistance, one child at a time. As we graduate our 13th class, we are already anticipating the arrival of our 18th incoming group of fifth graders this summer.

This mission is critical to improving the plight of Newburgh. One by one we are getting the job done. Our program is in constant pursuit of excellence - in our academics, our extra-curricular activities, and in our character formation program. On behalf of the families whom we serve, please accept our esteem and most profound gratitude. God bless us all!



## SAN MIGUEL ACADEMY STUDENT CREED

***When faced with a mountain, I will not quit. I will keep on striving until I climb over,  
find a pass through, tunnel underneath,  
or simply stay and turn the mountain into a gold mine,  
With God's help, I will not quit!***



## Froilan Alvarez

A pensive Froilan is contemplating the many works of art he and his classmates have just viewed at education partner Storm King Art Center. The multiple trips San Miguel students make each year is helpful to broadening their understanding of the integration of art, engineering, and mathematics. **Froilan will be continuing his studies at the Mount Academy.**



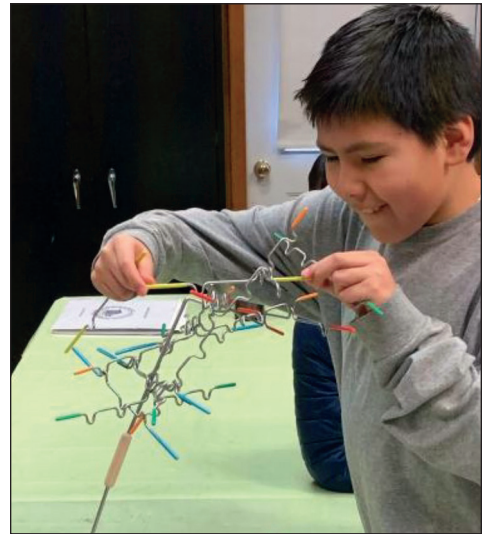
## Marvin Bautista

Education partner Stony Kill Farm welcomes our 5th grade students every Tuesday. Marvin is seen returning a sheep to its freshly cleaned stall. **Marvin will continue his education at Newburgh Free Academy.**



## Daniel Conde

Typical of our kinesthetic approach to education, 5th grade student Danny is seen here creating a sculpture based on math calculations and fundamental engineering skills. **Danny will continue his winning ways at St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, New Jersey.**



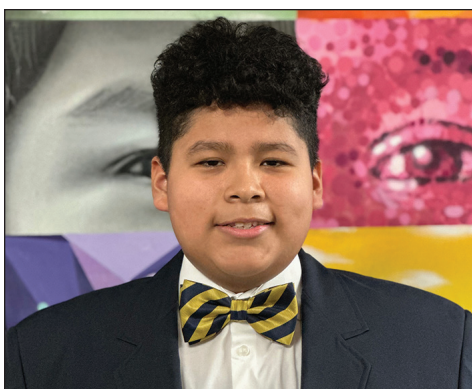
Many of our donors give to San Miguel Academy in a variety of ways. Long term benefactors of the Program are the Garache Family. John Garache recently stepped up to share his talents and knowledge of the science of weather balloons.

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## Elias Cueller

Elias is seen here as an 8th grader undertaking the challenging rock scramble at educational partner Mohonk Preserve. The many offerings at Mohonk Preserve for our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders throughout the academic year has become a staple in our curriculum. **Elias will be attending Big Picture Learning at the Newburgh Free Academy West Campus.**



## Armando Flores

The culmination of our four year Holocaust studies program is the trip to the Jewish Heritage Museum in New York City, sponsored by the Rabbi Erwin Zimet Foundation. This experience is designed to help our students become more understanding, compassionate, and accepting of people from different faiths and traditions. **Armando will continue his studies at longtime high school partner, The Harvey School, in Katonah, New York.**



## Ayden Garcia

Ayden is seen here participating in a photography project at the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center and Automobile Museum. Guided by Director Marikay Satryano, the boys photographed the vintage automobiles, and their work was on public display for many months at the museum. We are grateful for Malcolm Pray's legacy of building leadership and enhancing the entrepreneurial spirit of young people. **Ayden will continue his education at Newburgh Free Academy and will be attending Redtail Flight Academy at Stewart Airport.**



One of the most complicated challenges is the rock climbing and belaying program that 8th graders participate in at Mohonk Preserve. It exemplifies the San Miguel Academy Creed which emphasizes perseverance and determination.





# Tyron Gomez

Throughout the pandemic, our students were able to exercise out of doors while following distancing protocols. Tyron is seen here during a vigorous workout on the erometer, a visual testimony to the typical grit embodied by San Miguel Academy students. **As of this publication, we are unsure of Tyron's high school plans, as the family is relocating.**



# Victory James

Each Friday morning, Ralph Williams leads our students in joyous and uplifting song. Victory emerged as a talented singer with his basso profundo voice. **Victory has been accepted into the Milton Hershey School in Pennsylvania**, where he will continue to develop as a strong leader and a man of deep character. Victory was the class Salutatorian and received the Student Creed award at Graduation, one of the School's two highest awards.



# Gustavo Laureano

Gustavo attended the Experimentory summer program at Deerfield Academy on a full scholarship as a rising 8th grader. Deerfield was so pleased with this amazing young man, they invited him to return for the summer of 2023. **Gustavo will spend one more year in Newburgh participating in the Redtail pilot training program before heading off to boarding school for his sophomore year.** Gustavo was the class Valedictorian and received the Grit and Grace award at Graduation, one of the School's two highest awards.



**Captain David Terwilleger, Retired US Navy and active American Airlines pilot, is the lead instructor for our STEMPilot program at the Academy.**

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## Oscar Liendo

Oscar was chosen as a 5th grader for a scholarship to the esteemed Camp Dudley in Westport, NY. Camp Dudley selected San Miguel Academy as a community partner years ago, and many of our boys have had the privilege of attending this phenomenal program during the summer months. Oscar will also be participating in the USRowing Olympic Development Program. **Oscar will be heading off to Deerfield Academy where he will continue to develop as a scholar and an oarsman under the tutelage of Spencer Washburn.**



## Demari McKenzie

Demari is seen crooning alongside San Miguel Academy superfan Frank Shiner at a benefit concert produced by Frank and his production company at the Chappaqua performing arts center in 2022.

**Demari will be continuing his studies at Newburgh Free Academy North.**



## Angelino Moran

Angelino is the third brother of the Moran family to graduate from San Miguel Academy. Angelino is seen here during an Art Sparks class under the direction of Immogene Drummond. Immogene has long worked with our students with her unique program that helps to develop much needed executive functioning and creative outlets. **Angelino will be continuing his education at Newburgh Free Academy.**

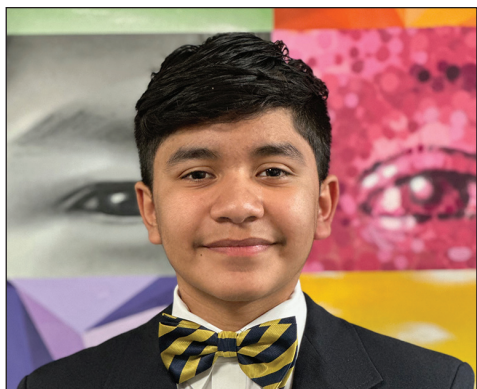
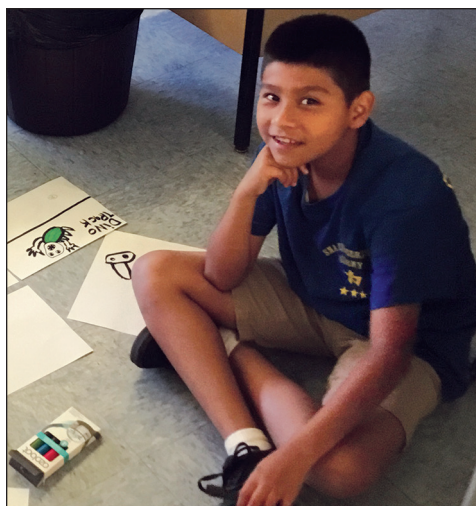


**A highlight of all highlights was being singled out during Latino Heritage Month by the NY Giants at MetLife Stadium. Thank you to Ann Mara Cacase for making all this magic possible.**



## Armando Sanchez

Armando is growing into a fine young man as he drew from our character education program which stresses readiness, respect, and personal accountability. **We are pleased that Armando will be continuing his education at Harmony Christian High School.**



## Diego Vidal-Bello

Diego designed and manufactured his senior project in the Sister Agnes Boyle STEAM Learning Center. A generous gift from longtime supporter Anne Turnbull, in memory of her late husband Bob, it enables our students to design and create a multitude of projects.

**Diego will be attending Newburgh Free Academy North.**



## Jyaire West

Jyaire is with NY Giants Wide Receiver Collin Johnson at the Quest Training Center, where board member Ann Mara Cacase invites San Miguel Academy students each summer. Our boys are given access to the field where they can freely mix it up with the players. Collin returned to San Miguel Academy to participate in the graduation of the class of 2023. **Jyaire will be attending Church Farm School.**



Longtime supporter Annie Nugent gathered several friends and their families to sponsor this year's Christmas Party for San Miguel Academy students. This joyous occasion was filled with good food, gifts for all, and the always fun raffle.

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Students are preparing to launch for the Grand Finals and the Youth Nationals in Sarasota, FL. We are proud to report that two SMA boys boats are ranked in the top ten in the country. With competitive and noncompetitive tracks, the year-round rowing program has become the cornerstone of our health and wellness program. The mission of San Miguel Academy's Rowing program is to increase educational opportunities for its student-athletes. It has proven to be significantly beneficial in helping our students to secure top-level educational opportunities in high school and college.



Above: Taking advantage of an extended school year, San Miguel Academy begins with returning students and incoming 5th graders in July for a six-week program. In addition to strengthening math and language skills in the summer, students also build physical strength on the SMA rock wall and swimming in the backyard pools of our donors.



Left: Arshay Cooper is seen with our 8th grade oarsmen at the inaugural benefit dinner for Brick City Rowing in Newark NJ. Arshay Cooper has become a strong advocate for our inclusion in the sport.

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