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SMA Class of 2019 Alum, **Yahir Martinez and Emanuel Flores**, pay us a visit to hand off a pennant from their current school, SUNY Alfred. These two young men are studying advanced welding in college after their fine introduction to this valuable trade while attending mission partner high school, The Mount Academy. **Thanks to the Lori and Paul Guillaro Foundation, SMA students who wish to develop their skills in a specific trade at SUNY Alfred are eligible for financial assistance from this generous fund.** Further evidence of the many ways that our program is able to break the cycle of poverty through education.

De La Salle Christian Brother Lawrence Goyette pays a late autumn 2022 visit to **San Miguel Academy**. Brother Larry is the innovator of the Miguel Model of Middle Schools which was adopted by our founders back in 2005 to best serve Newburgh's youth. Brother Larry is recognized as a leader in urban education and he has continued to guide our mission in Newburgh with his sage wisdom. **The number of boys and girls who have benefited from Brother Larry's mission is incalculable.** San Miguel Academy is counted among the 12 Miguel schools around the U.S.



Defying the Odds

This year's dinner
will feature a
raffle for a
chance to win an
Concept 2
Rowing Machine!

19TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Thursday, September 21
6:30pm
Westchester Country Club
Rye, NY



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Scholarships

JAMES F. MCCARTHY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Ayden Garcia is entering his freshman year at Newburgh Free Academy and is enrolled at the RedTail Flight Academy at Stewart Airport.

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

Gustavo Laureano is entering his freshman year at Newburgh Free Academy and is enrolled at the RedTail Flight Academy at Stewart Airport.

Oscar Liendo is entering his freshman year at Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA

Alexis Martinez is entering his senior year at the Marvelwood School, Kent, CT

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

Steven Palacios is entering his senior 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.



Loyal SMA supporter, Jim McCarthy, is flanked by two recent graduates from our Class of 2023, Gustavo Laureano (left) and Oscar Liendo. These two top students were chosen to participate in the USRowing Youth Development Camp in Chattanooga, TN, this summer. This camp seeks to shape future Olympians in the sport. Gus and Oscar are now well equipped to lead a future Olympic boat as coxswains, not to mention the tremendous advantages this opportunity will give to their high school and college pursuits. **The two boys are James F. McCarthy Scholars, a fund set up by Lianne and Sean Dugan** to support tuition gaps during their high school years.



The newest scholarship fund was established in honor of Helen and Jack Lynch by their long-time friends, June and Jack Heffernan. Jack Lynch, who passed away in December 2022, was a driving force behind the Block Island Maritime Institute program, which brought groups of San Miguel boys to Block Island for marine and island exploration.

HELEN AND JACK LYNCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Jyaire West is entering his freshman year at Church Farm School in Exton, PA.

Daniel Conde is entering his freshman year at St. Benedict's Prep., Newark, NJ.



Santangelo Scholars gather at Marblehead Farm in The Plains, Virginia, as guests of owners **Georgia Derrico and Rod Porter**. Each year, the boys who benefit from the Michael Santangelo, Jr. Fund gather at the farm for the annual fundraiser which helps to close the tuition gap at their respective boarding schools.

**MICHAEL
SANTANGELO, JR.
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Carlos Enamorado
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Newark, NJ

Julian Marin
The Harvey School,
Katonah, NY

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Canterbury School,
New Milford, CT

Brandon Rodriguez
Canterbury School,
New Milford, CT

Jaime Ruiz
Saint Benedict's Prep,
Newark, NJ

**Our continued gratitude
to Michael Santangelo, Sr.
and his family and many
supporters who do so much
to help our students succeed.**

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High School Happenings



The most attended college by SMA graduates is **SUNY Maritime College** in the Bronx, NY. We inhabit a planet that is 70% water, and so much of the world's economy takes place in the seas. Maritime offers degrees in maritime business, in marine environmental science, and in naval engineering. **To date, we have had six boys attend SUNY Maritime.** Two of those six have attended on NROTC Scholarships and are now commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy. In early 2023, we made a trip to the Bronx so that some of our rising seniors could get a glimpse of this beautiful campus under the Throggs Neck Bridge and learn from some of our current SMA alum the benefits of this unique curricula.



In his ongoing effort to expand access to the sport of rowing, **Arshay Cooper hosts the Leadership Camp at Craftsbury**, bringing together rowers from around the world, including South Africa and the Bahamas. We were honored that **Elias Cueller, SMA Class of 2023, was invited to attend this year's camp.**



Jordi Morales, SMA alum and current St. Benedict's Prep student earned a silver medal in the USRowing National Indoor Rowing Championships. This was possible because of the rigorous training and guidance given by **Coach Craig White of St. Benedict's Prep.** Craig has mentored many of our young men to become successful students and talented oarsmen.

High School — Happenings



The St. Benedict's Prep Grey Bees Oarsmen descend on SMA during the Christmas recess to continue training for their upcoming rowing season. Under the direction of Father Edwin Leahy, St. Benedict's Prep continues to receive our students into the "Hive" for high school. We are forever grateful to call them a mission partner. Kneeling in front is SMA and SBP alum **Guillermo Cruz** who stops by from time to time to do some volunteer coaching for our rowers.



Our gratitude to **Carrie Heffernan** (left), daughter-in-law of June and Jack Heffernan, and renowned artist **Lynn Mara** for their fundraising efforts on behalf of San Miguel Academy. Carrie's Misfit Bazaar and Lynn's art sales (lynnmara.com) donated a percentage of their proceeds to benefit our mission in Newburgh. They flank SMA alumni, **Brandon Rodriguez**, **Adan Aguilar**, and current 8th grader, **David Jimenez** (middle).



Gianna Martinez (front right) will always be remembered as **the first girl to enroll at San Miguel Academy!** Gianna just completed a very successful Third Form Year at Canterbury School in New Milford, CT. **Canterbury has been a mission partner dating back to 2011.** Our alumni who completed their high school education at Canterbury are well-prepared for the rigors of top-tier colleges and universities. In this photo, Canterbury administrators Rick Henderson and Julio Omana (left), along with Head of School Rachel Stone (right) flank Gianna and her proud parents.



Author, film star, and advocate for inclusion in the sport of rowing, **Arshay Cooper**, made a special appearance at our Commencement for the Class of 2023. In this photo, Arshay is flanked by **Fernando Garcia** and **Janelli Garcia** who both earned the **Arshay Cooper Scholarship for Rowing and Citizenship** at the elite Northfield Mount Hermon School in Gill, MA. Both students are receiving A's at NMH and excelling on the water, as well!



Jonathan Recinos is wearing his United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar for Leadership t-shirt after attending a one-week experience in Annapolis, MD. Jonathan, a rising senior at **St. Benedict's Prep**, attended the seminar with his brother, Christian, who is a rising senior at Suffield Academy in Suffield, CT. Both boys are in the process of seeking a congressional nomination to this noble institution. Jonathan is an A student at SBP and a strong oarsman as well. **Good luck, boys!**



Jayden Barrera, rising senior at Church Farm School in Exton, PA, displays the medal he earned from **The Union League of Philadelphia for Good Citizenship**. Jayden received the award for his strong character and for upholding the best traditions and principles of American patriotism. Jayden's leadership will serve him well as he discerns his college application list this Fall.



As a rising senior at **Marvelwood School** in Kent, CT, **Alexis Martinez** embodies the student-athlete we encourage at SMA. Excelling in his academic pursuits, including a college-level entrepreneurship class, Alexis was also named **most valuable player** for the 2023 season after guiding the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team to their fifth straight HVAL Championship.



Gustavo Laureno presented his final project for a Debate and Persuasion class at the **Experimentory at Deerfield**. The topic was "Should trees be allowed to vote?" Gustavo is a member of SMA Class of 2023 and was invited to attend the Experimentory for a second year. For his freshman year, Gustavo will be attending **Newburgh Free Academy** and the **RedTail Flight Academy** at Stewart Airport.



Arturo Giron spent four prosperous years at our mission partner, **Church Farm School** in Pennsylvania. We are grateful to Head of School Reverend Ned Sherrill for his ongoing support of our boys. Arturo is now off to another partner school, **Niagara University**.



Members of the **SMA Class of 2020** recently made a trip to Annapolis, MD, for an admission tour of the **United States Naval Academy**. All five are talented young men, each of whom has been inspired to serve our nation while earning engineering degrees at the Naval Academy. Each young man is impressive in his own right, and together they represent all that is good about the San Miguel Program and our Graduate Support efforts.

SMA CLASS OF 2019 – 2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION LIST

Khalil Aguilar –
Harvey School, Union College

Miguel Benitez – Blue Ridge School,
Niagara University

Cris Farias – Storm King School,
Cornell University

Arturo Giron – Church Farm School,
Niagara University

Fernando Lucero –
P-Tech Academy, SUNY Orange

Aser Marin –
Newburgh Free Academy,
College decision pending

Berna Mejia – Newburgh Free
Academy, SUNY Orange

Gary Miller – Pursuing G.E.D.

Anthony O'Garra –
Big Picture Learning

Martin Mendoza – The Mount
Academy, Utica University

Michael Sanchez –
P-Tech Academy, SUNY Orange

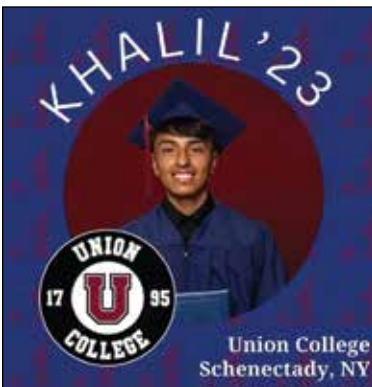
High School Happenings



Martin Mendoza joins a long list of SMA alumni who have graduated from mission partner high school, **The Mount Academy**. Martin is flanked by fellow SMA alumni who are also attending this outstanding secondary school operated by the Bruderhof Community. From left to right, **Alexis Mendoza, Emanuel Giron-Luna, Christopher Recinos, and Manny Castillo**.



Oscar Liendo with his team at the USRowing Youth Development Camp in June. Oscar and **Gustavo Laureno**, SMA Class of 2023, were invited to attend the camp, which is part of **USRowing's Olympic Development Program**. Both young men said that the experience was invaluable to their development as coxswains.



Khalil Aguilar! The photo says it all. Great job Khalil! **Thank you to The Harvey School!** Khalil be be attending **Union College, Schenectady, NY**

College



Brandon Pineda (center) is speaking to SMA Oarsmen at Rockland Lake about the advantages of rowing. Brandon graduated SMA in 2018 and went on to mission partner, St. Benedict's Prep, where he succeeded wonderfully as a student athlete. **Because of his commitment to his education during high school, Brandon received a generous scholarship to Dominican University** of New York, where coach Ivan Rudolph Shabinsky continues to mentor him toward future success.



Fully recovered from his horrific 2020 accident, **SMA alum Cory Arias** visits us during his Christmas break from Virginia Military Institute. Cory is pictured with his sister, Zoe, who is a current 8th grader at SMA. **Cory embodies the character and ideals set forth by our program, making him a perfect role model for our younger students.**

Happenings



Martin Mendoza attended The Mount Academy which is respected throughout the region for its strong academic curriculum and dominating soccer program. **Martin was recruited to play soccer at Utica University** where he will take up residency in September. **We are grateful to the Bruderhof Community** which has been a loyal supporter and mission partner to SMA for more than a decade!



Daniel Ruiz, SMA '15, Loomis Chaffee '19, and College of the Holy Cross '23, **will use his biology degree and pre-med training as a medical researcher** upon graduation. Daniel took advantage of our well-crafted science curriculum at SMA which piqued his curiosity and propelled him forward in his academic life.

San Miguel Program

OUR MISSION

San Miguel Program is breaking the cycle of poverty through education

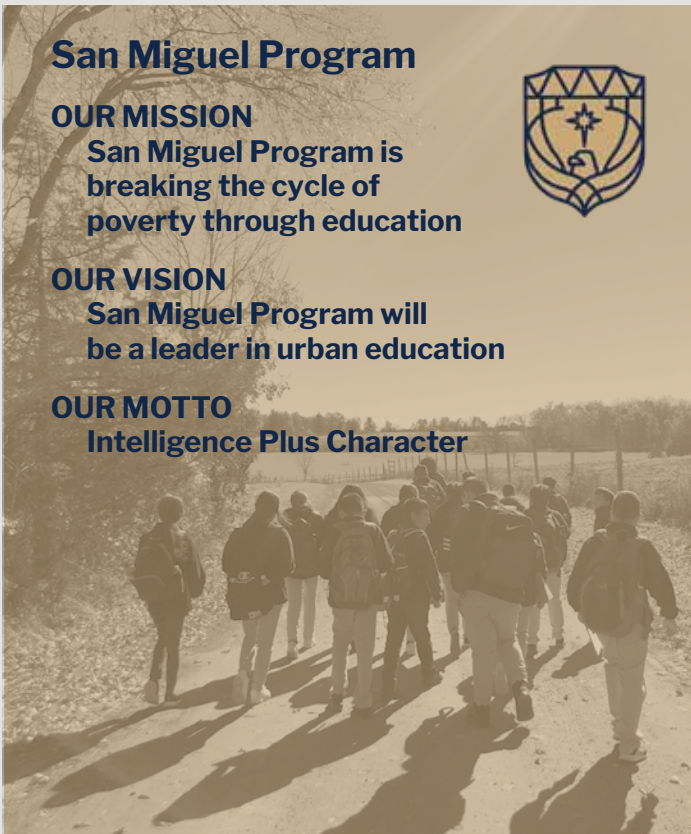


OUR VISION

San Miguel Program will be a leader in urban education

OUR MOTTO

Intelligence Plus Character



Na'Sah Dabbs (right) and **Henry Nataran**, SMA Class of 2021, interned with Hudson Valley Investment Advisors, Inc. and worked together on several projects. Henry is a junior at SUNY New Paltz and Na'Sah is a junior at Boston College. **Hudson Valley Investment Advisors have created many paid internships for SMA alumni studying business.** We are grateful for opportunities such as these, which are a key part of the Graduate Success Program and our mission to break the cycle of poverty through education.

Alumni Happenings



During the Christmas season, Father Mark was the guest preacher at the Church of St. Stephen and St. Martin in Brooklyn. Longtime supporter of San Miguel Academy, Reverend Rik Pike, invited SMA students to join in the celebration of the Eucharist. On the far left is **Lieutenant Tito Jimenez** of the U.S. Navy who was home visiting during the holidays. Tito is now the Deck Officer for the USS Blue Ridge in Japan, where he continues to make us all proud to claim him as an SMA Alum. **Let us all continue to pray for the seven SMA alumni who are actively serving in various branches of the U.S. Military.**



President Tim Hall of Mercy College has retired from his position after championing the cause for low opportunity young people to achieve college degrees. Mercy College has received national recognition because of President Hall's efforts on behalf of a demographic that could not otherwise attain admission into higher education without special assistance. Standing beside President Hall at his farewell dinner is **SMA alum Engelberg Fernandez, who earned**

his college degree from Mercy in just three years. Iggy is now working in a law office in New York City. **We are grateful for the support that President Hall has given to the San Miguel Program throughout the years!**



Brian Silva, SMA Class of 2010, meets **Armando Flores, SMA Class of 2023.** Brian was the first of our many students to be received into mission partner The Harvey School. After graduating Harvey and Nichols College, Brian has formed a successful career in executive recruiting in the Boston area. Armando will be following this path of success as a member of the Class of 2027 at The Harvey School. **With the support of schools such as Harvey and visionary leaders like Bill Knauer, Head of School, our graduates continue to reach their full potential and rise above the challenges faced by Newburgh's youth.**



Brandon Miller made his journey through SMA to mission partner **Church Farm School** where he excelled in the classroom and in leadership. **Brandon then moved on to SUNY Maritime College with an NROTC Scholarship.** Now commissioned as a Naval Officer, Ensign Miller will be making his way to Japan to join the Pacific fleet. Brandon is pictured here with his proud mother, Maria.