

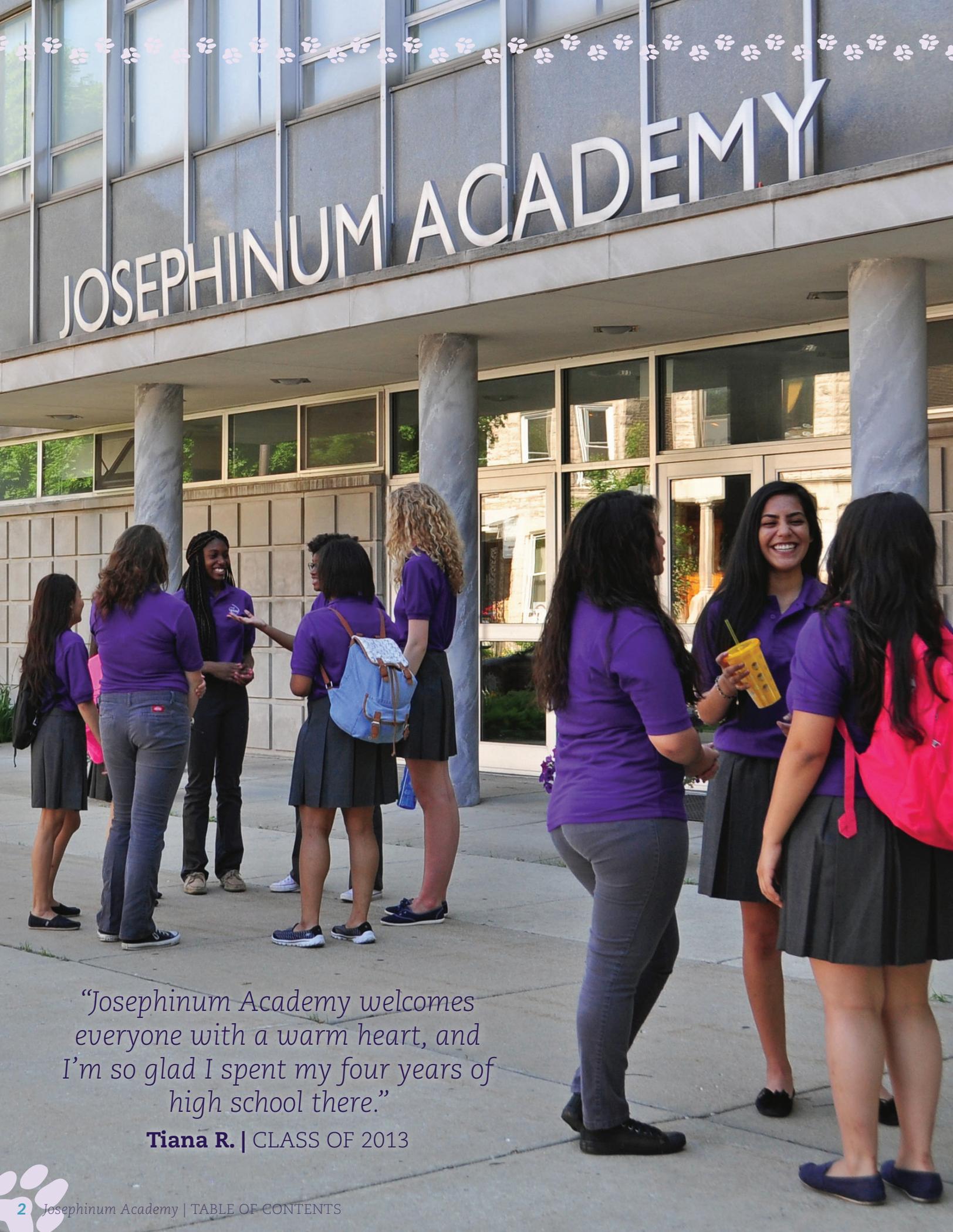
# JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY

OF THE SACRED HEART Est. 1890, CHICAGO



**A Catholic, College-Preparatory High School for Girls  
Located in the Heart of Chicago**

[www.josephinum.org](http://www.josephinum.org)



*“Josephinum Academy welcomes everyone with a warm heart, and I’m so glad I spent my four years of high school there.”*

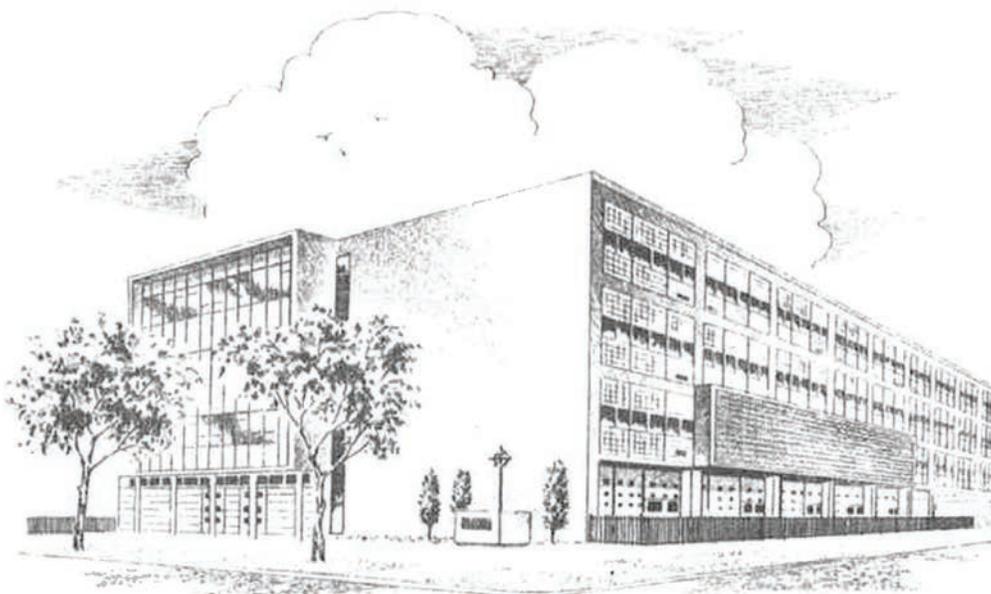
**Tiana R.** | CLASS OF 2013



**J**osephinum Academy is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school that empowers young women to become confident, faith-filled leaders.

Josephinum offers students a challenging academic curriculum and the support they need to achieve their highest potential. Josephinum’s college-prep program prepares students to be successful in college, to help them gain admittance at the school of their choice, and to win the scholarships that make college affordable.

As a Sacred Heart school, Josephinum shares the mission, values, and traditions of Sacred Heart education. Josephinum is a welcoming and diverse community with a well-rounded program that nurtures the values of faith, academic excellence, service, and personal growth within students.



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# ACADEMICS

Josephinum Academy's academic program is designed to teach students to be independent thinkers and creative problem solvers. Josephinum prepares students for success in college and beyond by encouraging them to dream about their future and establish personal goals that help make their dreams become reality. While all Josephinum courses are college-preparatory, we recognize that students possess personal talents and strengths, as well as individual areas for growth.

## The International Baccalaureate Program



Josephinum is proud to be an International Baccalaureate Candidate School\*. The IB Diploma Program prepares students to participate in a globalized society by encouraging young women to be:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

\*For more information on the International Baccalaureate program, please visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## What courses does Josephinum offer?

<p><b>MATH</b></p> <p>Algebra I* Geometry* Algebra II* Pre-Calculus/Trig* AP Calculus Senior Math</p>	<p><b>ENGLISH</b></p> <p>Freshman Writing* Survey Literature* Women's Literature* American Literature* World Literature* AP Literature AP Composition</p>	<p><b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b></p> <p>Spanish I-IV French I-III AP Spanish</p>	<p><b>FINE ARTS</b></p> <p>Visual Arts Drama Advanced Drama Shakespeare Speech Movement Choir Percussion</p>	<p><b>SCIENCE</b></p> <p>Anatomy &amp; Physiology Biology* Chemistry* Physics Environmental Science AP Biology</p>
<p><b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b></p> <p>Physical Education Fitness Health</p>	<p><b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b></p> <p>Global Studies* US History* Modern US History World History* Consumer's Education AP US History</p>	<p><b>RELIGION</b></p> <p>Christology World Religions Spirituality &amp; Morality</p>	<p><b>TECHNOLOGY</b></p> <p>Digital Citizenship Digital Photojournalism</p>	<p><b>UNIQUELY JOSEPHINUM</b></p> <p>Freshman Academy College Prep Senior Capstone</p>

\* Denotes courses that have an Honors section

## What is Freshman Academy?

Josephinum's Freshman Academy is a program that eases the transition into high school by helping students develop effective study skills and by providing individual tutoring and help with homework.

*“Technology plays a big role in 21<sup>st</sup> century learning at Josephinum, and the 1:1 iPad program really helps me excel in my classes.”*

**Danielle M.**  
CLASS OF 2015

*“Technology has made its mark when it comes to teaching and learning Spanish! The iPads offer opportunities to read short stories, play games, and create study guides. I love to explore innovative ways to learn Spanish on the iPad!”*

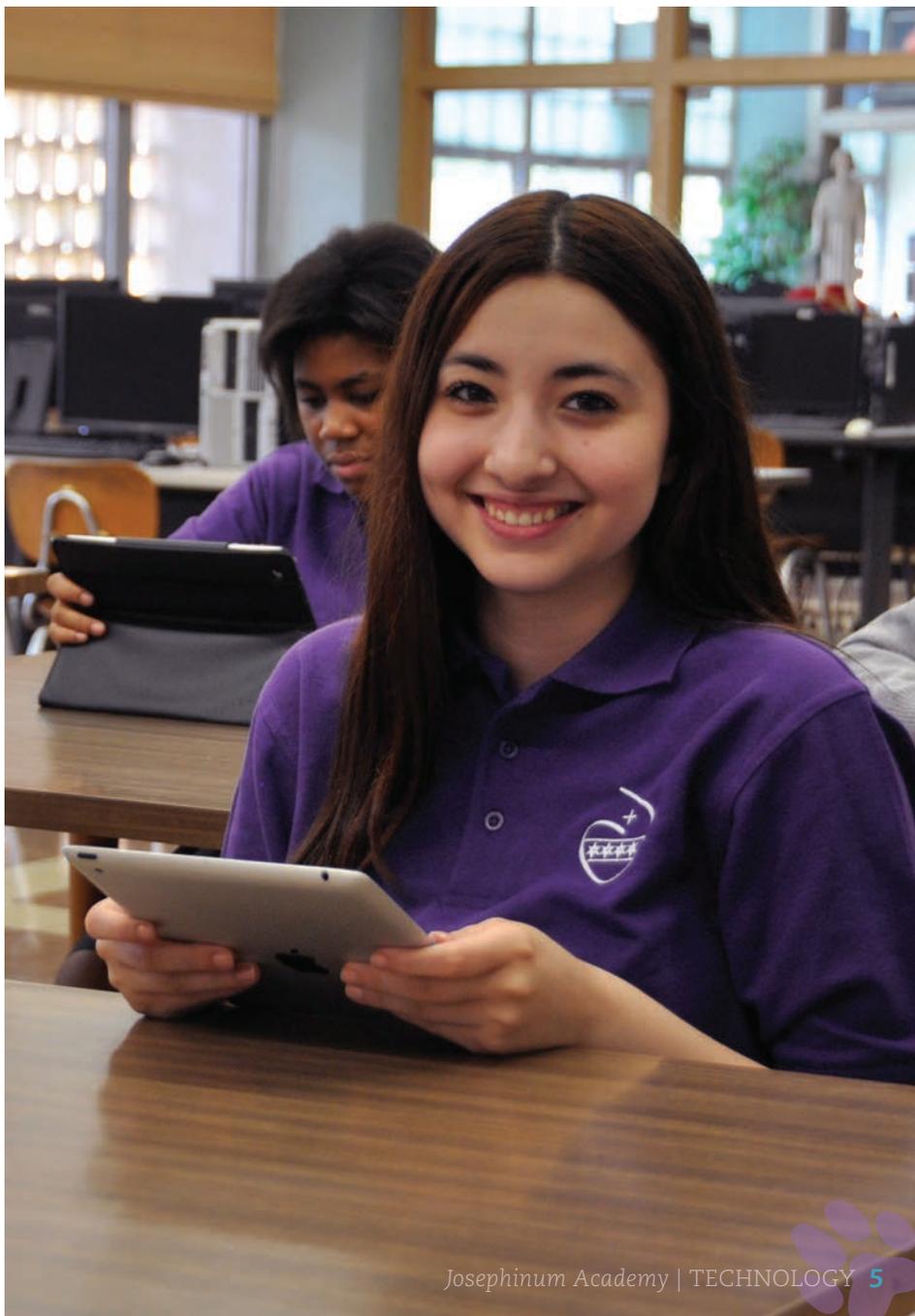
**Larissa Campos**  
JOSEPHINUM SPANISH TEACHER

# TECHNOLOGY

**T**echnology plays an important role at Josephinum Academy both inside and outside of the classroom. We are a 1:1 iPad school, which means that upon entrance to Josephinum all students are issued a subsidized Apple iPad for use at school and at home. Additionally, Josephinum offers two computer labs on campus.

Josephinum faculty members across the curriculum use the iPads, along with a variety of applications and eBooks, to create an interactive and dynamic classroom. Josephinum is committed to educating technologically savvy students who will be prepared to meet the demands of college and the real world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Josephinum community uses technology to stay connected to course resources even when school is not in session. Students, parents, and faculty can access student grades, homework, and a calendar through our educational networking site, Schoology.com.





# COLLEGE PREPARATORY

## BE READY To Attend College

- Josephinum offers a flexible tracking system to meet the unique needs of each young woman, including coursework at the college-preparatory, honors, advanced placement, and IB levels.
- Advanced Placement Courses are offered in Biology, Calculus, Spanish, United States History, Composition, and English.
- With an average class size of 20, our teachers are able to challenge and support each individual student.
- The Senior Capstone, a college-level research project, develops the written and oral communication skills necessary for success at the collegiate level.

## BE SUPPORTED In Your College Search

- Students are prepared for success on the college-entrance exam (ACT) with a test-prep program that begins freshman year.
- Students begin career and college exploration their freshman year while utilizing Naviance Succeed. Juniors take a College-Prep course that prepares them for the process of applying to college, completing financial aid requirements, and winning competitive scholarships.
- Each year, Josephinum hosts a College Fair, welcoming nearly sixty colleges to campus. Students have the chance to visit with college representatives from across the country.

## BE SUCCESSFUL When Applying

- 100% of Josephinum's Class of 2014 graduates were accepted into college.
- In 2014, Josephinum's graduating class was awarded more than \$1.7 million in college scholarships. In both 2012 and 2013, the graduating class was awarded more than \$1.5 million.
- Josephinum graduates are accepted into prestigious colleges and universities, including:



# WHY CHOOSE A GIRLS' SCHOOL?

**J**osephinum fosters a culture of achievement where academic progress and self-potential are valued and nurtured. Choose a girls' school like Josephinum because studies\* have shown:

- Graduates of girls' schools have a higher confidence in math and technology skills than graduates of co-ed institutions.
- Three times as many girls' school graduates intend to become engineers or pursue a career in science.
- Students at girls' schools outscore their co-ed counterparts on standardized tests.

*“I like all-girls education because it builds a strong sisterhood in an open environment where we all feel comfortable to learn.”*

**Gamile** | CLASS OF 2011

**AT JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY ...**

The Valedictorian, the most athletic, the funniest, and the student council president ***are always girls.***



\*UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies' 2009 report

# 100%



The Percent of Class of 2014  
Graduates Accepted Into College

# 147



The Number of Sacred  
Heart Sister Schools  
Across the Globe

# 10:1



Student to  
Teacher Ratio

# 39



The Number of Chicago  
Zip Codes Represented by  
Josephinum's Diverse  
Student Population

# 20



The Average Class Size



1.7 MILLION | \$

The Amount of College Scholarships Awarded to the Class of 2014

123



The Number of Years Josephinum has Inspired Young Women of Chicago

1:1



Student to iPad ratio

60



The Number of Community Service Hours Completed by Each Student Prior to Graduation

1890



The Year Josephinum was Founded



# OUR SACRED HEART IDENTITY

As a member of the Sacred Heart Network, Josephinum is a part of an international community of nearly 150 schools that nurture the global perspective of students through the sharing of intellectual and spiritual resources. Josephinum Academy is committed to the mission and values of Sacred Heart education and seeks to educate students to:

- A personal and active faith in God
- A deep respect for intellectual values
- A social awareness which impels to action
- The building of community as a Christian value
- Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom



## International Sacred Heart Network Service Trips

Josephinum’s students have exciting opportunities for collaboration and fellowship with students at other Sacred Heart schools through award-winning Sacred Heart Network summer service programs, national and international exchange programs, and leadership workshops. Josephinum girls have traveled to Peru to work in an orphanage, visited Sprout Creek Farm in New York to study ecology, traveled to San Diego to serve the developmentally disabled, and worked to reform the juvenile justice system right here in Chicago. For more information on the Sacred Heart Network, please visit [www.sofie.org](http://www.sofie.org).



*“Working at Sprout Creek Farm is unexplainably exciting. I am able to help others in what I do and have fun while doing it.”*

**Destiny G.** | NY TRIP 2013



*“The chance to travel internationally, do service and meet girls from across the country made this a once in a lifetime experience. Working with children at the orphanage in Piura was definitely a highlight of the trip. I’m so happy I was able to have this opportunity through the Sacred Heart Network!”*

**Daisy P.** | PERU TRIP 2012



# VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

## THEATRE

Josephinum Academy supports arts education because it reinforces all of the skills and characteristics gained in the classroom. Through participation in the arts, students learn to be imaginative and inquisitive. They learn to become critical thinkers, effective communicators, and problem solvers. They learn the importance of teamwork, how to support each other through difficult times, and what it means to truly rely on one another. They learn the importance of meeting deadlines, following through on their work, and being responsible.

Through education in theatre, music, movement, and visual arts, our program gives students the opportunity to be heard and a platform from which to share their voices. This is perhaps one of the most important gifts a young woman can receive.



## MUSIC



## MOVEMENT



## VISUAL ARTS



## SOCCER



Josephinum Academy's athletic programs give our lady Cougars an opportunity to compete in Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, and Soccer at the White and Blue Division level of the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC). Participation in team sports provides a learning environment for student-athletes to develop leadership qualities as well as the ability to be part of a team. Win or lose, our student-athletes demonstrate a winning effort through good sportsmanship and respect for all.

*... GO COUGARS!*



**BASKETBALL**



**SOFTBALL**



**VOLLEYBALL**

# STUDENT LIFE



Josephinum students are engaged in and out of the classroom. Whether students are looking for leadership opportunities, scholastic enrichment, or a place to explore their artistic and athletic abilities, Josephinum Academy has a club for them! And we are proud to offer a wide range of school activities, which give our students the chance to explore their interests, participate in the school community, and make new friends.

## Active Clubs

- Josephinum Ambassador Council
- National Honor Society
- Math Club
- Club of Social Action
- JAM Session  
(Guitar, Keyboards, Drums, Vocals)
- Praise Dance
- Poetry Club
- Fitness Club
- Track Club

## Student Activities

- Homecoming
- Senior Prom
- Talent Shows
- Pepsi Recycle Rally
- College Fairs
- College Visits
- Class Competitions
- Art Showcases
- Summer Leadership Workshops
- Pep Rallies
- Student-led Assemblies
- Student Retreats
- Cultural Celebrations
- Liturgies and Prayer Services
- Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship
- MIKVA Challenge
- Service Learning Days





# SCHOLARSHIPS

## PARENTS' CORNER

**W**e understand that your child's education is one of the most important decisions that you will make as a parent. We strive to ensure that our exceptional educational program is affordable for all families.

Tuition for the 2014-2015 school year is \$5,100 plus fees. The actual cost of education is close to \$11,000 per student but Josephinum Academy is able to offer a discounted tuition thanks to the generous support of alumnae and donors.

Josephinum is in partnership with scholarship organizations throughout Chicago and over 90% of the students at Josephinum receive scholarships or financial assistance. We encourage you to reference the scholarship list on the right to see if your student may qualify for any of these generous awards! Please call us if you have any questions about taking the steps to obtain a great education for your child. We are here to help!

*In order to protect students' individual eligibility, schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago support the policies of the Illinois High School Association. In doing so, Josephinum Academy may not promise or offer any athletic scholarships of any kind. Violations may result in loss of eligibility for the student, coach and/or school.*

### Internal Awards Provided by Josephinum Academy

#### President's Award\*

For 8th grade girls who score in the 85th percentile and above on the Entrance Exam at Josephinum Academy on Saturday, January 10, 2015. Tuition Discount of \$2,500 each year at Josephinum.

#### Principal's Award\*

For 8th grade girls who score between 75th and 84th percentile on the Entrance Exam at Josephinum Academy on Saturday, January 10, 2015. Tuition discount of \$1,000 each year at Josephinum.

*\*You must take the High School Entrance Exam at Josephinum Academy on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 8:00 am in order to be eligible for these awards.*

#### Barat Award

For 8th grade girls planning to attend Josephinum Academy who demonstrate our Goal Three in their lives: Building a social awareness which impels to action. Nomination forms must be submitted by the student's elementary school principal. *Preference will be given to students who test at Josephinum Academy the day of the Entrance Exam on January 10, 2015.* Tuition discount of \$500 each year at Josephinum.

#### Cardinal Bernardin Award

For 8th grade girls planning to attend Josephinum Academy who demonstrate our Goal One in their lives: Commit oneself to a personal and active faith in God. These students are active in the local parishes, and are committed to remaining active with Josephinum's campus ministry. Students must be nominated by their pastor. Tuition discount of \$1,500 each year at Josephinum.

#### Citizen's Award

For 8th grade girls planning to attend Josephinum Academy who demonstrate our Goal Four in their lives: Building community as a Christian Value. Students must live in Chicago and be nominated by their ward's alderman. Tuition discount of \$1,500 each year at Josephinum.

#### Big Dreams Award

The Big Dreams Award is a \$1,500 supplemental award for any scholar who enters Josephinum with an already established Big Shoulders Fund renewable scholarship\* with the award amount of \$2,500 or more annually. Should a student lose their Big Shoulders Renewable Scholarship on account of no longer meeting the Big Shoulders Fund scholarship's requirements, the student will lose their Big Dreams Award, and the student's family will then become responsible for tuition payments. Award amounts may be subject to change.

*\*Student is entering Josephinum as a Freshman with a Big Shoulders Fund renewable scholarship received in elementary school.*

### External Awards Provided by Scholarship Organizations

Our students also receive financial support through the following scholarship organizations. Please visit the websites listed below for additional information about qualifications and award details.

#### HighSight Scholarship

HighSight awards partial, 4-year scholarships for 8th graders to attend private high schools in Chicago. HighSight also provides academic and social support to prepare its students to enroll in college. Visit [www.highsight.org](http://www.highsight.org) for the application deadline and further details.

#### Holy Family Scholars

Scholarships of \$1,800-\$2,200 per year for 8th grade students planning to attend a private high school in Chicago. Visit [www.hfscchicagoscholars.com](http://www.hfscchicagoscholars.com) for details.

*2015-2016 school year deadline is November 14, 2014.*

#### Madonna Scholarship

For 8th grade girls applying to any of the five Madonna Foundation partner high schools. Visit [www.madonnascholars.org](http://www.madonnascholars.org) for details.

*2015-2016 online applications will be open March 1, 2015 through April 1, 2015.*

# VISIT US!

The best way to get a feel for a school is to spend time exploring it, so we invite you to come visit us at Josephinum Academy! Josephinum is located in the safe and historic Wicker Park neighborhood in Chicago. Two 'L' stops, two major bus stops, and the expressway are just minutes away from campus.

## Entrance Exam

For entrance into ninth grade, students must take the high school entrance exam\* taking place on:

**Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 8 a.m.**

\* Please note that other schools' test results are accepted.

## Open House Dates

*Sunday, October 5 | 12-2 p.m.*

*Wednesday, November 12 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, December 6 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

*Sunday, March 8 | 12-2 p.m.*

*Sunday, May 3 | 12-2 p.m.*

## Shadow Days

Spend a day at Josephinum with a member of the Freshman Class through our Shadow Day program!



If you have any questions about Open Houses or Shadow Days or would like more information about Josephinum Academy, please contact :

**Stephanie Castrounis | Director of Admissions**

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