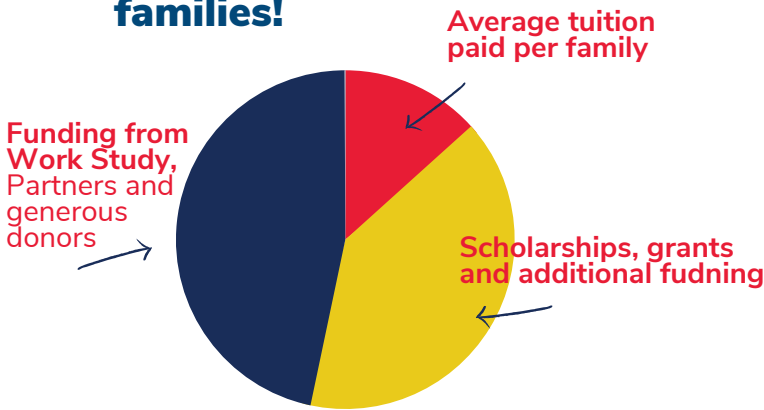


## WORK STUDY PROGRAM CASE STUDY Why Work Study **for Students?**

At St. Francis de Sales, the Work Study program is integral to our core values which sets the foundation for all we do. Work Study helps eliminate barriers of success and ensures equitable opportunities, for all our students. Class room learning is incredibly important but we also believe in the importance of *learning by doing*. As part of our academic curriculum, Work Study gives students experiences that shape and transform their lives, shaping their future success.



### → Value of Work Study to the school and to all families!



St. Francis spends more than \$15,000 annually **per student** to educate their students. **Most families only pay \$2000**, the rest is funded through scholarships and donations and much remains unfunded. Even if you receive a full Tax Credits Scholarship, much remains unfunded and you benefit by the funding provided from the Work Study run by the Southeast Side Experience Incubator.

### → Benefits of Work Study Program to students

Jobs, industries and roles vary but the benefits are consistent:

- Provides professional, real world experience to enhance a student's college/career readiness.
- Exposure helps students see many futures and expands their network at a young age.
- Give students a leg up on college applications and increases the likelihood of success in college and future careers.
- Financial benefits of the program benefit the whole school



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## Hear from our students on "Why Work Study?"



### **DORIAN INTERN AT RCP ADVISORS -**

"As I reflect on my time spent as an intern in the work study program, I've learned so much! And more than I initially thought. I was pleasantly surprised at how many skills I picked up along the way that didn't necessarily have to do with my work directly -- things such as learning how to interact with diverse groups of people, including people older than me. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Don't waste it!"

**NETWORKING** **INTERNSHIPS**  
**COWORKERS** **NEW ENVIRONMENTS** **CONFIDENCE**  
**EXPERIENCE** **EXCEL** **EXPOSURE**  
**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

### **PIERRA INTERN WITH THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

"This past year has been such a great one! I'm really thankful to have had this experience. I loved the bus rides going downtown and getting to hangout with my friends on the way, getting to work and seeing everyone greet me with open arms, and just being in a new and different environment. I've learned the basics of EXCEL which is a big deal for me. Prior to beginning the work study program, I thought EXCEL was boring and something I would never use. Now that I know what I'm doing and seeing all the different ways my company utilizes it, I'm so glad I've had the opportunity to learn it. In addition, I've formed some great relationships with my coworkers. If I had to give any advice to incoming students I would tell them that there's no need to be nervous. Walk in with confidence and optimism, and always make sure to ask questions."

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