

YEAR IN REVIEW

Learning by DOING!

*Creating Life Long
Learners!*



**2022
2023**



Dear St. Francis de Sales Community,

One of the core values of St. Francis de Sales High School is to eliminate barriers to success and ensure equitable outcomes for our students. We launched the Work Study Program through the Southeast Side Experience Incubator this year to do just that!

When you think of your own growth and your own career development, what lessons stay with you? Learning algebra, doing science experiments, understanding geometric theorems, reading and interpreting literature are critically important, but what stays with you and transforms you is actually doing something. Many times, we learn the most by our mistakes; doing, re-grouping, trial and error, and moving on.

At St. Francis de Sales we value all forms of learning! We are creating lifelong learners.

When we reflected on this last year, we couldn't be more proud of how far we have come! Through the hard work of our students, staff, families, and community, our school is thriving. Thank you -- for your prayers, your calls, your words of encouragement, your donations, for your awe-inspiring kids, your time, for your support, and most importantly, your belief in our mission. Thank you!

As always, my door is open. Please visit or give me a call anytime!

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WORK STUDY PROGRAM

TIMELINE: *How did we get here?*



SSEi
Southeast Side
Experience Incubator

September 2017

Create Work Study Committee to complete a full feasibility study to understand potential of program

November 2018

Complete and present feasibility study to proceed with work study Initiative

Summer 2019

Develop materials and begin to identify job prospects for possible Fall 2020 launch

March 2020

Postpone work study plans because of COVID pandemic

January 2021

Re-engage Work Study Committee and begin to plan for Fall 2022 launch

Spring through Fall 2021

Re-engage Jobs Committee and update communication materials

January 2022

Create Southeast Side Experience Incubator to host Work Study Program

Spring 2022

Staff SSEI, hire Director of Work Study Program, identify job partners

Summer 2022

Finalize curriculum for work study and begin scheduling for fall work

September and October 2022

Receive Department of Labor Certification and 30% of students in sophomore, junior and senior classes head to work

23-24 School Year

Nearly 30% of eligible students work for more than 15 jobs partners



YEAR IN

Graduating Seniors

31

20

WORLD TRAVELERS visiting

2 COUNTRIES

WOW!

1 Hall of Fame

relaunched with the Alumni Raffle

raising over \$37,000

for the Kavanaugh, Keating, Weber, Alumni Raffle Scholarship

1 Work Study Program LAUNCHED!

WORK STUDY PARTNERS

>15

FACTS!

31
SENIORS

100%
GRADUATION RATE

120

College Acceptances
with some great
scholarship
highlights

1 **REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
AND SECTIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**



- A FULL RIDE to UW Madison
- Recipient of the Coalition of Women's Initiative in Law Scholarship at Michigan State
- Stars Scholarship with full ride to Truman College
- Trinity Christian College recipient of Jennie Huizenga Memorial Scholarship, President's Honors Scholarship!

GOLFERS

WITH MORE THAN 90
GOLFERS THIS YEAR'S
GOLF OUTING IS THE
LARGEST IN RECENT
MEMORY

**MORE
THAN 50
Tax Credit
Scholars!**

YEAR IN PICTURES



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YOURSELF**



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