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Transforming young women from intuitive learners to innovative thinkers, empowering generations of courageous, faith-filled women to be skillful builders of a better world.

For more than 140 years, Holy Names has offered girls in the Capital Region an exceptional education grounded in tradition and faith. The Holy Names legacy is preparing girls for the world they will inherit, and empowering them to be confident, competitive, and compassionate leaders pursuing their passions, developing their potential, and living lives of purpose.

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A Holy Names education is an investment in the future of young women.

Every day, we focus on preparing students to thrive—not only at top colleges and universities, but throughout their lives by encouraging them to find their purpose, be a leader, and make an impact.

When she joins Holy Names, she becomes part of a lifelong community of more than 5,100 alumnae across six countries. United by academic excellence, athletics, the arts, faith, service, and cherished traditions, our graduates continue to inspire and support one another long after commencement.

For more than 140 years, Holy Names has empowered girls to discover their strengths, find their voices, and lead with confidence from day one.

Experience the Holy Names difference by remaining engaged and involved and see how our tradition of excellence continues to shape, with your help, the leaders of tomorrow.

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ACADEMY OF THE HOLY NAMES

Dear Families, Alumnae, Donors, and Friends to Holy Names,

We are pleased to present **Volume IV of *EQV (Esse Quam Videri)* Magazine.** It is our privilege to once again share the story of Academy of the Holy Names and the transformative educational experience that prepares our students for success in college, career, and life.

At Holy Names, college preparation is about far more than acceptance letters—it is about cultivating young women who are intellectually curious, confident in their abilities, grounded in faith and values, and prepared to lead with purpose. Every classroom discussion, research project, artistic performance, athletic competition, service opportunity, and leadership experience contributes to a foundation that empowers our graduates to thrive wherever their journeys take them.

For generations, AHN has challenged students to think critically, communicate effectively, and embrace new opportunities with courage and compassion. Our rigorous academic program, exceptional faculty, and personalized approach ensure that every student is known, supported, and encouraged to pursue her highest aspirations. The result is not only outstanding college placement, but graduates who enter higher education equipped with the confidence, resilience, and character to excel.

This issue celebrates what makes a Holy Names education distinctive: an environment where young women are inspired to discover their voices, expand their perspectives, and develop the skills that colleges—and the world beyond—value most.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our families, alumnae, faculty, staff, benefactors, and friends. Your belief in our mission enables us to continue investing in the next generation of young women who will shape the future with integrity, intelligence, and purpose.

As you turn the pages of this edition of *EQV*, we hope you will see the many ways Holy Names continues to fulfill its mission of preparing students not only for college, but for lives of leadership, service, and lifelong learning. We are proud of all our students and graduates, who embody what it means "To Be, Rather Than to Seem"—as they become the leaders our world needs.

Martin Kilbridge, EdD, President

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KNOWN, CHALLENGED, PREPARED:

How Academy of the Holy Names Shapes the College-Bound Leaders of Tomorrow



In today's college admissions landscape, preparation is about far more than grades and test scores. Selective colleges increasingly seek students who are intellectually curious, emotionally resilient, authentic in their leadership, and confident in their ability to contribute to campus communities. Developing those qualities requires more than academic rigor—it requires an educational environment where every student is truly known.

That philosophy has long defined Academy of the Holy Names.

For more than 140 years, the independent Catholic school for girls has built its reputation on educating young women who are prepared not only to earn acceptance to outstanding colleges and universities, but also to thrive once they arrive. Through challenging academics, individualized college counseling, meaningful leadership opportunities, and a community intentionally designed around girls' success, Holy Names develops graduates who leave campus with both impressive résumés and the confidence to write the next chapter of their lives.

"One of the great joys of my role is connecting with our alumnae," says Dr. Martin Kilbridge, AHN's President. "Their fond memories of Holy Names are matched only by their enthusiasm for the lives they have built since graduation. What I hear repeatedly from alumnae and their parents is that college was not only a successful transition, but that Holy Names graduates often emerged as leaders in the classroom—students whom their peers turned to for guidance, collaboration, and academic support."

Education Built Around the Individual

Walk through the halls of Holy Names and one theme quickly emerges: relationships matter.

AHN's mission—to transform young women into innovative thinkers and courageous, faith-filled leaders—comes to life through an environment where faculty know students as individuals, celebrate their strengths, and encourage them to stretch beyond what they thought possible. Rather than being one face in a crowd, every student is challenged, supported, and encouraged to discover her own voice.

That approach reflects research from the International Coalition of Girls' Schools, which notes that, "For many girls, what shapes their experience at school is not the size of the campus or the number of programs on offer, it is whether they feel recognized, supported, and connected to the people around them."

Those daily connections create something even more powerful than academic success—they create belonging.

Belonging is cultivated through everyday relationships, not school size. Girls who feel "known, seen and heard" are more willing to participate, take intellectual risks, and trust their own voices. It encourages schools to recognize not only visible accomplishments but also persistence, kindness, resilience, and the quieter contributions that help young women develop lasting confidence.

Those principles are woven throughout the Holy Names experience.

The Advantage of an All-Girls Education

Holy Names embraces the research-backed benefits of an all-girls learning environment, where students are encouraged to participate fully without limitation or stereotype.

In classrooms, leadership roles, athletic teams, laboratories, performance spaces, and student organizations, young women are expected to lead. They ask questions confidently, tackle advanced coursework, collaborate with classmates, and develop communication skills that colleges consistently identify as markers of future success.

According to College Counselor Madison Taggart, AHN's educational model encourages open dialogue, active participation, and exploration of topics where women have historically been underrepresented. Students are empowered to become confident, competitive, and compassionate leaders who are prepared to succeed in an ever-changing world.

By removing many of the social pressures that can exist in coeducational settings, Holy Names allows students to focus on discovering who they are—and who they aspire to become.

College Preparation Begins Long Before Senior Year

Today's admissions process is increasingly complex. Colleges evaluate applicants through a holistic lens, considering academic achievement alongside leadership, service, character, intellectual engagement, and personal growth.

That changing landscape has made personalized guidance more valuable than ever.

As highlighted in the *Albany Business* Review, successful college preparation now depends on early planning, individualized advising, and helping students build authentic experiences that distinguish them in a competitive admissions environment rather than relying solely on grades or standardized test scores.

At Holy Names, college preparation is not viewed as a senior-year checklist. It is a four-year journey.

Students work closely with counselors and faculty members to identify academic interests, pursue meaningful extracurricular involvement, explore leadership opportunities, refine writing skills, and develop a clear understanding of their goals. Families become partners in the process, receiving guidance that helps reduce uncertainty while ensuring each student's college search reflects both aspiration and fit.

The result is a graduate who is not simply admitted to college, but one who arrives prepared to contribute, engage, and succeed.

CLASS OF 2026

$13 million

Class of 2026 Graduates earned merit-based scholarships totaling **$13 million** over four years

100%

100% acceptance at 4-year colleges and universities

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Academic excellence remains at the heart of a Holy Names education, but learning extends well beyond traditional coursework.

Students participate in athletics, visual and performing arts, service initiatives, campus ministry, leadership organizations, and experiential learning opportunities that challenge them to think critically and serve others.

These experiences cultivate qualities colleges consistently seek: initiative, collaboration, resilience, creativity, empathy, and ethical leadership.

Equally important, students learn to see themselves as capable leaders whose voices matter—whether presenting research, captaining a team, organizing a service project, or mentoring younger classmates.

Each opportunity builds confidence that carries well beyond graduation.



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Preparing Women Who Will Shape the Future

Perhaps the greatest measure of a college preparatory school is not where its graduates enroll, but who they become.

Holy Names graduates leave with strong academic foundations, but they also carry something less tangible and equally valuable: the confidence that comes from years spent in a community where they have been encouraged to speak up, take risks, support one another, and pursue ambitious goals.

They know how to lead discussions, navigate challenges, collaborate across differences, and advocate for themselves and others.

Most importantly, they understand that success is measured not only by achievement, but by character.

As the International Coalition of Girls' Schools reminds educators, girls flourish when they are truly known, seen, and heard. At Academy of the Holy Names, that philosophy is more than educational research—it is the foundation of an experience that prepares young women for college, for leadership, and for lives of purpose.

In an era when families seek schools that will prepare students for an uncertain future, Holy Names continues to offer something timeless: a place where every young woman is challenged to become the very best version of herself—and equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and courage to change the world.



AHN Initiates Curriculum Review

Last fall, Holy Names launched a comprehensive two-year curriculum review designed to strengthen and refine our academic program. The goal of this work is to ensure that course offerings are intentionally aligned with the outcomes outlined in our Profile of the Graduate, providing an even stronger curriculum that prepares students for success in college and beyond. The first phase of the process centered on a deep examination of the Profile of the Graduate and the characteristics we expect every graduate to embody.

With that foundation firmly in place, faculty then focused their attention on the next phase: vertically aligning the curriculum across grade levels while thoughtfully integrating content, skills, and learning experiences that support meaningful and measurable student outcomes. This important work will continue as we collaborate to further enhance the educational experience provided to our students.

PROFILE OF THE GRADUATE: TO CREATE, TO SERVE, TO LEAD

At Academy of the Holy Names, students are shaped by the enduring call "to be, rather than to seem" — *Esse Quam Videri.* This commitment to authenticity, integrity, and purpose defines their journey and inspires their impact. Rooted in Gospel values and guided by the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Names, Holy Names graduates are:

- ***Scholars:*** Pursuing academic excellence with curiosity, discipline, and a lifelong love of discovery.
- ***Leaders:*** Leading with confidence, courage, and conviction, using their influence to uplift, include, and inspire.
- ***Authentic:*** Living with integrity and purpose, forming authentic relationships with God, others, and the Earth.
- ***Empowered:*** Embracing their individuality, discovering their voices, and nurturing their God-given gifts.
- ***Innovative:*** Innovating with intention, creating meaningful solutions that reflect both wisdom and justice.
- ***Service-oriented:*** Serving with humility and compassion, responding to the needs of both local and global communities.

They do not simply appear to live lives of meaning-they embody living lives of meaning. Our graduates leave ready not only to succeed but to make a difference.



Middle States Association Re-Accreditation Process

Martin Kilbridge, EdD, President

We have been accredited by the Middle States Association (MSA) for more than forty years. Every seven to ten years we go through a re-accreditation process, and our accreditation is up for renewal next year. At the heart of accreditation is the Self-Study wherein we assess our performance against five MSA standards. The process began in May with surveys distributed to key stakeholder groups (students, parents, faculty, staff, trustees, and alumnae), along with the collection of other important data. In the fall of 2026, committees comprising representatives of our stakeholder groups have been tasked with analyzing this information through the lens of five standards:

- ***Foundations (mission and values),***
- ***Governance and Organization,***
- ***Student Well-Being,***
- ***Resources (including funding and facilities), and***
- ***Teaching and Learning.***

Through this work, committees will identify both areas of strength and opportunities for growth. Based on these committee findings, in late fall, our Planning Team will develop three to five major strategic objectives that will guide our next chapter.

The completed Self-Study will then be reviewed by the Board of Trustees and submitted to MSA. In the spring, an MSA Visiting Team will come to campus to meet with various stakeholder groups and to validate that our Self-Study reflects a shared and authentic vision for the future of Holy Names. The culmination of this process will be both our re-accreditation and a new, board-approved Strategic Plan.

At the same time, we will engage in a Charism Assessment conducted by Holy Names Educational Ministries (HNEM). This process will focus specifically on our fidelity to the charism and core values of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. A visiting team from HNEM will also join us in the spring of 2027. We are grateful MSA and HNEM are working collaboratively to ensure an efficient and meaningful process that honors both institutional excellence and our unique identity as a Holy Names school.

The Internal Coordinator for this process is Elissa Quinn, a member of our English faculty. Members of the Planning Team are:

- ***Heather Bennett JD, PhD P '14 P '21***
- ***Kristin Vivian P '14 P '17***
- ***Rhianna Franchini Potocki '14***
- ***Reagan Schwartz***
- ***Trisha McLean '01, P '31***
- ***Wanjiku Waweru '28, and***
- ***Jane Ladouceur '79***

We share updates on our webpage: ahns.org/middle-states/.

We are excited to undertake this important work of collective self-reflection and strategic planning. This process invites the wisdom, insight, and energy of our entire community, and we look forward to shaping together a vision for the future that is both ambitious and faithful to who we are.

Middle States Association

About MSA

MSA is a globally recognized accrediting organization that provides a framework for schools to meet rigorous standards of excellence. Accreditation is a comprehensive process through which a school evaluates its programs, practices, and outcomes to ensure it is fulfilling its mission and providing a high-quality educational experience. Engaging in this process regularly allows us to remain accountable, forward-looking, and responsive to the needs of our students.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2030 UPDATE:

Building Momentum for the Future

Three years into the implementation of ***Strategic Plan 2030,*** *Holy Names continues to make meaningful progress toward the ambitious goals that will shape our future.*

Among this past year's accomplishments are important advances in institutional advancement, student life, athletics, financial sustainability, and academic planning.

Student opportunities continue to grow. New middle school basketball and cheerleading teams, along with the addition of a ski team, Book Club and the *PantHER Voices* podcast have expanded extracurricular offerings, while our enrollment continues to reflect the diversity that has long enriched our community. A grant provided students with "Circle Training" from the national youth organization Sweethearts and Heroes to help practice essential life skills such as active listening, self and social awareness, and relationship building.

A comprehensive review of the Student Parent Handbook has strengthened our ability to support and form our students more effectively. Behind the scenes, new data tools have strengthened our ability to make informed decisions.

The future of Holy Names is also being shaped through significant work on our curriculum (see page 9). A comprehensive curriculum review is allowing us to refocus on what has always made a Holy Names education exceptional: teaching the fundamental skills, knowledge, and values that make our young women happy and successful no matter what changes lie ahead. The review is also an opportunity to integrate our Catholic identity, the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and our newly revised Profile of the Graduate into every aspect of the student experience. This work reflects our commitment to preparing students for an ever-changing world while remaining firmly rooted in our mission.

Institutional Advancement supports the work that goes on in the classroom. We strengthened our advancement operation through the addition of a Director of Alumnae Engagement, established measurable philanthropic goals, and completed a thorough review of our Partners in Education program to ensure its long-term sustainability while continuing to expand access to a Holy Names education.

One of the most exciting developments this year has been the launch of the Momentum Initiative, our comprehensive fundraising effort to invest in the future of Holy Names. With a goal of raising $2 million over two years, the initiative has already secured nearly half-a-million dollars in commitments—a strong vote of confidence from donors who believe deeply in the school's mission and vision.

At the same time, *Strategic Plan 2030* calls us to make thoughtful decisions that will ensure a financially sustainable future for the school. Tuition alone does not cover the full cost of providing the distinctive Holy Names education our students receive. As responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us, we have carefully evaluated every aspect of our operations to ensure they align with both our mission and our current enrollment.

This year, that work included a comprehensive review of our administrative structure while preserving—and strengthening—the programs that matter most to students. This deliberate effort directs more of our resources where they have the greatest impact: our classrooms and our students. Holy Names has always been defined by outstanding teachers, meaningful relationships, and an educational experience that forms young women of faith, scholarship, service, and leadership.

The results of our community surveys affirm that this work is making a difference. Faculty reported an exceptionally strong professional culture, with every measured indicator exceeding national independent school benchmarks. Student feedback points to continued opportunities for growth while also reflecting encouraging improvements in school climate, including fewer reports of unkind behavior and positive responses to strengthened expectations for student conduct. Adapting to the changes in culture while forming girls into mature young women through a holistic education requires flexibility and a firm sense of purpose.

Strategic Plan 2030 is more than a collection of initiatives—it is a shared commitment to ensuring that Holy Names remains vibrant, mission-driven, and financially strong for the next generation of students. As we look ahead, we do so with confidence, guided by the same values that have sustained Holy Names for more than 140 years and inspired by the extraordinary community of alumnae, parents, faculty, staff, and friends who continue to believe in our mission.

The momentum is real, and together we are building the next chapter of Holy Names.



AHN Day of Service

Academy of the Holy Names took a break from academics for a day in March, as students, faculty and staff volunteered their time at more than 20 different service organizations around the Capital District.

The annual Day of Service demonstrates the dedication of the entire Holy Names community to serve the marginalized, poor, and disadvantaged in the Capital District. The focus stems from the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM).

The day consisted of various service projects, ranging from preparing meals at the Sr. Maureen Joyce Soup Kitchen to sorting and organizing donations at St. Catherine's Center for Children, and creating raffle baskets for Night out for You.

Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) and Brown Transportation assisted with transportation, the latter courtesy of a grant provided by The Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Catholic Education Fund.

THE ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDED:

- **15 Love** Sorted and organized items.
- **Albany Therapeutic Riding Center** Cleaned the barn, painted and mucked paddocks.
- **Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry** Worked in the food pantry and thrift shop, organizing and assisting as needed.
- **Eddy Village Green at Cohoes** Organized storage items; painted; potted plants for residents.
- **Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region** Sorted and organized items.
- **Grassroot Givers** Sorted and organized clothing and book donations.
- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** Worked at the ReStore, shelving items, and assisting customers.
- **HATAS Read & Feed Program** Assisted with the distribution of food for area weekend pantry programs.
- **Hoods House of Hoops** Assisted with cleanup in the gym and organized items.
- **Night Out for You** Created raffle baskets for upcoming fundraisers.
- **Patroon Land Farm** Labeled flower beds and planted items in heated greenhouse.
- **Promenade at University Place** Made craft projects and interacted with senior residents.
- **Ronald McDonald House** Sorted donated "pull-tabs" from soda cans.
- **South End Children's Café** Cleaned out and organized storage area.
- **Sr. Maureen Joyce Soup Kitchen** Prepared meals and assisted participants.
- **St. Catherine's Center for Children** Organized donations received for children in their care.
- **St. Louise House** Made blankets for Troy schools in need.

THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS TOOK PLACE AT AHN:

- **Christ Child Society** Donated diapers and learned about what Christ Child Society offers new mothers in need.
- **Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless** Made and delivered bagged lunches for the guests at the shelter.
- **Our Lady of Mercy Life Center** Painted flowerpots and potted plants for seniors.





SENIOR SERVICE PROJECTS

Chloe Friedman & Ella Schoenborn
SIDEWALK WARRIORS TROY

Sidewalk Warriors offer meals, essential supplies, and a sense of community to anyone in need, and particularly the unhoused. Chloe and Ella cooked 180 meals and passed them out during a Sidewalk Warrior event. They also coordinated a group of students during AHN's Day of Service in March compiling 100 meals out of 76 Diner in Latham.

Ella Faucher & Alysia Ifudu
NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION



Ella and Alysia's project was twofold: 1) To raise awareness of breast health and the symptoms and signs of breast cancer, and 2) to fundraise for the foundation. They created a pink environment throughout the school to honor Breast Cancer awareness month in October. Their "Dig Pink" volleyball game on October 21 raised $2,000 for the foundation. Additionally, they spent an afternoon in November at Circles Boutique in Stuyvesant Plaza handing out pamphlets and speaking to people about breast cancer, raising an additional $200.

Ashley Albritton & Molly Edwards
AMC STOP THE BLEED



"The American College of Surgeons' Stop the Bleed Program empowers you to go from bystander to lifesaver." This program offers bleeding control training and "empowers anyone to save a life by learning 3 basic actions to control severe bleeding in an injured person." Molly and Ashley coordinated with the Surgery Department at Albany Medical Center to bring this training to AHN.

Cheryl Sabir
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH FOOD PANTRY & THRIFT STORE

As a volunteer at the food pantry, Cheryl stocked shelves and helped distribute food on client days. In the thrift store she sorted donated clothes and helped with basic cleaning and maintenance. She also assisted families with finding their specific needs.

Cassie Bellinger & Addison Bukowski
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



Cassie and Addison coordinated a team from AHN to participate in the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's at Siena University. The purpose of the Walk was to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. They organized several school-wide events, including a bake sale and dress-down day where students wore purple T-shirts to show support.

Mary Burke
ST. PIUS X CHURCH/NPH DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HOME

Mary assisted with St. Pius' "Wine & Dine for the Dominican Republic" event held at the church's parish hall. The event supported the work of NPH USA, an organization that helps provide care, education, and support for vulnerable children, including those living at Casa Santa Ana Orphanage.

Ava DeNisco
ALBANY THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER & ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN



As an equestrian, Ava focused her service project on the Albany Therapeutic Riding Center which "strives to provide, promote, and encourage the benefits of equine facilitated therapeutics and activities by teaching horsemanship to individuals across multiple populations." Ava coordinated three events at the barn for children who reside at St. Catherine's.

Riley Dubay
THE MELODIES CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDERS AT ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER

The Melodies Center is the only provider of care for children and teens with cancer and blood disorders in the Capital Region. Riley held two drives this year to benefit the children at The Melodies Center: 1) toys and 2) Fun band-aids.

Aba Amissah & Kaleeyah Harden
CAPITAL CITY RESCUE MISSION

The City Rescue Mission not only provides shelter for the unhoused, but also vital food, clothing, medical and faith services for people in need in the community. Aba worked at dinner services, prepping trays and serving food. Kaleeyah also helped serve dinners and clean-ups, and she made sandwiches for bagged lunches.

Kathryn Lewis
GLENDALE NURSING HOME

Kathryn dedicated her efforts to supporting Glendale Nursing Home in Schenectady County. At AHN, she organized a collection of stuffed animals to donate to the facility. These items were used as prizes for Bingo Night and as comfort objects for residents living with Alzheimer's or dementia, for whom stuffed animals and dolls can provide a sense of reassurance.

Samantha Malorgio & Meara Sweet
15-LOVE



The mission of 15-Love is "to reach out to youth in the Capital Region in a loving and caring way, using tennis as a means of connection—especially for those in inner-city communities." To support this mission, Samantha and Meara organized a tennis tournament which raised more than $1,300.

Sophia Scaccia
STREET SOLDIERS OF SCHENECTADY, NY

Street Soldiers is a grassroots group of volunteers that distributes donations throughout Albany, Troy, and Schenectady. For her project, Sophia organized a toy drive, collecting more than 100 stuffed animals and dolls at her family's bowling alleys and at friends' businesses to support children in Schenectady's inner-city communities.

Rylee Apicelli & Kate Margelot
HOMEWARD BOUND ADIRONDACKS

Homeward Bound Adirondacks empowers Veterans in Northern New York "to reclaim their lives and find hope beyond trauma". They provide support services to help Veterans suffering from PTSD. Rylee and Kate organized a badminton tournament at AHN which raised $400 for this organization. They also arranged an event at school where students created supportive greeting cards to send to Vets.

Rachael Gerber, Shaya Gerber, & Ella Mastriano
SARATOGA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

The Saratoga Community Health Center provides comprehensive health care for all people in the community who need care regardless of their insurance status and ability to pay. Rachael, Shaya, and Ella organized a soccer tournament which raised $650 for the Center.

Allie Santilli
THE MOONCATCHER PROJECT & PERIOD POVERTY



The mission of the Moon Catcher Project is "to optimize girls' lives worldwide by removing barriers related to menstruation. We envision a world where all girls participate fully in their lives and communities." They help girls in developing countries by providing them with sustainable, washable MoonCatcher kits and a reproductive education program. Allie collected period products to be donated to the program and hosted a Moon Bee where students and faculty and staff assembled menstruation kits to be delivered to those in need throughout Africa.

Makayla Smith
HARRIET'S KIDS

Harriet's Kids is a girl's group under the Alpha Chi Omega Chi women's chapter of the National Association of Colored Women's Club. This group focuses on carrying out the mission of Harriet Tubman and her values of empowering young women. Makayla's service to this organization was twofold: 1) She held a bagel breakfast to raise funds for the organization and 2) assisted with the group's 'hotel sleepover girls' night'.

Georgia Boggs & Paulie Pantoja
NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL FOOD BANK

The Regional Food Bank collects donated food from the food industry and distributes it to more than 1,000 partner agencies and programs feeding our neighbors in need. Georgia and Paulie hosted a glow-in-the-dark volleyball tournament to raise funds for the Food Bank. Additionally, they held a drive at school to collect non-perishable food items which were donated to the Food Bank. They also volunteered at the Food Bank in Latham, where they sorted and repacked bulk donations.

CeCe Zyskowski
CATHOLIC CHARITIES VITA PROGRAM

Catholic Charities offers free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs, providing IRS-certified tax preparation for low-to-moderate income individuals. CeCe was able to work directly with the program in downtown Albany. She was a "runner," which meant her job was to walk people from check-in to the waiting room, while making small talk.

Kayla Butler & Mia Guiry
ST. CATHERINE'S CHILDREN CENTER CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Catherine's Center for Children is "dedicated to transforming the lives of vulnerable children and families in the region." Kayla and Mia organized a giving tree at AHN, collecting more than 300 toys to benefit the children at St. Catherine's.

Sabrina Masilotti
ST. PIUS X CHURCH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

The St. Pius elementary Religious Ed Program teaches children "to know, love and serve God and their neighbors." Sabrina volunteered as a teacher's assistant in the kindergarten classroom on Sunday mornings.



AHN Hosts Network of Schools Meeting

In the fall of 2025, AHN hosted the annual Network of Holy Names Schools. Presidents, principals, and other representatives from across the country and Canada gathered to discuss our common mission and share strategies for guiding our institutions.



Leaders from Holy Names Educational Ministries Network of Schools visited Academy of the Holy Names, Albany in October 2025.

AHN was fortunate to be joined by two guest speakers for the meeting.



DR. LINDA LEMURA

Dr. LeMura is the President of Le Moyne College. Appointed by the College's Board of Trustees in 2014, she became the first female layperson to be named as president of a Jesuit institution of higher education in the United States.

During her tenure, Le Moyne has achieved eight years of its largest class enrollments. Dr. LeMura has also overseen the completion of the $100 million Always Forward campaign, the largest campaign in the College's history.

President LeMura's presentation focused on Mission Integration from the Jesuit college perspective led to great questions and reflections on what makes our Holy Names schools distinctive.



CHRISTINE CAPUTO GRANICH '86

Mrs. Granich, a member of the Holy Names Class of 1986, and Associate General Counsel of the New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union.

Mrs. Granich concentrates on litigation in the state and federal courts, contract grievance arbitrations and administrative proceedings at the Department of Labor, Civil Service Department, Division of Criminal Justice Services, New York State Justice Center and New York State Public Employment Relations Board.

Mrs. Granich addressed legal issues in independent schools.

HOLY NAMES Educational Ministries

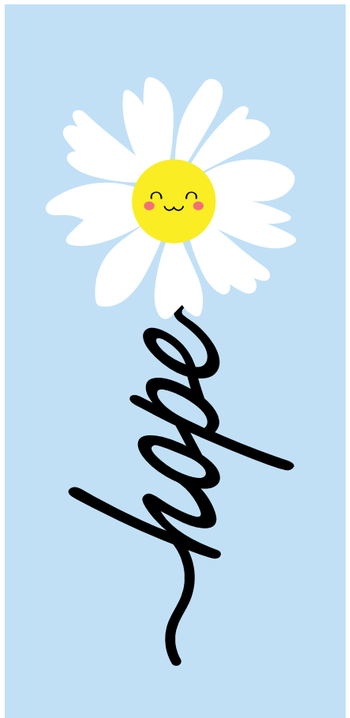
About Holy Names Education Ministries

The purpose of HNEM is to provide a sustainable way of supporting the Catholic Identity and the Charism and Values of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in our six schools and two other educational ministries.

We will carry forth this mission in a partnership involving the Sponsors Council and Executive Director of Holy Names Educational Ministries and the President and Board of Trustees of Academy of the Holy Names – Albany.

In collaboration with all of those promoting SNJM Education, we, the Sponsors Council of HNEM, pledge careful stewardship while supporting and furthering SNJM education at the Academy of the Holy Names – Albany, honoring the legacy of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.





"They (your teachers) see your gifts, your dignity, your potential. They believe you can change the world—and they're right."

Holding onto Hope

A LETTER TO STUDENTS FROM DR. KILBRIDGE

Dear Students,

So much of what we see and hear in the world right now is clouded with negativity and division, and it can feel overwhelming. It's important to remember this isn't the whole story, and it doesn't have to be yours. The world is also full of goodness, generosity, and hope. YOU are part of that hope.

I'm going a little "old school" here. When I was in college, there was a song *You Can Call Me Al*, by Paul Simon in which a man going through a midlife crisis asks, "*Who'll be my role model now that my role model is gone?*" It points to a simple question, but a profound one. We all need role models—people who show us what it looks like to live with integrity, choose kindness, and believe in the possibility of a better future.

If you want role models, you don't have to look far. Look at the people who greet you girls every day when you walk into your classes:

Does Mrs. Baxter ever let you settle for less than your best?

Does Mrs. Tocci ever skip the chance to give you helpful, encouraging feedback?

Has Mrs. Eller ever shown you anything other than love?

Have you ever seen Mr. Franzini without a smile?

These and the other teachers at Holy Names are the people who pour their energy into you. They see your gifts, your dignity, your potential. They believe you can change the world—and they're right.

When *Sweethearts & Heroes* visited AHN in 2025-26, Tom Murphy and Sgt. Rick Yarosh suggested HOPE stands for "Hold On, Possibilities Exist."

Two millennia ago, hope arrived in the form of a child in a manger. Today, hope arrives in a different form: you. You are the light and the love this world needs right now.

The man going through the midlife crisis in Paul Simon's song finds hope:

He looks around, around

He sees angels in the architecture

Spinning in infinity

He says, "Amen!" and "Hallelujah!"

As we progress, may you be reminded of the hope that surrounds you—and the hope you bring.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kilbridge



You Are Beautiful

"It (beauty) lives in how we treat others, how we respond to challenges, and how we grow into who we are becoming."

"You are beautiful."

This simple but powerful phrase was heard throughout Holy Names as we celebrated You Are Beautiful Day this year. This annual tradition invites our community to reflect on the beauty we all have within us. Through an assembly and activities led by members of the LOVE Club, students were encouraged to recognize their own gifts, strengths, and unique qualities. They were reminded that beauty shows up in kindness, perseverance, creativity, humor, courage, and compassion. It lives in how we treat others, how we respond to challenges, and how we grow into who we are becoming.

Studies show a girl's self-esteem peaks around age nine and then steadily declines throughout the middle school years. Additionally, 90% of women report wanting to change something about the way they look. Being a young woman today is hard. They are constantly bombarded with messages—on social media, in advertising, and even in casual iterations—about how they should look, act, and measure up. Too often, these messages promote unrealistic standards and tie worth to appearance or perfection.



By Kathy Witherspoon, Dean of Students

So, what can we do? How can we, as a school community, push back against these narratives and create an environment that fosters confidence and resilience? At Holy Names, we are intentional about the culture we build. We strive to create an environment that encourages independence and responsibility. We know students will make mistakes — that is part of growing up. Our goal is to help students learn from them. We encourage students to take healthy risks and try new things, understanding that growth is sometimes uncomfortable. We emphasize effort over perfection and progress over comparison. We celebrate accomplishments and victories both big and small.

You Are Beautiful Day may be just one day in the school year, but the message it carries matters every day. Our goal is for all students at Holy Names to see the beauty they have within themselves.


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- **Morgan Brewer '25 USNA and Morgan Lawler '23 USMA**

Morgan and Morgan reunited at the 126th matchup between Army and Navy over the weekend! (Navy won 17-16)



- **Maddy Cournoyer '25 and Daniella Oberting '25**

Thanks for stopping by on their break to say hello and visiting with students.



- **Logan Schlegel '25 and Pasty Whalen '25**

Have we mentioned how much we love it when our alumnae come home to visit? Our dynamic Union duo also stopped by to say hi!

10s

- **Riley Williams Haydock '16**

Congratulations to Riley and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Parker, a future AHN alumna (Class of 2044)!





- **Sally O'Toole '13**

Congratulations to Sally on her engagement!

- **Class of 2010**



The class reunited at Courtney Astemborski's home along with Katie Ann McDermott '98, Director of Alumnae Engagement.

00s

- **Class of 2005** at the Stuffed Rooster





- **Jennifer Wick '01**

Jennifer has been promoted to Communications Supervisor at the NYS Thruway Statewide Operations Center (TSOC).

- **Class of 2000**



Members of the class reunited at Common Roots Albany Outpost

90s

- **Sara Fedele '97**

Sara was elected as Town Justice in the Town of Colonie.





- **Katie Ann McDermott '98**

Katie Ann McDermott '98 and Chris Fiato welcomed daughter, Brigid Maureen in April.

- **Rachel Barranca Powell '97**

Rachel was elected to the Common Council 12th Ward in Albany.



80s

- **Nancy Lacore '86**



Former Navy Admiral Nancy Lacore '86 has won her party's nomination for the First Congressional District of South Carolina. She will face incumbent Representative Nancy Mace in the general election.



- **Constance O'Brien '81**

From Class President to Catholic Charities Board Member getting an audience with the Pope!

During a private audience, Constance O'Brien and CCUSA President and CEO Kerry Alys Robinson gave Pope Leo a bound book that includes narratives and portraits of all 42 storytellers from the People of Hope Museum, a CCUSA-produced museum that celebrates the power of Christian service.

- **Class of 1980**



Members of the class reunited at Jacob and Anthony's

70s

- **Class of 1975**



Members of the class reunited at Duo at the Dunes.

Kathy '74 and Pete Schreck (mother Annette was a graduate from class of 1938)

The pair toasted to Alumnae Reunion Weekend and their donation to the 1884 Fund with their AHN wine glasses on Cape Cod.

Share your news with us! Visit ahns.org/alumnae.



- **Katie Ann '98 with Terilyn Mazza '70**

Seen at Hyannis Yacht Club

AHN ON THE MOVE

Albany

Thank you to the following alumnae attendees who joined us in January at Spinner's in Albany, an AHN family-owned business, for a chance to catch up:

Cindy Pettit '78 P '08, Cindy Yonkers '78, Colleen O'Keeffe '08, Taylor McGrath '08, Lissa McNaughton '77 P'22, Quinn McNaughton '22, Eileen Desharnais '22, Dina Astemborski '79 P'07 '10, Kendra Astemborski '07, Courtney Astemborski '10, Laura Hans '10, Ericka Darling '10, Michelle Mahon '99, and Ashley Arnold '98.

NYC

Thank you to our co-hosts, Leah VanDeloo '97 and Meagan Soszynski '97, for generously sponsoring AHN on the Move: NYC! It was great to have so many of our NYC-area alumnae join us at Center Bar at the Shops at Columbus Circle:

Alexandra Cahill '02, Connie Boland '75, Courtney Mosch '04, Dr. Marty Kilbridge, Erin Shea '95, Janet Walton '60, Judy Smith '70, Kaitlin Close '15, Katie Ann McDermott '98, Kellyanne Murray '77, Kristin Vivian P'14 '17, Leah VanDeloo '97, Lisa Vianna '90, Mary Kate Murray '13, Mary Ragan, Meagan Soszynski '97, Meredith McCarthy '16, Nancy Louden '71, Nina Panto '18, Sally O'Toole '13, Samantha Soldini '13



ALUMNAE WEBINAR SERIES

Watch on YouTube!

- **Real Estate Trends with Kelly Dascher DeMichele '02**
- **Nutrition During Perimenopause & Menopause with Anne Hessberg Campbell '02**
- **Financial Wellness and Estate Planning with Lissa McNaughton '77 P '22 and Kate Loughney '03**
- **Family Legacy with the Astemborski Family**
- **Skincare with Riley Williams Haydock '16**
- **Styled in a Snap with Victoria Nolan Ruderman '09**

In Memoriam

We remember our community members who have passed away between August 2, 2025 and July 31, 2026 and ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers. If community members are missing, we apologize. Please let us know so that we can update our records.

Mary Lourdes Kane Zak '45
Pearl Mendrysa Jasinski '47
Helen Fox Adams '47
Rosella Roberts Slauson '47
Bella Jane Roche McCarroll '48
Mary Katherine Loucks Brennan '49
Jean Hooper Zecher '49
Mary Frederick Coyne '51
Justine McCarthy Caldes '53
Catherine McCooey Fink '53
Margaret Kearney Curley '54
Mary Gayle Johnson Faughnan '55 P '85
Lisa Brunet Hazel '55
Patricia Sabatino Caulfield '56 P '78 '80 '82 '85 '86 '88
Patricia Kearney Lynch '56
Ann Miller Popkoski '58
Joyce Galante '58
Mary Elizabeth Chelius Berger '58 P '88
Georgiann Mary Skype '58
Janet Males Preisser '58
Kathleen Powers Herrick '59
Karen O'Neil Curren '60 P '81
Karen Pembrook '60
Karen A. Gardiner-Harvey '60
Annette Gilmartin Schultz '61
Kathleen Kearney '62
Jane McNally '64
Kathleen McDonough Lawlor '66
Jane MacDonald Lang '66
Angela Sheehan '70
Dorothy Ritchie Spath '70
Debra Marie Teresa Britt '71
Kathryn Keck Lowery '71
Colleen J. Nantista Murphy '71
Margaret Pickett '76
Joan Fisher P '68 '77 '78
Judith Flannery P '85 '87
Marie P. George P '01
John Hartigan P '81
Todd Henzel P '27
Charles Hite P '14
Daniel R. LaPointe G '20
Dr. Ramon A. Madrigal P '80 '81 '88 '89
Ann Marean, SNJM
Joseph Montimurro
Andrew Phelan P '86 '88 '89
Edward Powell
John M. Prenderville
Sandra Thorpe P '80 '81 '92

Holy Names Leaves Lasting Impact on Alumnae



"AHN has undoubtedly played a significant role in shaping my life. The values that AHN instilled in me as a young woman have continued to guide me throughout every stage of my life journey.

Particularly, service to others has remained a core act of faith, love, and humility. Whenever I gather with fellow alumnae, I am reminded of these foundational principles and am often given the chance to bear witness to them living on in the actions of others.

At the October AHN Alumnae Reunion, I observed alumnae celebrating their 25th Reunion. During the event, it was discovered that a few current students could not afford their class rings. In response, the alumnae class of 2000 spontaneously "passed the hat" during dinner and collected approximately $2,000. This generous collection enabled three class rings to be purchased for those young women. The graduates understood the significance of their AHN rings and sought to share that tradition with the next generation, demonstrating grace, generosity, and goodness.

Moments like these are a wonderful reminder of the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Names and their enduring influence in today's world. Thank you, Class of 2000!"

—Margaret O'Connell Willard '73 P '00

"The 13 years I spent at Holy Names shaped me into the woman I am today. I am incredibly grateful for the strong education I received during my time there, but even more meaningful are the lifelong friendships and connections I formed along the way.

Because of that, I'm especially excited to attend this year's Spring Gala and support the mission of ensuring that other young women have the opportunity to experience the same community, education, and growth that meant so much to me. It's inspiring to come together and celebrate a place that has had such a lasting impact on so many lives.



The foundation I built during my time at Holy Names has also influenced my professional path working in Higher Education Admission and beyond. As the owner of my needlepoint business, Spa City Needlepoint, I draw every day on the creativity, confidence, and work ethic that were nurtured there. I'm grateful for an education that not only prepared me academically, but also encouraged me to pursue my passions and build something meaningful within my community."

—Eileen Milen DiDonato '07



"I live in Albany, am married to my high school sweetheart and am the Instructional Technology Specialist for the Guilderland Central School District. I volunteer for the Archives because the Academy of the Holy Names is such an important part of my history, and I want to ensure its legacy is preserved. It's also incredibly fun to look at all the old pictures and memorabilia. I love connecting with other AHN alumnae and giving back to the school that gave so much to me and now to my daughter."

—Trisha George McLean '01

CARLO CHERUBINO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

Individuals inducted into the Carlo Cherubino Athletic Hall of Fame represent three categories: athlete, coach, and special merit. The categories are included to outline the primary area(s) of a nominated individual and for consideration of one's interscholastic athletic achievements.

Athletes must have graduated from AHN a minimum of five years prior to the date of nomination.

The honorees will be formally inducted at the tri-annual Carlo Cherubino Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday, October 24, 2026.



Klarrisa Ricks '11



Grace Field '20



Megan Bell '21



Noreen Doyle Levitt '65
Award for Special Merit and Service



2012 Cross Country Team



Evelyn Danzig, AHN Music Conservatory Student, 1919

Director of Alumnae Engagement, Katie Ann McDermott '98 corresponded with the nephew of Evelyn Danzig, who attended our Academy of the Holy Names Music Conservatory during the 1918-1919 school year.

She was delighted to learn Evelyn had a NYC radio program *Treble and Clef* in the 1930s. She was perhaps best known from her Tin Pan Alley days for composing the Harry Belafonte hit *Scarlet Ribbons (For Her Hair)*, which he performed on The Ed Sullivan Show on March 29, 1964. Joan Baez even included it on her demo *San Francisco* album in 1964.

According to archives leader Teresa Carlton '98 P '28 '30, Danzig was listed as a "Junior Major Key" in the 1919 Harmonic Circle performance (see photo). This annual performance was postponed that year due to the Spanish Flu.

Momentum Initiative





There is momentum here. With generous donor support, we have upgraded our library, gym, Arts Center, and cafeteria. We've built a state-of-the-art video and broadcast studio. We've opened a dance studio. Upped our branding and marketing game. Made visible our remarkable history. And introduced an adorable mascot.

And the best news? After decades of decline, enrollment at Academy of the Holy Names has increased in recent years.

As Holy Names continues to educate the future leaders of tomorrow, funds are needed to innovate proactively to address the growing and changing needs of our school. The Momentum Initiative gives the administration an ability to respond in real time.

There is momentum here. As AI, work at a distance, social media, and other revolutions alter education and the workplace, the skills and values fostered and brought to maturity at Academy of the Holy Names — collaboration, leadership, empathy, and adaptability — are suddenly the skills and values in greatest demand.

The Momentum Initiative, unlike Annual giving to the 1884 Fund, builds endowment-like resources that give leadership the ability to be responsive.

Academy of the Holy Names is today our region's only all-girls preparatory day school. Through the **AHN Momentum Initiative,** we are on a quest to help more families discover our school, experience our community, and welcome an investment that will change their daughters' lives. We're building upon a foundation to be proactive and responsive to the changing needs of the school, to amplify our growth, and sustain our mission.

There is momentum here. We believe now is the time for us to push the peddle down and invest in the future.

Momentum Initiative Donors to date with gifts of $1000 or more

Dr. Edwin Williams and Mrs. Cherie Williams
Mrs. Kellyanne Healey Murray and Mr. John Murray
Mr. Chris J. Edwards and Mrs. Christine Edwards
Ms. Judith Smith
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Mrs. Kristen M. Staikos and Mr. John Staikos
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Ms. Cynthia Pettit

"As parents, we know firsthand the transformative power of education. It has changed the trajectory of our lives, and we believe deeply in investing in institutions that empower young women to discover their gifts, develop their faith, and reach their fullest potential. Supporting AHN is one small way we can help ensure that the mission continues for generations of young women to come."

—Dr. and Mrs. Olufemi Ogunjana P'25





THE MOMENTUM INITIATIVE

The Momentum Initiative, born out of *Strategic Plan 2030*, provides funding to help set the future course of AHN. Gifts to the Initiative provide for a proactive investment in opportunities that arise which benefit the advancement of Holy Names. Funding allows leadership to be strategic, proactive and responsive to the needs of the school, whether that might be adding additional accommodation for a waiting list, improving curriculum, adding support for faculty, or responding to the needs of an aging campus. The Momentum Initiative adds to the financial foundation and stability of the school's resources placing her in a stronger position to face future needs and challenges while continuing the mission of educating young women to be leaders in an ever-changing future.

Project Goal

Support for the Momentum Initiative moves Holy Names forward toward the future with foundational strength built on our rich history, providing the financial stability to adapt, grow and lead into the future. Your investment reaffirms your belief in, not just faith-based education, but a Holy Names education, and the generations of young women to come. By supporting this Initiative, you invest in the future of AHN.

Momentum Initiative



Partners in Education Program
Fund Her Future

AHN held its semi-annual Partners in Education Breakfast on Wednesday, April 22.

Since 1990, the *Partners in Education Program* has helped make an Academy of the Holy Names education possible for talented young women throughout the Capital Region who would otherwise be unable to attend. A special Service award was presented to the McCarthy Charities, who for the past 20 years has offered support to students from Rensselaer County that qualify through the *Partners* program. Partners play a vital role in unlocking a deserving student's educational journey and impacting future opportunities. The Class of 2026 Partner students included some of the best and the brightest who went on to attend colleges and Universities like: Siena University, LeMoyne College, University of Buffalo, St. John's University, and Davidson College.

Your Gift, Your Impact

Gifts to Partners in Education directly support the educational dreams of a student in need.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE AND FOUNDATIONAL PARTNERS:

MM Hayes, the Carl E Touhey Foundation, the Goldberg Foundation, J.H. Maloy, Inc., Berkshire Bank, Capital Bank, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM), McCarthy Charities, The Warren & Denyse Mackey Foundation, the Rose and Kiernan Charitable Foundation, Review Foundation, Inc., the Foy Foundation and the Community Foundation of the Capital Region.

Learn more about the Partners in Education Program at ahns.org.



THE JOHN HENRY FARRELL BUILDING THE FUTURE AWARD

Honoring Kellyanne Healey Murray '77 and John Murray P'13

The Murray family began its Holy Names journey when Kellyanne Healey's parents enrolled her in the fifth grade. That early experience laid a strong foundation rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service to others. Years later, after marrying her husband, John Murray, it was especially meaningful to the couple to return to AHN as parents to witness those same values thoughtfully carried forward in the education of their daughter-Mary Kate Murray Geary '13.

More than an alumnae legacy family, both Kellyanne and John have lived out a commitment to service and volunteerism, instilled early through Kelly's education at Holy Names and later reinforced for both at Siena University. These formative experiences shaped their belief in giving back and strongly influenced their approach to family life, professional responsibilities, and community involvement.

Both Kellyanne and John were motivated by a deep desire to remain connected to the broader AHN Community to ensure the school's continued vitality for future generations. While parents, both volunteered regularly, supporting drama productions, school events, parent and athletic programs, transformative campus projects and campaigns, including the construction of the gymnasium and St. Joseph's Hall. Kelly has additionally served on various committees relating to the 1884 Fund, the New Era Campaign, and two terms as a Board of Trustee member which will conclude in June.

The Capital Region has also benefited from their foundation of philanthropy as servant leaders. Kellyanne served as Chair for Siena's Annual Fund and is an active member of Albany Ladies of Charity and Mary's Corner. John has served for more than two decades as a Trustee at Siena most recently as Chair, and now Trustee Emeritus. He also currently serves as Chair of the Diocese of Albany's Reigniting our Faith Campaign and formerly as Chair of Catholic Charities.

Kellyanne and John's dedication to Holy Names, Catholic education, and faith organizations have made a lasting impact on AHN and the Albany area. They truly embody our motto Esse Quam Videri, demonstrating lives of true character with an emphasis on action, integrity, authenticity and service. They have contributed to the future of Holy Names through the necessary resources of time, talent and treasure so AHN may continue to thrive for generations to come. Holy Names is deeply grateful for the blessing of Kellyanne and John to our community.

THE JOHN HENRY FARRELL BUILDING THE FUTURE AWARD

The John Henry Farrell Building the Future Award was established to recognize individual(s) whom, through their continual service and dedication to Academy of the Holy Names, have a lasting impact on the student body and entire campus, and whose commitment to the school and its student body have helped in AHN's growth and development, leaving a lifelong imprint on our campus, staff and students.

The award originated to acknowledge the impact of John H. Farrell, who, just a few days after the Sisters of the Holy Names arrived in Albany in 1880, visited the Sisters and expressed his wish to register his daughter Mary, age 7. Mr. Farrell was not only the father of the first student but a lifelong friend and faithful benefactor of the Sisters.

His efforts enabled the Sisters to purchase 628 Madison Avenue, the location of the school for 83 years. In the recorded history of the school, the significance of the relationship between the Farrell family and the Sisters is described, "It is impossible to acknowledge the gifts received from Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Farrell, since they are a daily occurrence."

John H. Farrell and his family were prominent Albanians; he is the man who created the modern day Times Union. In his memory, his family gave the school a bell which, 100 years after it was first placed in the belfry at 628 Madison Avenue, was retrieved and returned to its existing home on our New Scotland Road Campus.

PROJECT UPDATES

AHN worked diligently all summer to make some upgrades — both large and small — around campus as a result of the proceeds donated this year to the 1884 Fund.



Thanks to some generous donors, we have brand new Liturgical Vessels so we can continue our commitment to Liturgy as inspired by the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

We're happy to report the booths in The Commons, which had some very noticeable wear-and-tear, have been refurbished!





We're not done yet, but here's a sneak preview of the newly refurbished gymnasium floor, home to you Panthers!

Up next: the addition of new wall padding, award banners and the installation of plates/donor recognition signs on the bleachers.





Created with Purpose, Called to Belong:
A Community of Giving



Kristin Vivian P '14 '17, Director of Institutional Advancement

I am constantly reminded of the importance and value of our wonderful community and second family here at Holy Names.

As parents, it was important to my husband and me to provide a foundation for our children where they could be immersed in and given opportunities to live out their Christian faith. We trusted that God was at work in their lives on a day-to-day basis. Here at AHN, not only are the students "Created with Purpose, Called to Belong", but so too are our parents, alumnae, and greater community members.

In a faith-based school community, a part of belonging is philanthropy. At Holy Names giving back is never just about funding programs or maintaining buildings. At its heart, it is about expressing the love we have for the experience of being a member of this community—sharing to make love visible.

Our faith teaches us everything we have is a gift from God—our talents, our resources, our time, and even the opportunities placed before us. Giving is an act of gratitude, a recognition that what we have received was never meant to end with us, but to be shared for the good of others.

When we give, we participate in something larger than ourselves. A partnership is formed with the whole community. Every gift, regardless of size, is a statement that says, "I belong, and I care about what happens here." It binds together families past and present in a shared mission. We help to advance the school. We foster a place where curiosity is nurtured, where every girl is known by name, where faith and learning grow together, and where friendships are formed.

Stewardship ensures education here is not shaped only by what families can afford, but by what our community believes is possible and important. With no State or Federal funding, and where tuition does not cover the full cost of educating each girl, a spirit of cooperation and willingness to give back must exist for the school to thrive.

Just as importantly, generosity forms us spiritually. In giving, we learn humility, compassion, and responsibility for one another. For our students, when they see adults investing sacrificially in their education, they learn success is not measured only by personal achievement, but by how we tend to the things and people we care about. They learn faith is not confined to words or worship alone but is lived out through action.

I continue to be grateful for the ongoing generosity of this community. Thank you for being an example of the call to service and philanthropy. Your support gives us the encouragement and momentum to look ahead with confidence and ensure Holy Names remains a shining star guiding students to a bright and hopeful future.

Convey Important Personal Values to the Next Generation by Making a Planned Legacy Gift

AHN MOTHER MARIE ROSE Legacy SOCIETY

The Mother Marie Rose Legacy Society honors those who make a vested commitment to Holy Names through planned giving.

Mother Marie Rose Legacy Society Members

Joan Fitzgerald Bailey '44
* The Estate of Constance Keeler Bopp '51
Judith Myers Cavanaugh '58 ✞
* Carlo Cherubino
* The Estate of Frances Hooley Connors '34
Janet Doolin '71
* The Estate of Jane B. Florick '56
Susan Rogler Gomez '81
* The Estate of Sally Mosher Guerard '48
Mr. Michael and Mrs. Sheila Henry P'86
Regina Scarano LaGatta '70
* The Estate of Raymond J. Lauterborn
* The Estate of Betty Jane Lyons '41
* The Estate of Mildred Rabe Mansfield '37
Terilyn McGovern Mazza '70
* The Estate of Constance McLaughliin '32
* The Estate of Mildred E. McLaughlin '32
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* The Estate of Patricia A. Moffitt
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* The Estate of Mary Ann T. Petruska '65
Cynthia Haselsteiner Pettit '78
* The Estate of Ellen A. Picotte '69
Judith Devane Pinto '61
Barbara Quackenbush '62
Mary Patricia Yanas Rowlands '79
* Marion Neubaur-Lannigan Scally P'52 '61
* The Estate of Joan Connors Searfoss '42
* Georgiann Kenna Skype '58
* The Estate of Carol Andre Sullivan '63
Mary Ellen Connors Trumbull '66
* The Estate of Daniel J. Unser P'18
Mary Anne Viglianti 64
* Marie Corbo Vignola '40
* The Estate of Joyce M. Wrenn '54

*Posthumously honored ✞Deceased

A special thank you!

Our great appreciation is extended to those individuals who chose "Gifts in Memory of" to benefit Holy Names: Todd Henzel P'27, Joyce Galante '58, Patricia Ann Caulfield '56. Thank you for your special kindness and support of AHN with this legacy gift.



Remembering Brittany L. Boivin '09 during the dedication of a garden in her honor on the campus of Holy Names, October 2025.

Help Holy Names through Charitable Giving

How a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) Works

Bless Holy Names with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA and receive possible tax benefits.

You are at least 70 ½ years old with IRA funds you no longer need

Make qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from you IRA

Your QCD goes directly to Holy Names, supporting a cause you care about.

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DID YOU KNOW?

You can also support our mission for years to come. Simply name Academy of the Holy Names as a beneficiary of your IRA account, life insurance, bank account or other financial vehicle and the remaining assets (or a portion) of the account will be distributed to AHN to help ensure our work of educating young women continues for generations to come.

Sample Beneficiary Designation

Legal name:
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Address:
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Federal Tax ID number:
14-1514566

Ways to Create a Legacy

- Bequests from your will or trust
- Gifts from life insurance, IRAs or other qualified plans
- Charitable gift annuities
- Gifts of cash, stock or securities
- An Endowed Scholarship

Visit our giving page at ahns.org or contact Kristin Vivian, Director of Institutional Advancement at 518-438-7895 x219



Your Participation Powers Her Possibilities. **Every Gift. Every Girl.**

At Holy Names, we know that extraordinary things happen when our community comes together in support of our girls. That's the heart of the 1884 Fund—and the power of participation. It's not about the size of the gift; it's about joining together in a shared commitment to our mission and to every student we serve.

The 1884 Fund supports the annual budgeted needs of the school that fall beyond what is covered by tuition revenues.

Every gift makes an immediate impact on the Holy Names experience, enriching classrooms, expanding opportunities, and ensuring our students have the resources they need to thrive. This year, thanks to your generosity, more than $400,000 was raised through the 1884 Fund, from more than 1,200 gifts given throughout the year.

Those numbers represent more than dollars raised or gifts given. They represent a community that believes in the potential of every girl. They show our students that they are surrounded by people who are invested in their success and committed to helping them grow into confident, compassionate leaders.

Because when we all give, we all grow.

Whether your gift is $25 or $2,500, every contribution matters. Every gift is a vote of confidence in Holy Names, in our mission, and in the extraordinary young women whose lives are transformed here every day.

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PARTICIPATION!

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$50,000

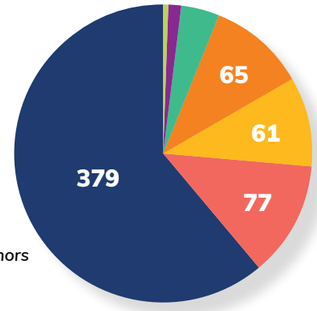
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from
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- Stewards of Excellence: $2,500 - $4,999; **26 donors** gave $83,489
- Esse Quam Videri: $1,000 - $2,499; **65 donors** gave $93,728
- The Bell Tower: $500 - $999; **61 donors** gave $38,038
- Blue & Gold Panthers: $250 - $499; **77 donors** gave $23,761
- Friends of AHN: $1 - $249: **379 donors** gave $32,367

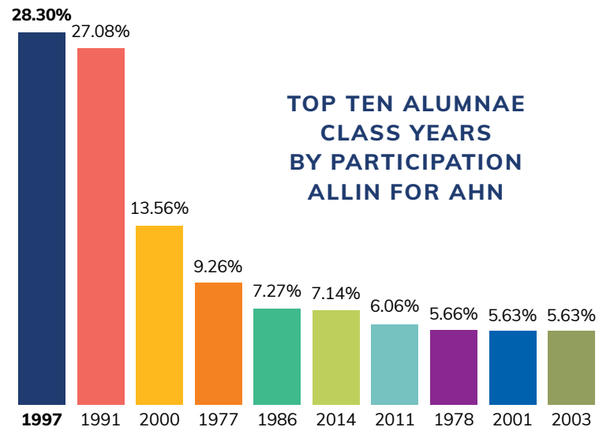


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Consecutive Years of Giving	# of donors
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25-29 years	6
20-24 years	11
15-19 years	29
10-14-years	51
5-9 years	113
2-4 years	163

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