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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Rhonda Raffi Meegan, President

Each new biennium strives to reach out, and to provide service for alumni and friends in new and unique ways. Every AASH Board offers new and different tools to accomplish that. The outstanding leadership talents of Roselie Bellanca Posselius during the past biennium enabled us to withstand the crushing challenge of communicating and gathering together during a world pandemic!

Roselie's amazing production talents brought us a highly successful, first time ever AASH virtual conference. More than 250 alumni and friends joined our online conference this past April! This production totally changed the way we thought about how to further reach out to our alumni and friends, and carved a new path for greater success in communications that will unite us and provide better service to our constituents.

Roselie's team researched and developed three key services; AASH 1-Hour Webinars, AASH Connections, a new networking program, and AASH Heritage Tours highlighting Philippine and Sophie's footsteps.

We are all united because of these two French women; Philippine Duchesne and Madeleine Sophie Barat, whose amazing faith in God and astounding tenacity to focus on educating children led them to embark upon an arduous adventure that would affect all of us in the Sacred Heart family forever. The AASH Heritage Tours will let you discover these roots in the USA, France, England and Italy.

In this new AASH Biennium, we will continue to pray together as a very special family here and around the world: the family of the Sacred Heart. Paola del Prete, president of our world alumni association, AMASC, has been helping to unite in prayer and service.

The Religious of the Sacred Heart continue Philippine and Sophie's mission of education as they continue to teach us today. Their most important lesson: love.. Christ's love. New Provincial Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ, shares in Heart magazine that the Society of the Sacred Heart has embarked on a new mission of "discovering and revealing God's love."

The Society and its work will be honored and supported by AASH. We must never forget all that they have taught us, and how they have honored the efforts of Philippine and Sophie by their consistent dedication to the education of children. This is a precious, loving gift they have given to all alumnae/i of the Sacred Heart.

I feel blessed to continue to work on the AASH National Board to support our alumni and schools, to honor the French and American heritage traditions of our schools, to pray together, and to serve one another. Our AASH Board consists of a very talented group of women who have volunteered to work very hard to serve you, our Sacred Heart family. We are all excited to share with you the following new AASH projects:

**AASH 1-Hour Webinar Series** will continue to highlight our alumni, our schools, and the Society of the Sacred Heart.

AASH Connections will support schools and alumni associations by this networking program which will enable us to share resources and information regarding employment, service, travel, relocation, and other common interests. AASH Connections will continue to grow national and international relationships. AASH Connections will connect us in prayer. More at www.aash.org/connections.

**AASH Heritage Tours** will be starting that will educate all who want to see our Sacred Heart roots in the US, France, UK, Italy and beyond.

We pray everyone will stay safe during this horrible pandemic. From my heart, I pray all of you are showered with blessings from Christ, Our Lord, "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Ephesians 3:20



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**On the cover:** Class President Kori DeJean speaks during graduation at ASH Grand Coteau; Bryn Mawr's Class of 2021 celebrates graduation; First Person: Living the Goals columnist Ann Chiumino with Sheridan Road student Gavin post-transplant

**On the back:** New Villa Duchesne graduates dance the Maypole to celebrate. Grand Coteau seniors avoid the rain while awaiting graduation ceremonies.

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#### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Molly and other members of the Villa Class of 2022 on the first day of senior year.

Molly started her senior year at Villa Duchesne in August. It's up for debate whether her favorite thing so far is the Keurig in the Senior Lounge or having all the younger girls part like the Red Sea when the seniors come swaggering down the hall. At a meeting for the parents of the Class of 2022, we were given all sorts of information about graduation dress dos and don'ts, Maypole practice, senior portraits, yearbook ads and college applications. It felt both overwhelming to a degree — the dresses have to be approved by Jan. 1, which means before Christmas! — and too early: the school year was only four days old and already we were talking about its end!

But what really rocked my world were the 2021 graduation photos, which start on Page 10. Looking at all the proud new graduates in white dresses or caps and gowns, it dawned on me that Molly will be smiling in one of those photos this time next year. In some ways I can't believe my little 4-year-old, who was so excited to start pre-kindergarten, is on the cusp of leaving home. I decided to stop anticipating the end and instead enjoy every current moment of her senior year with Molly.

We spent the summer touring college campuses, trying to cram our meticulously planned, year-and-a-half schedule into three months. Many of the schools still aren't open for official tours, so we wandered around by ourselves quite a bit, while Molly soaked in the atmosphere. Now she's deep in the college application process. Believe me, the military-industrial complex has nothing on the college app industry. It's an entirely different world from when I applied what seems like a hundred years ago. Despite the enormous pressure, Molly's fairly sanguine about it. Thankfully, she's confident she'll get into a good school and be happy wherever she lands.

At that back-to-school meeting for senior parents, we were reminded that the perks of being top dogs come with responsibility: our daughters are role models for the 7th through 11th grade girls. It's not a surprise — the school has been preparing them since they were young "Sevies" themselves. Leadership and service, which are built into the Goals and Criteria, are a huge component of Sacred Heart education. And if there's any doubt, we prove it in this issue. It's full of Sacred Heart role models, including first-time authors, who had entire careers before following their passion into writing, our Sacred Heart Olympians and the extraordinary Ann Chiumino, who selflessly gave a kidney to save the life of a 10-year-old boy she'd never met.

AASH's annual report, which begins on page 13, includes the list of our donors, whom we thank from the bottom of our hearts for modeling generosity.

In the Heart,



#### **Connect with Us**

We hear dozens of stories of how alums recognize each other by their class rings or randomly meet at work or on college campuses. The Sacred Heart Alum Network is more than 40,000 members strong and can help you find others. We'd love to hear how you met other Sacred Heart alums.

Email editor@aash.org to share your story.



Not sure we have your latest email address? Contact us at NationalOffice@aash.org or call 314-569-3948.

Visit our website www.aash.org and connect with us on Facebook (AASH-Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart), Twitter (@AASH) and LinkedIn (AASH-Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart).

# FIRST PERSON: LIVING THE GOALS Volunteering to Save a Life

#### By Ann Chiumino, Assistant Development Director, Alumni Relations Sheridan Road

Before January 2020, I never contemplated donating an organ. My life changed then, when I received an email introducing me to Gavin, a 10-year-old Sheridan Road student. Written lovingly by his parents, the message outlined the circumstances of Gavin's extensive history with kidney tumors and cancer, which left him with a single, partially functioning kidney. His parents were seeking volunteers with Gavin's blood type, hoping to find a kidney donor. I remember reading the email at the end of a workday, thinking, "Hey, that's my blood type. It wouldn't hurt to get checked out."

While I've checked the organ donor box on my driver's license, I'd never previously had occasion to ponder what it meant to be a *living* donor. Now, this innocent thought turned into an in-depth conversation with my husband. What if I could help this boy, who had gone through years of invasive medical procedures, surgeries, cancer treatment, and was now on nightly dialysis? I was the correct blood type, was active and healthy, had a supportive family and I knew that Sacred Heart Schools would be a wonderful employer throughout the process. Wasn't it my responsibility to see if I was a match? For reasons I still try to understand, this was not a difficult decision for me; of course I would get a blood test, and if I end up being the match, then I would donate my kidney.

That blood test, in February 2020, proved I was indeed a match. So I scheduled CT scans, more blood tests, etc., to be fully considered for surgery. I reached out and met Gavin's mom, whom I knew tangentially, as we both had 6<sup>th</sup> graders. She was lovely and grateful and told me Gavin's entire medical history, as well as how funny he was and how he loved video games. The connection between us was there and I promised to keep her in the loop as my testing progressed. I assured her that I was fully committed to seeing the process through. As someone who can sometimes barely decide what to have for dinner, I surprised myself with my certainty about this surgery. I truly felt this was something I was meant to do.

Then the world shut down.

Thankfully, I was able to complete my testing and, by the end of April 2020, I was Gavin's number one living donor candidate. Everything was a go — except that nothing could go forward due to COVID. The surgery was set to happen in Cincinnati; but, between travel restrictions and kidney donation being considered "elective surgery", we just had to wait. And wait.

By this point, I had gotten closer to Gavin's mom, and she felt comfortable asking me to consider being tested at Northwestern, thus neutralizing the travel restrictions. I was committed and, in October, underwent another full day of testing. Then, more waiting, more uncertainty. The pandemic holidays came and went, with Gavin battling an infection which further postponed his clearance for surgery. We were so close, yet so far. Finally, February 1, 2021, was set as a firm surgery date; but, in the week preceding it, we learned that Gavin's infection unfortunately remained an obstacle — his weakened immune system persisted as a hindrance to his fight against disease.

I had initially told only a few people about the (hopefully) impending



Ann and Gavin, post-transplant

transplant. As delays multiplied, more and more people were learning of the surgeries, and planning to help, support, and pray for us. I was astounded by the love that I received from Sacred Heart families (some of whom I had never spoken to) but also from people who knew Gavin and appreciated my gift to him. After an amazing prayer service the day before, with hundreds of Sacred Heart community members and family members, the transplant took place on February 22, 2021.

As I write today, six months post-transplant, I can't say that my life has recently changed all that much, at least not because of my kidney donation. I am working out again, loving my new Peloton bike and feeling the same as I did last year at this time. I am able to exercise, eat what I like, have some wine, and have moved on with my life. For Gavin, however, things are very different. He has completely given up dialysis, and is slowly establishing the appetite of a "normal" 12-year-old. He is playing more sports and getting more energy every day — something unfathomable at this time last year. He will grow and live and be healthy.

Some people have said that I have saved his life, but I don't think in those terms. I saw a person who needed help and realized that I could aid him in a unique way. If one of my daughters needed that kind of assistance, I would want someone to come forward. In a span of 18 months that has been defined by so much loss, stress and unhappiness, I am humbled to be able to share the good news that a boy got a really good kidney and will live longer than expected. He just happened to get mine.

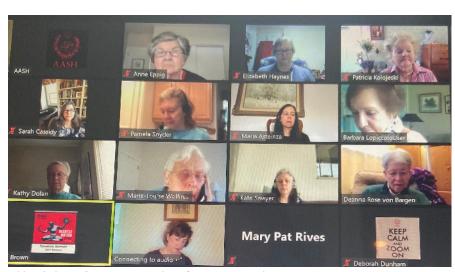
To find out more about being a living organ donor, see www.organdonor.gov/learn/process/living-donation.

## AASH NATIONAL CONFERENCE RECAP

The 43<sup>rd</sup> AASH National Conference from April 23-25, 2021, drew 250 people, more than any conference in a decade. Even though it was virtual, the sense of togetherness could not have been stronger. Conference chairs never lost a step as they were forced to pivot midstream to hosting a remote event. From the kickoff cocktail party to the final business meeting, everyone in attendance was happy to be joining others in our Sacred Heart family from all around the world. With a mix of live and pre-recorded events, the conference had something for everyone, including amazing musical performances, glowing tributes to our award winners and lively panel discussions.

Keynote Speaker Desiree Cooper invoked the Sacred Heart Goals and Criteria during her address, *Sustaining Change: Your Role in Global Transformation*. She said they speak of a commitment to intellectual integrity and that those of us with a Sacred Heart education have a special desire and obligation to be servants and caretakers. Goal 5 (to educate to personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom) speaks loudest to her. She said it encourages visionaries, storytellers and dreamers to ignore boundaries and rules and to seek breakthroughs.

Desiree discussed the roles civic engagement and community activism play in keeping our hearts in motion against the backdrop of the global pandemic and the murder of George Floyd in May 2020. She encouraged all of us to become aware of our privilege and discern whether "doing the right thing" means stepping back and letting others with lived experience take the lead. That also calls us to diversify what we read and where we get our news and entertainment, as well as be intentional about expanding our social circles to include people who are not from our same backgrounds and experiences. To read more from Desiree, see her website at www.descooper.com. Recordings of the entire conference can be found at www.aash.org.



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Clare Pratt, RSCJ (Stone Ridge 1957, Manhattanville 1961, Newton 1967), gives a reflection before General Session III on April 25, 2021.



Keynote Speaker Desiree Cooper

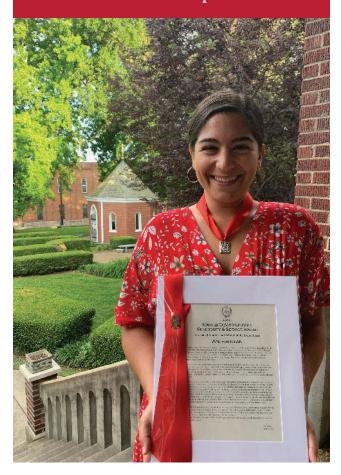


AASH President Roselie Bellanca Posselius (Grosse Pointe 1973/Bloomfield Hills 1977) opens the 43rd AASH National Conference — the first ever virtual one — via Zoom. Although we lost the chance to gather in person, we did discover some new opportunities. For example, because it was easy and free to attend, the conference was accessible to anyone who wanted to participate, no matter their financial status or geographic location. Future AASH events will definitely incorporate virtual components.



Pam Snyder (San Diego/College for Women 1966) presents the tribute for Woman of Conscience co-recipient Sr. Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ (ASH St. Charles 1958) during the 43rd AASH National Conference.

### Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award Recipient



Ani Haroian (ASH St. Charles 2008), 2021 recipient of the Maryliz DeVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award, poses with her Très Bien medal and tribute, written by Lisa Tebbe (ASH St. Charles 1980). The award honors an outstanding young alumna or alumnus. It was named for past AASH President Maryliz deVito Lincoln (1943-2003), who left AASH a bequest to create the award.



# SAINT PHILOMENA JOINS SACRED HEART NETWORK



Saint Philomena School in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, this year became the 25th member of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools. Like other Network schools, their alums are now automatically members of AASH.

Founded in 1953 by the Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), the co-educational school has an enrollment of 420 students from preschool through grade 8. It has twice been named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education and designated a Rhode Island top 10 school by Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth.

St. Philomena was admitted in the spring by a unanimous vote of the Network board following a recommendation by Sr. Sheila Hammond, RSCJ (Sheridan Road 1961, Manhattanville 1965), then Provincial for the Society of the Sacred Heart, United States - Canada Province.

Sr. Bonnie Moser, Superior General for the Society Faithful Companions of Jesus, said the two congregations rejoiced at the collaboration. "In a very real sense, St. Philomena School has found a 'home' in the Sacred Heart Network of Schools with a wealth of resources and opportunities flavored with the charisms of the two congregations," she said.

Welcome to Saint Philomena!

# FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Alum Director Lisa Tebbe (ASH St. Charles 1980) takes a selfie with the AASH Board and the St. Charles Associates of the Sacred Heart. The two groups gathered in June to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart virtually with the Society.

The highlight of the beautiful ceremony, which included readings, prayers and song, was the renewal of vows by the Religious and then the Associates. The AASH Board was thrilled to be invited to a wine and cheese reception following the Feast celebration.



#### NEW PROVINCIAL TEAM



Photo credit: Jerry Naunheim

# New Provincial Team US-Canada Province of Society of the Sacred Heart

In April, the Society of the Sacred Heart announced its new Provincial Team for the United States-Canada Province. They are (L to R) Marina Hernandez, RSCJ (Sheridan Road 1960, Barat 1964); Provincial Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ (Manhattanville 1976); Lynne Lieux, RSCJ (ASH Grand Coteau 1976, Maryville 1980); and Imma De Stefanis, RSCJ. The team will serve a three-year term that began on Aug. 1.

For more on the new team, see rscj.org/provincial-leadership.

# SACRED HEART ATHLETES STORM THE OLYMPICS

Schools of the Sacred Heart were well represented in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics! Athletes, including Stone Ridge swimmers Katie Ledecky (2015) and Phoebe Bacon (2020) and Atherton soccer players Abby Dahlkemper (2011) and Tierna Davidson (2016), brilliantly represented both the United States and their schools. While Katie, Abby and Tierna are old hands at the Olympics, this was Phoebe's first ever games.

Katie, who spoke at the 2017 AASH National Conference in San Francisco, won 4 medals: two gold and two silver. She hasn't ruled out another try in 2024! Abby and Tierna partnered in the U.S. Women's National Team's Olympic Bronze Medal win.



Tierna Davidson (Atherton 2016)



Phoebe Bacon (Stone Ridge 2020)



Abby Dahlkemper (Atherton 2011)



Olympic swimmer Katie Ledecky (Stone Ridge 2015) and AASH President Rhonda Raffi Meegan (Newton Country Day 1971, Newton College 1975) at the 2017 AASH National Conference in San Francisco.

# **AASH CONNECTIONS LAUNCHES**

AASH Connections (www.aash.org/connections) is the place for Sacred Heart alums to find the things they need, including products, services, employment opportunities, internships, mentors, contacts in a new city, vacation rentals, assistance in a foreign country — or anything else you can think of.

These resources are offered to Sacred Heart alums by Sacred Heart alums. To access the list, you must be logged in to your AASH account. Log in here: https://aash.org/directory. If you are logging in for the first time, use your first and last names without a space as your username (FirstLast) and set a new password. If you do not have an account, contact the National Office.

We kicked off with a range of listings, including investment advisors; vineyards; realtors; film producers and other small businesses owned by Sacred Heart alums coast-to-coast; vacation rentals; alums willing to be points of contact in various cities; and people interested in forming online affinity groups.

To be successful, we need your help. You can now add your listing at www.aash.org/connections. You must be logged in to access the website, which we have set up in a similar style to craigslist. Please don't forget to add a contact method, along with any photos, prices, contact information or other information you'd like included. You are NOT required to offer a discount to participate, and there is no cost to be included.

If you have knowledge or resources that you would like to offer to one another in order to create a valuable network for our alumnae/i but are unable to log in, please contact the National Office at nationaloffice@aash.org. We will set you up with a temporary password.

Again, AASH Connections participants do not have to offer a discount on their offerings and joining the service is free. Sacred Heart alumnae/i must log on to the AASH website (www.aash.org), so only known alums will be able to access AASH Connections.



# TOP SHELF Books by Sacred Heart Authors



Kristi Guillory Reid ASH Grand Coteau 1991

#### Harper Counts Her Blessings

By Kristi Guillory Reid ASH Grand Coteau 1991

Kristi Guillory Reid is an accomplished attorney and public policy strategist with close to 20 years of experience in the health policy sector. She's always loved to write, and with the publication of *Harper Counts Her Blessings*, she's thrilled to add the title "author" to her impressive resume.

The book came about after Reid noticed a lack of children's books capturing the spirit of African-American families. She set out to address that void, turning her love of writing into *Harper Counts Her Blessings*. Calling on her

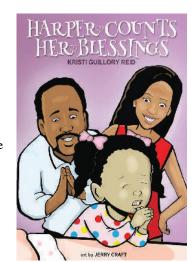
experience raising a toddler, Reid shows how the events of an ordinary day turn out to be noteworthy — even more so with reflection on the blessings life presents. In the story, 4-year-old Harper doesn't think she has much to be thankful for. But then her loving parents point out all the wonderful things she has to cherish that happened not only that day but every day.

With lively and engaging illustrations, *Harper Counts her Blessings* shows children the importance of taking time each day with their families to reflect on their blessings and thank God. It highlights themes of reflection, gratitude and appreciation and will appeal to children, parents and anyone who interacts with children regularly.

Reid's health policy exposure includes experience in public, private and nonprofit healthcare organizations. Her non-fiction work has appeared

in a number of publications, including CNN.COM, the Washington Informer and Washington Parent. She resides in Northern Virginia with her husband, Efrem, and daughter, Harper. Reid is a graduate of Loyola University (New Orleans), Carnegie Mellon University and Duke University Law School.

Harper Counts Her Blessings is available at www.harpercountsherblessings.com and on Amazon.



#### A Tree for Teddy

By Sandra M. Walton Point Grey 1968

An accountant by profession, Sandra Walton is a writer by desire. That desire was born in junior high, nurtured and guided by the Religious of the Sacred Heart and culminated in national and international



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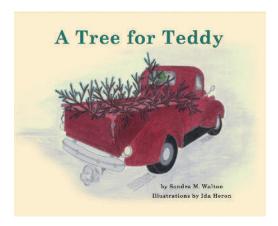
awards before she graduated. She matriculated to the University of British Columbia, and, because it lacked a journalism program at the time, Walton turned to business. Her yearning to write, however, was never far in the background.

After an accounting career that included positions in industry, government and financial planning, Walton started her own business and freed up time to pursue her writing. She began with freelance, non-fiction magazine articles. That work on a variety of subjects from home maintenance to history has appeared in magazines in Canada and the United States.

Her first book, A Tree for Teddy, is a Christmas picture book for children illustrated by Alberta, Canada artist, Ida Heron. It is a true story that takes place during World War II. The book revolves around Walton's husband, Ted, his mother and the events of their first Christmas in Vancouver, B.C., a time overshadowed by the death of Ted's father, a wireless operator for the Royal Canadian Air Force. It didn't feel much like Christmas that year — until a Christmas tree landed at their door.

The story brings a message of hope and comfort that is especially meaningful today, and appeals to an audience from ages two to 92. Since its publication, Walton has been doing research for a possible World War II biography on her husband's father. This past spring, her essay "Reflecting on a Loss," looking back on the 1983 death of her own father, appeared in the Canadian anthology *Through My Eyes: 74 True Stories of Survival, Strength, and the Power of Believing.* 





Born and raised in Vancouver, Walton attended Point Grey from Grades 1-12. Although the school closed in 1979, Walton stayed connected through its active alumnae association, one of the charter members of AASH in 1930. Walton was a long time member and served on the group's executive board for years. She resides in the Fraser Valley outside Vancouver.

A Tree for Teddy is available through www. westernskybooks.com

If you have a book you'd like to share with our Sacred Heart alums in Top Shelf, please contact the National Office at NationalOffice@aash.org or 314-569-3948.





Ellen M. Snee, EdD

#### Lead, How Women in Charge Claim Their Authority

By Ellen M. Snee, EdD

Snee's book about women leaders in roles of authority is the distillation of a career spent researching, consulting and coaching women leaders. A former Religious with the Society of the Sacred Heart, Snee refers often throughout the book to her years in the Society and how influenced she was by the strong women leaders she found there. The book grew out of a class she took during her pursuit of a Harvard University doctorate

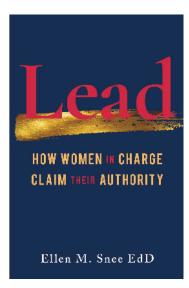
in women's psychological development. Snee says *Lead* speaks to women, sharing knowledge gained from research and her experiences working with and listening to other women.

During her 15 years as an RSCJ, Snee learned that women could be great leaders — whether or not they held roles of formal authority — organizing and mobilizing individuals, teams and entire organizations. She describes the Society as an order of highly educated, talented, extraordinary women leaders. "These women have run multimillion-dollar organizations, have mobilized people across the world, and have dealt with the patriarchy of the papacy with grace and fortitude," she writes.

The book begins by taking a look at how women see and talk to themselves, how they make decisions and how they frame the world. This opening is informed by Snee's belief that each of us has an inner truth that is both accessible and trustworthy. She discusses how she learned while a member of the Society to discern in community, and takes a look at what happens to relationships between women when one is in a role of authority.

Although not a memoir, *Lead* deploys personal stories and profiles of clients to illustrate key points. Snee ends each chapter with steps readers can take to engage with her material by asking questions, identifying opportunities for action, making plans and determining how to hold themselves accountable.

The book is available at Amazon and other booksellers.



# **CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION PHOTOS**



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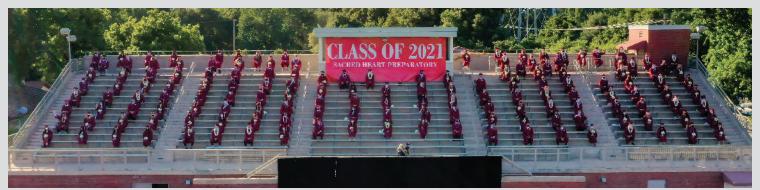
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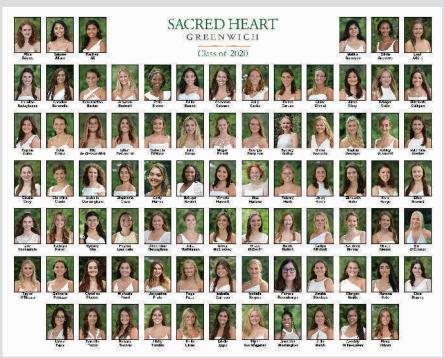
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DASH Houston



Rosary



Greenwich 2020



Villa Duchesne



Greenwich 2021



Forest Ridge

# **CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION PHOTOS**





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The Regis School

Sheridan Road



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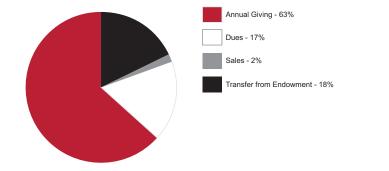
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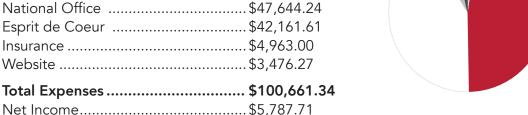


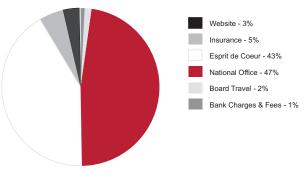
#### AASH USES OF FUNDS

Income (Donations and Dues) ...... \$105,871.21

#### **Expenses**

Total Expenses	\$100,661.34
Website	\$3,476.27
Insurance	\$4,963.00
Esprit de Coeur	\$42,161.61
National Office	\$47,644.24
Board Travel	\$1,485.76
Bank Charges & Fees	\$930.46





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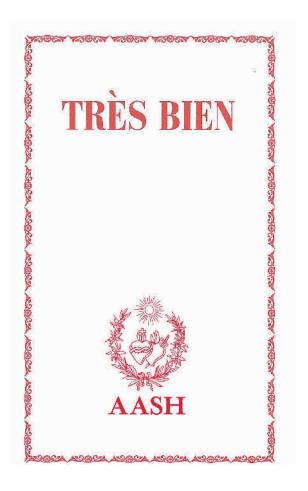
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