

2025 - 2026



IMPACT REPORT



A Message from the Principal

As we come to the close of another school year, we pause with gratitude and reflect on all that has been accomplished within our community. This year marked our Ten Year Anniversary, a wonderful milestone in our school's journey. The year has been filled with growth, blessings, and joy that have shaped the academic, spiritual, and personal lives of our students.

Together, we have strengthened our commitment to excellence across four essential pillars: **academics, faith, citizenship, and community.**

In academics, our students have continued to grow in knowledge, critical thinking, and perseverance. In faith, they have deepened their relationship with God and lived out Gospel values in their daily actions. Through citizenship, they have learned the importance of responsibility, respect, and service to others. And within our community, we have fostered a sense of belonging, compassion, and shared purpose.

This report reflects the collective efforts of our students, parents, staff, and community partners like you, highlighting our progress, resilience, and the impact made possible through the dedication and support of our entire community.

As a Catholic school, our mission calls us to form students who not only achieve academically but also lead lives grounded in faith, service, and integrity. We are proud of the ways our students have embodied these values and grateful for the role each of you has played in their journey. Please pray for the continued success of our school and for our dedicated teachers who work tirelessly to help our students grow. We especially ask for your prayers for our eighth graders as they prepare for graduation, the next step in the journey for which they have been preparing.

Thank you again for your continued partnership and belief in our mission. Because of you, we are able to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students.

Sincerely,



Dianne Brungardt, MSE



SPSA ADMINISTRATION



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Principal



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Assistant Principal



Ginna Curts
School Manager



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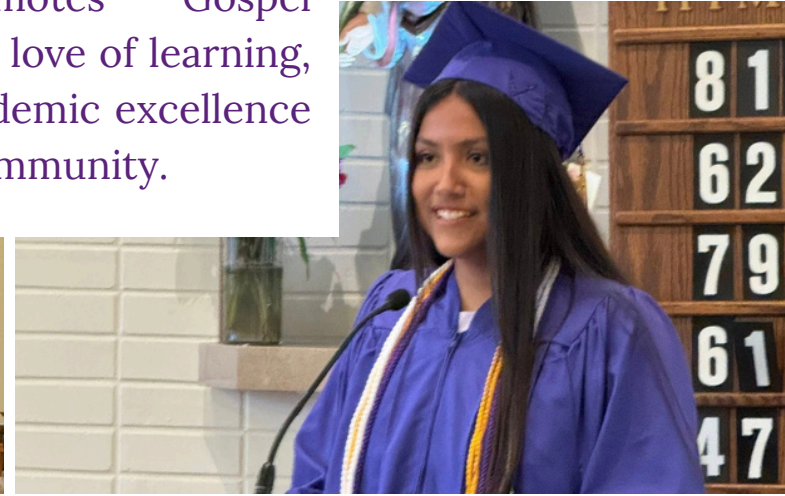
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OUR MISSION

St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy promotes Gospel values, inspires a love of learning, and upholds academic excellence in a nurturing community.



SNAPSHOT OF SPSA

324
students
Pre-K3 through
Eighth Grade

34
zip
codes
served

45
faculty and
staff
members

93%
of students
are
Hispanic

100%
of students
are low
income

TOP 3 REASONS parents choose SPSA:

1. Safety
2. Catholic Education
3. Strong Community

At SPSA, we provide a holistic, family approach to education that transforms lives.

PLEASANT GROVE

- **60%** of our students are from Pleasant Grove and the surrounding area
- Pleasant Grove is ranked in the **top 10** DFW zip codes for SNAP recipients
- **1 in 5** children in our community are food insecure



This school has brought me so much joy and happiness. Out of the 10 years here, I feel as if this school has educated me and helped me learn so many new things. As I get ready to move on from SPSA, I know I'll carry the lessons, the friendships, and the memories with me. I'm grateful for all the teachers who pushed me to do my best, for my classmates who made everyday fun, and for this school that shaped me into who I am today. - Erik R., Eighth Grade

10 *Years*

ONE MISSION

ST. PHILIP & ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Cheers to Ten!

**Faculty and staff who have
been at SPSA since 2015**

**Ginna Curts
Yvonne Graciano
Tanya Guajardo
Maria Hernandez**

**Angelica Luedke
Myles Parton
George West**

A Decade of Academic Achievements



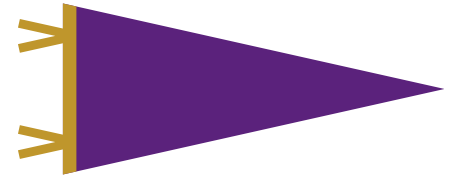
95%

of students read at grade level, significantly higher than the DISD average.



100%

of our eighth grade students graduate and attend their best-fit high school.



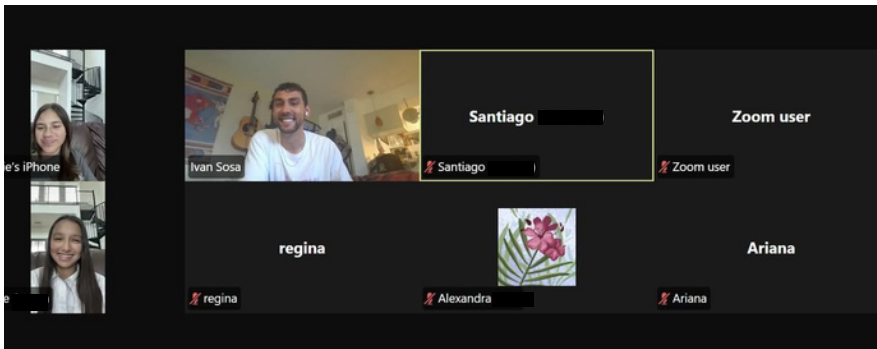
99%

of SPSA alumni attend college with most being first generation college students.

This year, five grade levels demonstrated significant growth in Reading MAP test scores, with one grade improving by 13%!

STEM HIGHLIGHTS

Learning doesn't stop at the classroom door at 3:30. Mr. Sosa hosted a live stream of the Artemis II Splashdown for his students so they could watch together and discuss the historic event.



Sixth Grade Final Project:

Design a heat shield just like the one that prevented the capsule on Artemis II from melting during the extreme temperatures of re-entry to the atmosphere. Students are applying their knowledge of the types of elements of the periodic table (metals, non-metals, and metalloids) to create a design with materials that will be effective insulators.



MAP test scores in science grew across all grades with 7th grade showing the most growth.

SPSA will be hosting graduate students from UT Southwestern Medical Center this month to talk to our students about science!

WHAT WE OFFER



ACADEMICS

- Religion classes and sacrament prep
- Art and music classes
- STEM classes
- Soft skill development as early as fifth grade
- Reading resources & a library full of books and technology
- A Resource Program which delivers targeted interventions and individualized support to help students achieve and maintain grade-level academic performance

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

- Band and Guitar Clubs
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Science, Math, and Reading clubs
- 11 sports for fifth through eighth grade students

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- On-site Mental Health Counselor

WHAT WE OFFER

Parent Education & Engagement Program (PEEP)

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children, and our program is designed to empower our parents to take an active role in their child's education. This ensures each student's education continues far beyond the classroom. We are proud to partner with trusted organizations and businesses that volunteer to lead our monthly classes.



2025-2026

PEEP SCHEDULE

(Parent Education & Engagement Program)

➔ ALWAYS 6:30-7:30 PM

AUG 28

Diocese Security & Emergency Management

SEPT 18

Reducing the Stigma of Learning Differences

OCT 16

Diocese of Dallas Financial Aid

JAN 15

DPD Internet Crimes against Children P. 1

FEB 19

DPD Internet Crimes against Children P. 2

MAR 19

Youth & Adolescent Development

APR 16

HeadFirst Counseling- Parenting Styles

Check weekly newsletters for sign up links and information on parent service hour opportunities!

FREE DINNER AND CHILDCARE IS ALWAYS PROVIDED WITH SIGN UP

Topics chosen by parents include:

- Community and Online Safety
- Financial Literacy
- Health and Wellness
- Mental Health
- Navigating Higher Education

This year, we have had multiple families reach out to participating agencies for additional support, particularly those representing mental health services and financial institutions such as banks.



Our students deserve a high-quality, Catholic education. Thanks to our dedicated community partners, we are able to provide these talented, bright, and hardworking students with a truly life-changing educational experience.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & TUITION ASSISTANCE

ACE Scholarships
Alliance for Catholic Education
Communities Foundation of Texas
John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Foundation
Schoellkopf Scholarship Fund
School Sisters of Notre Dame
William A. Solemene Charitable Foundation
The Catholic Foundation
The Constantin Foundation
The Crystal Charity Ball

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cardinal Health
Catholic Life Insurance
Dallas Capital Bank
Frost Bank
Hillcrest Foundation
March McLennan Agency
New York Life
Neighborhood Credit Union
Northwestern Mutual
State Fair of Texas
Truist Bank
Westerman Foundation
Westpark Fund

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Bonton Farms
Catholic Charities Dallas
Community Does It
Cooking for the Crowd
Dallas Arboretum
Dallas Fire Rescue
Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum
Dallas Sidekicks
Dallas Police Department
Frontiers of Flight Museum
Grant Halliburton Foundation
Guadalupe Radio Network
HeadFirst Counseling
HHM Health
KPMG
Music Learning Band
North Texas Food Bank
Perot Museum of Nature and Science
Rippe Associates
Texas Catholic
The Concilio
The Texas State Parks
Texas Tech University
University of Dallas
UT Southwestern
WFAA

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Baylor TIP

*Bishop Dunne Catholic School

*Bishop Lynch High School

Catholic Diocese of Dallas

*Cristo Rey Dallas College Prep

DECATS

*Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas

Junior DECATS

Learnit

Region 10

ReadyRosie

SMU Project GROW

STAIRS Program

Texas A&M AgriLife Institute for Advanced Health

TriCore Program

*Ursuline Academy of Dallas

**OUR STUDENTS COME TO US FROM 30 DIFFERENT
PARISHES, WITH THE FOLLOWING SERVING AS OUR
PRIMARY FEEDER PARISHES:**

Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe

Divine Mercy of Our Lord Catholic Church

St. Augustine Catholic Church

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish in Forney

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

**High schools our students attend that also provide volunteer, financial, and academic support*

The William A. Solemene Charitable Foundation



Thanks to Fr. Jonathan Austin of the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, SPSA was connected with the The William A. Solemene Charitable Foundation in 2018.

Ron Hinds, Tom Pauken, and Lynn Surls are three members of the foundation that have believed deeply in our mission and because of their support, we have been able to award over \$600,000 in tuition assistance to families. **Over the last six years, 163 children have received an SPSA education because of their generosity.** Next year alone, 24 students will benefit from their scholarship support.

The foundation has also been a generous supporter of our Feeding the Children Campaign.

On April 16, 2026, we proudly added Fr. Jonathan Austin and Mr. Lynn Surls to our donor recognition wall. Their impact will be felt for generations to come!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

Bridges Scholarship Recipients



Two of our eighth grade students, Khaye and Saulo, were awarded the Bridges Scholarship, a full four-year scholarship to Bishop Lynch High School.

This prestigious scholarship is awarded annually to two students who demonstrate strong academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities, and a commitment to their school community. In the 20-year history of this scholarship, this is the first time that two students from the same school have been granted this award!

Day of Service



This spring, all of our classes participated in a Day of Service. Some served within our local community, while others traveled across the DFW Metroplex to support nonprofit organizations.



Canned Food Drive



NJHS collected over **800 cans goods** and donated to the Pleasant Grove Food Pantry to help families within our community. Our Kindergarten class alone collected the most with 174 items!

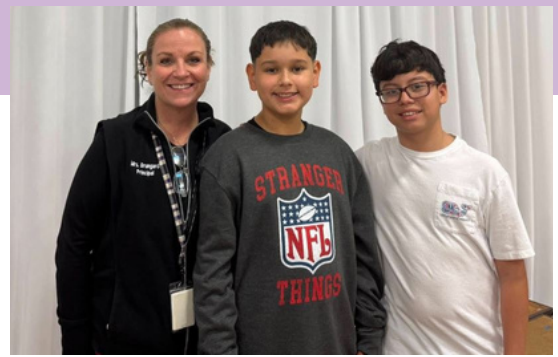
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR



Halloween



Field Trip to Perot Museum



Spelling Bee Winners



Book Drive for Kids



Thanksgiving Fest



Chick-fil-A Family Picnic



Posadas



100th Day of School



Sports Banquet



Career Day



Religion Bowl

SPSA NAMED A 2026 BENEFICIARY OF

*The
Crystal
Charity Ball*

MEDIA COVERAGE

[My Sweet Charity](#)

[The Texas Catholic](#)

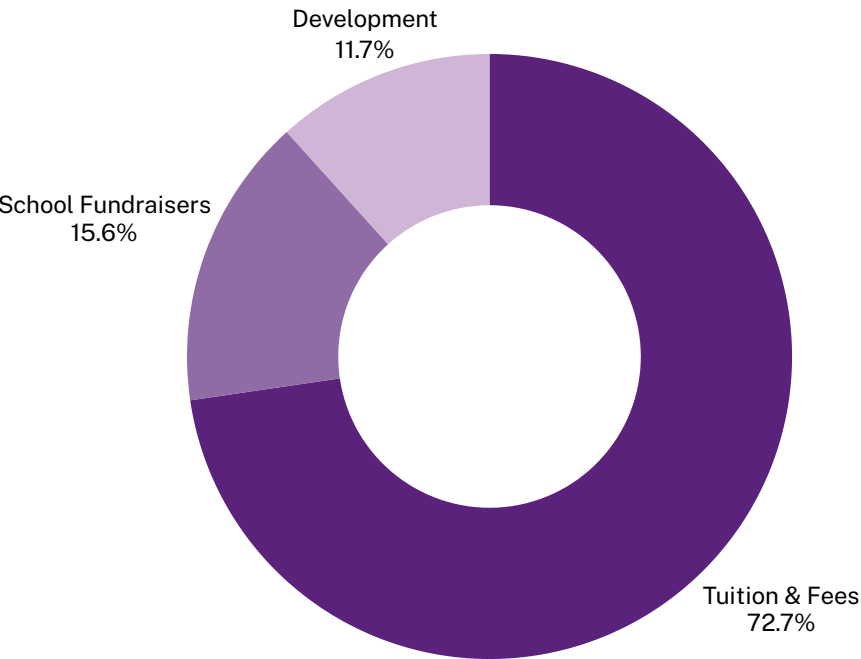
[The Crystal Charity Ball Website](#)



The mission of SPSA is transforming not only the lives of students, but the well-being of entire families in our community. By investing in a fully functioning kitchen and welcoming cafeteria, we are partnering with SPSA to ensure children are nourished, focused, and ready to learn each day. We are honored to be part of a project whose impact will extend far beyond today and create lasting change for SPSA for years to come.

Candace Winslow
CCB Underwriting Chairman

REVENUE STREAMS



70%
of our students attend SPSA on scholarship or financial aid

\$500K+
is awarded yearly to students for tuition assistance and scholarships

16
scholarship and tuition assistance funds support SPSA students annually

SPSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that does not receive annual operating funds from a Catholic Parish or the Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

DEVELOPMENT

Annual Fund | FY 25-26

CAMPAIGNS & EVENTS

- North Texas Giving Day
- Year-End Appeal
- Spring Appeal
- Cornhole Tournament



Highest amount raised for NTxGD and our Year End Appeal



50+ new donors who invested in SPSA this year



Donations received from 10 states

- #### DONOR MAKEUP
- Individuals
 - Family Foundations
 - Corporations
 - Corporate Foundations

DEVELOPMENT

Feeding the Children Campaign

DESCRIPTION

Food insecurity affects **1 in 5 children** in our community, and too many of our students are hungry.

This project will renovate and expand our outdated kitchen and dining facilities, allowing us to participate in federal meal programs and serve nutritious breakfasts and lunches every school day.

By ensuring our students are well-fed, we will ultimately improve their ability to focus, learn, and thrive in the classroom.

GOAL

\$3,945,219

Dining Room &
Kitchen
Construction Costs

\$3,432,170

All Other Costs
\$513,049

FUNDRAISING

To date, we have raised
3,454,671

We are especially grateful to **Lucy and Tom Burns** for hosting a gathering that brought our community together in support of closing our fundraising gap.

We also extend our sincere thanks to **The Catholic Foundation** for connecting us with an **anonymous donor** who is generously **matching up to \$1.45 million** in donations to this campaign.

90%
TO GOAL!



LINK TO BROCHURE

CLASS OF 2026

Graduation Ceremony: May 21, 2026

100% GRADUATION RATE

87%

of our students will attend a Catholic high school in the fall

58%

of our students will attend Cristo Rey Dallas

7 of 8

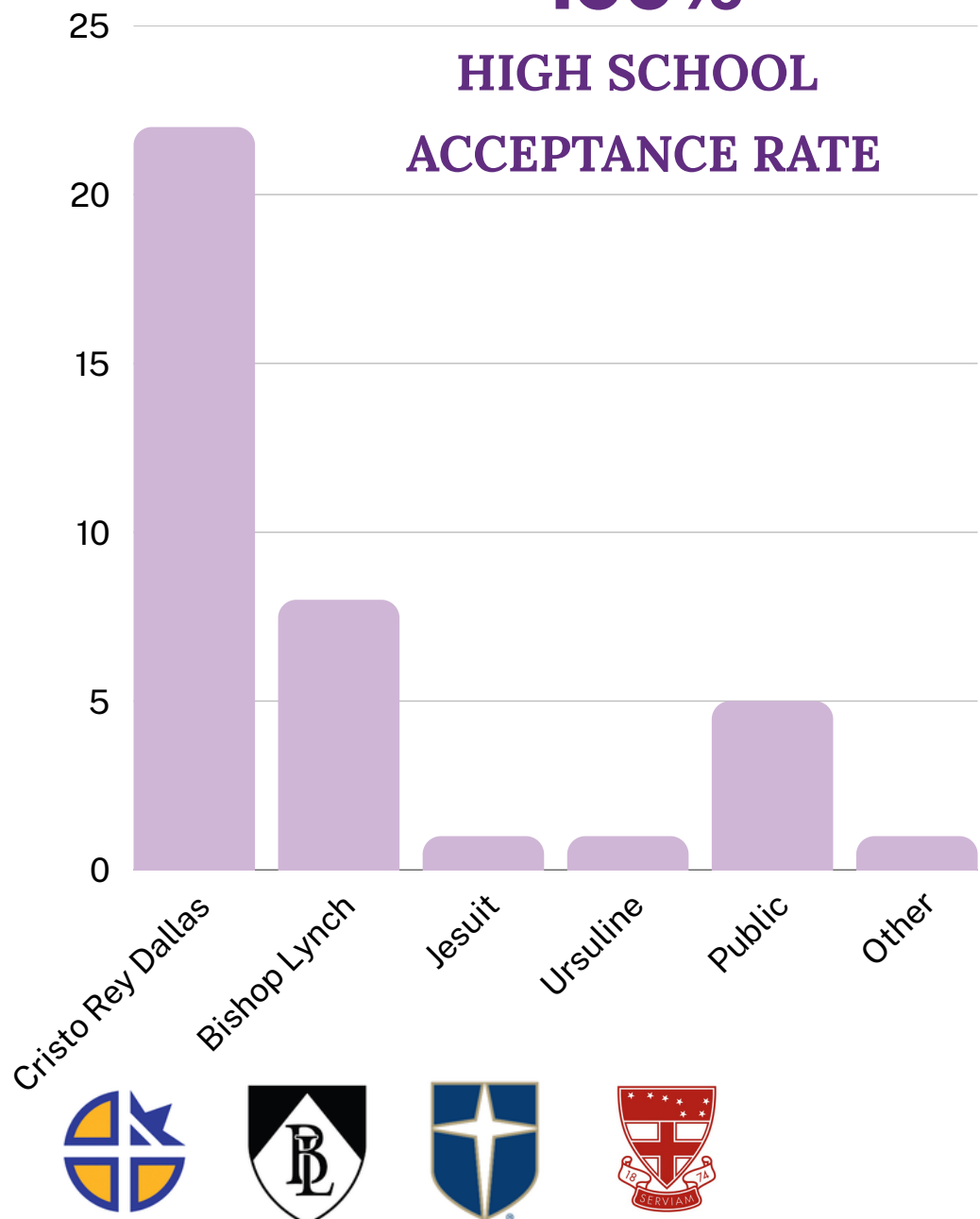
students attending BL received scholarships or financial aid

2 of 5

students are going to public school for early college programs

100%

**HIGH SCHOOL
ACCEPTANCE RATE**



EIGHTH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS



“My favorite memory from this year was The Pines because I got closer to God with the help of the counselors there. Next year, I will miss all the Masses we have here at SPSA and being able to pray to our Lord with my little prayer partner by my side.”

-Khaye B., Bishop Lynch High School



“My favorite memory from this year is going to The Pines for our 8th grade retreat. When I leave SPSA, I will miss all my teachers who believed in me and pushed me to grow and become a better student and friend.”

-Erik R., Jesuit College Preperatory



“My favorite memory from this year was the 8th grade retreat at The Pines. Our class grew closer and I found a deeper connection with God, and saw how God has a plan for my life. I will miss everyone here next year!”

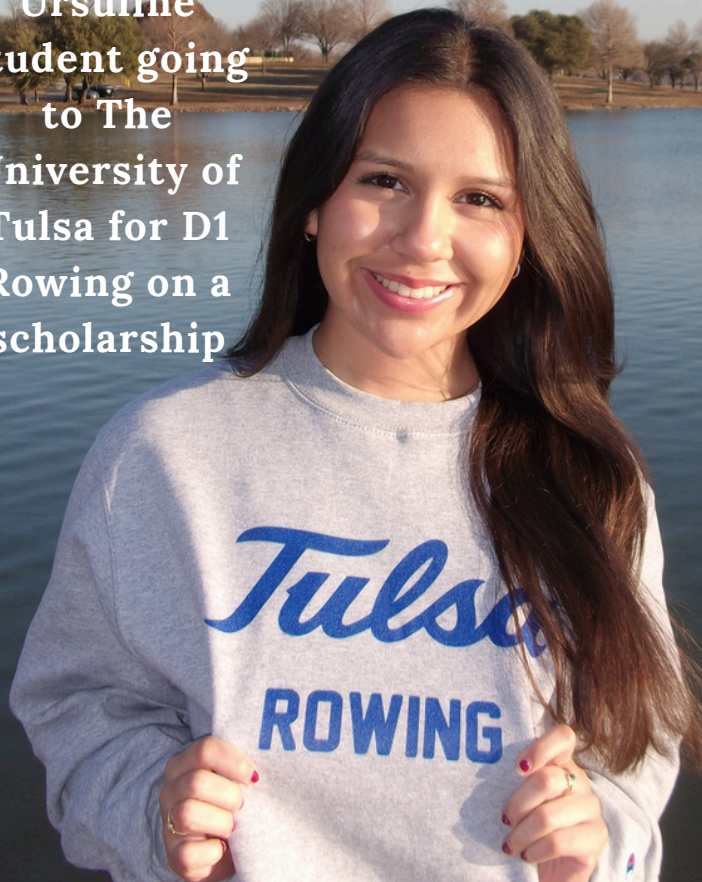
-Hugo B., Cristo Rey Dallas College Prep



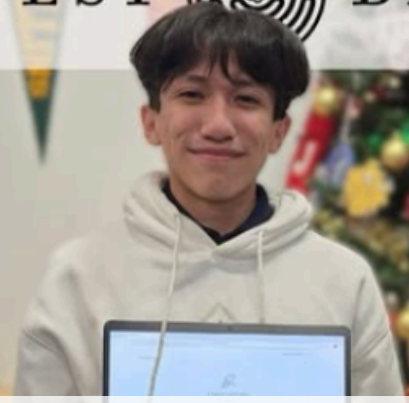
“My favorite memory from this year was Career Day. I have been a Student Ambassador for multiple years, so it meant a lot to welcome the different presenters and help them feel comfortable at our school. I loved learning about different careers and representing our school positively. This year felt extra special because it ended my time as a Student Ambassador.”

-Anngelin M., Ursuline Academy of Dallas

Ursuline student going to The University of Tulsa for D1 Rowing on a scholarship



QUEST BRIDGE



Cristo Rey Dallas student is attending Boston University on a full ride scholarship



OUTSTANDING SPSA ALUMNI



Ursuline student came back to SPSA and served as a student volunteer



Students from the classes of '24 and '25 are now at Cristo Rey Dallas and working at SPSA as part of the Corporate Work Study Program



Jesuit students came back to SPSA and served as Senior Service Volunteers

WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS SAYING

“We love the atmosphere at SPSA! The administration, staff, parents, students, volunteers and board of directors make this one of the prized schools in the entire Diocese. You walk in the front door, and you immediately feel the presence of Christ and sense of love and goodness.” - **The Catholic Foundation**

“When my husband and I first considered where to send our then 3-year-old daughter for her education, we wanted more than just academic excellence. We wanted a place that would nurture her spiritual growth alongside her intellectual development. SPSA Catholic Academy offered that and so much more. We loved the community so much that we have been part of this wonderful community for the past 19 years. The SPSA community is a place where teachers, staff, parents and students come together with a shared purpose: to nurture the whole child and to help them become the best version of themselves. We are grateful for this community that shapes not only the students’ academic journey but also their character and their hearts.” - **Carmen Rivas, Parent**

“SPSA is a special place doing really great things in an underserved neighborhood. It is creating a tremendous opportunity for kids that don’t have a lot of options. The kids that are coming out of SPSA are going to good high schools. They are going to be successful and they will be good productive citizens. That foundation starts young and SPSA helps nurture that desire to be a good community member. If you are interested in getting involved or learning more about the school, go out and visit the school and see the students in action. You will see the magic happen right away.” - **Wilson Schoellkopf, Board Member**

SAVE THE DATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

NORTH TEXAS
GIVING DAY

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North Texas Giving Day is one of our biggest fundraisers and brings our school and donor community together. Our classes compete against each other to raise the most dollars, and we are proud to have 100% faculty and board participation.

FEBRUARY 27, 2027



Join us for our second annual Cornhole Tournament and have fun while supporting our students!

O God,

With grateful hearts, we thank You as St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy celebrates ten years of academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community rooted in faith. You have been our strength and our light each step of the way.

Thank You for blessing our leaders, teachers, families, students, donors, and the Catholic community of Dallas. In every challenge and triumph, You have led us with wisdom and hope.

As we look ahead, continue to light our path. Inspire our educators, ignite curiosity in our students, and strengthen our community in faith and generosity.

Bless the years to come, and may all who walk through our doors shine with compassion, integrity, and trust in You.

Amen.

St. Philip and St. Augustine,

Pray for us!



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