



MOTHER CAROLINE ACADEMY AND EDUCATION CENTER

2023



Mother
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Academy





Our Mission

Mother Caroline Academy and Education Center empowers girls in grades 3-8 to think bigger, bolder, and beyond, through educational excellence, leadership development, and community stewardship in a safe space that fosters social and emotional learning. Our aim is to empower students and families to achieve generational growth and development where all can imagine a future with limitless possibilities.

About Us

Mother Caroline Academy and Education Center is a tuition-free independent school for girls in grades 3-8, serving traditionally under-resourced Boston neighborhoods. Founded in 1993 in the Catholic tradition, the school promotes cultural, religious, and ethnic inclusion that is reflective of Boston's rich diverse communities. Our commitment is to drive active success for the community by providing a holistic approach to education and family services.



Across Three Decades



From our opening and humble beginnings on Bird Street



To transforming the welfare building on Blue Hill Ave into a place of hope



Beginning with grades 5 and 6 when we were founded in 1993



Now accepting students in grades 3-8 with plans to expand to K-8



From current students exemplifying leadership here at MCA



To shaping the future of MCA students by serving on our Board of Trustees

Your Impact

7:1

Student to teacher
ratio at MCA



100%

MCA students who
received individualized
social emotional
support on a weekly
basis

100%

students involved in
Science Club for Girls
after school on a
weekly basis

\$717,000

offered to the class of 2023 in financial
aid and scholarships for high school
over four years



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE CLASS OF 2023



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“I’m truly grateful for the opportunities that Mother Caroline has given me to show my talents. Leaving MCA, I want to leave behind a legacy of hard work and dedication. My advice to others would be to **always be your best self and never give up, no matter what challenges you may face.”**

-Heaven, attending Notre Dame Academy

“Attending MCA has allowed me to experience new opportunities and learn about so many different things. MCA has provided many educational opportunities and friendships. The legacy I am leaving behind is to **always be yourself and not be afraid of failure.** Failure is a part of life and it is critical to growing your mentality and a person in general.”

-Ann-Lissa, attending Buckingham, Browne & Nichols



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The class of 2023 is attending the following high schools:

- Boston Latin School
- Buckingham, Browne & Nichols
- Cristo Rey Boston High School
- Fontbonne Academy
- Notre Dame Academy
- Roxbury Prep
- Woodward School



Over the last 30 years, MCA alumni have transitioned into over 50 high schools in New England and more than 70 colleges and universities around the country. See the full list at www.mcaec.org.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INTERNSHIP

The 7th and 8th graders participated in a week-long internship at Boston Children's Hospital, where they connected with industry professionals and explored career options, marking the beginning of a new spring tradition for the 7th and 8th graders.



ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

The alumni speaker series was launched to provide additional support and mentorship to the 7th and 8th graders at MCA from alumni who walked their same paths.



15 YEARS OF STEP INTO ART

We celebrated another milestone of 15 years of partnership with Step Into Art in 2023, with students exhibiting their work to the MCA community in the Spring.





CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT



Volunteers from Deloitte came together with MCA alumnae to overhaul the Art room on Deloitte's Impact Day. More than 30 volunteers transformed the art room like new and restocked all supplies.

BOSTON CHAPTER OF THE LINKS



The LINKS members joined forces to send our 8th graders off to high school in style, throwing them a "shower" to celebrate their success and providing them with school supplies like laptops (courtesy of Wynn Resorts) and Kindles.



MUSIC PROGRAM EXPANDS

The music program will expand to offer ukulele lessons to all students, as well as new classes for the upper school.



CODING CLASSES RESUME

Thanks to a generous grant provided by the Women's Foundation of Boston, all students will receive coding classes weekly, and the upper school will receive makerspace classes as well.



FARM FOR CITY KIDS IS BACK

A memorable experience for the many MCA alum across the last 30 years, 5th graders at MCA will make the trip to Farm for City Kids in Vermont, reviving a longstanding tradition at MCA for our current students.



*On the
Horizon...*

2024



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Your Impact

Thanks to your generous support, we have been able to not only continue, but also expand our mission of educating girls from Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Roslindale. Your investment in our school is what propels our students forward on the trajectory of reaching their fullest potential, and ensures that our mission will sustain for another 30 years. We hope we can count on your donation again to support programs such as the following:

\$250

Instructional materials for students

\$500

Staff professional development

\$1,000

Field trips & extracurricular activities

\$2,500

Parenting journey & wraparound services

\$5,000

Sponsor an MCAEC student

Join The Founder's Society

With planned giving opportunities at Mother Caroline, anyone can create a lasting legacy for our students. The most common legacy gifts are bequests made in a will, as a beneficiary designation of a retirement fund, or a life insurance policy. If you wish to have Mother Caroline Academy provide you or your attorney with customized beneficiary language that is specific to your goal and interest, please contact Director of Development, Marie Louise Greenidge, or Head of School, Annmarie Quezada. We thank you for considering MCAEC as part of your legacy in your estate plans.



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