



Villa Maria Academy

Honoring Our Past...Building Our Future

Fact Sheet

Who?

Villa Maria Academy is a Catholic, college preparatory high school for girls in grades 9-12. It is a school that has an abiding faith in the power of women to effect good at every level of society.

The school was established in 1872 by the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We serve students from Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. We are the only all-girls school in Chester County. We currently have an enrollment of 447. Our mission is to empower young women to lead lives of spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry, and Christian service. Villa Maria sends 100% of its graduates to four year colleges and universities. Our graduates are on the campuses of UNC Chapel Hill, Boston College, Franklin & Marshal, Villanova, Babson, University of Virginia, Duke, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of Aberdeen (Scotland), University of Notre Dame, Johns Hopkins, USC, NYU and Cornell to name a few.

What?

A campaign to raise \$13 million dollars

We propose to build a new Student Union on our campus. The building will house:

- ◆ A new dining hall
- ◆ Counseling suite
- ◆ Chapel
- ◆ Infirmary
- ◆ Main Office
- ◆ Visitor Center
- ◆ Open collaborative learning space

The project also includes renovations to our existing building, Regina Mundi, to provide more classroom space.

Our current dining room will be converted to a meeting room for school groups and an open flexible learning center for students.

Why?

Moves the dining hall, a main gathering space for students, to the interior of the campus which is safer than where the current hall is located.

Centralizes the visitor check-in, which in turns allows us to better monitor visitors to campus. Student and staff safety is always a priority.

The new space to meet the needs of 21st century learners. The new building will allow for more open collaborative learning spaces.

We are acutely aware of the stress and pressure young people are feeling today. This new building moves our guidance suite, infirmary and chapel in close proximity to each other, allowing the professionals to collaborate when working with students in need of help. We firmly believe this new location of these very important student services will help us nourish our students in mind, body, and spirit. The new counseling suite will allow for some advanced programming in the area of student counseling and wellness.

Larger dining hall will allow for fewer lunch periods, which opens up scheduling for more electives for our students to pursue their passions.

More classrooms allow for smaller class size.

Allows us to centralize our curriculum...dedicating one building to liberal arts studies and one for STEM education.

We are committed to the education of women, and we believe that empowering young women today will provide a better tomorrow for everyone.

We have not built a building on our campus since 2002. This project keeps us competitive in the independent school market.

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