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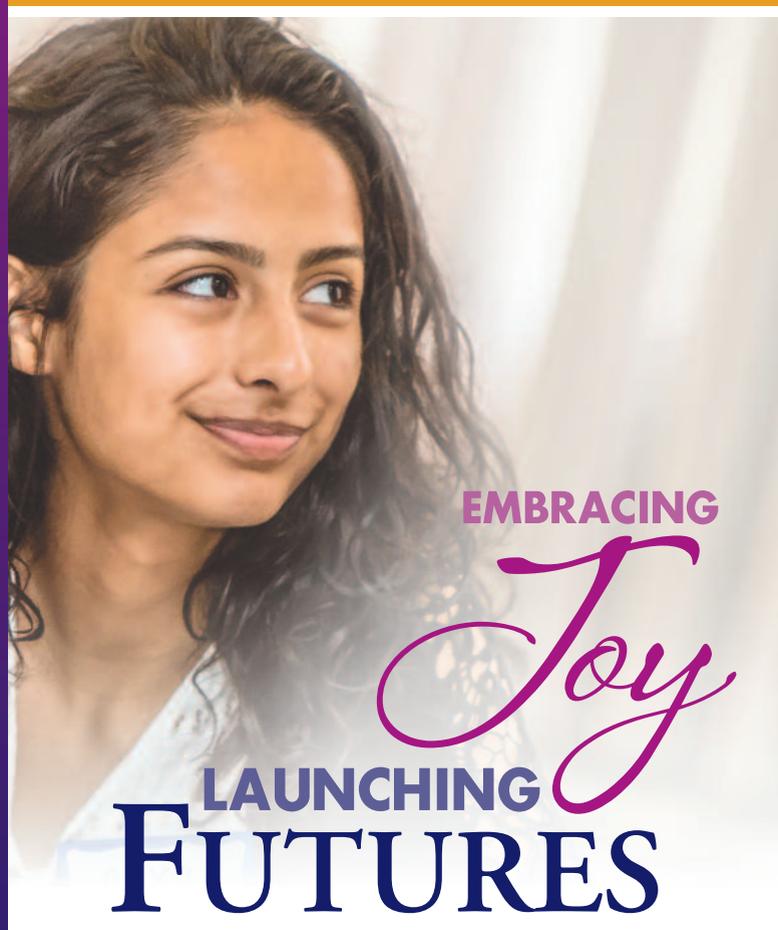
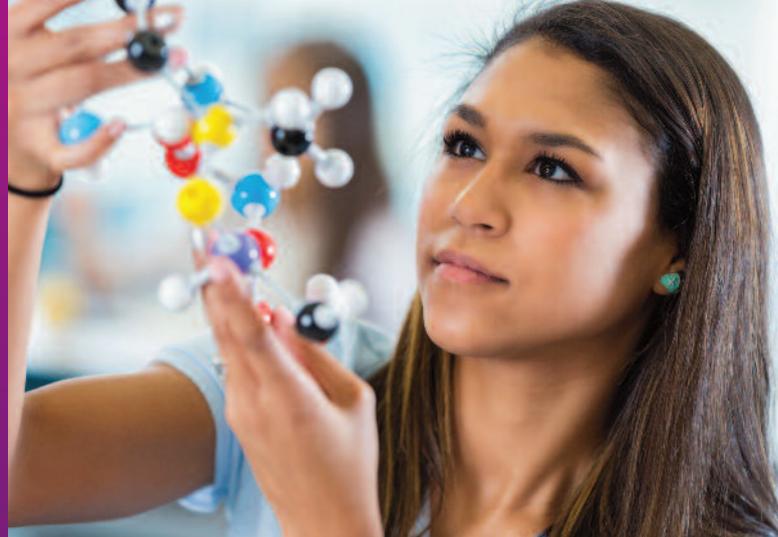
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## OUR STORY

Our Mission is to educate at-risk and underserved young women in the Chicago area to transform lives and launch bright futures. Established in 2001 by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago following the closure of Madonna High School, the Madonna Foundation continues the rich legacy of providing access to high-quality Catholic education. The Foundation is proud of its partnership with five all-girls Catholic high schools in the Chicago area. The Madonna Foundation is the only one of its kind in the region focusing exclusively on serving young women from disadvantaged backgrounds with scholarship support and programming. The philosophy of the Madonna Foundation is that by investing in the education of young women, they can achieve what they may never have thought possible and become the next generation of educated and compassionate leaders.

## OUR FACES OF MADONNA



## THE MADONNA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Madonna Foundation, in addition to providing partial tuition scholarships, offers a variety of dynamic programs throughout the school year. As the Madonna Foundation looks to the future and how to best prepare Scholars in an ever-changing society, our goal is to further enhance our programming to ensure a well-rounded education and success in high school, college, career and in life. The Madonna Foundation educates the whole person by instilling the Franciscan values of Respect, Dedication, Stewardship and Joy. Our programs focus on college and career readiness seminars; leadership and empowerment workshops; spiritual retreats; service learning opportunities and one-on-one tutoring support.

## ABOUT OUR SCHOLARS

Through the generosity of its supporters, the Madonna Foundation helps scholars overcome barriers:

54%

come from single-parent households

80%

come from minority backgrounds

82%

will be the first in their family to attend a four-year, post-secondary institution

100%

of Madonna Scholar families have an average annual per person income of \$7,727

## IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

Because of the commitment of donors and supporters to our Mission, the Madonna Foundation has made a significant impact since its inception in 2001:

Granted  
**1,279**  
scholarships

Awarded  
**\$2,794,595**  
in scholarship funds

Achieved a  
**99.7%**  
graduation rate

Empowered  
**99%**  
to pursue higher education

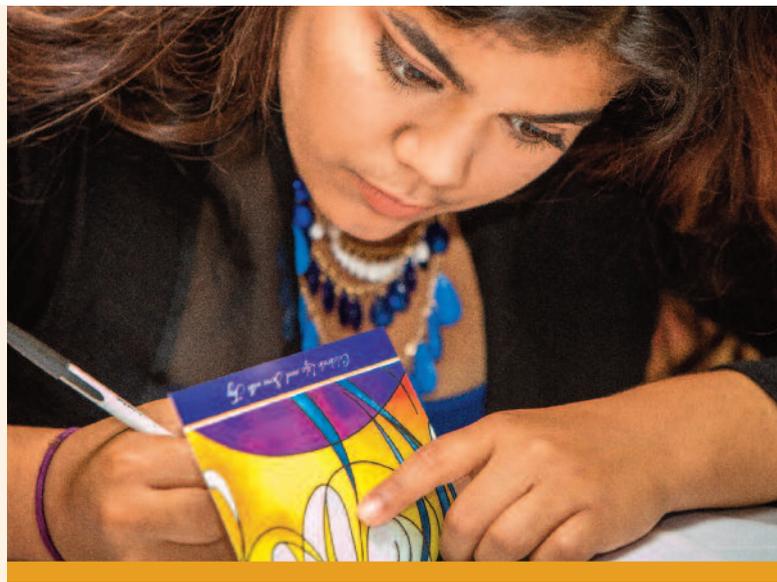
## OUR FUNDING

The Madonna Foundation is committed to maximizing every dollar raised.

**Ninety four cents of every dollar** is spent on program support and scholarships for the Madonna Scholars.

## PARTNER HIGH SCHOOLS

- Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart •
- Resurrection College Prep High School •
  - Trinity High School •
  - Regina Dominican High School •
- Our Lady of Tepeyac High School •



## SHARING THEIR

# Stories

"I believe being a part of the Madonna Foundation means **continuing a legacy left to us by those who wanted to change the lives of others.** Eventually one day we can pay it forward to someone who may be in the shoes we were once in."

————— Melissa

"Madonna encourages young girls **to go beyond their imagination;** helping them to achieve the impossible and figure out who they are for themselves. Madonna is the missing piece to my puzzle."

————— Jada

"This program is full of **opportunities and gifts;** this scholarship offers more than money. It offers the unimaginable; that is why I know it will make a huge impact on my life."

————— Priscilla

"With all the help I will obtain from the Madonna Foundation, **I will become** the first in my family to be a high school graduate and pursue a college degree."

————— Alexis

## SUPPORTING THE LEGACY

**S**usan Schroder (Class of 1962), and Mary Kosinski (Class of 1978), are both graduates of Madonna High School and two of the many supporters of the Madonna Foundation. Susan wants to ensure that the Madonna Scholars receive the same solid educational foundation she did. Mary not only received a superior education at Madonna High School, but a solid set of values that have sustained her throughout her life. With donors like Susan and Mary, the Madonna Foundation **can and does transform lives.**

