

2021

**Fall
Harvest**

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VIRTUAL EVENT



EVENT PROGRAM

2021 VIRTUAL

Fall Harvest

Mother Seton Academy is a tuition-free, independent middle-school located in Baltimore City, MD. We serve 84 disadvantaged boys and girls, from urban, low-income families of all faiths and cultures for over 25 years. Our mission is to provide students, facing social determinants and limited prospects (through no fault of their own), an opportunity for a quality education to help break the cycle of poverty and transform their lives.

Every fall, this event is a part of our fundraising efforts. Unfortunately, once again, we were unable to hold an in-person event safely. But as our largest fundraiser of the year, the money raised helps defray the costs for our students' scholarships is crucial.

After returning from a year and a half of remote learning the school, and our students have faced many challenges. But what makes Mother Seton Academy so unique is the way it faces and works through adversity. Be sure to watch our virtual presentation, where Dr. Gregory Sucre discusses the obstacles that have arisen from remote learning and how he and the teachers have worked to address them so that our students can stay on track for success.

As you watch the virtual presentation, which includes performances by our students, an interview with this year's honoree, Our Lady of the Angels, and listen to Dr. Sucre give an update on how we are proactively addressing the needs of our students, we hope that you will consider making a donation to support our efforts. Because without you, our work would not be possible.

We ask that you consider helping our efforts by purchasing a Ravens Raffle ticket, helping fulfill our teachers' wish list items, or making a donation online today at donatems.org. Your support, no matter the size, changes lives and builds brighter futures.

Mother Seton Academy by the numbers...

89

Percent of operating support funded solely by donations.



15

Maximum number of students per class.



100

Percent of minority students at MSA.



98

Percent of MSA families who qualify for federal free & reduced lunches.



99

Percent of students who go to private or extremely selective high schools.



8

Minimum number of months ahead of grade level MSA students are upon graduating.



99

Percent of MSA alumni who graduate high school.



78

Percent of MSA alumni who go onto college.



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The Story of the Wine Harvest...

Two nuns walk into a bar...now let's see if we can finish this story without getting detention.

The bar was Grand Cru, owned and operated by our good friend Nelson Carey. The nuns were two SSNDs with deep roots in Baltimore; Sr. Charmaine Krohe, past president of Mother Seton Academy and Sr. Catherine "Missy" Gugerty, former Director of the Center for Community Service and Justice at Loyola University. The two Sisters had been using Grand Cru as a meeting spot in their ongoing efforts to solve all of the world's problems. Given how many issues the world actually has, let's just say that the meetings were a regular occurrence.

Nelson, always the gracious host, decided one night to sit down with these loyal customers to find out what they were working so hard on. As a graduate of Loyola University, Nelson was interested in learning more about his alma mater's community service work through Sr. Missy's program. He was particularly interested in the middle school named Mother Seton Academy that was making such great strides in helping the underserved children of Baltimore City.

Nelson was so pleased with what he heard that he promised then and there to help out the Sisters in any way he could. It seems that, in spite of his own Catholic education, Nelson forgot the golden rule – don't make a promise to a couple of nuns in a wine bar unless you intend to keep it.

That was twelve years ago, and though sadly Nelson has passed, his spirit and Grand Cru's partnership with us continue. Thanks to the generosity of Grand Cru, Loyola University, Oliver Brewing, and our many sponsors, we have raised over \$200,000 for Mother Seton Academy.

— The Wine Harvest Committee

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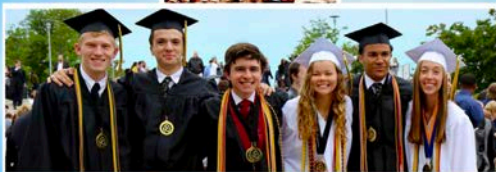
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