

St. Mary's Academy

125th Anniversary
1867- 1992



We Remember
We Celebrate
We Believe



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF OUR TRADITION

Tradition, an inherited pattern of thought or action, is what St. Mary's Academy celebrates after 125 years of service. SMA has served as a cornerstone for thousands of successful young black women, and has a tradition of loyalty, love and sharing.

SCHOOL MOTTO

" No Excellence Without Hard Labor. "

SCHOOL COLORS

Blue and Gold



THE SHIELD

The shield is a symbol of the great interest and protection that St. Mary's holds for her students. It is a helpful guide in students action and affords a brief and simple description of the ideals of Maryites.

The crown symbolizes Our Lady and also the reward for perseverance.

The two stars represent truth and loyalty.

The swords stand for virtue and faith. These are added to show the Maryites are willing to fight for what they believe in.

ALMA MATER

Come students now, with voices clear
Come lend them in your sweetest lays.
Unfurl your blue and gold so dear,
Come, sing your Alma Mater's Praise.

Our Pilot and our Guiding Star,
St. Mary's this, of thee we tell:
Thy students whether far or near,
St. Mary's dear, we love thee well.

St. Mary's truest friend and best.
Thy lessons all shall cherished be.
List to our tribute-You're the best-
St. Mary's-Our Academy-We love thee well.

Words by Mother Francis Borgla, S.S.F.
Music by Sister Marie Juliette, S.S.F.

PEP SONG

Fair Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
Hear us praise thy name.
We'll ever lend our hearts and hands
To help increase thy fame.
The honor of our Alma Mater calls
for loyalty.
So Cheer-rah rah St. Mary's
Girls are out to fight for victory.

A PROUD HERITAGE AND A RICH TRADITION



717 Orleans

St. Mary's Academy was founded on Christian love and dedication by the Sisters of the Holy Family, December 3, 1867. It is one of the oldest high schools in the South.

St. Mary's first opened its doors on Chartres Street as a part of the sisters' convent. It remained here for fourteen years. In 1881 Mother Josephine purchased the new site at 717 Orleans Street. Chronicles state that this building has been the State Legislature, the First District Court, and a cultural center for such dignitaries as the Marquis de Lafayette.

On October 4, 1881 St. Mary's opened its doors at the new site. Soon, Mother Magdalene took over as Superior. Her first act in this position was to change the school's name from St. Mary's School to St. Mary's Academy. The Academy remained at 717 Orleans for eighty-three years.

Later, St. Mary's sought accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In order for this to happen, the school needed to acquire a gymnasium and auditorium. Since there was no adequate space available for the expansion on the Orleans site, the property was sold and in 1964 St. Mary's began constructing a new academy on the grounds that were bought by Mother Austin in 1906.

While construction on the new academy was occurring, St. Mary's high school students were temporarily housed in the old St. Louis Cathedral School on St. Ann Street while seventh and eighth graders were housed in mobile classrooms on the mother house grounds.

Once again, St. Mary's moved. This time it would be like no other for the students of S.M.A. This time St. Mary's would be a modern and spacious plant located at 6905 Chef Menteur Highway. It was completed in 1965 at the cost of one and five-tenths million dollars, and occupying seven acres of land.

The total plant consist of seven buildings: the Administrative and Classroom building, Maria Hall (cafeteria), Austin Gymnasium, the Faculty House and St. Joseph's Center. The Co-op (student center) and Juliette Memorial (the fine arts center) were designed and constructed by the fathers of the Parent-Teachers Association. Our Lady of the Pines Chapel, a dream come true, was dedicated March 2, 1986 which further enlarges the present campus.



6905 Chef Menteur Highway



Dear Maryite Family,

How wonderful it is for us to be a part of the living history of St. Mary's Academy as it celebrates 125 years of educating Christian young ladies to take their roles as leaders! Each of us should take special pride in being: a student, alumna, parent, teacher and supporter of St. Mary's; for we are the building blocks of the future. We are the assurance that the tradition will continue.

As we celebrate, we remember the struggles and hardships. The times of battling for recognition and acceptance. Our students have achieved that recognition and so has the institution. Look to high leadership positions; we are there as state representative and judge. Doctors, lawyers, engineers, city officials and educators abound profusely in the ranks of our alumnae.

Truly we celebrate those alumnae who have given their lives in the service of others through their profession and religious vocation. Maryites know that first of all we are called to be good Christians. We have Mary, the mother of God, as our model. Like Mary, we live lives that bring Jesus to others. We take great pride in the fine, dedicated Christian wives and mothers who have peopled the classes of St. Mary's and who are building the Kingdom here.

As Maryites we believe that all we have accomplished and will accomplish is due to God. We can do all things in Him if we open ourselves to His will. We are confident that the future will be better because we will work to make it better by becoming the best that we can be.

Let us continue to rejoice and celebrate, not for this year only, but each and every day of our lives. We have much for which we are thankful. Our enduring faith, our rich heritage and our deep love of God and all creation, cause us to sing for joy. We will lend our voices in their sweetest lays as we unfurl our blue and gold so dear. St. Mary's our friend, our teacher, our home.

Sincerely yours,

Sr. M. Leona Bruner, S.S.F.
Sr. M. Leona Bruner, S.S.F.



PRINCIPALS OF SMA

Twenty-three principals have graciously given dedication, support, and love to SMA since its beginning in 1867

1867-1881	1881-1885	1891-1896	1909 (4 month)	1915-1919
Mother Josephine	Mother Magdalen	Sr. M. Joseph	Sr. M. Catherine	Sr. Thomas
Mother Magdalen	1885-1891	1896-1909	1909-1915	
Sr. Elizabeth Brady	Mother Austin	Mother Elizabeth Bowie	Sr. M. Dominica	



Sr. M. Dolores

1919-1925

Sr. M. Sebastian

1925-1929



Sr. M. Ann

1929-1930

Sr. M. desAngeles

1930-1931



Mother M. F. Borgla

1931-1937

and

1943-1947

Sr. M. Victory

1937-1938



Sr. M. Boniface

1938-1943



Sr. M. Esperance

1947-1948



Sr. M. Rosetta

1948-1959



Sr. M. Reginald

(Sr. Jean Caner)

1959-1961



Sr. M. Helena

1961-1962



Sr. M. Demetria

1962-1990



Sr. M. Leona Bruner

1990-

Here we pay tribute to their loyal and prosperous works.



September 1992

GREETINGS!

It is with deep joy and gratitude that I extend warm congratulations to Sr. Leona, Principal of St. Mary's Academy, the Sisters of the Holy Family, the devoted Clergy and Laity, the Staff, Parents, and Students on this the One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of its establishment.

We are appreciative and proud of the record of St. Mary's Academy throughout the years. With you we remember, those who have gone before and have struggled to make this dream come true. In 1867, the Sisters of the Holy Family were determined to meet a real educational need. In 1992, they can look back with gratitude and satisfaction on all that they have accomplished, with God's help, for the African American Women in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

As you celebrate your 125 years you know that you are very much alive and thus look hopefully to the future. As a community of Faith, move forward confident that the Lord will continue to bless your efforts.

We rejoice and celebrate with you!

Sincerely yours in Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mother M. de Chantal St. Julien

Mother M. de Chantal St. Julien



Making Beautiful Music For



125 Years

We've Come A Long Way Baby



State of Louisiana
House of Representatives



Regular Session, 1992

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVES WARREN, ALARIO, ACKAL, ADLEY, A. ALEXANDER, R. ALEXANDER, ARMSTRONG, BERGERON, T. CARTER, W. CARTER, CHAISSON, COOLEY, COPELIN, CRANE, DASTUGUE, DEVILLE, DIXON, DOERGE, DONELON, DURAND, ELLINGTON, FORSTER, GREEN, GUIDRY, GUZZARDO, HEBERT, HOLDEN, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, JENKINS, LALONDE, LANCASTER, LANDRIEL, LONG, MCCLEARY, MCFERREY, MELANCON, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, MURRAY, PATTI, PIERRE, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, RIDDLE, RUSSO, SIMPKINS, SINGLETON, JOHN SMITH, SAM THERIOT, THEUNISSEN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TRAVIS, WARNER, WESTON, AND WILKERSON AND SENATOR BAGNERIS



A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend St. Mary's Academy of New Orleans on its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Academy in New Orleans was founded on December 3, 1867, by the Sisters of the Holy Family and is one of the oldest schools in the South; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Academy was originally housed in a building on Chartres Street, but in 1881 it was moved to the historic Quadroon Ballroom at 717 Orleans Street, notable in Louisiana history for having also been used to house the state legislature and the First District Court, and as a cultural center visited by such dignitaries as the Marquis de Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, St. Mary's Academy moved from the Quadroon Ballroom to reside temporarily in the Old St. Louis Cathedral School on St. Ann Street, and in 1965 it was moved to its current location at 6905 Chef Menteur Highway; and

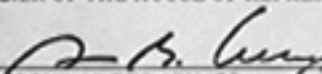
WHEREAS, St. Mary's Academy is committed to the threefold purpose of Catholic Education, consisting of message, community, and service, and the academy strives to promote an integration of religious truths and values while working to build a faith community; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Academy believes in the education and formation of the whole person: spiritually, physically, culturally, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and aesthetically; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Academy is recognized throughout the country for its outstanding academic program, and St. Mary's graduates have gone on to become highly accomplished citizens of Louisiana and the nation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend St. Mary's Academy on its commitment to the education and spiritual development of the young women of New Orleans and congratulates St. Mary's Academy on its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary.


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



State Representative
Naomi White Warren
Class of 1965

Always
Depicting Refined
Young Ladies



Uniforms Have Changed But Not Our Spirit



Memories Of



Classleaders of '57-'58. Left to right, back row: Mirna Janette Schenck, Dorothea Fields, Pamela Davillier, Gayle Lange, Marie Ann Trickett; front row: Carolyn Llado, Myrna Ruiz, Emma Clausen, Captain, Adelaide Bakum, and Carol Ann Lamb.





Times Gone By

Today The Tradition





Continues On

Cherish The Tradition



*ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
GRADUATING
CLASS
OF
1912*

1892 - See How Things Have Changed

The ground adjoining the Mother-house was for years occupied by a theatre, the walls of which were three feet from the chapel and altar. This was a source of annoyance and grief to the Sisters, who prayed to God that in His own good way and time would send relief. Their prayers were not in vain: for one night a fire broke out which destroyed the theatre. On that same ground stands to-day St. John Berchmans' Orphan Asylum.

An interesting figure must not be omitted from this sketch, that of Mother Magdalen, the faithful and zealous assistant to Mother Josephine, who devoted herself so assiduously for the success and propagation of the Sisters of the Holy Family. After years of labor and self-sacrifice she died a happy death, Nov. 9, 1891.

R. J. P.

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Gloria Gougis Hebert
1941



Doris Gougis Brown
1942



Elise Cousin Gougis 1912



Lois Gougis Taplin Bronz
1943



Doris Brown
Jones 1968



Francine Taplin
Short 1968



Karen Brown
Merrick 1969



Kimbel Birdlow
1997

***HAPPY 125TH BIRTHDAY TO
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
FROM THE GOUGIS FAMILY***

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
ON THE SUCCESS OF
YOUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY**



**Rose Ledet
Class of 1975**

CONGRATULATIONS

TO
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
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THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY
AT
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ON YOUR 125 YEARS OF

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

AND COUNTING...

In Loving Memory of
Sister Ann Julie Burney, S.S.F.



You are in our hearts and in our prayers.

Sr. Benjamin Auzenne
Sr. Anthony Allen
Sr. Frances Gonzales
Sr. Jeannette Lazare
Sr. Jean Martinez




***GOD'S BLESSINGS
AND
CONGRATULATIONS***

**ST. MARY'S
ACADEMY**



**ON "125 YEARS" OF
QUALITY EDUCATION**

***ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CONVENT
COMPTON, CALIFORNIA***



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ACADEMY**



**ON YOUR
125 YEARS
OF**



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QUALITY EDUCATION**

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to
Saint Mary's Academy for celebrating
125 years of commitment to quality
Education in New Orleans



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Lucille Moore Mathews
Class of 1929

Some of my happiest memories are the years spent at St. Mary's Academy.

May the dear Lord continue to shower His blessings on SMA.



CONGRATULATIONS

To

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

On Your

125 Years of Excellence in

Education

SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones,
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over
Every restless tossing passed
I am now at peace forever
Safely home in Heaven at last

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread,
And with Jesus' arm to lean on
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so surely
For I love you dearly still.
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting
Oh, the joy to see you come!



RENIESE MICHELLE CUMMINGS ALBERT

AUGUST 11, 1970 - JANUARY 28, 1992

CLASS OF 1988



RANAUDA MONIQUE CUMMINGS ALBERT

CLASS OF 1991

THANKS TO MY SISTER RENISE FOR

Reaching out, letting me in,
Believing in me, making me laugh,
Letting me cry, understanding,
Letting me share your faith,
Recognizing my talents,
Forgiving my faults, and mostly—
Not letting me give up!

I love you and I miss you

**CONGRATULATIONS
AND
A VERY SPECIAL THANKS
TO
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY**

Gloria Jean Pinkney Ambrose

Jacqueline Rapheal Bonnee

Marie Moore Boyd

Myrna Harris Cassimere

Joan Cohn Foy

Grace Flenoy Harrison

Beverly Demasilere Llorens

Ennis McKenney Pepin

**and
all other members
of
The Class of 1955**

CONGRATULATIONS
TO
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
ON YOUR 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

"OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU ALWAYS!"

HERMAN J. SAUL

THE LATE LOUISE SAUL

ANNA LOIS SAUL, CLASS OF 1958

PATRICIA JOYCE SAUL, CLASS OF 1963

MARGARET ETHEL SAUL, CLASS OF 1967

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FROM***



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SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY
AND
PEOPLE OF GOD SALUTE YOU
ON YOUR 125TH BIRTHDAY**

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JOIN US AT THE 8 A.M. OR 10 A.M. MASS*

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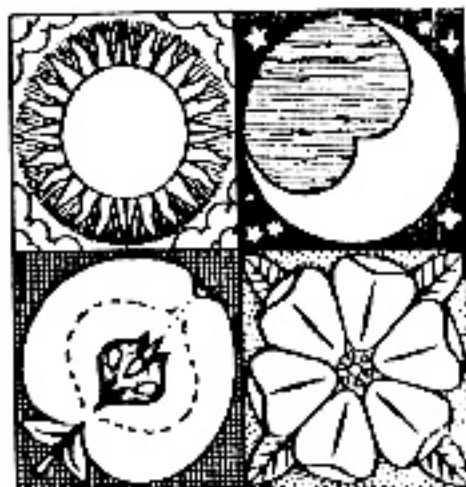
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To
St. Mary's
For
125 Years of Excellence
From
St. Augustine High School

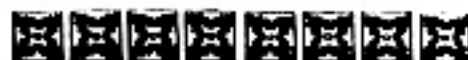


CONGRATULATIONS SAINT MARY'S ACADEMY
FOR ONE HUNDRED & TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE



For everything there is a season, and
a time for every matter under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



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**HAPPY 125TH ANNIVERSARY SMA
FROM THE
CLASS OF 1965**

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

TO THE
SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY
ALUMNAE, STAFF, AND STUDENTS
OF
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
ON
ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY
AND
UPON BEING
A MAJOR MILESTONE
IN EDUCATING
YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN



Blessed Katharine Drexel
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(S.M.A. CLASS OF '69)

IT'S OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY !



Alumnae Officers: (Left to right) Ione Bertrand '45, Vice President; Mary Mayo '45, Corresponding Secretary; Shirley Boykin '60, President; Cecile Mickens '62, Financial Secretary (Other Officers are Alana Miller '70, Recording Secretary; Ramona Jupiter '45, Chaplain.



(Left to Right, Standing) Trudy Sellers '71, Gail Johnson '66, (Left to Right, Seated) Judith Dickerson '62, Shirley Blunt '66, Concepcion Tregre '66, Rhonda Jones '67, Cecile Mickens '62.



Grads singing in at meeting: Marguerite Garrison '35, Trudy Sellers '71, Myra Young '51, Alana Miller '70, Aloma Hutchison '65, Gretta Burns '48.



(Left to Right) Shirley Boykin '60, Pearl Cantrell '65, Clarice Kirkland '65, Aloma Hutchison '65.

***THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SMA
EXTENDS OUR MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE TO
THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY FOR
THEIR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE..***

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
FROM**

Gina Fleury Durand '77 and Danielle Fleury Sims '79

125 years and still going strong - striving for excellence in education.

PRESENT

PAST



CONGRATULATIONS

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY ON YOUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY

FROM

THE SIMS, TILLMAN, COOPER FAMILY

**Annann Cooper Sims '82
Diane Sims Tillman '63
Meridan Xavia Cooper '87**



CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MARY'S ACADEMY FOR 125 YEARS

*THANK YOU FOR THE CARING AND LOVING ENVIRONMENT THAT PROVIDED A
SUPERIOR EDUCATION TO OUR DAUGHTERS*



THE JEAN FAMILY
RAYNICE
AND
PATRICE
CLASS OF 1989

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MARY'S
ON 125 YEARS

SISTERS THAT ARE GRADUATES

THE LOMBARDS

SHEILA 1972
JANET 1973
MARILYN 1974
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AND
BEST WISHES
ON YOUR
125TH ANNIVERSARY
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with the gifts to afford the
opportunity of education to
the New Orleans Community."***

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Director, Educational Opportunity Fund

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**Rep. Renee Gill Pratt
District. 91**

CONGRATULATIONS S.M.A.

FROM

THE ST. CHARLES SISTERS

(Left to Right)

Olga St. Charles Hansard '57

Hazel St. Charles Dobard '47

Joan St. Charles Ennis '49

Antoinette St. Charles Smith '55

Carol St. Charles Wade '62





S.M.A.'s MISS 1941
BERNICE RIGARD LOGAN

YOU NEVER REALLY LEAVE A PLACE YOU LOVE
PART OF IT YOU TAKE WITH YOU,
LEAVING PART OF YOU BEHIND.
MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE
SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY
AND MY FELLOW SCHOOLMATES
FOR THE LOVE, SUPPORT AND
FRIENDSHIP I EXPERIENCED AT
ST. MARY'S.
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS
THE SISTERS, THE STUDENTS
AND THIS GREAT SCHOOL.

CONGRATULATIONS
AND
CONTINUED BLESSINGS ON
YOUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY
FROM
HOLY GHOST CONVENT
720 N. UNION ST
OPELOUSAS, LA. 70570

*CONGRATULATIONS ON 125 YEARS OF PROVIDING
QUALITY EDUCATION IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT.*



Gena Reine Class 1982



Susan Reine
Class of 1987

CONGRATULATIONS SMA

"I have grown with you and
have passed the tradition
on to my daughter."

Concepcion Costa Tregre '66

and

Grace Marie Tregre Acker '88



From
Wendell and Diane Dupuy
25th
Anniversary

Thank You
St. Mary's Academy
For
125 Years Of
Excellence



*CONGRATULATIONS TO
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
FROM THE CLASS OF '66*

(From Top To Bottom)

Lydia M. Allen

Sheila Augustine

Linda G. Basil

Shirley Desoir Blatt

Kathleen M. Dannel

Ann Varret Guillory

Jetta Epson Jackson

*Scheherazade Weber Jackson

Sandra Powel Martinez

LaVergne Damas Pierre

*Fredia Reed Reed

Sandra Jones Roberts

Diane Shuman

Concepcion Costa Tregre

*Picture not available





Congratulations
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
 on your
125th ANNIVERSARY
 from

MYRA NARCISSE-YOUNG - Class of 1951

SHELLY YOUNG - Class of 1977

PENNY YOUNG-JOHNSON - Class of 1979

BONNIE YOUNG - Class of 1982

May the tradition continue!!!

A FAMILY AFFAIR

KEEPING THE ST. MARY'S TRADITION ALIVE

CONGRATULATIONS

TO

KEISIA NANETTE GALMON CLASS OF '93

DEBORAH RODGERS PATTERSON CLASS OF '77

FROM

MR. & MRS. CARL GALMON

THE BENOIT & RODGERS FAMILIES

AND

TIANNA FONTENETTE "SMA '95"





"Here's to
another
125 years!"

SMA sure made a difference
in our lives

Kim Y. McCormick, CPIW
Class of '74

Karen McCormick - Zachary
Class of '80

***CONGRATULATIONS
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
ON YOUR
125TH ANNIVERSARY***

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(504) 482-5979

***BEST WISHES ON YOUR
125TH ANNIVERSARY***

BYNUM'S PHARMACY
Prescriptions - Clinic in store
3840 St. Bernard Ave.
New Orleans, LA. 70122
(504) 288-4829
and
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New Orleans, LA. 70121
(504) 949-8629

CONGRATULATIONS

FROM

LAFON NURSING HOME

**SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY
6900 CHEF MENTEUR HWY
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70126
(504) 246-0864**

**MY VERY
BEST WISHES & CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR
125TH ANNIVERSARY
FROM
STATE SENATOR DIANA BAJOE
DISTRICT #5**



**412 S. Liberty St.
New Orleans, LA - 70115
(504) 568-7760**

**CONGRATULATIONS ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
ON YOUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY FROM
DELILLE INN**

Delille Inn is designed to provide a new concept in living for persons 62 years and older as well as the handicapped or disabled. Each resident is offered privacy, independence and opportunities to participate in a variety of activities with persons of similar age and interest.

Delille Inn is located at 6924 Chef Menteur Hwy. It is sponsored and staffed by the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of New Orleans.

The five-story structure has 38 one-bedroom and 13 efficiency apartments. Delille Inn contains administration offices, coffee shop, gift shop, laundry and multi-purpose building.

Delille Inn has a security staff, a paging system, door alarms and is equipped with emergency power and is 100 percent sprinklered.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
ON YOUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY
WITH LOVE,**

FROM:

**SHIRLEY THOMAS BOYKIN '60
* CLARICE THOMAS KIRKLAND '65
* GERALDINE THOMAS RIGAUD '66
* BLANCHE THOMAS McCLINTON '69
WENDY THOMAS BAQUET '82**

*** Attended SMA for 12 years**

**CONGRATULATIONS SMA
ON 125 YEARS**

"We are proud to be a part of it."



**VERA FERNANDEZ NORMAN 1952
BERYL NORMAN DOUCETTE 1982**

**CONGRATULATION SMA
AND BEST WISHES**



AUNT & NIECE

BRENDA ROUSSELL WILLIAM, '64

MARLO ANN ROUSSELL, '87

**BEST WISHES
TO MY
ALMA MATER**

**EUNICE SMITH LALLANDE, 42
LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA**

CONGRATULATIONS

**ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
FOR 125 YEARS DEDICATED
TO QUALITY EDUCATION
IN NEW ORLEANS**


William J. Jefferson
Member of Congress

CONGRATULATIONS

THE DELAY SISTERS



LOLITA, 47

DELORES, '39

CORNELIA, '36

**BEST WISHES
SMA**

From
MICHELLE NICOLE COLLINS
ON
YOUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY



**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
125TH ANNIVERSARY**

Jo-Ann Celestine Berzat
Class of 1959
Lynwood, California

***BEST WISHES TO
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY***
From

Sr. Laurita S.S.F.
St. John Berchmans Child Development Center

CONTINUED BLESSINGS

Geraldine Jones Bordenave
Class of 1942
Los Angeles, California

**CONGRATULATIONS
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY**

Mr. Trophy Inc.
621 Harmony St.
New Orleans, LA. 70115

***BEST WISHES
ON YOUR
125TH ANNIVERSARY***

Marguerite Garrison, 1935
Reine Garrison, 1939
Elizabeth G. Adams, 1948

**BEST WISHES
ON YOUR
125TH ANNIVERSARY**

CASSANDRA INNISS McGEACHY

*Congratulations on your first 125 years
and
Best Wishes for Many, Many More!*

**Councilmember Jackie Clarkson
City Council, District C**

*ST. MARY'S ACADEMY CELEBRATES
125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
1867 - 1992*

**Congratulations SMA
Dolores Dunn Francis
Class of 1947**

Congratulations SMA
**Mrs. Myrtle Mason Wilson
Los Angeles, California**

*CONTINUED BLESSINGS
LAQUISHA DOUCETTE*

Congratulations on your 125 years
**GRACE HEATH ARMANT
1931-1933**

Congratulations on celebrating 125 years
**Tracy M. Pinion, '91
Tasisha L. Pinion, 93**

*Congratulations for 125 years of
Excellence - St. Mary's Academy*
Gretta Roque Burns - Class of 1948

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**Lebanon, Kentucky
Ted, Mary Jane and Jeffery**

BEST WISHES SMA
**Louise Dohard Kaufman, Laurie Kaufman Hassan,
Melisa Kaufman Cheston, Kristie Aimee Kaufman**

PATRONS

**Jenene G. Bartley
Marie Moore Boyd
Sr. Edward Vincent Duge S.S.F.
Melanie Marie Falls
Jeannette Hullum**

**Danayn Elise Hypolite
Wendy Johnson
Earline Wilson LaMotte
Valerie Ann Newman
Nelka Johnson Smith**



My dear Maryite Family,

We share a tradition that is 125 years old. There are bonds among us that can never be severed from the mere fact that we are members of the same family - the Maryite Family. It is so heartwarming to see so many alumnae return "home" to once again become emersed in their roots and to share their experiences along life's journey with us.

We are excited about this special Maryite "family reunion" because there is much to celebrate and much for which to be thankful. God has blessed us with a tremendous heritage that is filled with pride and success; and He continues to bless us with young women who want to forge ahead in spite of society's lack of support of Christian values today. With God's grace we hope to continue the strong tradition of St. Mary's Academy in forming beautiful Christian women to become responsible citizens in this city, state, and country.

Our alumnae are a testament to the success of the academy's educational system and they also play an important role in helping to educate our youth here at S.M.A. today. They serve as tremendous role models to our present students who may be finding it difficult to stand up against what our hedonistic society offers to them as THE WAY to happiness. Every time our alumnae come "home" they inspire the present student body to strive for excellence and demonstrate to them that Christian values and love of God are the roads to true happiness and success. We here at St. Mary's Academy are grateful to the alumnae for their continuous concern for those coming after them.

Of course, we cannot fail to mention the contributions of all members of the Maryite family. Our parents, teachers, staff, present students, and friends make St. Mary's the great institution it is known to be. All are so supportive of activities, functions and policies of the school. Many donate their time and talents for the benefit of the students. A school is only as great as its members and St. Mary's is successful because of the contributions of each and every person in our Maryite family.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each member of our family for your constant and generous support, encouragement and unselfish giving. We want you to know that St. Mary's Academy is still "home away from home." Thank you for passing on such a wonderful heritage and a proud 125 years of great tradition.

Sincerely in J.N.J.,
Sister Alicia Costa, S.S.F.
Sister Alicia Costa, S.S.F.
Assistant Principal

