

2020-2021

ANNUAL REPORT

Assumption
College
for Sisters



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Born from the heart of Mother Pauline

Photo: ACS Chapel

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friend of Assumption College for Sisters,

Welcome to our "Year in Review"! You have been so faithful in following us during these challenging times and as you experience our accomplishments vicariously, you can be sure that we recognize you as an integral part of our mission to "Teach a Sister...Touch the World."

This time last year, we were convinced we would not have any incoming international students, but we were fortunate to enroll the 6 new students hailing from Vietnam and Mozambique.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we were able to conduct classes in person, making a few exceptions for individual needs—all in keeping with the protocol required by the NJ Department of Higher Education.

Again, thanks to your faithfulness and generosity, we hosted a virtual Gala which was the most successful ever.

We were able to have a great graduation celebration, beginning with Mass at St. Mary's Church, Denville, and concluding with Mayor Andes proclaiming each graduate as an "honorary citizen of Denville."

In general, throughout the year, you, our friends, were so very supportive. We keep reminding ourselves that "God is in charge" and we look forward to increased activity throughout the 2021-2022 academic year.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers and we promise our prayers for you each day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sister Joseph Spring, S.C.C.".

SISTER JOSEPH SPRING, SCC - ACS PRESIDENT



FINANCIALS **Fiscal Year:** July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

INCOME:

67%
Fundraising

9%
Tuition

6%
Grants

4%
Scholarship
Donations

7%
Other

12%
Legacy
Gifts

EXPENSES:

52%
Salaries &
Benefits

5%
Advancement

5%
Technology

2%
Instructional
Materials

22%
Facilities &
Occupancy

14%
Other

GOVERNANCE

2020 - 2021

Members

Sister Joann Marie Aumand, SCC,
Sister Patrice Owens, SCC
Sister Esther Falzone, SCC

Board of Trustees

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Stephanie Bennett-Smith, Ph.D.
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Thank you to our 2021 Honorees



**Education
Award**
Rev. Daniel
O'Mullane



**Servant Leader
Award**
Assumption College
for Sisters Board of
Trustees



**Family Life
Award**
Paul & Anne Krump

"I thank my God whenever I think of you
and every time I pray for you,
I pray with joy." PHILIPPIANS 1:3

OUTCOMES

100% 20 449 63

Graduation Rate

Scholarships Awarded 2020/21

AA Degrees Awarded Since 1955

Certificates in Theology Awarded Since 1983

IMPACT OF GRANTS

- New Commercial Ranges
- New Language Lab Computers
- New Whole Home Generator



13 Countries National Origin

Brazil	Latvia
Cameroon	Mexico
El Salvador	Peru
Honduras	Tanzania
Indonesia	Vietnam
Kenya	US
Uganda	

15 Communities

Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco
 Daughters of Our Lady of the Visitation
 Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
 Lovers of the Holy Cross TT
 Lovers of the Holy Cross NT
 Lovers of the Holy Cross PD
 Sisters of Divine Vocation
 Opera Mater Orphanorum
 Sisters of Providence of Portieux
 Franciscan Sisters of Saint Elizabeth
 Franciscan Sisters of Saint Bernadette
 Sisters of Christian Charity
 Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix
 Sisters of St. Joseph of Mombasa
 Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus of Buea

IMPACT OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP & FUNDRAISING

- Twenty international Sister students were offered full scholarship including room and board
- Window replacements were installed on the second floor of the residence
- Carpets and laminate flooring were professionally cleaned

CHALLENGES

- **Scholarship funding** - International Sister students come from developing nations
- **Academic achievement** - Recruitment of volunteer tutors is essential for student success
- **Academic scheduling** - Immigration restrictions and VISA issues cause conflicts
- **Facility maintenance** - Older building in need of updates

RECENT LOSSES

God called home to Himself the following persons who have made a difference in our lives. May GOD give them lasting peace.

- **Eve Shea**, friend, tutor and benefactor
- **Raymond Donovan**, friend and benefactor
- **Sister Yovitha Haule, OSB**, alum-class of 2010, and ministering in an orphanage in Tanzania

MISSION STATEMENT

Impelled by Christ's love, Assumption College for Sisters, through Education and Community, forms servant leaders who transforms lives.

Teach a Sister...Touch the World

In fulfilling this mission, the College is guided by Institutional Goals:

INTEGRATED RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FACT: Throughout its history, Assumption College for Sisters has consistently maintained its focus and distinctive mission of educating women religious. By providing sound theology and philosophy courses in an atmosphere of integrity and shared vision, the administration and faculty strive to enhance the religious formation of the students within the context of their own distinctive community charisms.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Despite the limitations of the pandemic and the challenges encountered in international travel, ACS welcomed 20 Sisters from developing nations on full scholarship.
- International students shared culture and music during the Tet holiday.
- 2021 Graduates, representing 6 countries of origin, prepared liturgical music reflecting their cultures.
- First year students shared the history, charism and ministries of their congregations.



LEADERSHIP

FACT: ACS strives to form women who will be a light for the world and a leaven in society. Whatever form their service may take, Assumption's students need to be prepared to assume the responsibility of Christian leadership and the commitment to bring, through countercultural witness, the Gospel message to God's people.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- At the time of the Caring Basket Gala, international resident students voiced to the audience how ACS has prepared them for future ministries.
- Via video, alumni shared with viewers of Virtual Gala, their current positions in their congregations, some of which include teaching at the college level, preparing young women in formation for their congregation, founding a non-profit to help the youth and elderly.
- St. Vincent College, Latrobe PA invited scholarship recipients to be Campus Ministers.

SERVICE

FACT: Service, central to Christian discipleship, is an essential aspect of ACS. Students are expected to avail themselves of opportunities to prepare for a life of service in the Church.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ACS students from USA based congregations actively participate in the ministries of their congregations as classroom aides and catechists.
- International resident students participate in local and parish activities as well as household maintenance and outdoor gardening.



COMMUNITY

FACT: Community, founded on service and respect for each person's dignity, ranks among Assumption's most cherished values. Intrinsic to its heritage, the College strives to further the vision of Blessed Pauline and the spirit of Christian Charity she imparted to her Sisters.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Each Sister student actively participates in the community life of her congregation.
- International resident students at ACS, representing five countries of origin and ten religious congregations worked harmoniously on various projects and participated in many events.
- Local groups of friends and benefactors from Denville, Mendham and Long Valley, visited (Covid restriction adhered to) and enjoyed the company of the students
- At graduation, the mayor of Denville, Thomas Andes, issued a proclamation to each graduate, making each an "Honorary Citizen of Denville."



SOCIAL JUSTICE

FACT: Growing out of a firm belief in the dignity of each person, faculty and students at ACS strive to see the face of Jesus in all. They seek ways to embrace the poor and eliminate systems of oppression worldwide.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- International resident students prepared wine bags to be sold to benefit Village Angels of Tanzania.
- Each Friday during Lent students gathered in the ACS Chapel to pray the rosary to end abortion.
- Catholic Social Teaching was incorporated into the curriculum of the Moral Theology course and students enacted various scenarios portraying the teachings.



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Administration, Faculty and staff of ACS, who despite the challenges of the pandemic, made in-person learning possible throughout the entire academic year.
- The ACS Board of Trustees who provided, built and crafted what was needed to provide in person instruction in keeping with the NJ Department of Higher Education guidelines
- The students of ACS who trusted the administration enough to show up, wear masks and maintain social distancing
- Twelve area dentists who provided pro-bono services to our international resident students
- Atlantic Health System for providing Charity Care for our students
- Our volunteer school nurses who are always on call to advise and assist our students
- Our volunteer drivers who provide transportation to medical and dental appointments
- Our many friends and benefactors who did not abandon us during this difficult year

