

### **ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS**

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### **ANNUAL REPORT** 2021-2022



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of ACS,

What can we say about 2021-22? It was a "return to normal" and constant striving for excellence. Unexpectedly our incoming international Sister students received their visas to attend ACS, we were able to begin classes on time and in-person, we were able to schedule a few field trips, the new chair of our Board of Trustees began his term seamlessly, Giving Tuesday resulted in new chairs for our language lab, the virtual Caring Basket Gala was a huge success, our graduates all received full scholarships to complete their BA degree at prestigious colleges and universities.

And now what's ahead? Much of the 2022-23 academic year will be focused on preparing for our re-accreditation with Middle States Commission on Higher Education which will take place in 2025. As a result of our 2017 re-accreditation, we made many improvements in the delivery and quality of instruction, in the upgrading of technology, in the improvement of the facility, in our marketing strategies, and in our collection of data to substantiate improvements.

This year will be one of transition. Sister Marie Luu, SCC, President-elect, herself, a graduate of ACS, will work closely with me to conclude my 14th year as President. It is my much loved and cherished ministry. We have been actively planning for succession and Sister Marie Luu is willing and able to move into this position at the close of the 2022-23 academic year. I know all of our friends and benefactors will give her the support I have received. The support is for the mission—for the Sisters—so that ACS can continue to "Teach a Sister…Touch the World." More about this in the months to come!

Meanwhile, as you read our Annual Report, I ask you to keep us in your heart and in your prayers as we move into the future. Know that I am so grateful to each of you for your support these many years and I promise to continue my prayers for you and your family.

Gratefully,

Sister Joseph Apring, S.C.C.

SISTER JÖSEPH SPRING, SCC PRESIDENT

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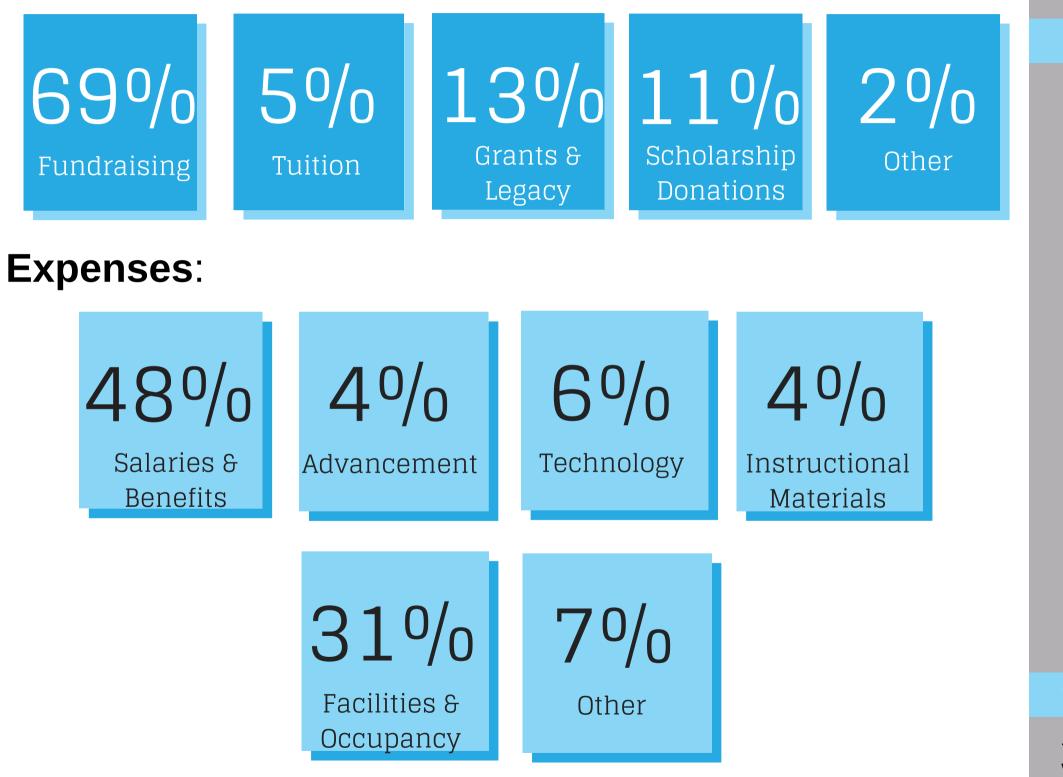
Mission Statement Impelled by Christ's love, Assumption College for Sisters, through education and community, forms servant leaders who transform lives.



# **Financials**

FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1. 2021 TO JUNE 30. 2022

#### Income:



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#### MEMBERS

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

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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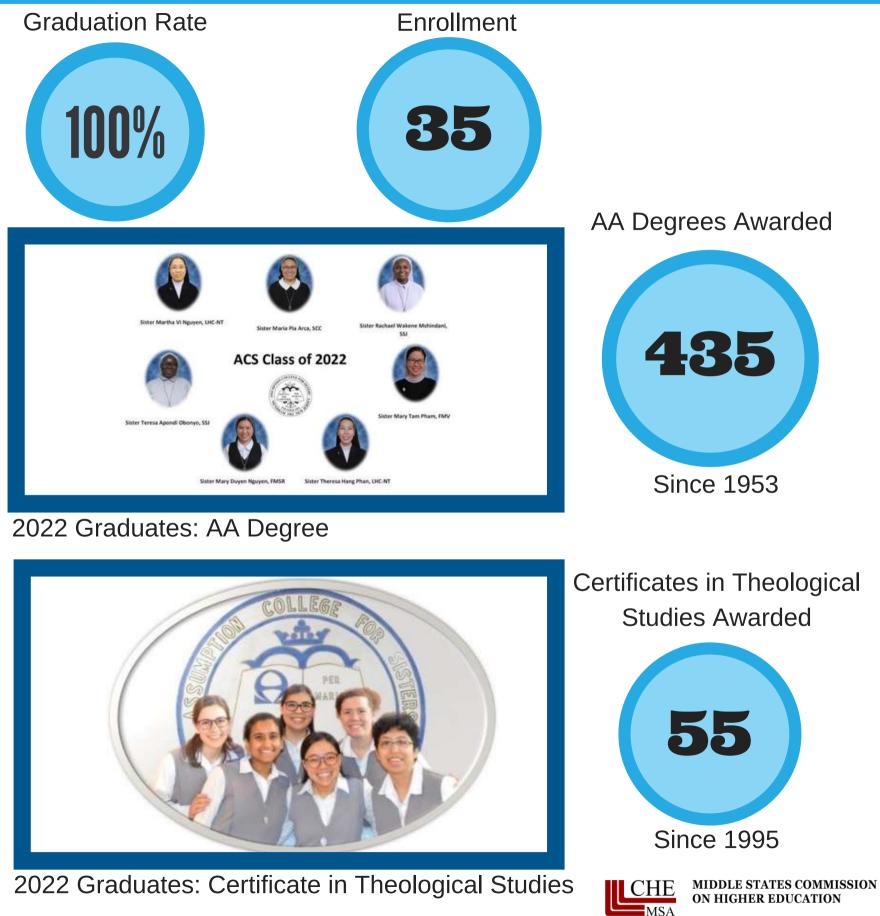
Stephanie Bennett-Smith, Ph.D. William Meisner. Ph.D.

### Governance



Statue located in front entrance of ACS

## ACS by the NUMBERS



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#### Integrated Religious Formation Leadership Community Service Social Justice

Countries

8

Communities

15

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### Year in Reveiw

#### August



Arrival of International Sisters: Despite the pandemic, by November all invited international students arrived for classes



Orientation Day was held at ACS for Faculty in the morning and students in the afternoon. All joined mid-day for the Mass of the Holy Spirit and lunch.

#### **September**



Peace Day: International Sister students prayed for world peace on September 21st, the International Day of Peace



9/11 Memorial: Morris County annual commemoration of 9/11 was held in Morris Plains with ACS students in attendance

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#### October



Grounds for Sculpture: Art History class enjoyed a trip to Grounds for Sculpture



Jockey Hollow: Several students enjoyed a local National Historic site, Jockey Hollow, and learned about crafts in early America

### Year in Reveiw

#### **November**



Vocation Awareness: Several students visited the Morris Catholic High School classes to speak about their religious vocation



Vietnamese Martyrs: St. Cecilia Church, Rockaway, hosted a celebration of the Vietnamese Martyrs with many ACS international students attending

#### December



Christmas decorating: Has become a tradition, new students are charged with decorating the Christmas tree



Christmas Gifts: Many local groups provide Christmas gifts for the international Sister student. Pictured here are our "Long Valley Friends"

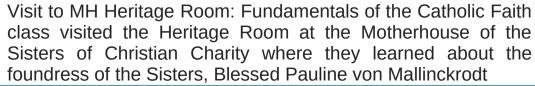
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#### January



First Snowfall: ACS Sister students all come from tropical climates, so the first snowfall is an exciting adventure





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### Year in Reveiw

#### **February**



Tet: Lunar New Year is a big celebration at ACS where students prepare traditional food, dress in ethnic attire and enjoy some traditions such as "lucky money"



Visit to Bl. Miriam Theresa Shrine: Local Blessed Miriam Teresa Demionovich shrine is in the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth. Sisters learned about the blessed and viewed the memorabilia.

#### March/April



Liberty Science Center: Introduction to biology class visited Liberty Science Center where they were amazed and enjoyed the interactive exhibits



Gonnella Pizza: Honorees Joseph and Rita Gonnella hosted a pizza party at Perona Farms for Sisters, staff, and trustees

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#### May/June



Asian Heritage Parade: May is Asian Heritage month and the town of Denville sponsors a parade commemorating the event. Helping to celebrate the Year of the Tiger are several ACS students



Planting Day: Sisters of Christian Charity invited lay associates and friends to participate in a planting day to beautify the grounds of the Motherhouse. ACS students joined in this project.





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#### The Year Ahead....

•	Giving Tuesday	Nov. 29 , 2022
	Annual Appeal	December, 2022
•	Caring Basket Gala	March 30, 2023
	Graduation	May 13 , 2023

#### **21st Annual Caring Basket Gala - 2022 Honorees**



Fr. Paul Manning The Education Award



BJ & Jeannine Agugliaro The Family Life Award



Joseph & Rita Gonnella The Servant Leader Award



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### The 22nd Annual

# March 30, 2023

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