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*Help Shepherds
Continue to*

PAVE THE WAY
to Success



Shepherds

Since 1998, **Shepherds**
has provided



MENTORS

Caring, trained adult mentors who offer guidance, encouragement, and support throughout high school.



ESSENTIAL PROGRAMMING

Academic and life skills workshops, special events, and enrichment opportunities to foster student success.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Tuition support for a four-year, college-preparatory education at a private high school.

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Dear Friends of Shepherds,

At Shepherds, we empower young people with the skills, support, and opportunities they need to thrive in high school, college, and beyond.

Through our tuition assistance program, we make it possible for students to attend top-quality private high schools. Every student is matched with a dedicated mentor who provides guidance and encouragement throughout all four years of high school.

Our robust college and career readiness programs—including academic support, college visits, workshops, and career exploration—ensure that our mentees graduate prepared to take their next steps with confidence. The success of our alumni, who are excelling in higher education and meaningful careers, is a testament to the power of mentorship and the generosity of donors like you.

Shepherds receives no public funding. Every opportunity we provide is made possible through private donations. Your support opens doors for students who might not otherwise have access to a life-changing education.

Your gift today will help us continue this important work. Join us in shaping futures and building success—***one student at a time.***

With gratitude,

Tim Magee
Executive Director



Shepherds Juniors visit Albertus Magnus College



JADA DALEY

Kolbe Cathedral HS '21

Boston University '25

Technology Risk Consultant, Ernst & Young



JAMAR DEJESUS

Notre Dame HS '21

Trinity College '25

CEO, Rage Gang Apparel
Video Editor and Film Maker



TAY'VIAN LAING

Kolbe Cathedral HS '22

2022 Kolbe Cathedral Valedictorian

Harvard University '26



ANGEL CHAVEZ

Notre Dame HS '17

College of the Holy Cross '21

Babson F.W. Olin Graduate

School of Business '24

Senior Associate Scientist, Pfizer



TATIANA THOMPSON

Kolbe Cathedral HS '18

College of the Holy Cross '22

Clinical Research Coordinator,

UMass Chan Medical Center

Research Assistant, New York University



100%

of Shepherds students receive
acceptances and financial aid at
multiple colleges and universities



Seniors celebrate graduation at Shepherds "End of the Year" breakfast.

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Shepherds programs now exist at
Fairfield Prep, Kolbe Cathedral
Prep, Loralton Hall, and
Notre Dame West Haven

72%

of Shepherds students are
on the honor roll in an
average academic year

400

graduates in the
Shepherds Alumni
network...and
growing every year!

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For the third time in
four years, a Shepherds student
is named Class Valedictorian



NA'SHYRA YATES

Kolbe Cathedral HS '15
Fairfield University '19
Assistant Director of Undergraduate
Admission, Fairfield University



ANAYA HERNANDEZ

Kolbe Cathedral HS '24
2024 Kolbe Cathedral Valedictorian
University of Notre Dame '28



JERRELL DORSEY

Notre Dame HS '17
Babson College '21
Account Executive, Plaid



SHELBY CARRANZA

Kolbe Cathedral HS '20
Trinity College '24
University of Washington Law, '25

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