



SERVANT LEADER ONE OF OUR OWN

Maria Ochoa, alum, class of 1994, long time math teacher to every freshman who walks the halls of OLT, advisor, mentor and colleague for the past 19 years has stepped up to become the assistant principal of Our Lady of Tepeyac High School. Maria brings a servant leader philosophy to her newest role, helping to guide student activities, support teachers, mentor students and assist families.

We've always said that Maria can, "land more planes than the best of the air traffic controllers working O'Hare." Her nimbleness to balance many a task, sit with a student and truly listen and guide, to meet with parents to plan how to help their daughter in school and beyond, while supporting colleagues by pitching in where needed never ceases to amaze us. She does it all with a smile and a quiet wisdom from her years of dedication to her alma mater. "The students inspire me to be of service to all, while they are learning to believe, envision and create a better version of themselves," is one of Maria's repeated messages to new faculty and staff. We are blessed and a better version of our ourselves with Maria Ochoa in her leadership role for Tepeyac.

NEVER IDLE IN SUMMER

One of Tepeyac's four school values is opportunity. This year our College Readiness team focused on making students aware of the many summer programs, internships, camps, and job opportunities available both locally and across the country. We are so proud to say that 53 young women participated in a variety of summer opportunities including:

- Smithsonian Young Ambassadors Program
- Adler Planetarium Internship
- STEM Summer Scholars at UIC
- Doug Bruno Nike Basketball Skills Camp
- FLO Chicago (Future Leaders of Chicago) Leadership Academy
- Mikva Challenge internship
- Big Shoulders Outdoors Bound in Wyoming

A shout out to our young women for stepping out of their comfort zone to participate in enriching activities that will have a lasting impact on their lives.



Basketball camp



Ebany (right) in Wyoming

WHAT'S NEW AT OLT IN 2019? CMLT!



Campus Ministry plays an important role in any Catholic high school's mission and identity by facilitating masses, prayer services, and retreats which offer points of encounter with Jesus, and invite the school community into deeper communion and faith. An important and necessary component in any Campus Ministry endeavor is connection, and the most authentic way to foster that connection is through student voice: enter OLT's 2019-2020 Campus Ministry Leadership Team!

This group of seven seniors and two juniors were selected in May and attended a day-retreat in August before school even began to begin preparing for the year. With a focus on faith and on leadership, this group will not only be making sure that all of the parts of our masses and prayer services fall into place, but will be bringing their creativity, experience, and ideas to the collective faith journey here at Tepeyac.

We expect great things from this group!

Tepeyac's New Website

Check out our new website OurLadyofTepeyac.org

AIMING HIGH



GOLDEN APPLE RECIPIENT, DANIELA

We are overly excited to share the achievement of our senior **Daniela**. She applied, interviewed and made it to the final round for the Golden Apple Scholarship. Daniela received great news hours after her interview. She was selected as a Golden Apple Scholar. She will receive a full-ride scholarship. It wasn't always easy for Daniela but she never gave up. She came to us from a local public school in the Back of the Yards neighborhood. There were times when she felt overwhelmed, but luckily for her there were teachers that helped her get right back on track. Daniela persisted and put tremendous effort in her school work. Daniela will attend Dominican University where she will earn her degree in special education. *"To better prepare for the future and my students, I plan to learn sign language,"* says Daniela. She will be a great teacher one day, bringing her knowledge, compassion and smile to the classroom.



TWO OF OUR SENIORS RECEIVING A FULL-RIDE ILLINOIS PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Dreams DO come true at Tepeyac! **Brenda** was awarded the full-ride Illinois Promise Scholarship. She has worked hard since her freshman year to earn good grades, be involved and excel. Her determination paid off as she received acceptances from many colleges but particularly her TOP choice, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is thrilled to be an Illini this fall. In addition, she applied and received the Smithsonian Latino Center Young Ambassadors Scholarship. Through the Smithsonian she had the opportunity to work as an intern at one of the museums in the city and travelled to D.C. this past summer. She never stops aiming high! We believed in Brenda all along and are so proud of her.



Joselyn is the first in her family to graduate high school and attend college. Since her freshman year, Joselyn was a determined student - always focused on her studies. This summer she graduated Valedictorian of her class; no surprise based on her determination and joy for learning. Joselyn was well known among her classmates for helping others in math and science when they were stuck. Through her academics, service and involvement, she's excelled. We were thrilled to find out that Joselyn was awarded the full-ride Illinois Promise Scholarship. She is taking her strong work ethic to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this fall. Like her family, we are excited and proud of her.

THE CLASS OF 2019

687

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE
LETTERS

100%

ACCEPTED
TO COLLEGE

29%

THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY
TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL

81%

THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY
TO ATTEND COLLEGE

7.9M

EARNED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS



COME ON BACK AND CELEBRATE 92 YEARS!

We are calling all St. Casimir and Our Lady of Tepeyac High School alumnae to join us for dinner, open bar, and a fun evening. Come back and enjoy time with your high school buddies. Let's celebrate 92 years of empowering young women! We always look forward to this date; spending time catching up and going down memory lane. Signature cocktail just for you and a special OLT token.

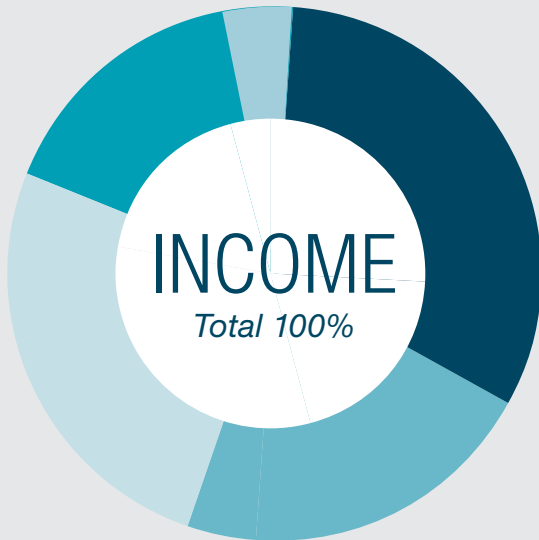
Saturday, September 21st
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

\$20; Dinner and open bar

Location:

Our Lady of Tepeyac High School
2228 S. Whipple Street
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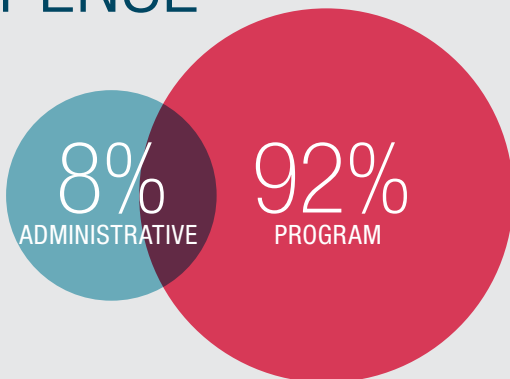
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS	36%
TUITION/FEES	23%
PROGRAM GRANTS	22%
FUNDRAISERS	16%
MISCELLANEOUS	03%

Total income: \$1,542,831.36

74%

Of our income is a direct result of generous donations from individuals and foundations

EXPENSE TOTAL 100%



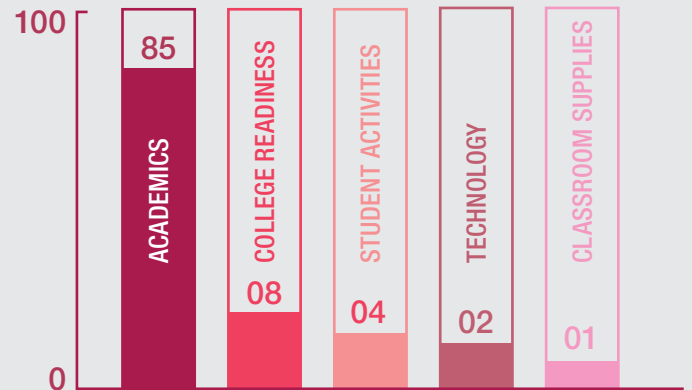
Total expenses: \$1,445,631.47

92%

Of expenses are dedicated to providing a quality, Catholic education to young women.

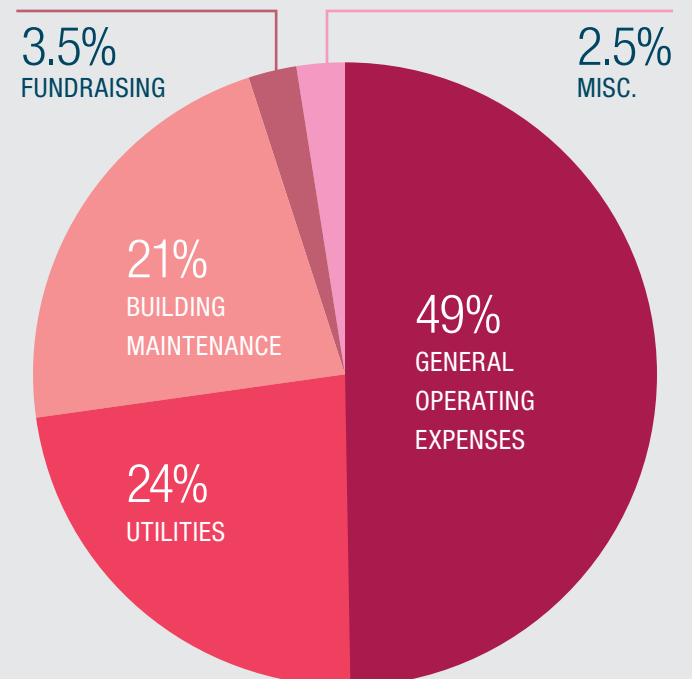
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STRONGER DESPITE HARDSHIPS

Stephanie always has the biggest smile on her face, despite the recent hardships her family has faced. A strong student who earns honor roll status every term, a quick athlete on the court and the field who easily offers a hand up to the newest and youngest players of any team, a retreat leader who leads classmates in prayer, the student ambassador who pitches in with evening phone calls and speaks to families at mass about her pride for her school, Stephanie brings much to the table to shape OLT into a stronger school community, while carrying a personal burden.

Last February, Stephanie's dad, the Deacon for Our Lady of Tepeyac Parish, died after falling off a roof, where he was working to earn extra funds to help support his wife and 4 daughters. Stephanie was receiving a scholarship, which was certainly increased to cover the rest of her tuition after her dad's sudden death. With the help of many supporters, Tepeyac is able to step in and step up to help families in need.

Tepeyac's Annual Appeal to help students like Stephanie is right around the corner; the effort helps give 96% of our families the financial support needed to send their daughters to an all girls Catholic high school that believes that every single young woman can attain the best college education, while learning about herself, her faith and serving others. In addition, the Annual Appeal funds programs like STEM, robotics, the choir, Campus Ministry, clubs, sports and much more.

Please consider a gift to this important effort to help more students like Stephanie, who despite the pain of losing a parent, get up every morning, work hard in school and help others along the way. Consider a gift in honor of Deacon Rubio, Stephanie's dad.

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GRATEFUL



Mentors



Big Shoulders

MENTORS

This past school year our mentoring program was revived by our Board and some amazing volunteers. We had 18 volunteers mentor small groups of students for the entire school year. Our freshwomen and sophomores met with their mentors to discuss personal goals, career interests, college, social media and more. Mentors baked treats, developed cool activities, and shared their own stories with their mentees. Our students were always happy to see their mentors and keep in touch with them via email.

BIG SHOULDERS FUND & UNITED AIRLINES

One rainy summer day in July, 200 employees from United Airlines came to Tepeyac to clean our entire building and help us prepare for a new school year. They had bright smiles and were eager to help. Our volunteers wiped down desks and chairs, cleaned and mopped classrooms, filled a dumpster with old furniture and even helped put together a back to school mailer for our school families. They worked hard and left the building spic and span. We are so grateful for the many groups and people who have volunteered over the last school year and summer. We can't do what we do without you!

L FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Tepeyac provides our young women with a great education, a variety of opportunities, and a well-maintained learning environment, but our staff can't do it all on our own. That's where the generosity of people with kind hearts, unique skills, and a little time to spare comes in.



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The Beauty of Collective Effort



Coffee and Careers with Alumnae



Parent Organization

THE BEAUTY OF COLLECTIVE EFFORT

Wow! What beauty results in the collective efforts of board members, OLPH Parish volunteers, teachers, parents and students when they decide to take on a painting project. On a toasty Summer Saturday morning, more than 50 volunteers gathered to paint classrooms in both the Tepeyac schools, helping us to accomplish a constant summertime goal of beautifying the space for the students upon their return each August.

Led by the OLPH Sharing Committee members Sharon and Jim Riley, along with Bill Lynch and many members of the men's club, the school was blessed with donated paint, all the necessary supplies and guidance from professional painters through the Rebuilding Together Non Profit group. We taped, put up ladders and scaffolding to reach every little corner of high ceilinged classrooms, while enjoying the collaborative and ambitious project with so many wonderful volunteers. Our girls were thrilled to see the newly spruced up STEM/ math classroom and the new College Readiness Center, now located on the first floor for easier access for all students after school.

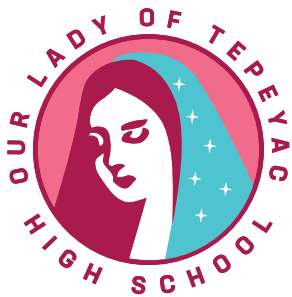
PARENT ORGANIZATION

Our Parent Organization made this past year the best experience for our students and their families. They resurrected the organization, met on a monthly basis and planned the best family picnic ever. It was well attended and a great way to celebrate the end of the school year. During the school year the parents helped in every way they could; helping at admission mornings with prospective families, making phone calls, canvassing and so much more. We are extremely grateful for their involvement and commitment to making Tepeyac a better place!

COFFEE AND CAREERS WITH ALUMNAE KICKED OFF

This past school year we launched Coffee and Careers with alumnae. We invited our alums back - to encourage and inspire the next generation. We scheduled sessions on a Wednesday morning while our faculty met. There was a large pot of coffee available to add to the enjoyment. The sessions were always well attended and a success. The alums shared their stories and specifics about their careers. Our girls were thrilled to hear their stories.

It was wonderful having alumnae come back to share with our current students about all the endless possibilities that await them. We are grateful that our grads took time out of their work day to set an example for the next generation of Tepeyac girls!



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MOVING ON UP!

Tepeyac's 25th annual benefit dinner! Creemos! is moving on up to a new location, the Harold Washington Library's Winter Garden, the top floor of that well known Chicago landmark.

Join the party, mark your calendars

Our 25th Scholarship Dinner takes place April 24, 2020

We are thrilled to be celebrating 25 years of ¡Creemos! We Believe, where we celebrate Tepeyac's mission of never turning any young woman away for financial reasons, made possible by the tremendous support of our 300+ guests.

Our young women strive for a better future; 29% in the class of 2019 were the first in their family to graduate high school, 81% the first to attend college. 100% have gone to college for the past 11 years and counting.

