



# 2017-18 St. Francis Scholars Program Overview

## Vision

The St. Francis Scholars Program is one of the most prestigious programs at Archbishop Riordan High School with a focus on leadership, academic development, and college and career prep. The goal of the program is to cultivate leaders of all types who serve their fellow Crusader brothers, their school, their families, the greater community, God, and the world.

## Criteria

Scholars are selected by the Admissions Committee based on exceptional academic achievement, performance on the High School Placement Test (HSPT), and demonstration of good character, citizenship, and leadership ability during their elementary school years. This is an invitation-only scholarship, though interested students can identify themselves with the Office of Admissions.

## Opportunities

The following gives an overview of major program highlights:

### > Academic Scholarship

- Covers 50% of tuition over four years with maintenance of a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

### > Enrichment Opportunities

- Scholars are invited to attend field trips, seminars, and presentations throughout the year catered to their interests. Recent field trips include Genentech, Facebook, UC Berkeley, and San Francisco City Hall. Scholars have also heard speakers from business, politics, law, military, technology, and science, among others.

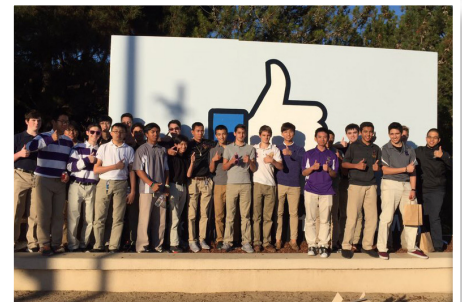
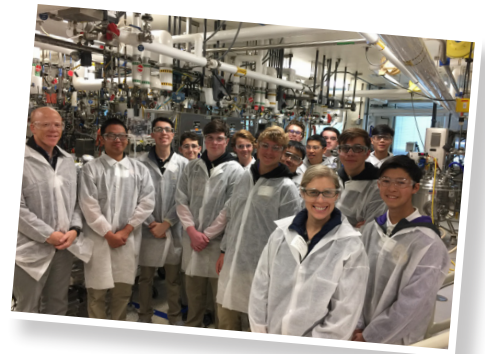
### > Service Opportunities

- Scholars are invited to serve as lectors and altar servers at the Catholic TV Mass and a monthly Mass of remembrance at Holy Cross Cemetery.

- Other opportunities to volunteer in the community TBA.

### > College Counseling and Career Prep

- Sophomores take an MBTI-type career assessment test through Naviance and analyze the results with Riordan's College Counseling staff.



Scholars on field trips to Genentech (top) and Facebook (bottom).

They also have an "Intro to College" meeting that covers an overview of the college search process, the differences between a UC and a CSU, an overview of A-G requirements, and other items.

- Seniors can receive additional assistance/review of college personal statement from St. Francis Scholar staff, and prep for college interviews.

## Recent St. Francis Scholar College Matriculation

- > Georgetown
- > Johns Hopkins
- > Loyola Marymount Chicago
- > Loyola Marymount Los Angeles
- > Northeastern
- > Notre Dame
- > Saint Mary's College\*
- > Stanford
- > UCLA
- > UC Davis
- > UC Santa Cruz
- > University of Portland
- > University of San Francisco

\*Students received Presidential Scholarships from these institutions



Class of 2017 Scholars

## Scholar Expectations

- Be a leader and always represent Riordan well
- Attend all SFS events and meetings, or reply in a timely fashion that you are unable to attend
- Read all SFS program emails
- Maintain a 3.5 GPA
- Lend support where needed to promote Riordan

## More Information

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School Captain Roman Peregrino '18 (right) with Monsignor Harry Schlitt of the Catholic TV Mass produced by God Squad Productions.