

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Alumnae and Friends of St. Mary's Academy,

We count our many blessings as we begin our 130th year of educating young women. This year, we welcome new Vice Principal, Mr. Kris Anderson, along with new and returning faculty and staff members. We are off to a strong start as all the summer campus update projects are complete. New projectors were installed in every classroom to enhance the learning experience for all our students, new water fountains now have a feature to encourage students, faculty and staff to fill their eco-friendly water bottles and stay hydrated. The newly finished gym floors and updated bleachers are ready for our SMA Belles to dominate on the volleyball and basketball courts. School banners now hang above our prominent track proudly showcasing some of the best academic and extra-curricular features of the school. This school year, we have 270 bright and beautiful young women on campus, including 93 Gold Tie freshmen.

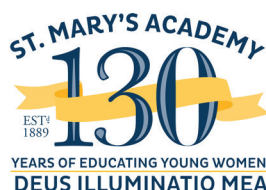
God has blessed us with limitless possibilities for our students. Both our Engineering and Health Careers Path programs offer University of California approved curriculum from Project Lead the Way. Our campus is also at the center of the revitalization of the city of Inglewood, which promises great opportunities for our students and families. Great leaders are formed by inspiring educators who model what it means to be good stewards of God's gifts. At the start of the school year our faculty and staff practiced what it means to 'serve the dear neighbor' volunteering at St. Joseph Center, the Carondelet Center, and Alexandria House. Our day of service serves as an example to students of the rich history and mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The St. Mary's Academy community will continue this momentum of service throughout the school year.

I cannot think of a more exciting time to celebrate our momentous 130th birthday than now. Join us at upcoming events for students and alumnae, including our Spring Gala, as we celebrate the past, present, and future successes of St. Mary's Academy.

In gratitude,
Mary Rose Batungbacal
Principal



Fall 2018



CONGRATULATIONS GOLD TIE CLASS OF 2018



On June 9, 2018, we celebrated the 127th graduating class of St. Mary's Academy: the Gold Ties '18! Surrounded by family, friends, faculty, staff, alumnae, and other friends of SMA, our 55 graduates gathered on the Senior Lawn for their commencement ceremony. After welcoming words by Principal Mary Rose Batungbacal, the class of 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorians gave heartfelt speeches. Valedictorian Giselle Melendez, who will attend UCLA in the fall, used a golf ball analogy to begin her speech reflecting on her time at SMA. Then, Salutatorians Jessica Morales and Andrea Sanchez, who will attend CSU Northridge and the University of La Verne respectively, thanked the SMA community and their families and friends in both English and Spanish.

The Graduation Keynote Address was delivered by alumna, Gold Tie, Class of 2006, Candace Montgomery. Sr. Maureen Doherty, CSJ, gave the final blessing for the occasion before graduates processed out under the floral arches.

The Gold Tie Class of 2018 were accepted at the following colleges and universities across the United States

Alabama, A&M University, Alabama State University, Albion College, Arizona State University, Bennett College, Boise State University, Cal Poly Pomona, Chapman University, Chico State University, Clark Atlanta University, CSU Channel Islands, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU East Bay, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Monterey Bay, CSU Northridge, CSU San Marcos, Dillard University, Drexel University, El Camino College, Florida Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, Gonzaga University, Grambling State University, Grand Canyon University, Hampton University, Howard University, Humboldt State, Huston-Tillotson University, Jackson State University, Langston University, Lewis and Clark College, Long Beach City College, Los Angeles Recording School, Loyola Marymount University, Long Beach City College, Marymount California University, Mills College, Morgan State University, Mount Saint Mary's University, New York Institute of Technology, Norfolk State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Northern Arizona University, Point Loma Nazarene University, Prairie View A&M University, Regis University, Saint Mary's College of California, San Francisco State University, San Jose State University, Santa Monica College, Shaw University, Spelman College, St. John's University, Texas State University, Texas Southern University, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, UC Merced, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, United States Air Force, University of La Verne, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, University of New Mexico, University of Oregon, University of Redlands, University of San Francisco, University of Southern California, Virginia State University, West Virginia State University, Westmont University, and Xavier University.

BUSYBELLES

How Our Belles Spent Their Summer Vacation

Two students got an up close and personal look at the world of finance with a summer work experience opportunity at Payden & Rygel. Working from the downtown Los Angeles office, Blue Tie, Nayeli, and Green Tie, Demilynn, worked with the graphic design team. This experience gave them hands on learning in creating and delivering presentations. The students were also treated to sessions on personal finance and “saving for retirement.”



Students from the Health Careers Program were selected to attend a summer session at the popular Camp CHLA. The students spent an exciting week at Children's Hospital Los Angeles learning more about patient care and hospital operations. Learning first hand from the clinicians was a highlight of the camp experience!



Cohort I of Onward Scholars took part in The Young Center's California Youth Think Tank (CYTT) at the University of Southern California in July. This week-long debate and leadership day camp provided our new Scholars with the opportunity to collaborate with teams of other young leaders to develop skills needed for success in high school, college, and beyond. Congratulations, Cohort I!



Blue Tie, Terianne and Green Tie, Lesly spent a week with other high school students from the Los Angeles area at the Just The Beginning-Summer Legal Institute (SLI). Green Tie class of 1977 Alumna, the Honorable Dolly Gee, is one of the mentors involved in the Program. After presenting the program to our students earlier in the school year, Terianne and Lesly took the initiative to apply and were accepted! The SLI provides the opportunity for students to gain exposure to a variety of legal careers while honing public speaking, critical thinking, and networking skills with legal professionals.

CHANGE COMES TO INGLEWOOD

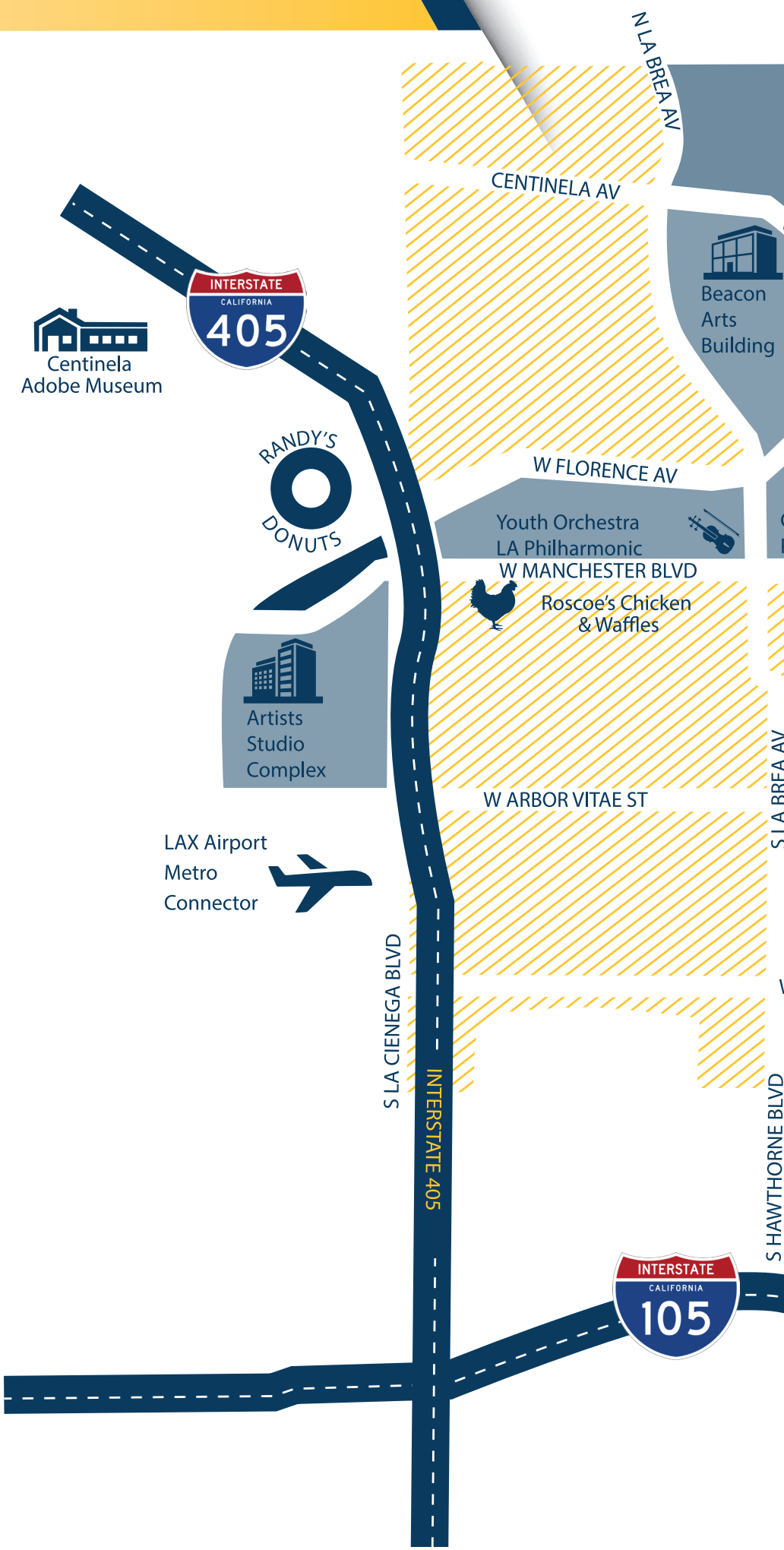
What’s new in the neighborhood surrounding St. Mary’s Academy?
Everything!

St. Mary’s Academy is sitting right in the middle of new growth and development, a renaissance in the city of Inglewood.

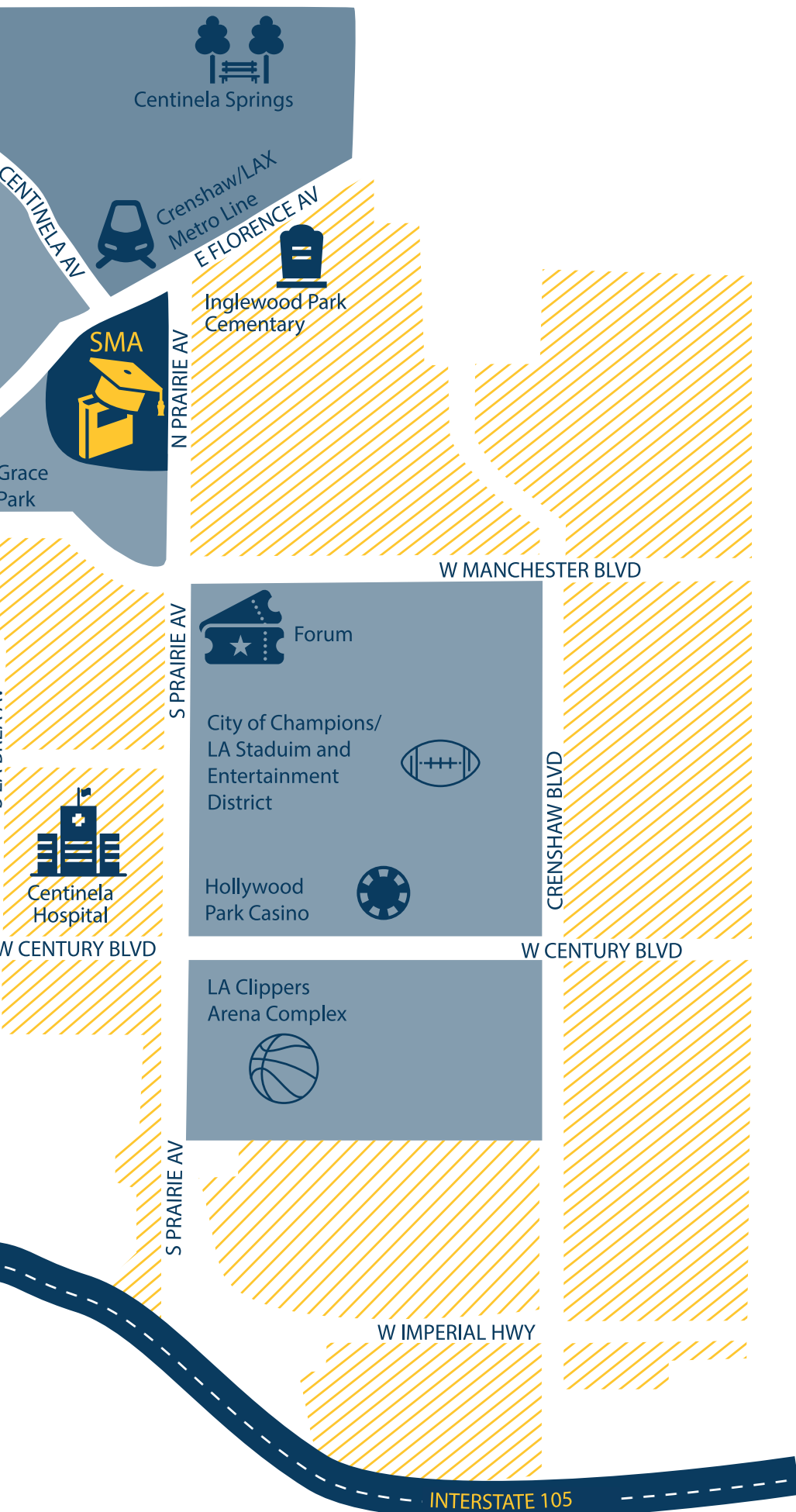
A mile to the south of the school is the active 298 acre construction site of what is to be the new Los Angeles Stadium & Entertainment District at Hollywood Park. Once completed, the complex will house a 70,000 seat open-air stadium that the LA Rams and the LA Chargers will call home. The site will also include a performance venue, a retail village, restaurants, offices, a hotel and private residences, all situated in a park like setting. The LA stadium is scheduled to open in 2020 and will be a venue for several sporting and social events, including the 2022 Super Bowl and 2028 Olympic events and competitions.

Directly across the southern border of the Entertainment District, a new basketball arena is on the horizon. The LA Clippers Professional Basketball Organization is in discussion to build a new, privately funded, 18,000 seat arena and plaza, with plans to open by 2024, when the Clippers’ current lease with Staples Center expires.

A block north of the school, the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line is being built. The 8.5 miles metro line will serve the cities of Los Angeles, El Segundo, and Inglewood. The line will include eight stations, four being located in Inglewood, with one situated close to the school. Students will have a new mode of transportation to and from campus and other educational events, once the line is up and running in the next couple of years. The line will also link passengers to LAX by way of a new people mover.



CITY OF CHAMPIONS



Less than a mile to the west of the school, Frank Gehry, the world renowned architect, is designing the conversion of an old bank building into the home of the new LA Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. The new space will be called the Judith and Thomas L. Beckmen YOLA Center at Inglewood and will provide free music education to the students of the Inglewood area. YOLA Center will accommodate a performance space, studios, a music library, instrument storage and rehearsal space. The project was recently revealed at the unveiling of the design, and construction is slated to begin over the next several months, with completion in two years.

Across the street from the school, on the site of the former Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital, is the construction of Grace Park. 228 townhouse condominiums and a recreation center are in the early stages of construction, with the first phase of the project to be completed by 2020.

The renaissance is bringing with it student learning opportunities and engagement, new neighbors and partnerships, updated transportation, housing, work and entertainment possibilities and a refreshed look, feel and vitality to our community just as the school is celebrating its 130 years of educating young women.

New banners around the track field showcase the students' academic and extra-curricular activities.



FROM THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION



BELLES & BOOKS

Over the summer SMA students and alumnae read Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*. The book chronicles Kingsolver's family journey attempting to eat locally grown food for a year. During Belles & Books, alumnae joined students in class discussion and enjoyed food made from fresh farmer's market produce. One alum stated "today we are truly living the book."

SMA Reunions 2018-2019

Class of 1948 - Blue Ties - Oct. 6, SMA Library
Class of 1949 - Green Ties - Planning Now!
Class of 1958 - Gold Ties - Oct. 22-24, Rancho Mirage
Class of 1959 - Red Ties - Planning Now!
Class of 1969 - Green Ties - Planning Now!
Class of 1973 - Green Ties - Nov. 4
Class of 1978 - Gold Ties - Oct. 13, SMA Hannon Dining Hall
Class of 1979 - Red Ties - Planning Now!

For more information about your class reunion, or to plan a reunion, contact Karen Vetter at kvetter@smabelles.org or 310-674-8470 ext. 322

GOLDEN GRADS LUNCHEON

On June 9, St. Mary's Academy celebrated its 127th commencement ceremony, as well as the annual Golden Grads Luncheon. Hosted in the library, SMA welcomed graduates from the classes of 1948, 1958, and 1968 to celebrate their golden anniversaries with fellow alumnae, faculty, staff, and current St. Mary's student ambassadors. Many thanks to the alumnae who made gifts toward the Alumnae Endowment Scholarship.

CLASS OF 1968 REUNION

On May 24, 2018 the St. Mary's Academy Blue Tie Class of 1968, celebrated their 50th reunion at the Renaissance Hotel, Long Beach. Over 60 classmates and five teachers reunited for lunch and hours of laughter. One of their own, Sr. Adele O'Sullivan CSJ, talked about her mission to care for others and founded the non-profit Circle the City. The organization provides healthcare to those facing homelessness in the Phoenix area.

Before the weekend was over this group of amazing women made generous donations not only to SMA Alumnae Endowment Fund for financial aid and scholarship but also to Circle the City. Thank you to the Blue Tie Class of 1968 for your continued support of St. Mary's Academy.



REST IN PEACE

Let us remember in prayer
the following members of
the SMA family



Janice Ciccone Bergeron '74
Helen Peinado Bove '56
Shirley McLing Cosgrove '57
Susan Ferruccio '73
Elaine Fleming-Stanford '78
Barbara Connell Gleason '60
Mary Barasa Granger '62
Frederick N. Hagedorn (husband
of Elaine Hagedorn '63, brother of
Harriett Hagedorn Roseland '66)
Patricia Hobbs '61
Beatrice Jensen '53
Sr. Anna Juka CSJ
Rosalie Kennedy (mother of
Patricia Matthews '66, Kathleen Freese
'67, Sheila Nemer '70, Mary Anne
Steward '73 & Rosemary McAlary '74)

Elizabeth Atchison Kolt '49
(twin sister of Barbara Achison
Zahyna '49, sister of Carol Atchison
Steffes '51, aunt of Donna Zahyna
Miodovski and Diane Zahyna Jonkey
'73, Karen Zahyna Alwerud '75 &
Mary Jo Zahyna '77)
Lidiette Maduro '51
Sr. Regina McLaughlan CSJ '39
Jesse Powell (husband of
Deirdre Robinson Powell, '80)
Virginia Heck Schultze '57
Cassandra Scott '70
Molly Gilligan Yanko '58

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SAVE THE DATE

SMA/Mt. Carmel Golf Tournament
October 16, 2018

South Bay Alum Gathering
October 27, 2018

Alumnae vs. Students Basketball Game
November 9, 2018

Giving Tuesday
November 27, 2018

Advent Reflection and Luncheon
December 1, 2018

Catholic Schools Week Mass
January 29, 2019

130th Birthday Gala
April 13, 2019

Belles & Brushes
May 16, 2019

**Golden Grads Luncheon
(1939, 1949, 1959 & 1969)**
June 8, 2019

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130th ANNIVERSARY GALA

Saturday, April 13, 2019
6:00pm-10:00pm
Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles

Be a part of the team as we ring in 130 years! Our Anniversary Gala needs your time and talent. Committees forming now. For more information, contact Karen Vetter at 310-674-8470 ext. 322 or kvetter@smabelles.org

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