



# BROOKLYN JESUIT PREP

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear BJP Community,

For the past several years, BJP has been on a remarkable journey. Since publishing our most recent Annual Report in 2019, there have been a few exciting changes. Most notably, we moved from our original location in Crown Heights to a newly renovated facility in Flatbush. Our enrollment has increased from approximately 80 to 100 students. We expanded our graduate support effort and other important aspects of our program.

At the same time, two important things have not changed: our transformative mission and our Nativity-school spirit. Like any Jesuit school, we strive to transform our students academically, personally, and spiritually. At BJP, this mission means preparing our students for the rigors of competitive high schools, accompanying them as they mature from childhood to young adulthood, and inspiring them to deepen their faith and service as growing members of the community. It is a privilege to work with students at such an important time of their lives!

We've emphasized to our graduates that regardless of the change in our physical address, this is still their school. The spirit of BJP perseveres. Our community is defined by resilience, community, and love. This spirit is alive in our halls, and it lights the way for our entire organization.

A final aspect of BJP's culture has also remained unchanged: generosity makes our mission possible. On behalf of our students and families, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to the many supporters who contributed to BJP last year and in recent years. Your generosity makes a tremendous impact, and I hope that the stories and information contained in this report give you a sense of the difference that a gift to BJP makes.



May God bless you and your family. Thank you for being an important part of the BJP community.

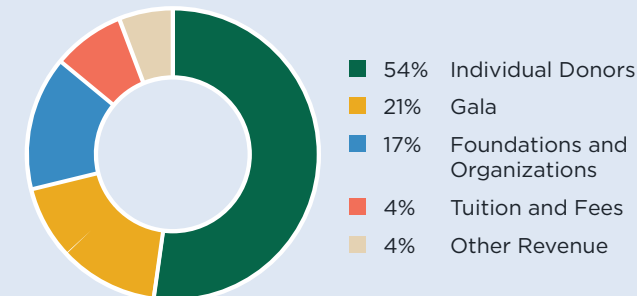
With very best regards,

James L. Kennedy  
President

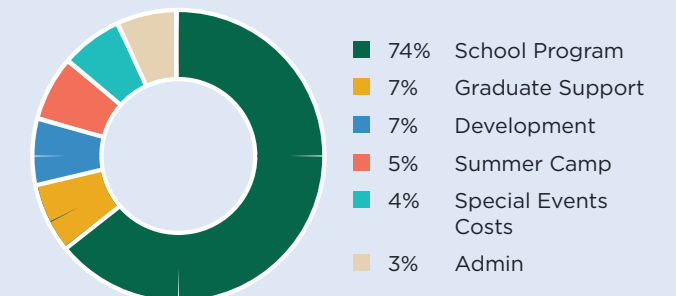
# BJP by the Numbers

JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

TOTAL INCOME	\$2,374,593
Individual Donors	\$1,282,536
Gala	\$506,582
Foundations and Organizations	\$394,357
Tuition and Fees	\$101,205
Other Revenue	\$89,913



TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,281,816
School Program	\$1,685,767
Graduate Support	\$167,099
Development	\$154,853
Summer Camp	\$106,558
Special Events Costs	\$102,093
Admin	\$65,446



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Brooklyn Jesuit Prep is a Catholic Jesuit middle school serving low-income families of diverse races, ethnicities and faiths in the East Flatbush neighborhood of Brooklyn. Our mission is to develop young leaders who are intellectually competent, open to growth, loving, religious and committed to doing justice. We achieve this goal through a rigorous academic program during an extended school day, a residential summer leadership camp and a graduate support program offering academic and tuition support through high school. In this way, we break the cycle of poverty through education and further the Jesuit tradition of molding men and women for others.

### 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

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*Ohsafa Harding '13 portrait*

John Lazzaro  
*Student and staff photographs*

#### DESIGN

Thomas A. Hein

**90%**  
of students are eligible for free or reduced lunch

**51%**  
of students will be first generation college students

**13:1**  
average student:teacher ratio

**240**  
number of additional instructional hours provided by our extended school day

**19**  
total zip codes served

**BJP is proud to serve our students. Our scholars come from a variety of experiences. Our mission is to serve their needs and provide tools for success.**

**69%**  
of Camp Montmartre counselors were BJP graduates

**21**  
additional days provided to each school year through Camp Montmartre

**93%**  
of our budget comes from philanthropic sources, with more than

**500**  
individual donors

**\$1.2 million**  
earned by the Class of 2025 in scholarship and aid from the schools they are attending



# TEACHING ROOTED IN PURPOSE

Irene Locario is starting her 20th year at BJP. For many alumni, she is at the heart of their stories and memories at our school. She shares, “the students knew I was a person of discipline. Immediately everyone could see my class was different. Usually on the first day I would lay out my expectations and I would hold them to it. Everybody said ‘you just got here and these kids are already marching to the beat of your drum.’” To the BJP community, Ms. Locario is the epitome of tough love. She has held her students to incredible standards while guiding them carefully through our building.

In the last 20 years, we have relocated, changed leaders, and grown in size. For Irene, our deep-rooted commitment to our students is what provides her with the stamina to continue. “When I came to BJP, I was thrown into an environment where these kids were like your children. They were ours. It’s a joy to work in that kind of environment,” she shares.

As a child, she knew she wanted to make a difference in the lives of children and sees teaching as one avenue for change. For Irene, the process of teaching is personal, “I see my calling to teaching as a ministry. I see it as fulfilling my baptismal commitment in the sense that this is the life that I have and what I do with it is my gift back to God.” She feels successful when her students understand something new and she works to find creative ways to allow her content to resonate with them.

Irene sees BJP as a key player in making this difference because of the small classes and Jesuit value of *cura personalis*. She gets to know each student, works with them individually, and learns more about them personally and academically.

Irene has also served as a vital part of Camp each year. “They see me differently at camp. I have a different role with them at camp than I do when I’m here. I still hold my standards as far as behavior.” It’s a chance to see where she can further support her students. Camp is also a time away from the city, where they get to spend more time together and away from their devices.

Camp serves as a pillar for students, counselors, and teachers alike. The time spent at Fairfield is filled with learning, bonding, and community building. As a teacher and mentor, Irene appreciates the opportunity to evaluate and know her students before the school year begins.



# Thank you.

We are grateful to our supporters for allowing us to provide our students with significant resources. 93% of BJP's annual needs are funded by charitable contributions. Your gifts impact the lives of our students now and tomorrow.

This year we raised over \$2 million from individuals, foundations, and other organizations in support of our annual fund, Gala, and all other FY25 initiatives.

Below we recognize gifts received last fiscal year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025). We're excited to establish giving levels, and are grateful to those who continue to significantly support our mission.

Gifts at every level matter. Without the generosity of those mentioned below, we would not have the opportunity to continue such transformative work.

If we made an error, please let our team know by contacting [development@brooklynjesuit.org](mailto:development@brooklynjesuit.org). We sincerely apologize.

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## Melissa Garville

BJP's Garville Scholars program was created in memory of Melissa Garville. As an active member of our board, Melissa was a strong advocate for BJP's students and mission. After her sudden passing in 2020, her parents, Greg and Christine Garville, established the Garville Scholars Program to honor her legacy. The program provides funding for our Graduate Support Program, student field trips for cultural experiences in NYC, and scholarships for BJP students. We continue to remember Melissa Garville and are grateful to those who continue to support BJP in her memory.



## Greg McCaig

Greg McCaig is remembered by his family for his presence, care for community, and incomparable storytelling ability. As a graduate of Brooklyn Prep's Class of 1971, Greg firmly believed that Jesuit education impacted his life. The McCaig Family Scholarship was created to honor Greg's memory through a scholarship that will provide funds in perpetuity. Every year this scholarship helps two BJP students access an impactful and comprehensive Jesuit education. The scholarship persists through high school, ensuring lasting support beyond our walls.



## John Farrell

John Farrell is remembered by his loved ones as kind-hearted, humorous, and loving. A graduate of Xavier High School and the College of the Holy Cross, John tragically lost his life on September 11th.



His mother, Marie Farrell, turned her grief into something positive by working to support students at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep. As a former New York Nativity board member and BJP volunteer, Marie honored John through service. For 20 years, Day for Farrell raised funds in John's memory.

As a product of Jesuit education, John embodied so many of the same values we teach our students. Each year, one BJP 8th grader is presented with the John Farrell Spirit Award for exemplifying the same traits for which John is remembered. We extend our gratitude to his family and friends, who have continued to support BJP as a way to honor John's memory.



## THE CALABRESE PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

The Calabrese Planned Giving Society, established in 2022, was founded by Steve Calabrese in memory of Patricia Calabrese, his wife, who tragically passed away from Parkinson's Disease. Steve remembers Patricia as loving and kind, and seeks to honor her life through supporting institutions that focus on education and justice.

As a Brooklynite and product of Jesuit education at Regis High School and Boston College, Steve's commitment to BJP is personal. His involvement in Nativity schools began as a volunteer, and Patricia's passing inspired him to grow his support even further. "If we don't support these students now, we won't set them up to succeed in the future. I see supporting BJP and my alma mater as one and the same cause, but starting with BJP is essential," he shares.

We are incredibly grateful for the individuals in this society. Each supporter listed has generously established a planned gift intention. Their gift will ensure the BJP mission forever stands, allowing generations of BJP's scholars to access transformative education.

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*"I have always considered Patricia to be my gold standard for kindness. Everyday since she has gone, I seek to incorporate a bit more of her heart in mine, because she had the bigger heart. She is, therefore, the perfect choice to name this society after."*

STEVE CALABRESE

# Honorary Giving

The list below includes individuals in whose honor our school received donations.

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Steven Quinn  
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Regis Class of 2022  
Fr. Kevin C. Spinale, SJ



# GIVING BACK WITH HEART

Ohsafa Harding graduated from BJP in 2013. He went on to attend and graduate from Cristo Rey Brooklyn '17 and Fairfield University '21, and is now an Engineer at National Grid. As a college student, Ohsafa returned as a Collegian at Camp Montmartre for three years in a row, noting that the impact camp had on him extended beyond his time as a student. "We were always helping people... I learned to love the idea of my actions being of service to somebody," he shares. "That's why I wanted to go back to camp. To give back to the kids in the way that other graduates gave back to me."

When asked how he would describe BJP, Ohsafa's response was "family." He shares how formative the community has been over the years, including some classmates whom he is still close with today. The connections made at BJP remind him that he always has resources to lean on and students to mentor as he himself goes further in his career.

Ohsafa reflects on the teachers who impacted him as a student, including veteran teacher Irene Locario. "When I think about my own future, I want to emulate the energy that they had. They were like a quiet storm. They came with a lot of energy, they gave you a lot, but it was never too much," he shares. "It was always just what you needed: swift, beautiful, and even chaotic in some ways. They lit up every room, provided light, and always guided people the right way."

These traits are what influenced Ohsafa as he got older. He shares that BJP is where he learned the difference between a job and a vocation.

# BUILDING FUTURES. CHANGING LIVES.

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR BROOKLYN JESUIT PREP

Since 2020, Brooklyn Jesuit Prep has been engaged in a bold and important effort to advance our mission and secure our future. Launched quietly during a time of great uncertainty, the campaign—*Building Futures. Changing Lives.*—has already raised an extraordinary \$10 million thanks to the commitment and generosity of our friends and supporters.

This campaign has been transformative. It has allowed BJP to:

- Move from Crown Heights to East Flatbush, ensuring our students have a home that is newly-renovated and vibrant.
- Increase admissions and enrollment from 80 students to over 100, expanding the opportunity for Jesuit education.
- Strengthen our Graduate Support Program, giving students the guidance, mentorship, and scholarships needed to thrive.
- Compensate our teachers more competitively, recognizing that they deliver the mission to our students each and every day.
- Secure our future through planned gifts, which extend the impact of the campaign beyond today, ensuring that the school remains strong for generations to come.

*Building Futures. Changing Lives.* expands our capabilities above and beyond what is made possible by our annual fund. This campaign allows BJP to invest not only in classrooms and our campus, but in people—the students, families, and teachers who embody BJP’s mission.

## WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR DONORS

We are deeply grateful to every donor who has already joined us on this journey. Their generosity has given BJP a new home and opened doors of opportunity for our students. We are honored and privileged to recognize extraordinary generosity below.

### \$2,000,000+

Anonymous  
James and Linda Foy  
USA East Province of the Society of Jesus

### \$1,000,000–\$1,999,999

Steven Calabrese

### \$500,000–\$999,999

Anonymous

### \$200,000–\$499,999

John and Adeline O'Rourke  
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Alain and Cathy De Coster  
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Matthew and Caitlin Janeczko

## LOOKING AHEAD: THE PUBLIC PHASE

With strong progress during the quiet phase, we are excited to announce the launch of the public phase of *Building Futures. Changing Lives.* From now until June 30, 2026, we invite the entire Brooklyn Jesuit Prep community to take part.

The final phase of this campaign will directly support BJP's continued advancement as outlined in our Strategic Plan. This plan charts a bold course for the years ahead—strengthening academics, deepening graduate support, expanding access, and ensuring that BJP remains a beacon of hope and excellence for generations of students to come.

Every gift, large or small, strengthens our mission and sustains our work. Together, through *Building Futures. Changing Lives.*, we will ensure that BJP continues to form young leaders of tomorrow. To learn more or get involved, please contact [development@brooklynjesuit.org](mailto:development@brooklynjesuit.org).



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## **OUR PLEDGE**

I pledge this day to honor the promise,  
using God's gifts for the good of all:  
to respect each other,  
to welcome all to our community,  
to seek knowledge and enlightenment,  
to become people of peace,  
compassion and forgiveness.  
We are proud to be who we are,  
a diverse family  
filled with the spirit of kindness  
and encouragement,  
built upon the rock  
of integrity and loyalty.  
May the spirit of BJP forever stand!