



## ~COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MORE PROJECTS FUNDED FROM COVID FUNDS~

### College Acceptances



Paul Rezzo, College Counselor

Millennium's classical curriculum does an excellent job of preparing seniors for what they will face in college by making them stronger readers, writers, and thinkers. Mr. Rezzo, our college counselor, meets one-on-one with students both their junior and senior years to help them think through their next step after high school and to walk them through the college application process. We have had such great success even in our first four years of graduates being accepted to over 60 different colleges and universities, including some of the most well-regarded in the country. Mr. Rezzo encourages every student to make an intentional decision about how they want to further their education after high school, but it is important to realize that it is not a one-size-fits-all decision, so no matter which school they choose—large, small, two-year, or four-year—our hope is that students make a proactive choice based on their unique abilities and interests and commit to growing not just as a student and professional but most importantly as a person who will have a positive impact in their communities and families someday.

Acceptance letters have already begun arriving, along with the excitement and wonder of what will be and the new adventures that lie ahead. Please enjoy a view of some of the colleges that have already sent acceptance letters to our 2022 seniors, of whom we are very proud.





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## More Projects Funded by Covid Funds

If there could be anything positive from the Coronavirus, it might be the extra funding awarded to public schools across the United States. In March of 2020, Congress set aside approximately \$13.2 billion through the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund). Signed into law on March 27, 2020, the US Department of Education awarded these funds to state educational agencies for the purpose of providing local educational agencies, that is, individual school districts, including charter schools such as MCA, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the country.

Millennium already utilized some of these funds late last year to purchase iPads for the grammar school and new interactive panels for the dialectic school. Recently, we used these funds to purchase 293 Chromebooks and laminate in our wing 2 lunchroom. As you may remember, that lunchroom had carpet, but with the new hard-surface flooring we can now keep it much cleaner and sanitized. After these wonderful additions, we were also able to purchase several new HVAC units, improving the air quality in wings 1, 2, and 3.

## New Teaching Assistants

These funds also provided additional teaching assistants. We now have a K-5 resource teaching assistant, Sarah Calloway, who we are proud to say was one of our former students and who is now helping implement plans and facilitate reading, writing, and math for lower school students who have IEPs. We also hired Mrs. Danielle Hiatt to work one-on-one with students who needs support in the general education classrooms or to help our EC teachers and therapist with clerical tasks. Lastly, we hired an interventionist, who under the guidance of lower school director Ms. Carter, will target the reading needs of struggling students, using proven instructional resources, such as DIBELS, Level Literacy Interventions (LLI), i-Ready, the CKLA Remediation Guide, Read works materials, and literature-based projects. And again, we are proud to say that one of our former students, Tahtiyana Mason will fill this role.



Lunchroom floor



298 Chromebooks



The Chromebook packaging was not wasted. Mrs. Handy's class decorated the boxes and used them in their daily lessons.