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Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71 Named to Crain’s Cleveland Business’ Notable Women in Education

Cleveland, OH – Congratulations to Saint Joseph Academy President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71 for being honored with Crain’s Cleveland Business’ inaugural Notable Women in Education. She continually transforms her alma mater into a more inclusive and impactful educational institution.

Mrs. Corrigan-Davis has been the key driver for the doubling of the only all girls high school in the City of Cleveland’s operating budget, increasing the Academy’s endowment 278% and implementing $10 million in capital improvements. She also was integral to boosting tuition assistance to $2 million from $500,000.

Under her leadership and encouragement, students are better prepared for college and the outside world. The Academy has quadrupled its number of Advanced Placement® offerings and introduced a Health Sciences Honors Program, Engineering & Design Honors Program, as well as developing a Women’s Leadership Symposium. Mary Ann has also drastically improved the advanced technology the Academy offers to its students, through its cutting-edge biology and chemistry labs, including the state-of-the-art Anatomage Table, Makerspace innovation lab, which features a variety of hands-on learning technology tools that foster collaboration. Students benefit from creative technology tools, including the Google Tilt Brush virtual reality system, digital and graphic arts labs and more.

“Without my experiences at Saint Joseph Academy and Mrs. Corrigan-Davis’ encouragement, I never would have had the courage to work as hard as I have and apply to get accepted into Berklee College of Music, where I will be going next year on a considerable merit scholarship,” said 2019 Saint Joseph Academy graduate Olivia Martinez. “Every student at the Academy has individual interests and Mrs. Corrigan-Davis makes an effort to provide as much support and guidance as she can for each and every one.”

Students, alumnae, donors and board members alike have been impacted by Mary Ann. “Through a non-biased approach, she is fair and deliberate in her advocacy for women and gender equality in leadership. I value Mary Ann tremendously as a mentor, role model and friend. One of the few female executives in the city of Cleveland to hold the position that focuses more on the business and development end of school operations, I have long looked to Mary Ann as someone I emulate as she beautifully navigates the challenges of being an effective female leader in her organization. She is incredibly loyal and has consistently supported me and other female leaders. She has served as a sounding board for me on leadership, organizational politics and navigating the challenges of being a female leader in our community.”

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Perhaps, most importantly, she helped me understand that I could and should assert myself, as well as how to go about doing so. I’ve learned many valuable lessons from Mary Ann,” shared K. Kelly Hancock, DNP, RN, NE-BC, Executive Chief Nursing Officer, Cleveland Clinic.

Congratulations again, Mary Ann! *Sursum Corda*!

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Now in its 129th year, Saint Joseph Academy is the only all-girls Catholic high school in the City of Cleveland. With a current enrollment of 720 young women, Saint Joseph Academy is rooted in the spirituality of the Congregation of St. Joseph and works to foster unifying relationships with God and all creation. Each young woman is empowered to achieve academic excellence, and inspired to a life of compassionate leadership and service in a global society. Saint Joseph Academy is located at 3470 Rocky River Drive in Cleveland. For more information, visit www.sja1890.org or call 216.251.6788.