

## Inglewood, CA— St. Mary's Academy welcomes back alumna and U.S. Senate Candidate Daphne Bradford '84 Blue Tie

For more than 130 years, St. Mary's Academy has been educating young women that contribute to society in extraordinary ways!



Inglewood, California Apr 21, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - [St. Mary's Academy](https://www.issuewire.com) distinguishes alumna and U.S. Senate Candidate Daphne Bradford '84 Blue Tie, who return to SMA to attend two events on May 1, 2022.

First, Ms. Bradford will reunite with other alumnae at SMA's Belles & Brushes Soiree on May 1st from 12Noon-2 pm. Then, Ms. Bradford will continue her visit to SMA's community event featuring the latest completed capital projects supported by private donations, which include: a new Front Entrance (Grace Ave), an Innovation Lab, ADA compliant bathrooms, and a new running track. In addition, SMA will share its plans for updating classrooms, and a new library research and media center funded in partnership with the Bill Hannon Foundation and a major donation from a private individual.

Ms. Bradford plans to speak briefly to attendees at the Campus Showcase on how SMA shaped her passion to provide life skills education and Advanced Computer Science courses to students in underserved communities of Los Angeles County.

[St. Mary's Academy](#) is a Catholic High School for young women, grades 9th through 12th. SMA is dedicated to shaping students into young women of distinction who are committed to lifelong learning and service to the “dear neighbor.”

The School has been educating young women for more than 130 years. It is often referred to as the hidden jewel in the City of Inglewood. SMA approaches education using the “whole child” concept of providing strong academics in a nurturing environment where every young woman is visible, heard, and understood. The nurturing environment at SMA also includes a strong commitment to the health and wellness of all students.

Recently, [St. Mary's Academy](#) became one of 2,000 schools worldwide to implement an [AP Capstone Diploma™ program](#)—an innovative program that encourages students to develop skills for college and career success, including critical thinking, research, collaboration, and communication. Current student enrollment is 227.

Students at SMA are from the City of Inglewood and other Los Angeles communities including Ladera Heights, View Park, Baldwin Hills, Culver City, and Torrance.

Annually, 100% of the students are accepted to 4-year universities in California and across the United States. Like Ms. Bradford, these students will continue the legacy of becoming women of distinction who are committed to lifelong learning and service.



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