





Notre Dame High School is proud to be the most diverse Catholic high school in Santa Clara County, and we are committed to ensuring that our community contains a mosaic of diverse perspectives. In an effort to strengthen this inclusive environment, we have established The Village Scholarship with an aim to increase the number of students of Black, African ancestry at Notre Dame.

The Village Scholarship provides a four-year Notre Dame scholarship for a young woman of Black, African ancestry with financial need. Each member of the "Village" pledges to a monthly gift of \$45 over four years for a total donation of \$2,160.

Making a college preparatory education possible for every young woman, despite financial resources, is integral to our mission. As the oldest all-girls high school in the western United States, Notre Dame has an established history of providing education that cultivates women of impact. Through a program focused on leadership development, critical thinking skills, complex problemsolving abilities and effective communication, our students are empowered to find their voice and to become the change-makers our society needs.

WHY PARTNER WITH US?

Nationally, women earn nearly 60% of college degrees each year, yet they represent only 34% of practicing physicians, 19% of the US Congress, 14% of executive officers and 4% of S&P 500 company CEOs. For women of African ancestry, the statistics are even more sobering.

Disparity in access to quality education is one of the most significant factors that influence the wide, stubborn economic gaps between Black and white households in the United States.

While Notre Dame is nationally-recognized for our diversity and the current student body reflects the diversity of Santa Clara County, we want to do more.

JOIN US

To join the Village Scholarship circle, click here. If you have questions, please contact Amy Pizarro, executive director of advancement, at apizarro@ndsj.org or 408-294-1113, ext. 2181.





The Village Scholarship logo depicts the colors of the Pan-African flag and an Adinkra symbol in the language of Akan. It means "abusua pa" which translates to "good family and community." This represents the familial bond a village fosters, ensuring their continuous contribution to society as a whole.