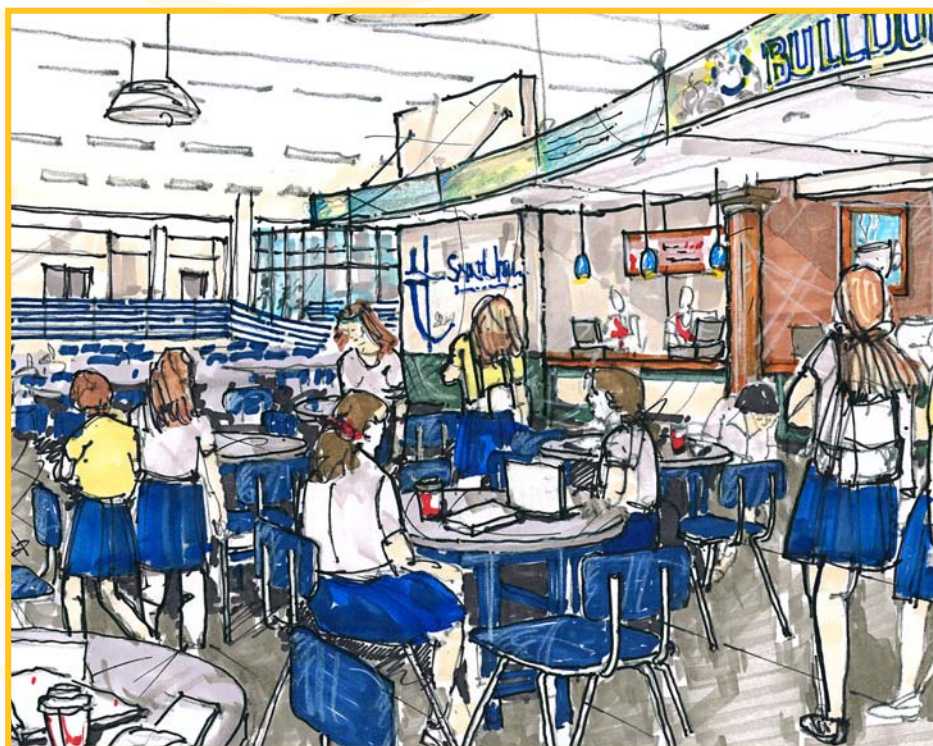


# building community spirit

## *Creation of a Student Center & Library*



SAINT URSULA  
ACADEMY

# our core values

*Christ - Centered Spirit*

*Academic Excellence*

*Diversity*

*Dignity and Gifts of Women*

*Optimism and Openness*

*Family Spirit*

*Personal Care for the Individual*

*Development of the Whole Person*

*Christian Service*



*“Never cease to cultivate  
this vine that has been  
entrusted to you”*

This familiar counsel of St. Angela Merici has been guiding St. Ursula Academy since its foundation in 1910. The transformation of girls into faith-filled young women has been **UNSTOPPABLE** here on McMillan Street for almost 100 years.

The Academy’s mission and vision originate in the life and teachings of St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursuline Sisters. This 16th-century visionary had the courage to create a new way of life for women in the Church. Her Christ-centered spirit is the bedrock upon which the Academy’s mission stands — *to prepare women of faith, integrity, and courage.*



# success drives our growth

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The past ten years have witnessed impressive growth at St. Ursula Academy as we respond to the market demand to serve more students. Our enrollment has increased at a time when many other schools are seeing their numbers decline. And our campus has grown.

Under the leadership of the forward-thinking Board of Trustees, the Academy has systematically addressed a Master Plan to expand and enhance the learning experience:

- Addition of the Fine Arts Building in 1998.
- Completion of Schott Hall in 2001 with eight science labs, 10 classrooms, two music rooms with several satellite practice rooms.
- Addition of a student parking lot in 2002.
- Completion of the Gymnasium/Convocation Center in 2003. This long-awaited addition houses our community for assemblies, sporting events and liturgies.
- Purchase of the former Engineering Society building in 2004, potential new home for fine and performing arts.
- Most recently – the purchase of the building adjacent to the Gymnasium/Convocation Center.

St. Ursula Academy has been very blessed to have incredible benefactors and friends over its history. The right people have always been there at the right time to ensure the progress of the school. These amazing volunteers and benefactors have shown themselves as a strong force from the recent years of building Schott Hall and the Gymnasium/Convocation Center to the acquisition of additional buildings in the recent decade.

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*\$5.5 million - including an endowment for operating the building.*



## community spirit and growing needs

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The community spirit the students describe as “sisterhood” is crucial in giving the Ursuline spirit a continued vitality. As our school has grown larger, we’ve developed an increased awareness of the need to focus more on fostering this collegial family spirit. With enrollment increasing from both the Catholic and public school sectors, there is a great need for more space on campus, especially for our library and dining room facilities.

## timing is critical

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Just recently the possibility of purchasing the building across the street from the school’s main building emerged. Having seized this opportunity, St. Ursula Academy will be able to fulfill its current needs and also protect its boundaries. Not only will the students have a place to gather and foster that collegial family spirit, but with the building’s 25,000 square feet, several vital needs will be fulfilled.



Athletic Field

Convocation Center

Proposed Student Center

Existing Parking

New Parking

Bell Place

East McMillan Street

Ashland Avenue

Upland Place

Schott Hall

West Wing

Chapel

Parlor

Classrooms

Theater

Herman Schneider Building

Woodburn Avenue

Existing Campus with New Building and Parking Areas

# campus atmosphere is an asset

One of St. Ursula Academy's greatest assets is its expansive campus. As students prepare academically for college they are also preparing for campus life itself as they transition from building to building to change classes or attend special activities. The new building is ideally located at the corner of East McMillan and Bell Place directly across from the main building and next door to the Gymnasium/Convocation Center.





*New Building, adjacent to the Gymnasium/Convocation Center*



*New Building, future McMillan entrance*



*New Building, rear entrance, with additional parking and patio area*

# a library for the 21st century

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An up-to-date library will offer our students a facility for serious academic study and research. In addition to promoting student excellence, it will be a catalyst for the ongoing education of our faculty. Also, with the addition of a new library, the current one can be converted to additional classrooms.

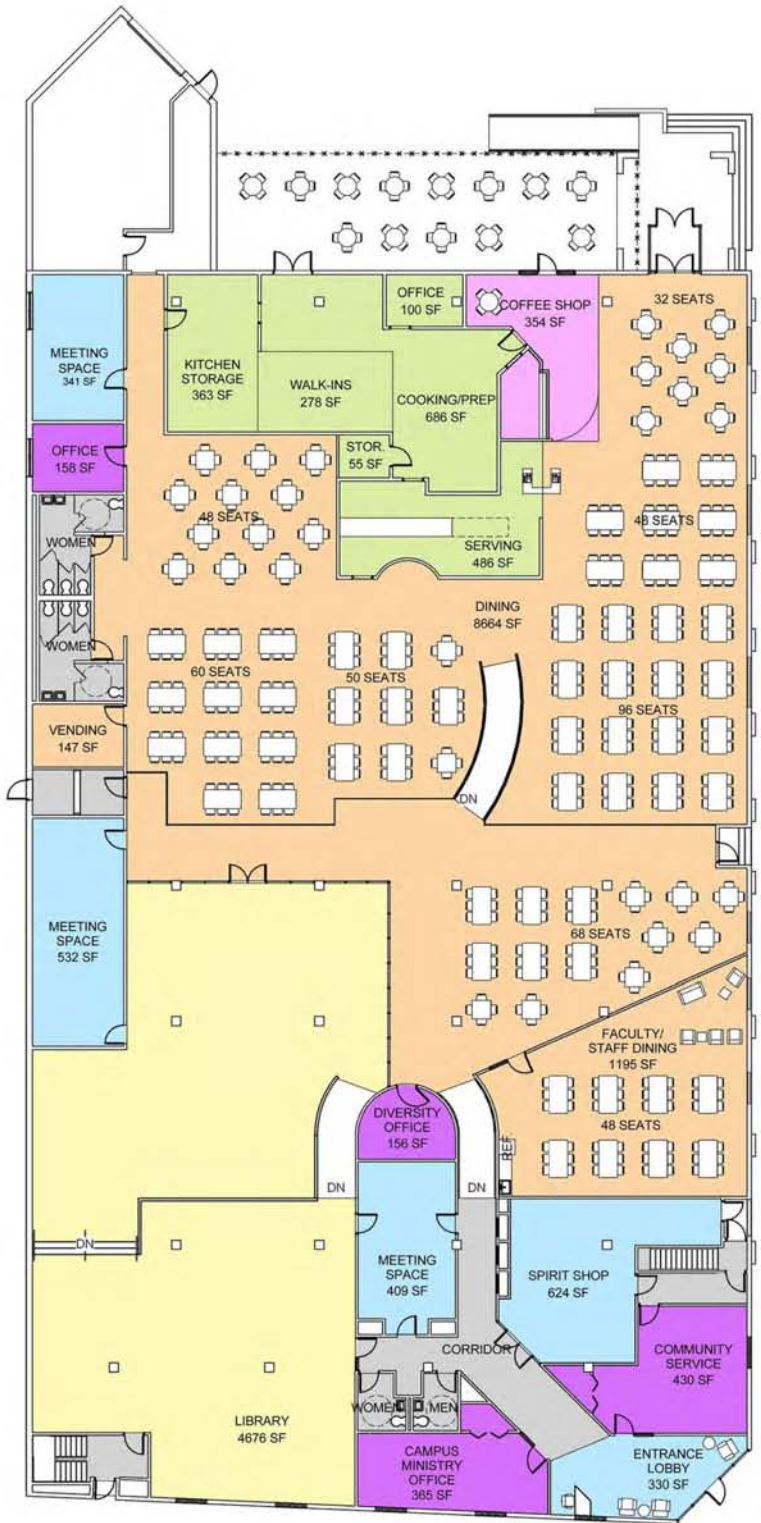
Our current library was built in 1967 for a school of under 400 students. Now, in addition to almost twice the number of students, we live in the midst of an information explosion. This information is provided by both the electronic and print media and is in a constant state of growth and change. A library is the hub of an effective school where students discover how to be life-long learners, work collaboratively and learn to present their thoughts in the ways demanded by our changing world.

## dining room expansion

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The new dining room, which will seat 400 students, will allow the proliferation of the spirit of “sisterhood” our students value dearly. It will provide gathering space for students before and after school. The dining room would also accommodate special events for students, alumnae, and other SUA members. The importance of the position of the dining room to student activity offices and to the library cannot be overstated. Our students have a very tight schedule. Having all of these functions under one roof will make participation and scheduling far easier for our students.

The building acquisition will provide enough space to house a library, kitchen, dining room, faculty dining room, spirit wear shop, meeting rooms, Campus Ministry, Community Service and Diversity Offices. This addition would serve as a Student Center where students would have an array of opportunities to study, dine, meet and work, and have close access to the Community Service, Campus Ministry and Diversity Offices.



**PROPOSED PLAN**  
Dining Configuration

- COFFEE SHOP
  - DINING
  - KITCHEN/SERVING
  - LIBRARY
  - MISCELLANEOUS
  - OFFICES
  - SERVICE
- STUDENT SEATS: 402  
FACULTY SEAS: 48

# community outreach

St. Angela Merici instructs us to *"build community wherever you go."* With these encouraging words, St. Ursula Academy's dedicated Diversity and Community Service programs contribute actively in the neighborhood. The increased square footage provides the opportunity for more community outreach in a safe environment. It could create the possibility of offering space for the annual Walnut Hills Multicultural Festival, for neighborhood meetings, or potential after-school programs for the female youth in the neighborhood. Our Community Service Program is actively supported by our talented student body who participate in many outreach activities such as the Bulldog Buddies and Girls Hope mentoring programs. Through the collaboration of Community Service and Diversity Programs, the Academy could offer to host special gatherings and celebrations with our neighborhood "buddies."



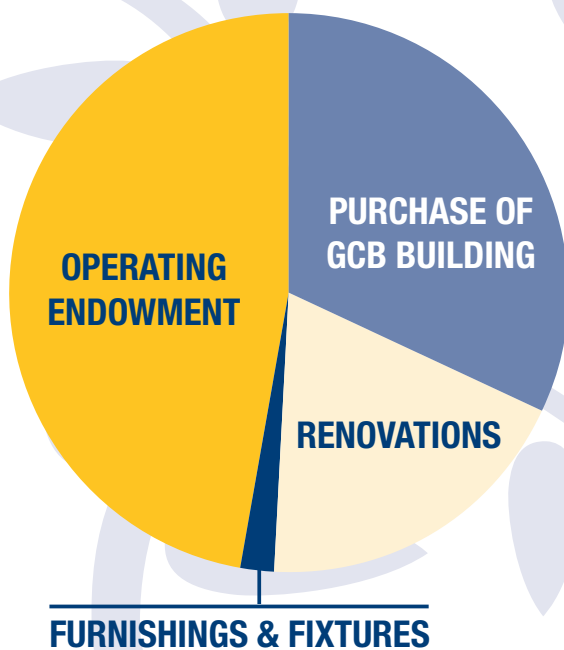
# cost breakdown

Building Purchase	\$ 1,700,000
Renovations	\$ 1,000,000
Furnishings & Fixtures	\$ 200,000
Contingencies	\$ 100,000

**SUB-TOTAL \$ 3,000,000**

Operating Endowment	\$ 2,500,000
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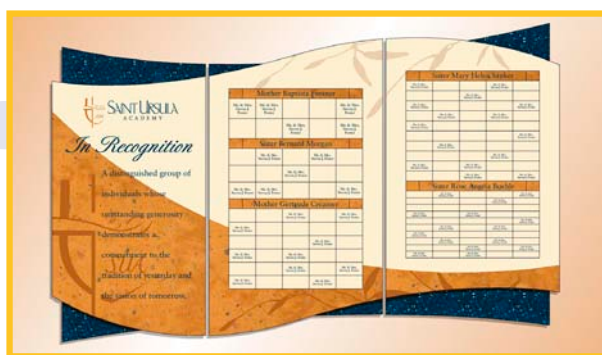
**TOTAL \$ 5,500,000**



# commemorative opportunities

All gifts of \$10,000 and above will be permanently recognized on a donor wall in the Student Center. Additionally, all gifts of \$100,000 and above will be recognized on an individual plaque dedicated to a specific room. Gift recognition levels for the donor wall have been established in honor of beloved teachers and long-time principals of the Academy in the following category:

<b>Mother Baptista Freaner</b> <i>Directress 1911-1916</i>	\$100,000
<b>Sister Bernard O'Connor</b> <i>Directress 1916-1925</i>	\$ 50,000
<b>Sister Gertrude Creamer</b> <i>Principal 1925-1940</i>	\$ 25,000
<b>Sister Mary Helen Sanker</b> <i>Principal 1940-1955</i>	\$ 10,000



# *Cultivating the Vine...* **ways of giving**

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A tradition of giving and involvement is an integral part of our history at St. Ursula Academy. We invite you to participate in cultivating this vine—the creation of the Student Center and Library. There are numerous ways to support this project. Gifts of all sizes and forms are invaluable to St. Ursula and impact our students and faculty on a daily basis.

## **Pledges**

The most popular way to contribute is through a 3 or 5 year pledge. Installments for your pledge should be designated by you (the donor) and are essential for our record keeping and financing. Installments may be altered at any time.

## **Outright Gifts**

Outright gifts may be made with cash, check or credit card. Please make checks payable to St. Ursula Academy and mail it to the Advancement Office. Credit card gifts may be made on-line by going to [www.saitursula.org/giving](http://www.saitursula.org/giving) or by calling the Advancement Office, 513-961-3410, ext. 148.

## **Stock**

Gifts of securities, especially appreciated stocks, can offer substantial tax savings. By giving appreciated stock, you may be able to give a larger gift at less cost. Please call the Advancement Office (513-961-3410, ext. 148) for transfer information.

## **Matching Gifts**

Many employers generously match an employee's gift to non-profit institutions, helping their employees maximize their charitable contributions. Please consult your company's personnel office to inquire if your gift to St. Ursula Academy qualifies. Submit the matching gifts form with your gift. We appreciate this extra effort to increase your support of St. Ursula Academy.

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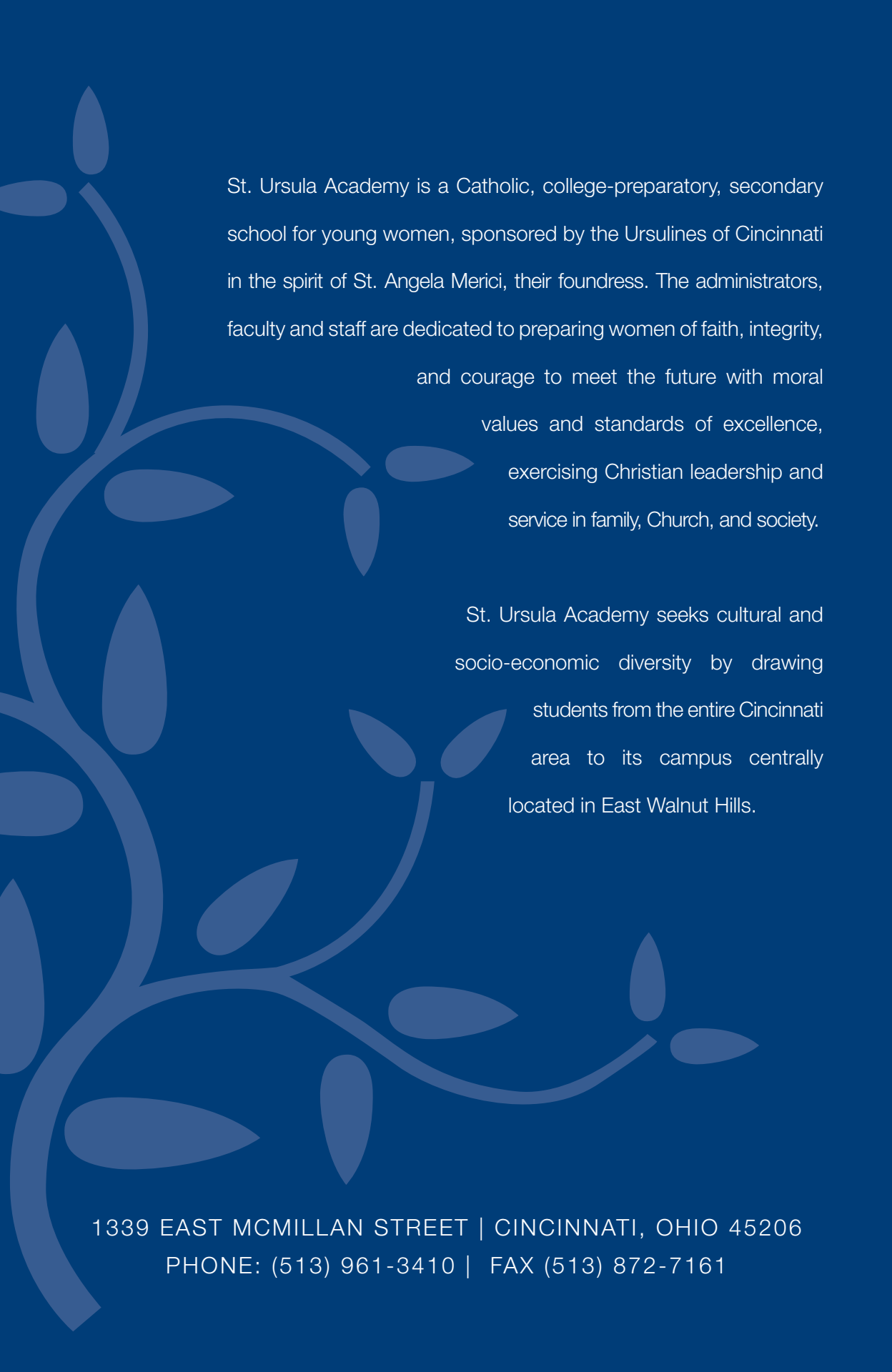
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St. Ursula Academy is a Catholic, college-preparatory, secondary school for young women, sponsored by the Ursulines of Cincinnati in the spirit of St. Angela Merici, their foundress. The administrators, faculty and staff are dedicated to preparing women of faith, integrity,

and courage to meet the future with moral values and standards of excellence, exercising Christian leadership and service in family, Church, and society.

St. Ursula Academy seeks cultural and socio-economic diversity by drawing students from the entire Cincinnati area to its campus centrally located in East Walnut Hills.

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