

## Student Ambassadors Club

The purpose of the Student Ambassadors Club is to promote Xavier's excellence and support its mission statement. Ambassadors serve as greeters for sporting events, ushers for performances, tour guides, and hostesses at various school functions. They help new students and prospective families become familiar with Xavier through their involvement in the Shadow Program, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day, and Open House.

The Student Ambassadors Club began in the fall of 1990. It was the creation of Dr. Janet Burke and Mrs. Mary Murphy Grosdidier '77, a former Alumnae Director. The goal was to have "official hostesses of Xavier"-girls who are knowledgeable about Xavier, who can speak confidently with poise in front of a group, and most importantly, young women who are proud and enthusiastic about Xavier! Dr. Burke and Mrs. Grosdidier had over 150 girls apply for 40 positions! These 40 girls were the first to wear the tailored navy blazers that have become the signature of the Xavier Student Ambassadors.

A Student Ambassador is a Xavier student who has qualified by studying facts about Xavier and is capable of sharing that knowledge with others. Ambassadors learn the history of Xavier, beginning with our opening in 1943 to our current history and planning. They can tell you all about Xavier, from our Spanish-style arches, to our rich traditions which Xavier has established over the past 75 years. Ambassadors are delighted to share with others their knowledge of Xavier's long legacy of academic achievement, sports accomplishments, community outreach, and fine arts.

An integral part of the Student Ambassadors Club is the Shadow Program. The purpose of the Shadow Program is to provide an inside look at Xavier for an applicant. An eighth-grader requests an appointment to spend the day with a Student Ambassador. The Shadows are then matched with an appropriate Ambassador, who then calls the Shadow the night before to introduce herself and to clarify any questions about dress code, lunch, etc. This program is very popular with eighth-graders, but it is not a requirement for acceptance.

Today, there are approximately 200 young women serving as a Student Ambassador who have the honor of wearing the navy blazers. The application process involves submitting an application, passing a multiple choice test. The following requirements must be met in order for a student to be considered for the Student Ambassadors Club:

- The applicant must meet the minimum grade requirement of 2.5 GPA.
- The applicant must be a current freshman, sophomore, or junior.
- The Dean/Assistant Dean will confirm that the applicant does not have a discipline record with a serious offense or multiple violations of school rules.
- The applicant must be enthusiastic about Xavier College Preparatory and be willing and able to make a serious time commitment to the Student Ambassador Club (approximately 4 meetings and 5 events per academic year).