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A Guide to the Street Academy-Harriet Gibbons High School Collection MG 214

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Street Academy-Harriet Gibbons High School Collection

Call Number: MG 214

Creator: Street Academy-Harriet Gibbons High School Collection

Inclusive Dates: 1970-2005

Bulk Dates: 1972-2005

Abstract: The Street Academy formed in 1970 as a partnership between the Albany Chapter of the Urban League and a group of nuns from the Kenwood Academy of the Sacred Heart. This collection includes photo albums, VHS tapes, yearbooks, commencement programs, building plans, a history of the school, newspaper clippings, a collection of student writings, slides, a plaque, and certificates.

Quantity: 6 boxes

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Street Academy- Harriet Gibbons High School, donated to the Albany Institute by Chuck Miller

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Restrictions

Restrictions on Access: None

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Index Term

Persons: Gibbons, Harriet Tillman, Alfrieda
 Lloyd, Willette Williams, Vivvy
 Miller, Chuck

Organizations: Albany District Links
 Credit Unions - First Teachers Federal Credit Union
 High Schools – Albany – New York – Harriet Gibbons High School
 High Schools – Albany – New York – The Street Academy
 Newspapers – Albany – New York – The Knickerbocker News
 University of the State of New York – Education Department

Places:

Document Types: Certificates
 News Clippings
 Photography Albums
 Plaques

Titles

Biography/History of

Harriet Gibbons High School, a learning community of Albany High School, provided alternative-education programs in the City School District of Albany in several configurations for 40 years before closing after the 2009-2010 school year. Harriet Gibbons was restructured to a ninth grade academy in 2005 to provide added support for small groups of freshmen with high academic needs or who preferred a small learning environment. Leading educational research shows that students who complete ninth grade successfully are significantly more likely to graduate on time. The Board of Education voted in July 2010 to close the school and relocate all students to Albany High.

The school first opened in 1970 by Sacred Heart nuns, as the independent Street Academy serving students in grades 9-12 who weren't achieving in a traditional setting. The Street Academy became part of the district in 1973, and was renamed in 1992 after Harriet Gibbons, one of the school's first principals (1974-1977) and the first African-American woman elected to the school board. From 1974 to 1991, the school had been located at 165 Clinton Ave, then moved to 27 Western Ave., and finally to 75 Watervliet Ave. in 2002.

Scope and Contents of the Records/Papers/Collection

This collection is about the Street Academy, renamed in 1992 as Harriet Gibbons High School. The collection contains numerous photo albums, VHS tapes, yearbooks,

commencement programs, building plans, a history of the school, newspaper clippings, collections of student writings, slides, a plaque and certificates.

Organization of the Records/Papers/Collection

None

Related Material

None

Separated Materials

None

Other Finding Aids

None

Detailed Description of the Records/Papers/Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Box #	Folder #	Item#/Title/Description
1		Yearbooks- 2005-2006,2005, 2004, 2003,2002,2001, 1997, 1996,1991,1990,1983,1981,1980,1976,1975,1974, 1972,
2	1	Commencement Programs, -1979,1981-1990,1992-2006
	2	c. 2002 Building conversion plans for 75 Watervliet Ave. new home of Harriet gibbons HS
		Site proposals for new location of Harriet Gibbons HS
	3	History of school and dedication to Harriet Gibbons
	4	Collections of Student Writings
	5	Miscellaneous Papers
	5	CD of Photographs of students, Harriet Gibbons WinSchool CD, Lauren Studios 1-877-298-1558
3		Plaque- Harriet Gibbons High School Scholarship Winner, Given by the Senior Class of 1994
		Certificate of Membership- First Teachers Federal Credit Union, member since December 1993
		The University of the State of New York Education Department Certificate of Registration – Street Academy September 1983
		Certificate - Albany District Links to Harriet Gibbons High School for outstanding service , May 1997
Box #	Folder #	Item#/Title/Description
3(con't)		Framed printout of new articles about the Street Academy beating the Albany Academy and 2 other teams on a televised quiz show in 1981.

White binder containing a slide presentation with audio tapes –
History of the Street Academy, possibly 1977, with a DVD
recording of presentation created by Charles Miller in 2010

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- VHS Tape - Street Academy First Day
 - VHS Tape – 1992/1993 Harriet Gibbons HS Events
 - VHS Tape – Senior Video
 - VHS Tape - Good news - Tom Mailey
 - VHS Tape - 1994 Harriet Gibbons HS Graduation
 - VHS Tape - 1997 Harriet Gibbons HS Graduation
 - VHS Tape - PSA Philip Schuyler Audit Program
 - VHS Tape - Unmarked
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- Photo Album - DECA 1992-1995 (DECA listed lower right corner of cover, floral print)
 - Photo Album – Class of 1996 written faded on cover (floral print)
 - Photo Album - Senior Dinner and Prom 1996 (floral print album)
 - Photo Album - Class of 1996 (dark blue with gold frame design on cover)
 - Photo Album – Unknown year, possibly late 1990's (blue flowers on white background, album cover bent)
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- Photo Album – Unknown year, possibly late 1990's (blue flowers on white background)
 - Photo Album – 1981 to early or mid 1990's (green and brown album with brown maple leaf on cover)
 - Photo Album - Unknown year, possibly late 1990's early 2000 (white and green album with empty square on cover)
 - Photo Album - Unknown year, possibly 1970's early 1980's (white and green album with pansy flower in square on cover)