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SCHOOL HISTORY & COMMUNITY

The Academy of the Holy Angels is an independent college preparatory school for young women. Established by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1879, Holy Angels is the oldest private school in Bergen County. The Academy is located on a 24-acre campus in Demarest, NJ. Known originally as Holy Angels Collegiate Institute, the Academy attracted students from all over the world. Demarest is an upper middle class community of about 5,000 people located just ten miles from New York City. The present student body comes from 96 cities and towns in NJ and NY. Holy Angels accepts students from many different communities, ethnic backgrounds and religious affiliations.

ADMISSIONS

The Academy is recognized for its outstanding academics as a highly competitive, college preparatory, four-year high school for young women. Students are accepted on the basis of the Archdiocesan Cooperative Exam, school records, and teacher recommendations.

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIP

- Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools (MSACSS)
- College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB)
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)

SCHOOL AWARDS

- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (US Department of Education)
- National Service-Learning Leader School (Corporation for National Service)
- Service-Learning Leader School, New Jersey (NJ Department of Education)
- Green Faith Green Flag School (National Center for Health, Environment and Justice)

FACULTY

The Academy has a faculty of 58 members of which 3 hold Doctoral Degrees, 38 hold Master's Degrees and 19 hold Bachelor's Degrees. Six School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) integrally support our faculty membership. The College Counseling Office is staffed with 3 full-time College Counselors. Key professional members also include Director of Admissions, Campus Ministers, Technology Coordinators, School Social Worker, School Nurse, Librarian and Registrar.

STUDENT BODY

Enrollment (9-12)	550
Senior Class	129
Staff-Student Ratio	1:11
Faculty-Student Ratio	1:10
Average Class Size	19

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Academy sponsors 8 National Honor Society Chapters:

- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta (Math Society)
- Thespian Honor Society (Performing Arts)
- Science National Honor Society
- Societa Onoraria Italica (Italian Language)
- Societas Latina Honoris (Latin Language)
- Societe Honoraire De Francais (French Language)
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Language)
- Tri-M Honor Society (Music)

CLASS OF 2007 -2011

National Merit Scholarship Program (Commended, Semi-Finalists & Finalists)	49
National Hispanic Scholars	9
National Achievement Scholars	3
NJ Bloustein Distinguished Scholars (2007-09)	54
Robert C. Byrd Scholarships (NJ) (2007-10)	2
New Jersey Governor's School Program	15
Advanced Placement Program (see chart) (Scholars, Honors & Distinction)	152
University Book Awards & Medals	80
President's Award for Educational Excellence	230

CLASS OF 2012

Class size: 129

GPA: 92.1% (6th sem. cum. weighted)

Advanced Placement:

48% Junior Year Enrollment

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Sister Virginia Bobrowski, SSND, MS, President • Jennifer Moran, MA, Principal
Sister Karen Kane, SSND, MSW, Dean of Students • Barbara Fallon, CEP, PhD, Lead College Counselor
Joan Bogner, MS, College Counselor • Carolyn Barrett, MA, College Counselor

CLASS OF 2011 - RECENT GRADUATES

- Class size: 132
- GPA Average: 91.2% (weighted)
- 35% Admitted to Most Competitive Colleges & Universities
- 82% Admitted to Most or Highly Competitive Colleges & Universities
- Awarded \$10 million in Scholarships & Grants
- 27,000 hours of community service completed

	COMPOSITE	CRITICAL REASONING	MATH	WRITING
SAT (98% tested)	1172/1778	593	579	606
ACT (60% tested)	25	n/a	n/a	n/a

CURRICULUM

- A strong liberal arts college-preparatory curriculum integrating a wireless computer laptop system
- 9 Academic Departments: Religious Studies, English, Social Studies, Math, Science, World Language, Business & Technology, Fine and Performing Arts, and Physical Education
- 4 Academic Levels: College Prep, Honors and Honors/MCP, High Honors, and Advanced Placement, with a limit to the number of AP courses a student's schedule may allow
- College-Level Program (MCP) in affiliation with Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Student College *Haiku* Online Portfolio Program
- Typical academic load is 8 year-long courses per year, or the equivalent
- Seniors: typically take 7 year-long courses per year, or the equivalent

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- Religious Studies 4 years
- English 4 years
- Fine & Performing Arts 2 years, includes 1 year of Humanities – H/MCP
- Math 3 years
- Physical Education 4 years
- Science 3 years, includes Biology, Chemistry & Physics
- Social Studies 3 years, includes US History I & II
- World Language 3 years of the same language
- Health 2 semesters
- Technology* 1 semester of Computer Applications in 9th grade, and completion of an e-portfolio
- Electives Equiv of 5.5 years
- Community Service 20 hours

*Technology is integral to the curriculum.

ACADEMIC LEVELS: CP / H / HH / AP / MCP

- 80 College-preparatory (CP) courses
- 60 Honors and High Honors courses offered
 - Honors (H): college preparatory courses of a more rigorous nature
 - High Honors (HH) and 14 Advanced Placement (AP): college preparatory courses of a most rigorous nature that meet the following: course content is highly challenging; the workload substantially exceeds that of an honors course; the level of teaching reflects high expectations of students. Enrollment in HH and AP courses is limited per scheduling conflicts and prerequisites.
- 7 University Level 'FDU Middle College Program' (MCP): courses of a 4-year, undergraduate, university caliber

MOST RIGOROUS CURRICULUM

Students pursuing the most rigorous curriculum are enrolled in a combination of Honors and High Honors courses in English, Fine & Performing Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, and World Language, including 3-5 AP courses.

HOW WE RANK AMONG NATIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY SCHOOLS

SAT Mean Comparisons – Class of 2010

The Academy ranks above the National and the State of New Jersey SAT means.

Within the State of NJ, AHA also ranks above NJ Religiously Affiliated, Independent, and Public Schools means.

The Academy also placed among the top 10% of the public schools in Bergen County, 2nd in Writing and Critical Reading*.

	CR	Math	WR	Composite
ACADEMY OF THE HOLY ANGELS	607	590	627	1197 / 1824
Nationwide - National	501	516	492	1017 / 1509
State of New Jersey	495	514	497	1009 / 1506
State of New Jersey (females)	493	498	503	991 / 1494
New Jersey Religiously Affiliated Schools	517	516	519	1033 / 1552
New Jersey Independent Schools	592	599	596	1191 / 1787
New Jersey Public Schools	496	519	498	1015 / 1513

*Bergen Academies included.

STATEMENT OF CLASS RANK

Due to the selectivity of the admissions process, the challenging nature of the Academy's curriculum, and the high academic caliber of the student body, the cumulative weighted average is regarded as the most significant indicator of student performance. Thus, the Academy does not rank students.

GRADING SYSTEM

Achievement is reported by numerical grades.

All AHA courses are used to calculate cumulative weighted GPAs, except for Phys Ed, Community Service & Summer School.

Cumulative weighted averages are computed five times: at the end of the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th (College Mid-Year), and 8th (Final) semesters using the appropriate multiplier.

COLLEGE COURSES

Fairleigh Dickinson University Middle College Program
College courses are offered to Juniors and Seniors through the Fairleigh Dickinson University 'Middle College Program'. Seven university courses are offered for credit. The courses are: Anatomy & Physiology-H/MCP, English IV-H/MCP, Calculus-IIH/MCP, Classical Humanities-H/MCP, French IV-H/MCP, Italian IV-H/MCP, and Organic Chemistry-H/MCP.

A+ = 95–100	A = 90–94	B+ = 85–89
B = 80–84	C = 75–79	D = 70–74
(Passing Grade is 70)		

Course Multipliers:

College Preparatory (CP): **1.00**
Honors (H): **1.03**
High Honors (HH): **1.06**
Advanced Placement (AP): **1.07**

Credit awarded as follows:

5.0 for a full year course
2.5 for a semester course
1.25 for a quarter course

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM: School Year 2010-11

Enrollment in Advanced Placement courses is by pre-requisite standards. 14 courses are offered: Art History, Biology, Calculus (AB), Chemistry, English Language (test only), English Literature & Composition, French Language, Government & Politics, Italian Language & Culture, Latin Literature, Physics (B), Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art, and US History.

There is a limit to the number of AP courses a student's schedule may allow. The strongest academic student may take 1-2 APs in Junior Year, with 2-3 in Senior Year.

AP Enrollment for 2010-11 was 48% of the Junior class and 52% of the Senior class.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM YEARS 2007-2011			
Year	Scholars	Honors	Distinction
2007	14	5	7
2008	14	15	6
2009	23	12	12
2010	21	7	16
2011	– available in Fall 2011 –		
TOTAL	72	39	41

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM – YEARS 2007-2011				
Year	Number of Students	Number of Exams	Subjects	% Score 3 or Higher
2007	116	193	13	87%
2008	126	248	15	90%
2009	122	243	14	90%
2010	116	235	13	91%
2011	134	278	13	90%

HUMANITIES STUDY ABROAD

Salzburg's Baroque Treasures Students travel to Salzburg, Austria, the culturally rich heart of Europe, to explore the architecture, art, music and literature of the 17th and 18th centuries. Classes are held in the morning followed by afternoon lectures at churches, museums, palaces, and other historic locations. Weekend trips to Venice, Italy and Prague, Czech Republic, as well as day excursions to Munich, Germany are offered. The program is offered in alternating years for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors.

ANGELS ADVANTAGE EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This program provides students with opportunities to shadow or work along side professionals in a variety of career settings within the New York Metropolitan Area. These career mentors are drawn from present and past parents, and Academy alumnae.

DISCIPLINE REPORTING

The Academy of the Holy Angels values integrity and honesty. Thus, student disciplinary actions are self-reported. Students, when asked about discipline, are expected to respond in an honest and forthright manner.

STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

The Academy can provide limited academic accommodations for students with learning disabilities. A current and annually updated Bergen County Special Services service plan is required to receive accommodations. Incoming students must disclose their plan prior to registration. The Academy is not able to honor 504 plans.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT 2007– 2011

Graduates have been admitted to colleges and universities in more than 32 States.

Graduates have been admitted to 70% of the Most Competitive Schools in the US.

Graduates typically attend: 30% Catholic - 42% Private - 27% Public Schools

Adelphi University	Felician College	Pace University	United States Naval Academy
Albany College of Pharmacy	Florida Institute of Technology	Parsons School of Design	Unity College
Albright University	Florida State University	Penn State University*	University at Buffalo*
Alvernia College	Fordham University*	Pepperdine University*	University of California (San Diego)
American University*	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Philadelphia University	University of Chicago
American University of Rome	Franklin and Marshall College	Princeton University*	University of Cincinnati*
American University of Paris	George Mason University	Pratt Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut*
Arizona State University*	Georgetown University	Providence College*	University of Dallas
Art Institute of Boston	Georgia Institute of Technology	Purdue University	University of Dayton
Art Institute of Chicago	Gettysburg College	Quinnipiac University*	University of Delaware*
Babson College	Gonzaga University	Ramapo College of New Jersey*	University of Findlay
Bard College	Goucher College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Hartford
Barnard College	Gwynedd-Mercy College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Illinois
Baylor University	Hamilton College	Rice University	University of Kentucky
Belmont University	Harvard University	Richard Stockton University	University of Mary Washington
Bentley College	Hobart & William Smith College	Rider University	University of Maryland
Bergen Community College	Hofstra University*	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts
Boston College*	Indiana University	Roger Williams University*	University of Miami
Boston University*	Iona College*	Rowan University*	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Brandeis University*	Ithaca College	Rutgers University*	University of Minnesota
Brown University	James Madison University	Sacred Heart University	University of Missouri
Bryn Mawr College	Johns Hopkins University*	Salve Regina University*	University of New Hampshire
Bryant University	Johnson and Wales University	Santa Clara University	University of New Haven
Bucknell University	King's College	Sarah Lawrence College*	University of North Carolina
Cabrini College	La Salle University, PA*	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Notre Dame*
Caldwell College	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Oregon*
Carnegie Mellon University*	Lafayette College	School of Visual Arts	University of Pennsylvania*
Case Western Reserve University	Lehigh University	Seton Hall University*	University of Pittsburgh
Central Connecticut State U	LeMoyné University	Siena College	University of Rhode Island*
Claremont McKenna College	Long Island University	Simmons College	University of Richmond*
Clark University	Loyola University of Chicago	Smith College	University of Rochester
Clemson University*	Loyola Marymount University*	Southern Connecticut State U	University of San Diego
Colby College	Loyola University, Maryland*	St John's University*	University of San Francisco
Colgate University	Loyola University, LA	Saint Joseph's University, PA*	University of Scranton*
College of Charleston*	Lycoming College	St. Louis University	University of South Carolina*
College of Mount St. Vincent	Manhattan College	St Michael's College, VT	University of Southern California*
College of Saint Rose	Manhattanville College	St. Olaf College	University of Tampa*
College of the Holy Cross*	Marist College*	St. Peter's College*	University of Texas
College of William and Mary	Marquette University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of the Sciences*
Columbia University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Stanford University	University of Vermont
Connecticut College	Marymount Manhattan College	Stevens Institute of Technology*	University of Virginia*
Cornell University*	Marymount University*	Stonehill College	University of Wisconsin
CUNYs	Marywood University	Suffolk College	Ursinus College
Dartmouth College	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy*	SUNYs	Vanderbilt University
DeSales University	McGill University	Susquehanna University	Vassar College
Dickinson College	Merrimack College	Swarthmore College*	Villanova University*
Dominican College	Miami University of Ohio*	Sweet Briar College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Drew University	Michigan State University	Syracuse University*	Virginia Polytechnic U
Drexel University*	Middlebury College*	Temple University*	Virginia Wesleyan University
Duke University	MIT	The Catholic University of America*	Wagner College
Duquesne University	Monmouth University	The College of New Jersey*	Wake Forest University*
East Carolina University	Montclair State University*	The George Washington University*	Washington & Lee University
East Stroudsburg University	Mount Holyoke College	The Julliard School	Wellesley College
Elizabethtown College	Mount St Mary College, NY*	The University of the Arts	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Elon University*	Mount St Mary's University, MD	Towson University	Westminster Choir College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U	Muhlenberg College*	Trinity College	West Virginia University*
Emmanuel College	NJIT*	Tufts University	Wheaton College
Emerson College	NYIT	Tulane University*	Wheelock College
Emory University	New York University*	Union College*	Wilkes University
Endicott College	Northeastern University*	University of Arizona	Williams College
Fairfield University*	Northwestern University	UC - Berkeley	William Paterson University*
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Oberlin College*	UCLA	Worcester Polytechnic
Fashion Institute of Technology	Ohio State University*	United States Military	York College of Pennsylvania

*Enrolled 2011 Graduates – Reference: *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*