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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 61 members of which 3 hold Doctoral Degrees, 36 hold Master's Degrees and 22 hold Bachelor's Degrees. Eight 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)	540
Senior Class	126
Staff-Student Ratio	1:8
Faculty-Student Ratio	1:11
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)
- 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 2005 –2009

National Merit Scholarship Program (Commended, Semi-Finalists & Finalists)	45
National Merit Special Scholars	5
National Hispanic Scholars	7
National Achievement Scholars	6
Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars	54
Robert C. Byrd Scholarships (NJ)	3
New Jersey Governor's School Program	26
Advanced Placement Program (see chart) (Scholars, Honors & Distinction)	123
University Book Awards & Medals	71
President's Award for Educational Excellence	243

CLASS OF 2009: 155 Graduates

- 100% of Graduates admitted to a College or University
- GPA Average: 90.3%
- 29% Admitted to Most Competitive Colleges & Universities
- 71% Admitted to Most or Highly Competitive Colleges & Universities
- Awarded over \$10 million in Scholarships & Grants
- 24,000 hours of community service completed

SPONSORED by THE SCHOOL SISTERS of NOTRE DAME

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

CLASS OF 2010: Seniors

Class size: 125

GPA: 91.2% (6th sem. cum. weighted)

Advanced Placement: 39% Junior Year Enrollment

COMPARISON OF MEAN SAT SCORES

Class of 2005 – 2009

CLASS	CRITICAL REASONING	MATH	WRITING	COMPOSITE
2005	598	583	—	1181
2006	589	566	603	1155 / 1758
2007	586	561	594	1147 / 1741
2008	594	570	617	1164 / 1781
2009	587	564	607	1151 / 1758
5-YEAR AVERAGE	591	569	605	1160 / 1760

CURRICULUM

- A strong liberal arts college-preparatory curriculum integrating a wireless computer laptop system
- 10 Academic Departments: Religious Studies, English, Social Studies, Math, Science, World Language, Communications, Business & Technology, Fine and Performing Arts, and Physical Education
- 4 Academic Levels: College Prep, Honors, High Honors, and Advanced Placement, with a limit to the number of AP courses a student’s schedule may allow
- College-Level Program in affiliation with Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Student College *LiveText* 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 are:

- 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
- Electives Equiv of 5.5 years
- Community Service 20 hours

**Technology is integral to the curriculum.*



HOW WE RANK AMONG NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY SCHOOLS

SAT Mean Comparisons – Class of 2008

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	594	570	617	1164 / 1781
Nationwide - National	502	515	494	1017 / 1511
State of New Jersey	495	513	496	1008 / 1504
State of New Jersey (females)	493	498	503	991 / 1494
New Jersey Religiously Affiliated Schools	515	512	517	1027 / 1544
New Jersey Independent Schools	587	594	593	1181 / 1774
New Jersey Public Schools	492	514	493	1006 / 1499

*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.

COLLEGE COURSES

Fairleigh Dickinson University Middle College Program
University courses are offered for credit through this program. Juniors and Seniors may participate in this program to earn college credit while at the Academy.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT, HIGH HONORS & HONORS PROGRAMS

Enrollment in Advanced Placement and Honors courses is by pre-requisite standards.

Courses: 13 AP courses are offered; 48 Honors & High Honors courses are offered.

AP Limit: There is a limit to the number of AP courses a student's schedule may allow.

AP Scheduling: Due to scheduling constraints, the strongest academic student may take 1-2 APs in Junior Year, and 2-4 in Senior Year.

AP Exam: All students enrolled in AP courses are *required* to sit for the exam.

AP Enrollment: 43% of the Junior and Senior classes.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM – YEARS 2005-2009

Year	Number of Students	Number of Exams	Subjects	% Score 3 or Higher
2005	82	177	12	75%
2006	100	190	13	74%
2007	116	193	13	83%
2008	126	248	15	87%
2009	122	243	14	85%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM – YEARS 2005-2009

Year	Scholars	Honors	Distinction
2005	12	9	4
2006	18	4	4
2007	14	5	7
2008	14	15	6
2009	– available in Fall 2009 –		
TOTAL	58	33	21

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.

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

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.

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.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT 2005– 2009

Graduates have been admitted to colleges and universities in more than 31 States.

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

Graduates typically attend: 40% Catholic - 40% Private - 20% Public Schools

Adelphi University	Felician College	Northwestern University	Unity College*
Albany College of Pharmacy	Florida Institute of Technology	Oberlin College	University of California (San Diego)
Albright University*	Florida State University	Ohio State University	University of Chicago
Alvernia College*	Fordham University*	Pace University*	University of Connecticut
American University	Franciscan University	Parsons School of Design	University of Dallas
American University of Rome	Francis Marion University*	Penn State University	University of Dayton
American University of Paris	Franklin and Marshall College*	Philadelphia University*	University of Delaware*
Arizona State University*	George Mason University	Princeton University	University of Findlay
Art Institute of Boston	George Washington University*	Pratt Institute of Technology	University of Hartford
Art Institute of Chicago	Georgetown University*	Providence College*	University of Illinois
Babson College*	Georgia Institute of Technology	Purdue University	University of Kentucky
Bard College	Gettysburg College*	Quinnipiac University*	University of Mary Washington
Barnard College*	Gonzaga University	Ramapo College of New Jersey*	University of Maryland*
Baylor University	Goucher College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*	University of Massachusetts
Belmont University*	Gwynedd-Mercy College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Miami
Bentley College	Hamilton College	Rice University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Bergen Community College*	Harvard University*	Richard Stockton University	University of Minnesota
Boston College*	Hobart & William Smith College	Rider University	University of Missouri*
Boston University*	Hofstra University*	Rochester Institute of Technology*	University of New Hampshire
Bryn Mawr College*	Indiana University	Roger Williams University	University of New Haven
Bryant University*	Iona College*	Rowan University	University of North Carolina
Bucknell University	Ithaca College	Rutgers University*	University of Notre Dame*
Cabrini College	James Madison University*	Sacred Heart University*	University of Oregon
Caldwell College	Johns Hopkins University*	Salve Regina University	University of Pennsylvania
Carnegie Mellon University	Johns and Wales University	Santa Clara University	University of Pittsburgh
Case Western Reserve University	King's College*	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Rhode Island
Catholic University of America*	La Salle University, PA	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Richmond
Central Connecticut State U	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	School of Visual Arts	University of Rochester
Claremont McKenna College	Lafayette College	Seton Hall University*	University of San Diego
Clark University	Lehigh University*	Siena College*	University of San Francisco
Clemson University	LeMoyne University	Smith College	University of Scranton*
Colby College	LIU	Southern Connecticut State U	University of South Carolina
Colgate University	Long Island University*	St John's University*	University of Southern California*
College of Charleston*	Loyola College in Maryland*	St. Joseph's University, PA*	University of Tampa
College of Mount St. Vincent	Loyola University of Chicago	St. Louis University*	University of Texas
College of Saint Rose	Loyola Marymount College	St Michael's College, VT	University of the Sciences
College of the Holy Cross*	Loyola University, LA	St. Olaf College*	University of Vermont*
College of William and Mary	Manhattan College*	St. Peter's College*	University of Virginia
Columbia University	Manhattanville College	St. Thomas Aquinas College*	University of Wisconsin
Connecticut College	Marist College*	Stanford University	Ursinus College*
Cornell University*	Marquette University	Stevens Institute of Technology*	Vanderbilt University
CUNYs*	Maryland Institute College of Art	Stonehill College	Vassar College
Dartmouth College*	Marymount Manhattan College	Suffolk College	Villanova University*
DeSales University	Marywood University	SUNYs*	Virginia Commonwealth University
Dickinson College	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	Susquehanna University	Virginia Polytechnic U*
Dominican College	McGill University*	Swarthmore College	Virginia Wesleyan University
Drew University	Merrimack College	Sweet Briar College	Wagner College
Drexel University	Miami University of Ohio	Syracuse University*	Wake Forest University
Duquesne University	Michigan State University	Temple University	Washington & Lee University
East Carolina University	Middlebury College	The College of New Jersey*	Wellesley College
East Stroudsburg University	M.I.T.	The University of the Arts	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Elizabethtown College	Monmouth University*	Towson University	Westminster Choir College*
Elon University	Montclair State University*	Trinity College	West Virginia University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U	Mount Holyoke College*	Tufts University	Wheaton College
Emmanuel College	Mount St Mary College, NY	Tulane University	Wheelock College*
Emerson College	Mount St Mary's University, MD	Union College	Wilkes University
Emory University	Muhlenberg College*	University of Arizona	Williams College
Endicott College	NJIT	UC - Berkeley	William Paterson University*
Fairfield University*	NYIT	UCLA	Worcester Polytechnic
Fairleigh Dickinson University	New York University*	United States Military	York College of Pennsylvania
Fashion Institute of Technology	Northeastern University*	United States Naval Academy	

*Enrolled 2009 Graduates – Reference: *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*