

# ACADEMY of the HOLY ANGELS

## 2017-18 SCHOOL PROFILE FOR COLLEGES



### ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIP

- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)
- College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB)
- Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools (MSACSS)
- National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA)

### SCHOOL HONORS & AWARDS

- Gilder Lehrmann School Affiliate
- 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 & Justice)

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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 and attracts students from over 125 cities and towns in NJ and NY. Demarest is an upper middle class community of about 5,000 people located just ten miles from New York City. 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 College Board SSAT, school records, and teacher recommendations.

### FACULTY

The Academy has a faculty of 68 members of which 6 hold Doctoral Degrees, 45 hold Master's Degrees and 17 hold Bachelor's Degrees. Three School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) integrally support our faculty membership. The College Counseling Office is staffed with a Director of College Counseling, 3 full-time College Counselors, and a College Coordinator. 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) . . . . .	580
Senior Class . . . . .	147
Staff-Student Ratio . . . . .	1:10
Faculty-Student Ratio . . . . .	1:11
Average Class Size . . . . .	20

### HONORS & AWARDS

The Academy sponsors 12 National Honor Society Chapters:

- National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta (National Mathematics Honor Society)
- Thespian Honor Society (Performing Arts)
- National Science 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)
- Rho Kappa (National Social Studies Honor Society)
- NBEA (National Business Honor Society)
- National Art Honor Society

### 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, World History, 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** Equivalent of 5.5 years

**Community Service** 20 hours

*\*Technology is integral to the curriculum.*

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## CURRICULUM

- A strong liberal arts college-preparatory curriculum integrating a wireless tablet
- 10 Academic Departments: Religious Studies, English, Social Studies, Math, Science, World Language, Business & Technology, Fine Arts, 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, NJ
- Student College *PowerSchool* 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

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

- 80 College-preparatory (CP) courses
- 70 Honors and High Honors courses offered
  - Honors (H): college preparatory courses of a more rigorous nature
  - High Honors (HH) and 17 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.
- 8 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.

## 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 individual 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, VHS and Summer School courses.

Cumulative weighted averages are computed six times: at the end of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 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

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM: School Year 2016-17

Enrollment in Advanced Placement courses is by pre-requisite standards. All students enrolled in AP courses sit for the exam. 17 courses are offered:

Art History	English Literature	Physics 1
Biology	& Composition	Physics 2
Calculus (AB)	French Language	Spanish Language
Chemistry	& Culture	Statistics
Computer Science A	Government & Politics	Studio Art: 2-D Design
English Language	Italian Language	Studio Art: Drawing
(test only)	& Culture	U.S. History
	Latin	

### AP Enrollment: 54% Upperclassmen

- Juniors – 52% / Seniors – 56%
- 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.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM YEARS 2013-2017

Year	Scholars	Honors	Distinction
2013	36	13	20
2014	30	19	35
2015	37	14	20
2016	32	22	21
2017*	33	9	33

\*includes 1 National Scholar

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM – YEARS 2013-2017

Year	Number of Students	Number of Exams	Subjects Tested	% Score 3 or Higher
2013	172	346	15	93%
2014	174	399	17	94%
2015	142	330	17	92%
2016	160	353	17	94%
2017	150	370	19	93%

### CLASS OF 2018 - CURRENT SENIORS

*Class size: 129*

*GPA Average: 92% (6th sem. cum. weighted)*

*Advanced Placement: 52% Junior Year Enrollment*

### CLASS OF 2017 - RECENT GRADUATES

- Class size: 147
- GPA Average: 93% (weighted)
- 49% Admitted to Most Competitive Colleges & Universities
- 73% Admitted to Most or Highly Competitive Colleges & Universities
- 59% AP tested
- Awarded over \$19 million in Scholarships & Grants
- 26,661 hours of community service completed

	COMPOSITE	CRITICAL READING	ERW	MATH	WRITING
SAT (Old) (46% reported)	1216/1848	610	—	606	632
SAT (New) (44% reported)	1213	—	622	591	—
ACT (76% reported)	26	—	—	—	—

### CLASS OF 2013–2017

National Merit Scholarship Program (Commended, Semi-Finalists & Finalists) . . . . .	38
National Hispanic Scholars. . . . .	15
University Book Awards & Medals . . . . .	100
President’s Award for Educational Excellence . . . .	240
Advanced Placement Program (Scholars, Honors & Distinction). . . . .	See chart, page 2

### NOTEWORTHY PROGRAMS

- The e-Portfolio Project
- Surgical Science at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, NJ
- Angels Ambassadors Leadership
- Angels Advantage Career Program
- Global Experiences: Travel, Culture, Literary & Language
- Project Greenhouse & GoGreen
- National & International Outreach: Nazareth Farm-Appalachia, UNICEF, Habitat for Humanity, Operation Smile
- TIC - Trout in the Classroom®: NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife
- The Perry Outreach Initiative for Women in Engineering & Medicine

### E-PORTFOLIO PROJECT

Launched in freshman year, the AHA e-Portfolio Project allows the students to create an online personal portfolio of their work for college and other off-campus experiences. Throughout four years, the students compile and store artifacts such as their resume, multimedia presentations, essays, and research papers. A numeric grade and credits are earned upon completion as a graduation requirement.

### UNIVERSITY COURSES

#### Fairleigh Dickinson University Middle College Program

College courses are offered to Juniors and Seniors through the Fairleigh Dickinson University ‘Middle College Program’. Eight university courses are offered for honors and credit. The courses are:

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Calculus
- French IV
- Organic Chemistry
- International Studies
- Classical Humanities
- Italian IV
- Environmental Science

### 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 ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

The Academy can provide limited academic accommodations.

## HOW WE RANK AMONG NATIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY SCHOOLS

SAT Mean Comparisons – Class of 2016

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 and Public Schools means.

	CR	Math	WR	Composite
<b>ACADEMY OF THE HOLY ANGELS</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>1130 / 1716</b>
Nationwide - National	494	508	482	1002 / 1484
State of New Jersey	495	514	492	1009 / 1501
State of New Jersey (females)	494	501	498	995 / 1493
New Jersey Religiously Affiliated Schools	522	529	522	1051 / 1573
New Jersey Independent Schools	584	593	579	1177 / 1756
New Jersey Public Schools	490	511	487	1001 / 1488

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT 2013– 2017

Graduates have been admitted to colleges and universities in more than 40 states and the District of Columbia.  
Graduates have been admitted to 75% of the Most Competitive Schools in the U.S.

**2017 Graduates enrolled: 27% Catholic - 44% Private - 25% Public Schools - 4% Other/Special Schools**

Adelphi University	<b>Georgetown University</b>	Philadelphia University	United States Naval Academy
Albany College of Pharmacy	Georgia Institute of Technology	<b>Princeton University</b>	Universidad CEU San Pablo
Albright University	<b>Gettysburg College</b>	Pratt Institute	<b>University at Buffalo</b>
Auburn University	Goucher College	<b>Providence College</b>	University of Alabama
<b>American University</b>	Hamilton College	Purdue University	University of Arizona
American University of Rome	Harvard University	Quinnipiac University	University of Arkansas
American University of Paris	High Point University	<b>Ramapo College of New Jersey</b>	University of Chicago
Arizona State University	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Cincinnati
Art Institute of Boston	Hofstra University	Rhode Island School of Design	<b>University of Connecticut</b>
Babson College	Indiana University	<b>Rice University</b>	University of Dallas
Bard College	Iona College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Dayton
<b>Barnard College</b>	Iowa State University	Roger Williams University	<b>University of Delaware</b>
Baylor University	Ithaca College	Rollins College	University of Florida
Bennington College	James Madison University	Rowan University	<b>University of Hartford</b>
<b>Bentley College</b>	<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	<b>Rutgers University</b>	<b>University of Illinois</b>
Bergen Community College	Johnson and Wales University	<b>Sacred Heart University</b>	University of Mary Washington
<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	La Salle University	<b>Salve Regina University</b>	University of Maryland
<b>Boston College</b>	<b>Laboratory Institute</b>	<b>San Diego State University</b>	<b>University of Massachusetts</b>
Boston Conservatory	<b>of Merchandising</b>	Santa Clara University	<b>University of Miami</b>
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>Lafayette College</b>	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Michigan
Brandeis University	Lehigh University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Minnesota
Brown University	LeMoyné University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Missouri
Bryn Mawr College	Long Island University	<b>School of Visual Arts</b>	<b>University of New Hampshire</b>
Bryant University	Louisiana State University	<b>Seton Hall University</b>	University of North Carolina
Bucknell University	Loyola Marymount University	Siena College	<b>University of Notre Dame</b>
<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	Loyola University, CA	Smith College	University of Oregon
<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	<b>Loyola University of Chicago</b>	Springfield College	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>
Chatham University	<b>Loyola University Maryland</b>	St. Bonaventure University	<b>University of Pittsburgh</b>
Claremont McKenna College	Loyola University New Orleans	<b>St. John's University</b>	University of Rhode Island
Clark University	<b>Manhattan College</b>	<b>Saint Joseph's University</b>	University of Richmond
<b>Clemson University</b>	<b>Manhattan School of Music</b>	St. Louis University	University of Rochester
Coastal Carolina University	Manhattanville College	St. Michael's College, VT	<b>University of San Diego</b>
Colby College	<b>Mannes School of Music</b>	St. Olaf College	University of San Francisco
<b>Colgate University</b>	Mansfield University	St. Peter's University	University of Scranton
College of Charleston	Marist College	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of South Carolina
College of Saint Rose	Marquette University	<b>Stanford University</b>	<b>University of Southern California</b>
College of the Holy Cross	Maryland Institute College of Art	<b>Stevens Institute of Technology</b>	<b>University of Tennessee</b>
<b>Columbia University</b>	Marymount Manhattan College	Stockton University	University of Texas
Connecticut College	Marymount University	<b>Stonehill College</b>	University of the Sciences
Cooper Union	Marywood University	<b>Stony Brook University</b>	University of Vermont
<b>Cornell University</b>	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	<b>SUNYs</b>	University of Virginia
Creighton University	McGill University, Canada	Susquehanna University	University of Washington
CUNYs	<b>Miami University</b>	Swarthmore College	University of Wisconsin
Dartmouth College	Michigan State University	Sweet Briar College	Vanderbilt University
DeSales University	Middlebury College	<b>Syracuse University</b>	<b>Vassar College</b>
Dickinson College	MIT	Temple University	<b>Villanova University</b>
<b>Drew University</b>	<b>Monmouth University</b>	<b>The Catholic University</b>	<b>Virginia Polytechnic U</b>
Drexel University	<b>Montclair State University</b>	<b>of America</b>	Virginia Wesleyan University
Duke University	Moravian College	<b>The College of New Jersey</b>	Wake Forest University
Duquesne University	Mount Holyoke College	The College of William & Mary	Washington College
<b>Earlham College</b>	Mount St. Mary College, NY	<b>The George Washington</b>	Washington & Lee University
East Carolina University	Mount St. Mary's University, MD	<b>University</b>	Washington University in St. Louis
East Stroudsburg University	<b>Muhlenberg College</b>	The Juilliard School	Wellesley College
<b>Eastern University</b>	Nazareth College	The Ohio State University	<b>Wentworth Institute</b>
<b>Elon University</b>	New Jersey City University	<b>The Penn State University</b>	<b>of Technology</b>
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U	NJIT	The University of St. Andrews	<b>Wesleyan University</b>
<b>Emerson College</b>	NYIT	Towson University	West Chester University
<b>Emory University</b>	<b>New York University</b>	Trinity College	Westminster Choir College
<b>Fairfield University</b>	<b>North Carolina State University</b>	Tufts University	West Virginia University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Northeastern University	<b>Tulane University</b>	Wheaton College
Fashion Institute of Technology	Northwestern University	<b>Union College</b>	Williams College
Florida Institute of Technology	Oberlin College	<b>UC – Berkeley</b>	William Paterson University
Florida State University	Ohio University	<b>UC – Irvine</b>	Worcester Polytechnic U
<b>Fordham University</b>	Pace University	<b>UCLA</b>	Yale University
<b>Franklin and Marshall College</b>	Parsons School of Design	United States Coast Guard Academy	
George Mason University	Pepperdine University	United States Military Academy	