

ACADEMY of the HOLY ANGELS

2019-20 SCHOOL PROFILE FOR COLLEGES



ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIP

- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- 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 Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS)
- 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 SSAT (Secondary School Admissions Test) and school records.

FACULTY

The Academy has a faculty of 67 members of which 8 hold Doctoral Degrees, 44 hold Master's Degrees and 13 hold Bachelor's Degrees. Two School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) integrally support our faculty membership. The College Counseling Office is staffed with a Director of College Counseling, and 2 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)	504
Senior Class (2020)	125
Staff-Student Ratio	1:8
Faculty-Student Ratio	1:9
Average Class Size	18

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
- Società Onoraria Italiana (Italian Language)
- Societas Latina Honoris (Latin Language)
- Société Honoraire de Français (French Language)
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (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

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 and Family *PowerSchool* Learning Management 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 19 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 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 2018-19

Enrollment in Advanced Placement courses is by pre-requisite standards. All students enrolled in AP courses sit for the exam. 19 courses are offered:

English: English Language (test only), English Literature and Composition

Math: Calculus (AB), Calculus (BC), Statistics

Computer Science: Computer Science A

Social Studies: Government and Politics, Macroeconomics, U.S. History

Fine Arts: Art History, Studio Art 2-D Design, Studio Art Drawing

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics 2

World Language: French Language and Culture, Latin, Italian Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture

AP Enrollment: 63% Upperclassmen

- Juniors – 57% / Seniors – 68%
- There is a limit to the number of AP courses a student's schedule may allow.
- AP courses are offered during Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM YEARS 2015-2019

Year	Scholars	Honors	Distinction
2015	37	14	20
2016	32	22	21
2017*	33	9	33
2018*	48	17	21
2019**	42	16	33

*includes 1 National Scholar **includes 3 National Scholars

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM – YEARS 2015-2019

Year	Number of Students	Number of Exams	Subjects Tested	% Score 3 or Higher
2015	142	330	17	92%
2016	160	353	17	94%
2017	150	370	19	93%
2018	157	406	18	94%
2019	185	476	21	– available Fall 2019 –

CLASS OF 2020 - CURRENT SENIORS

Class size: 125

GPA Average: 93% (6th sem. cum. weighted)

Advanced Placement: 57% Junior Year Enrollment

CLASS OF 2019 - RECENT GRADUATES

- Class size: 158
- GPA Average: 93% (weighted)
- 58% Admitted to Most Competitive Colleges & Universities
- 82% Admitted to Most or Highly Competitive Colleges & Universities
- SAT Mean Composite of 1270
- 68% AP tested (Junior and Senior years)
- Awarded over \$28.5 million in Scholarships & Grants
- 22,907 hours of community service completed

	COMPOSITE	ERW	MATH
SAT (75% reported)	1270	643	627
ACT (63% reported)	27	—	—

CLASS OF 2015–2019

National Merit Scholarship Program (Commended, Semi-Finalists & Finalists)	46
National Hispanic Scholars.	13
University Book Awards & Medals	148
President’s Award for Educational Excellence	187
Advanced Placement Program (Scholars, Honors & Distinction).	398

NOTEWORTHY PROGRAMS

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

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
- Classical Humanities
- Environmental Science
- French IV
- International Studies
- Italian IV
- Organic Chemistry

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 2018

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

AHA also ranks among the highest Public School means in Bergen County.

	ERW	Math	Composite
ACADEMY OF THE HOLY ANGELS	633	627	1260
Nationwide - National	536	531	1068
State of New Jersey	547	547	1094
State of New Jersey (females)	547	537	1084

Reference: reports.collegeboard.org

COLLEGE PLACEMENT 2015–2019

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.

2019 Graduates enrolled: 27% Catholic - 40% Private - 29% Public Schools - 4% Other/Special Schools

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