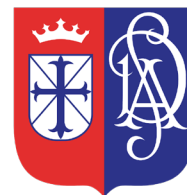


# *Saint Dominic Academy*

## *Class of 2020 School Profile*



### **Accreditation and Membership**

Middle States (MSACSS)  
College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB)  
Dominican Association of Secondary Schools (DASS)  
National Catholic Education Association (NCEA)  
New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS)

### **Classes of 2008-2020**

National Merit Scholarship Program (Commended, Semi-Finalist & Finalists) ...6  
National Hispanic Scholars...3  
National Achievement Scholars...1  
AP Scholar with Distinction...5  
AP Scholars with Honors...12  
AP Scholars...49  
President's Award for Educational Excellence...136

### **Student Body**

Enrollment (8-12) 197  
Senior Class 47  
Faculty/Student Ratio 1:9

### **Sarah Degnan**

Head of School

### **Guedolyn Farrales**

Academic Dean

### **Sister Mary Lou Bauman, OP**

Dean of Students

### **Jessica McCaig**

Director of Guidance

### **Jessica Chirichella**

College Counselor

*Sponsored by the  
Dominican Sisters of  
Caldwell*

### **School History and Community**

Saint Dominic Academy is an independent college preparatory school for young women. Established by the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell in 1878, the Academy is one of the oldest private secondary schools in New Jersey. Its one square mile campus is located in Jersey City, New Jersey's second largest city, right across the river from Manhattan. The Academy's student body mirrors the diversity of Hudson County - which boasts one of the most international populations in the country. At Saint Dominic Academy, students represent countries from every continent. The school community is a special place where girls of different races, nationalities and creeds learn to embrace cultural differences in a universal sisterhood (20% Asian; 15% African American; 30% Hispanic; 35% Caucasian). As a "Peaceable School" the Academy promotes unity through an environment where every student's intrinsic worth is recognized and respected by all. Students come to Saint Dominic Academy from throughout Hudson County, and parts of Essex, Bergen and beyond. They come mostly by bus and train, learning how to navigate the distance from home to school with the confidence and energy of true "urbanistas". SDA's 5,000 living alumnae can be found in every walk of life, from the financial wizard who headed the Global Management Group for Morgan Stanley, to the pediatrician who volunteers at a homeless shelter. They are partners in major accounting firms, federal judges, university administrators, poets, politicians, teachers, nurses and entrepreneurs.

### **Admissions**

The Academy is recognized for its outstanding academics, as a competitive, college preparatory, four-year high school for highly motivated young women. All of them are expected to go on to higher education after completing the rigorous program the Academy offers. The graduation rate is typically 100%, despite the challenging circumstances many students encounter in their daily lives. Students are accepted on the basis of the Archdiocesan Cooperative Exam, school records and teacher recommendations.

### **Faculty**

Saint Dominic Academy has a faculty of 25 of which over 70% are holding advanced degrees. A member of the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell is on the senior administration team. Two professional counselors are on staff to support student needs.

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## Class of 2020

Class Size 57  
 100% admitted to Two  
 or Four-Year Colleges &  
 Universities  
 Awarded \$13,209,580 in  
 Scholarships and Grants

## School Honors and Awards

### Class of 2019

The Academy sponsors five National  
 Honor Society Chapters:  
 National Honor Society (NHS)...24  
 National French Honor Society...8  
 National Spanish Honor Society...18  
 Math National Honor Society...18  
 Art National Honor Society...5

## Requirements for Graduation

4 years of English  
 4 years of Math  
 4 years of Religious Studies –  
 Service Program (75 hrs.)  
 3 years of History  
 3 years of Lab Science  
 4 years of Physical Education,  
 Health & Driver's Education  
 2 years of a World Language  
 1 semester of Art/Music  
 4 Electives

## SAT SCORES - Class of 2020

	Top 10%	Top 25%
Verbal	706	676
Math	682	364

## SCHOOL YEAR OF 2019-2020

Advanced Placement:  
 Class of 2020 Class Size 57  
 84% Senior Year Enrollment

Class of 2021 Class Size 47  
 32% Junior Year Enrollment

Class of 2022 Class Size 43  
 33% Sophomore Year Enrollment

## DUAL-ENROLLMENT

SDA students with a 3.0 GPA or above are given the opportunity to take college courses for credit during their elective period (if scheduling allows) during their senior year at Saint Peter's University. SDA's partnership with Seton Hall University allows students to earn college credits at a reduced rate when successfully completing AP Psychology, AP US History, & AP Art History. In partnership with Caldwell University, a grade of at least "3" in the following AP examinations can be transferred as college credit: Calculus, Chemistry, English, Spanish, US History, US Government, and Psychology

## ACADEMIC LEVELS: CP/H/AP

53 College-preparatory (CP) courses  
 14 Honors level courses  
 8 Advanced Placement courses:  
 Art History, Calculus, Chemistry, English  
 Literature, Psychology, Spanish,  
 US Government, US History  
 Virtual High School electives

\*It is not recommended that students take more than 5 AP classes.

## GRADING SYSTEM

A	+4.0	Outstanding
A	3.5	Excellent
B+	3.0	Very Good
B	2.5	Good
C+	2.0	Satisfactory
C	1.5	Passing
D	1.0	Minimum Grade for Credit
F		Anything below 1.0 Failing
I		Incomplete

All courses will receive a 4.0 as the highest possible grade. The grade will then be converted to quality points.

## WEIGHTED GRADING SCALE

	Regular weight	Honors weight	Advanced Placement weight
A+	$\frac{1.0}{4.0}$	$\frac{1.1}{4.4}$	$\frac{1.3}{5.2}$

## RANK

Due to the rigorous academic demands at Saint Dominic Academy, rank is not computed.

## Colleges/University Acceptances (\*Attending) Class 2015 - 2020

Adelphi University	Fisher College	New York University*	The College of Saint Rose
Albertus Magnus College	Flagler College	Niagara College	The Cooper Union
Albright College	Florida Atlantic University	Niagara University*	The New School*
Alvernia University	Florida Gulf Coast University*	Norfolk State University	The University of Alabama*
American University*	Florida International University	Northeastern University	The University of Arizona*
Anna Maria College	Florida Southern College	Northern Arizona University	TheUNC at Chapel Hill*
Arcadia University	Fordham University*	Notre Dame de Namur Univ*	The University of Scranton*
Aveda Institute of New York*	Franklin Pierce University	Nova Southeastern University*	The University of Tampa*
Barry University	Full Sail University*	Ohio University	The University of Winnipeg
Baruch College of the CUNY	Geneva College	Pace University-New York*	Towson University
Belmont University	George Brown College	Pennsylvania State University*	Trinity College
Bergen Community College*	George Mason University	Pima Community College*	Trinity University of Asia*
Berkeley College*	George Washington University*	Plymouth State University	Union County College*
Bethune-Cookman University	Georgetown University*	Point Park University	University of Bridgeport
Binghamton University*	Georgia State University	Portland State University	University of California, Berkeley
Bloomfield College	Georgian Court University	Post University	University of CA, San Diego
Bloomsburg University of PA	Gordon College	Pratt Institute	University of Central Florida
Boston Architectural College	Hampton University	Providence College*	University of Colorado Boulder*
Boston College	Hartwick College	Purdue University	University of Connecticut*
Boston University	High Point University*	Quinnipiac University*	University of Dayton
Bowie State University	Hofstra University*	Radford University	University of Delaware*
Brookdale Community College*	Holy Family University	Ramapo College of New Jersey*	University of Florida*
Bryant University	Houghton College	Regis College	University of Hartford
Bryn Athyn College of the New Church	Howard University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Lynchburg
Bucks County Comm College*	Hudson County Comm College*	Rhode Island College	University of Maine
Cabrini University	Iona College*	Rider University	University of Maryland
Caldwell University*	Ithaca College	Roanoke College*	University of MA, Amherst*
California State University-Fullerton	James Madison University*	Rochester Instof Technology*	University of MA, Boston
Canisius College	Jefferson (Philadelphia University +Thomas Jefferson University)	Roger Williams University	University of MA,Dartmouth
Carnegie Mellon University	Johnson & Wales University*	Rowan University*	University of MA, Lowell*
Catholic University of America*	Kean University*	Rutgers University -Camden*	University of Miami
Centenary University	Keiser University	Rutgers University-New Bruns*	University of MN, Twin Cities*
Central Connecticut State University	King's College	Rutgers University-Newark*	University of Mississippi*
Champlain College	La Salle University	Sacred Heart University*	University of Missouri-Columbia
Chapman University*	Lafayette College	Saint Elizabeth University	University of New Hampshire
Chestnut Hill College	Le Moyne College	Saint Joseph's University*	University of New Haven*
Clark Atlanta University	Lehigh University	Saint Louis University	University of NC at Greensboro
Coastal Carolina University*	Lesley University	Saint Mary's College	University of Oregon
Colby-Sawyer College	LIM College*	Saint Peter's University*	University of Pennsylvania*
College of Charleston	LIU Post	San Diego State University*	University of Pittsburgh*
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Long Island University	San Francisco State University	University of Rhode Island*
College of Saint Benedict (with Saint John's University)	Louisiana State University*	Santa Clara University	University of Rochester
College of Staten Island	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Monica College	University of San Francisco
College of the Holy Cross	Loyola University Chicago	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of South Carolina
Columbia College Chicago	Loyola University Maryland*	School of Visual Arts*	University of South Florida
Columbus Collegeof Art & Design	Loyola University New Orleans*	Seton Hall University*	University of Southern CA*
Concordia College New York*	Lycoming College	Shaw University	University of the Sciences*
Concordia University	Lynn University*	Siena College*	University of the Virgin Islands
Coppin State University	Manhattan College*	Slippery Rock University of PA	University of Vermont
CUNY Hunter College	Manhattanville College	Southern CA Instof Architecture	Ursinus College
Curry College	Marist College*	Southern CT State University	Vermont Technical College
Dean College*	Marquette University	Spelman College*	Villanova University*
Delaware State University*	Marymount Manhattan College*	St Bonaventure University	VA Commonwealth University
DePaul University*	Marywood University	St. Francis College	Virginia State University
DeSales University	MA College of Liberal Arts	St. John Fisher College	Virginia Tech*
Drew University*	MA Collegeof Pharmacy &Health Sciences (MCPHS)*	St. John's University*	Wagner College
Drexel University	Merrimack College	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Wentworth Inst of Technology
Duquesne University	Michigan State University	Stevens Institute of Technology*	West Chester University
East Carolina University	Middlesex Community College*	Stockton University*	West Virginia University
East Stroudsburg University	Molloy College	Stonehill College*	Westminster Choir College
Eastern Kentucky University	Monmouth University*	Stony Brook University	Whitworth University
Eastern University	Montclair State University*	Suffolk University	Wilkes University*
Elon University*	Morgan State University	SUNY Albany	William Paterson University*
Emerson College*	Mount Holyoke College	SUNY at Purchase College*	William Penn University
Endicott College*	Mount Saint Mary College*	SUNY College at Geneseo	Winston-Salem State University
Fairfield University*	Mount St. Mary's University*	SUNY College at Old Westbury	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Fairleigh Dickinson University*	New England College	SUNY Oswego	Wright State University
Felician University*	New Jersey City University*	Syracuse University*	Xavier University
	New Jersey Instof Technology*	Temple University*	York College
	New York Instof Technology*	Texas A&M University	
		The American Musical & Dramatic Academy*	
		The College of New Jersey*	