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# Saint Dominic Academy

EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR LEADERSHIP SINCE 1878

## Class of 2019 School Profile

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EDUCATION IN THE  
DOMINICAN TRADITION



# SAINT DOMINIC ACADEMY

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## SCHOOL HISTORY & 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.

## ACCREDITATION & 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)

## 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.

## STUDENT BODY

Enrollment (7-12)	220
Senior Class	57
Faculty/Student Ratio	1:9

## Class of 2019 – Recent Graduates

Class Size 67  
100% admitted to Two or Four-Year Colleges & Universities  
Awarded \$13,204,189 in Scholarships and Grants

## HONORS AND AWARDS - CLASS OF 2019

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

## SAT SCORES - Class of 2019

	Top 10%	Top 25%
Verbal	666	622
Math	636	590

## CLASSES OF 2008-2019

National Merit Scholarship Program  
(Commended, Semi-Finalist & Finalists)...6  
National Hispanic Scholars...3  
National Achievement Scholars...1  
AP Scholar with Distinction...4  
AP Scholars with Honors...10  
AP Scholars...44  
President's Award for Educational Excellence...121

## ACADEMIC 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

## ACADEMIC LEVELS: CP/H/AP

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

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

## 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.

## 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.

A+      $\frac{1.0}{4.0}$       $\frac{1.1}{4.4}$       $\frac{1.3}{5.2}$

**WEIGHTED GRADING SCALE**

Regular weight	Honors weight	Advanced Placement weight
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<b>SCHOOL YEAR OF 2018-2019</b>	
<b>Advanced Placement:</b>	
<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Class Size 67</b>
<b>75% Senior Year Enrollment</b>	
<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class Size 58</b>
<b>32.83% Junior Year Enrollment</b>	
<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class Size 51</b>
<b>35.38% Sophomore Year Enrollment</b>	

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

*Colleges/Universities Acceptances (\*Attending)  
Classes of 2014-2019*

Adelphi University	*High Point University	San Francisco State University
Albertus Magnus College	*Hofstra University	Santa Monica College
Albright College	Holy Family University	*School of Visual Arts
Allegheny College	Howard University	*Seton Hall University
*American University	*Hudson County Community	Shaw University
Arcadia University	Iona College	*Siena College
The Art Institute of NYC	Ithaca College	Slippery Rock University of PA
Barnard College	James Madison University	Southern Connecticut State University
Barry University	Johnson & Wales University, NC	*Spelman College
Becker College	*Johnson & Wales University, RI	Springfield College
*Bergen Community College	*Kean University	*Stevens Institute of Tech.
*Berkeley College	Keiser University	*Stockton University
Bethune-Cookman University	Laboratory Inst. of Merchandising	*Stonehill College, MA
*Binghamton University	LaSalle University	Stony Brook University
Bloomfield College	Lasell College, MA	Suffolk University
Bloomsburg University of PA	Le Moyne College	SUNY, Albany
Boston College	Lebanon Valley College	SUNY, Geneseo
Boston University	*Lehigh University	SUNY, Old Westbury
Bowie State University	Lesley University	SUNY, Oswego
Bryant University	Lewis & Clark College	*SUNY, Purchase
Bryn Athyn College	*LIM College	Syracuse University
*Bucks County Community College	*Long Island University, Brooklyn	*Temple University
*Cabrin College	Long Island University, Post	Thomas Jefferson University
*Caldwell University	*Louisiana State University	Towson University
California State U, Fullerton	Loyola Marymount University	Trinity College
Carnegie Mellon University	Loyola University, Chicago	*Trinity College of Asia
*The Catholic U of America	*Loyola University, Maryland	*Union County College
*Centenary College	*Loyola University, New Orleans	The University of Alabama
Champlain College	Manhattan College	The University of Arizona
Chapman University	*Marist College	University of Arkansas
Chestnut Hill College	*Marymount Manhattan College	University of Bridgeport
Clark Atlanta University	Marywood University	University of California, Berkeley
*Coastal Carolina University	Mass. College of Liberal Arts	University of Central Florida
College of Charleston	*Mass. Col. of Pharm. & Health Sci.	*University of Colorado at Boulder
College of the Holy Cross	Merrimack College	University of Connecticut
*The College of New Jersey	Michigan State University	University of Dayton
The College of Saint Elizabeth	Molloy College	*University of Delaware
The College of Saint Benedict w/ Saint John's	*Monmouth University	*University of Florida
The College of Saint Rose	*Montclair State University	*University of Hartford
College of Staten Island	*Mount Holyoke College	University of Maine
Columbia College Chicago	*Mount St. Mary College, NY	University of Maryland
Columbus College of Art & Design	*Mount St. Mary's University, MD	*University of Massachusetts-Amherst
*Concordia College, New York	Neumann University	University of Massachusetts-Boston
Concordia University, California	New England College	*University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Concordia University, Montreal	*New Jersey City University	University of Miami
Coppin State University	*New Jersey Institute of Tech.	*University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
CUNY, Baruch College	*The New School	University of Mississippi
CUNY, Hunter College	New York Institute of Technology	University of Missouri, Columbia
CUNY-John Jay Col. of Criminal Justice	*New York University	*University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Curry College	Niagara College, Canada	University of New Hampshire
*Dean College	*Niagara University	University of Hartford
Delaware State University	Northeastern University	*University of New Haven
DePaul University	Northern Arizona University	*University of North Carolina
Dominican College of Blauvelt	*Notre Dame de Namur University	University of Oregon
*Drew University	Ohio University	*University of Penn
Drexel University	*Pace University	University of Pittsburgh
Duquesne University	*Penn State University	*U of Puerto Rico, Bayamon
East Carolina University	Philadelphia University	*University of Rhode Island
*East Stroudsburg U of PA	Plymouth State University	University of San Francisco
Eastern University	Point Park University	*U of the Sci. in Philadelphia
Eastern Kentucky University	Portland State University	*University of Scranton
*Elon University	*Pratt Institute	University of South Carolina
*Emerson College	*Providence College	University of South Florida, Tampa
*Emory University	*Purdue University	University of South Florida,
*Fairfield University	*Quinnipiac College	Sarasota-Manatee
*Fairleigh Dickinson University	*Ramapo College of NJ	*University of Southern California
*Fashion Institute of Technology	Regis College	University of Southern Maine
*Felician College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	*University of Tampa
Fisher College	Rhode Island College	University of Vermont
Florida Atlantic University	Rider University	University of the Virgin Islands
*Florida Gulf Coast University	*Roanoke College	University of Winnipeg, Canada
Florida International University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Vermont Technical College
Florida Southern College	Roger Williams University	*Villanova University
*Fordham University	*Rowan University	Wagner College
Franklin Pierce University	*Rutgers University	Westminster Choir College, Rider U
Full Sail University	*Sacred Heart University	*West Virginia University
Gannon University	Saint Bonaventure University	*West Virginia University, Inst. of Tech.
Geneva College	Saint Francis College	*Wheaton College, Massachusetts
George Brown College, Canada	*Saint Joseph's University	Whitworth University
George Mason University	Saint John Fischer College	*Wilkes University
*The George Washington U	Saint John's University	*William Paterson University
*Georgetown University	Saint Mary's College	Winston-Salem State University
Georgian Court University	*Saint Peter's University	Wright State University
Gordon College	*Salve Regina University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Goucher College	Saint Thomas Aquinas College	York College, Pennsylvania
Hartwick College	*San Diego State University	

