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Saint Dominic Academy

EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR LEADERSHIP SINCE 1878

Class of 2021 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 23 of which over 73% 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 (8-12)	212
Senior Class	43
Faculty/Student Ratio	1:9

Class of 2021 – Recent Graduates

Class Size 48
100% admitted to Two or Four-Year Colleges & Universities
Awarded \$11,458,624 in Scholarships and Grants

HONORS AND AWARDS - CLASS OF 2021

The Academy sponsors six National Honor Society Chapters:
National Honor Society (NHS)...20
National French Honor Society...5
National Spanish Honor Society...4
Math National Honor Society...16
International Thespian Society...6
National Art Honor Society...10

SAT SCORES - Class of 2020

	<u>Top 10%</u>	<u>Top 25%</u>
Verbal	706	676
Math	682	634

CLASSES OF 2008-2021

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...50
President's Award for Educational Excellence...136

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

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

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

DUAL-ENROLLMENT

SDA students with a GPA of at least, 3.0 are given the opportunity to take college courses for credit at Saint Peter's University during their elective period (if scheduling allows) during the summer after Junior year, and/or senior year. Maximum of 12 college credits.

SDA's partnership with Seton Hall University allows students to earn college credits at a reduced rate when successfully completing AP English, AP Calculus, AP Psychology, AP US History, & AP Art History. Maximum of 9 credits.

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.

WEIGHTED GRADING SCALE

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.

	Regular	Honors	Advanced
	weight	weight	Placement
	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>1.3</u>
A+	4.0	4.4	5.2

SCHOOL YEAR OF 2020-2021

Advanced Placement:

Class of 2021 Class Size 43

75% Senior Year Enrollment

Class of 2022 Class Size 53

26% Junior Year Enrollment

Class of 2023 Class Size 44

38% Sophomore Year Enrollment

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

*Colleges/Universities Acceptances (*Attending)
Classes of 2015-2021*

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