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Saint Dominic Academy

EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR LEADERSHIP SINCE 1878

Class of 2020 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)	197
Senior Class	47
Faculty/Student Ratio	1:9

Class of 2019 – Recent Graduates

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

HONORS AND AWARDS - CLASS OF 2020

The Academy sponsors four National Honor Society Chapters:
National Honor Society (NHS)...23
National French Honor Society...13
National Spanish Honor Society...14
Math National Honor Society...21
International Thespian Society...6

SAT SCORES - Class of 2020

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

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

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
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.*

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 their senior year. A maximum of 6 college credits is allowed.

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.

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

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**

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

*Colleges/Universities Acceptances (*Attending)
Classes of 2015-2020*

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