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# TGETHER

THE GOVERNOR'S ACADEMY





BECOME PART OF NEARLY THREE CENTURIES  
OF BRIGHT, BOLD AMBITION.

**TOGETHER WITH  
GOVS, YOU WILL  
LEAD RESEARCH,  
HOIST TROPHIES,  
DISCOVER  
PASSIONS,  
AND PREPARE  
TO TAKE ON WHAT  
COMES NEXT.**

YOU'LL GO FURTHER THAN  
YOU EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.





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WITH FRIENDS**

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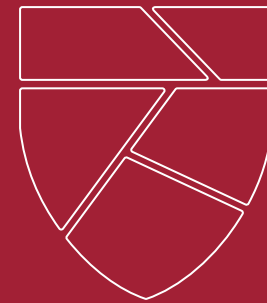
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EXTRAORDINARY  
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## **WELCOME TO GOVS**

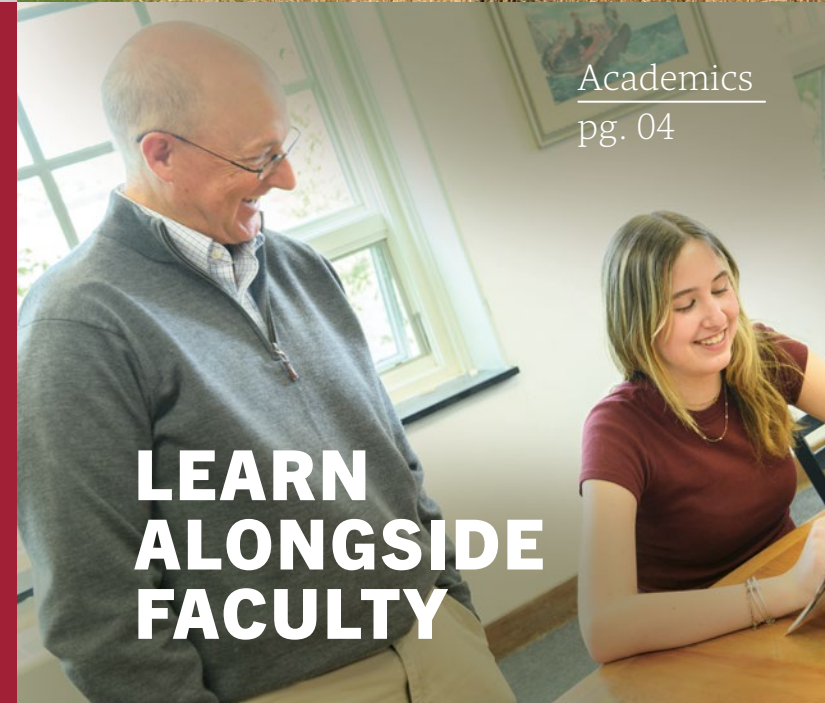
Our warm, inspiring environment is where you will realize your full potential, both as a unique individual and as part of a thriving community.

Governor's knows **living and learning together** will take each one of us further.



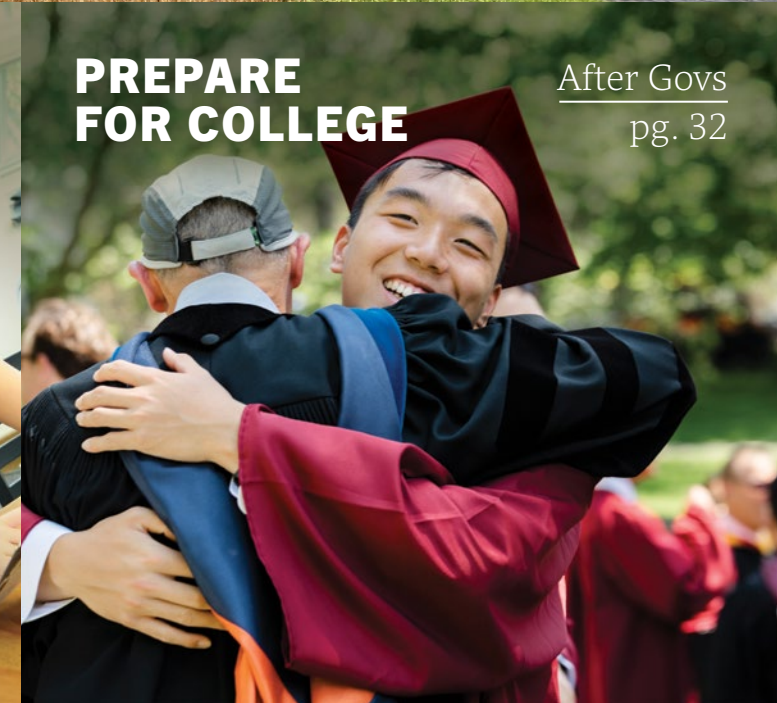
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## LEARN ALONGSIDE FACULTY

# CURRICULUM THAT IS RIGOROUS AND RELEVANT.

YOU WILL CULTIVATE THE COURAGE,  
CURIOSITY, AND SKILLS TO RISE TO THE  
INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGES YOU'RE GIVEN.



The academic program at Govs highlights **place-based and experiential learning**. A few signature opportunities include:

### The Marsh Project

In ninth grade, you will participate in a marsh study that builds on 10+ years of research. You test samples, compare your data to national and historical trends, and ultimately contribute to a real scientific research project.

### Public Speaking

Whether you express your view at Harvard Model Congress or recite a Shakespearean monologue on stage, the development of clarity, intentionality, and confidence when speaking in public is threaded throughout your education.

### Junior Thesis

As a junior U.S. History student, you will dig deep into a time of history that interests you, culminating in a research paper. It could be a post-modern artistic theme or an Industrial Revolution invention that inspires you to articulate your findings and analysis on the page.



LEARN ALONGSIDE  
FACULTY



**At Govs, students integrate critical thinking with creative expression, open dialogue with thoughtful reflection, and place-based practice with problem-solving.**

**46**  
AP, honors,  
and advanced  
courses

**5:1**  
student  
to faculty  
ratio

**11**  
students  
per class,  
on average

A SAMPLING OF COURSES

- Advanced Storytelling
- AP Ceramics & 3-D
- AP Computer Science Principles
- Honors Engineering
- Honors Environmental Science
- Harmonics, Electricity & Magnetism
- Multivariable Calculus
- Neuroscience
- AP Psychology
- Race, Class & Gender
- Science, Ethics & Society
- Sports Literature
- AP U.S. Government & Politics

COLLABORATE TO  
ACHIEVE COMMON GOALS

“Students shared their passion for the arts at Govs, and their commitment to developing an impactful spring arts marketing plan grew throughout the Visiting Professional Seminar Series. This is the heart of the program—bringing in experts who inform, inspire, and mentor our students.”

Karen Gold  
Academic Dean

THINK CRITICALLY  
AND SOLVE  
PROBLEMS

“Mr. Brandt’s style of teaching in physics class is project-based and interactive. You’re not just listening, you’re actually putting knowledge into action and trying to find solutions.”

Bryce Ciampitti ’23

ADAPT READILY

“The books I read in Mr. Quigley’s class showed me how we could learn from history to improve our own future. Historical events combined with good storytelling makes reading more interesting.”

Freddy Kniker ’26

ACCESS AND ANALYZE  
INFORMATION

“We worked with the Hanalani School in Hawaii to study the impact of human activities on local water quality. Students executed their data analysis right on Governor’s campus to understand how we are affecting our own watershed.”

Lisa Borgatti  
Science Teacher

LEAD WITHIN A  
MORAL AND ETHICAL  
FRAMEWORK

“My environmental science class analyzed campus soil and shared our findings with the Facilities Department so they could add nutrients accordingly to help plants thrive. It was cool to not only learn but help the community around us.”

Miffy Wang ’24

COMMUNICATE  
EFFECTIVELY

“During class discussions, I learned how to form a strong argument and explain my point of view through facts. This proved to be effective in persuading my classmates to explore a new perspective.”

Alex Lavigne ’24

BE THOUGHTFUL AND  
ENGAGED READERS

“Mrs. Gold encouraged me to explore different literary genres, stretching me to grow into a more engaged reader by teaching me to look at the ‘bigger picture’ of what I was reading.”

Maggie Delay ’25

Seven  
Essential  
Skills

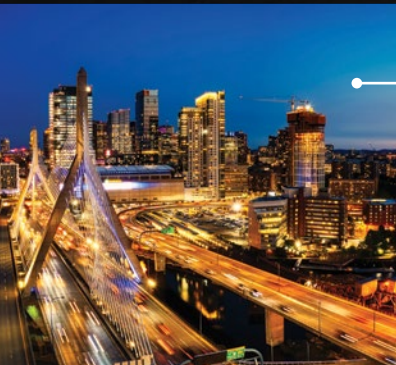
These are the skills that anchor our academic and co-curricular programs so our students can lead lives of joyful discovery, collaboration, and success.



## LEARN ALONGSIDE FACULTY



# PLACE-BASED LEARNING



Students in our AP U.S. Government & Politics class work with local and state elected officials to draft bills and request earmarks for issues that matter to them.



Each spring, students travel abroad and immerse themselves in new cultures as they practice and engage with the language they're studying.

Honors Marine Studies students prepare two organisms indigenous to the Gulf of Maine for a directed research project on water filtration.



Nearby Plum Island and the Atlantic Ocean are natural laboratories for students in our marine science courses.





## LEARN ALONGSIDE FACULTY



## DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND BREADTH OF EXPERIENCE.

### THE BILL '67 AND PETER '71 ALFOND COASTAL RESEARCH CENTER

Nestled on the banks of one of the most complex ecosystems in the country is the new Alfond Center, featuring an aquatic lab fed by the Parker River, spaces for interdisciplinary learning, and research facilities welcoming visiting experts. All academic departments at Gows will take part in the immersive, place-based education this center empowers.



### Meet Erika Mitkus

**“THE BASS INSTITUTE IS FOCUSED ON BRINGING PLACE-BASED LEARNING TO THE FOREFRONT OF A GOVS EDUCATION, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO PURSUE THEIR INTERESTS WHILE STUDYING ALONGSIDE OUTSIDE EXPERTS.”**

In addition to her role as a biology teacher, Erika is the Director of the Bass Institute where she inspires students and fellow faculty alike to think about curricula with a more holistic and complex picture of the real-world challenges that exist around and outside of the region.





LEARN ALONGSIDE  
FACULTY

WE ALL NEED PEOPLE  
WHO ARE IN IT.  
FOR US AND WITH US.

Govs faculty stay informed and remain curious. They motivate you while caring for you. They model our values as they share their expertise through teaching, advising, and coaching.

EXPERTISE

You learn from university researchers and local policy makers. Teachers who are also published authors, practicing artists, and curricula developers for The New York Times bring their enthusiasm and experience to the classroom.

ADVISING

Each week, you meet with your advisor to celebrate successes and discuss concerns inside and outside of the classroom. The connection between student and advisor is one of ongoing guidance, respect, and comfort, providing an anchor as you navigate life at Govs.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

You can seek help with that tricky trig equation at the Learning Center, or that essay's thesis statement at the Writing Center. Both centers—located in the Carl A. Pescosolido Library—have faculty on staff.



Meet **Tori Davis**

**TEACHES:** English

**ADDITIONAL ROLES:** Varsity Alpine Ski Coach, Varsity Track & Field Coach, Dorm Parent, and Advisor

“Our students learn alongside faculty who help them develop a passion for learning, grow as individuals, and figure out what impact they want to have on the world.”



Meet **Marcus Soule**

**TEACHES:** Physics and Engineering

**ADDITIONAL ROLES:** Robotics Director, Dorm Head, JV Softball Coach, and Advisor

“In project-based learning, the project is the learning, not the outcome. Students are building their mastery and knowledge as they go through it.”

Meet **Claudia Asano Barcomb**

“AS AN ADVISOR AND COACH, I FIND GREAT JOY IN HELPING STUDENTS LEARN THE POWER OF SELF-ADVOCACY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A GREAT TEAMMATE AND CLASSMATE. THE RESULT IS STRONG, SELFLESS LEADERS.”

In addition to being an advisor and a coach, Mrs. Barcomb is the Director of Afternoon Programs & Athletics and appreciates the role our afternoon programs play in developing life skills.



## ACCESS EXTRAORDINARY RESOURCES

15 MINUTES  
TO ATLANTIC  
OCEAN

• The **Bill '67 and Peter '71 Alford Coastal Research Center** is a living laboratory for you to learn sophisticated research skills.

• Head to the **Carl A. Pescosolido Library** to collaborate with your classmates.

• Take a seat in one of 490 seats in the **Wilkie Center for the Performing Arts** and enjoy a theater performance or concert put on by your talented classmates.

• On Cardinal & White Day, cheer alongside alumni as the football team marches to victory on the **Sager Bowl**.

• Grab your Gobs hoodie and cheer for your classmates at the **Whiston • Bragdon Arena**, arguably the best rink in the ISL.

• Enjoy a midday break—maybe a smoothie—on the outside terrace of the **Peter Marshall French Student Center**.

• Our Little Red Schoolhouse is the original from 1763.

• The **Alfond Family Dining Hall** is a Certified Green Restaurant that features comprehensive recycling and composting programs.

• Feel safe and assured knowing the **Duncan Health Center** is open 24/7 to support you.

• Turn right after walking over the covered bridge to reach **Ingham Dormitory**, which has a great sledding hill and patio for lawn games.

WITH 456 ACRES  
ON THE NORTH SHORE,  
YOU WILL GO FAR.



5 MILES NORTH  
TO NEWBURYPORT

33 MILES SOUTH  
TO BOSTON





## UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY

ART THAT STIRS AND INFLUENCES.

# CREATIVE WORK DEVELOPED ALONGSIDE A COLLECTIVE OF PEERS AND TEACHERS.

WE CRITIQUE, CELEBRATE, AND INSPIRE  
TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN EACH OTHER.

"When I first arrived at Govs, I was just a saxophone player. During my time here, I expanded as both an instrumentalist and a singer, and I eventually even took AP Music Theory. Govs has given me the resources and the tools to broaden my interests and try new things, learning skills that will stay with me for life."

Emmett McKinnon '23

### EXPLORE

Every ninth grader studies four arts disciplines.

**Intro to Fine Arts course**

### ELEVATE

Arts are prioritized at Govs as an essential part of your day.

**15 annual concerts and productions**

**Arts nights included in weekend activities**

**Dedicated performing arts block in the middle of the academic day**

### SPECIALIZE

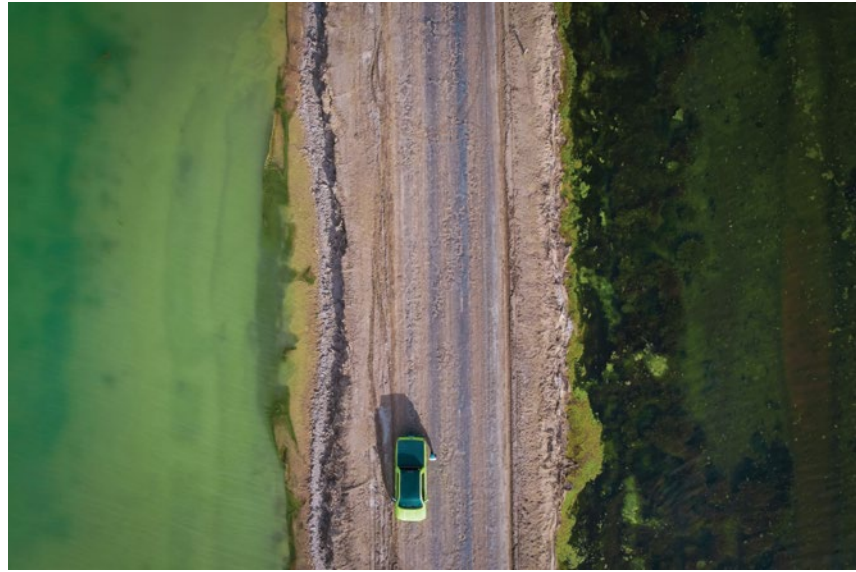
Refine your artistic passions and talents on a deeper level through arts electives.

**Introduction to Acting**  
**Architecture**  
**Carpentry for Theater**  
**Ceramics II**  
**Intermediate Studio Art**  
**Jazz Ensemble**  
**Music Theory**  
**AP Photography**  
**Honors Research Seminar in Documentary Filmmaking**



## UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY

Green Binary by Leo Liu '24, Gold Key Photography



Unveiled by Lissy Portorreal '25, Silver Key Ceramics



**In just the past three years, Govs students earned over 225 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.**

### JUDY WANG'S '23 ART ELICITS CHILLS.

As a senior, Judy won Scholastic Awards for both her writing and her studio artwork, culminating in a Gold Key for her art portfolio.

Judy creates for—and is inspired by—her Govs community. Because of Friday evenings spent at the Mansion House, she got to know Sonny and

Eagle, our Head of School's late dogs. Judy painted portraits in memorium of the beloved campus icons.

And finally, Judy was awarded the Morse Flag, which is presented each year to "a senior whose record in all respects meets the highest approval of the faculty."

View of Rome from St. Peter's Basilica by Don Xing '24, Gold Key Painting



Night Heron's Waltz by Andy Jhang '24, Gold Key Photography



I Love You...Did You Hear Me by Judy Wang '23, Gold Key Art Portfolio





**COMPETE  
AS A TEAM**



OUR  
CARDINAL  
RULE: **PUR**



**SUE EXCELLENCE**



## COMPETE AS A TEAM



Join some of the best athletes in the Independent School League (ISL) and a centuries-old athletic tradition of chasing titles in cardinal and white.



Nearly 100 graduates are playing NCAA collegiate athletics.



**14** teams have played in New England or ISL Championship Tournaments in the past two years.



COACHES WHO DEVELOP  
TOP COMPETITORS.

COACHES WHO COMMIT  
TO FORMING ATHLETES  
WITH INTEGRITY.

COACHES WHO MATCH  
YOUR INTENSITY.



### Meet Tom Woessner

**“IT’S A JOY WORKING WITH KIDS WHO JUST LOVE THE SPORT. WE BUILD CAMARADERIE AND WE LEARN LIFE LESSONS TOGETHER THAT YOU CAN’T GET IN THE CLASSROOM.”**

He is a varsity boys lacrosse coach, a JV girls hockey coach, a dorm parent, an English teacher, an advisor, and the proud owner of Willie, a chocolate Lab well known around the campus. Mr. Woessner is a “triple threat” who knows the lessons gleaned during slap shot drills or the ISL tournament championship game translate to the classroom, the dorm, and the world beyond Gows.

## 25 VARSITY TEAMS

Alpine Skiing  
Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Football  
Golf  
Hockey  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Softball  
Tennis  
Track & Field (Indoor & Outdoor)  
Volleyball  
Wrestling



# GROW THROUGH CONNECTIONS



## ATHLETICS

In addition to interscholastic athletics, we offer recreational sports such as tennis, hockey, yoga, and disc golf, to get you moving, playing, and stretching.



## STEAM

Creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration come together during STEAM activities, ranging from robotics to biological science competitions.

# Governor's Afternoon Program

3:30 P.M.

With dozens of activities to choose from, the afternoons are when you follow your curiosity and create, perform, serve, or compete.



## ARTS

From singing Broadway showtunes to throwing pots for the annual soup kitchen fundraiser, there are lots of ways to express yourself and engage your creative mind and heart.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Helping with the Special Olympics, volunteering with local youth at an after-school program, and tending to the school garden are just a few of the ways you can give back to your community in the afternoons.



# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

After dinner, gather with peers who share a common interest, or explore something new in a student club that is supported by a faculty advisor.

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| Asian American Affinity Group        | Harvard Model Congress                         |
| Beekeeping Club                      | International Student Alliance                 |
| Black Latinx Association             | Math Club                                      |
| Community Facilitators               | Ping-pong Club                                 |
| Diplomacy Club                       | Stocks at Govs                                 |
| Environmental Club                   | Strong Women at The Governor's Academy (SWAGA) |
| Fashion Design Club                  | The Sports Hub Club                            |
| Film Club                            | Writing Club                                   |
| Gender Sexuality Alliance (SPECTRUM) |  |



## GROW THROUGH CONNECTIONS

# IT'S EVERYONE TOGETHER THAT UPLIFTS AND CELEBRATES US ALL.

“WE KNOW THE  
EXPERIENCE OF  
OUR STUDENTS  
IS ENHANCED  
WHEN THEY ARE  
**SURROUNDED BY  
ROLE MODELS WHO  
BRING AND SHARE  
A VARIETY OF  
PERSPECTIVES AND  
LIFE EXPERIENCES.**”

Dr. Peter H. Quimby '85  
Head of School



### CHAPEL TALKS

Wednesday mornings at Moseley Chapel are a time to affirm and honor your Govs community members. Students may open up about humorous life happenings, or handling grief, or both. Chapel Talks offer powerful opportunities for reflection and connection.



### MORNING MEETINGS

Want to remind the Govs community about the dance show, Special Olympics Soccer Tournament, or Social Justice Conference? On Monday and Friday mornings, we come together to celebrate each other, exchange ideas, and make plans for the days ahead. And on Thursdays, we hear from a guest speaker during Convocation.



LIVE WITH FRIENDS

FEELS LIKE HOME.

NINTH GRADE DAY-IN-THE-LIFE

7:30 A.M.	8:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.
Breakfast	Convocation	Advisor Meeting
9:55 A.M.	11:35 A.M.	12:35 P.M.
Biology	Orchestra Practice	Lunch
1:05 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	3:30 P.M.
French	Global & U.S. Citizenship	Basketball Practice
5:30 P.M.	6:30 P.M.	7:15 P.M.
Dinner	Environmental Club Meeting	Dorm Check-in
7:30 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	
Study Hall	Lights Out	

FRIDAY NIGHTS AT MANSION HOUSE

Each week Head of School Dr. Peter H. Quimby and his wife, Dr. Laurie Quimby, invite all students into their home, Mansion House, for conversation, games of pool, and delicious snacks. Past students and faculty alike will tell you: some of the best campus memories are made on Friday nights.





## LIVE WITH FRIENDS



### • SIGNING THE BOOK

During orientation, new students gather in the Little Red Schoolhouse and “sign the book,” marking them as officially students at Govs.



### • TWILIGHT SOFTBALL

The Govs community celebrates the longer and warmer days of spring with lively games of pick-up softball after dinner, enjoying grand slams and sunsets together.



### • JUMPING THE WALL

A tradition since the 1950s, after graduation the senior class takes a leap—literally and metaphorically—over the old stone wall behind Mansion House to celebrate their next chapter.



## “THE DORM CULTIVATES COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP LIKE NO OTHER PLACE ON CAMPUS.”

Amy Block '06  
Mathematics Department Chair, Dorm Head,  
Varsity Soccer and Lacrosse Coach, and Advisor

### WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A BOARDING STUDENT?

Each day, evening, and weekend brings a unique and exciting mix of activities. You might watch a favorite show on Netflix or help a friend prepare for the AP Psychology exam. Perhaps you share some brownies or nachos prepared by your dorm parent while hanging out in the dorm common room at night. Or, after a thrilling lacrosse game or a stand-out Winter Concert performance, you settle in for a restful night's sleep. These moments, both big and small, create a sense of community and belonging.

### WHO LIVES WITH ME?

Boarding at Govs provides a fulfilling experience with a warm, family-like atmosphere among dormmates, proctors, and dorm parents. Whether in a single or double room, you create lifelong friendships living alongside peers from all over the country and world.

### WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE?

We keep it casual. Just be sure to wear your Govs gear on game days!

### WHAT ARE THE FOOD OPTIONS?

Our dining hall serves three allergy-conscious meals per day, and there is cereal, fruit, and a sandwich bar available all day if you get hungry between meals. Everyone loves Thursdays, when our campus enjoys a themed station—burrito, ramen, and Mediterranean, to name a few favorites. The Grill in the student center is open afternoons and evenings, even on the weekends, for a burger and fries or a smoothie. And on the weekends, we're host to some of the best local food trucks like the Lexie's Burger and Cookie Monster trucks.

### WHAT WILL I DO ON THE WEEKEND?

With a campus brimming with possibilities—and no Saturday classes—you'll find endless things to do on the weekends. Perhaps you'll create a stunning print during Arts Night in Kaiser or challenge a friend to the inflatable obstacle course race. You could also take a trip to nearby Newburyport, or Newbury Street or Chinatown in Boston. There's ample time to catch up with friends and to study, too.



PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

TOGETHER, WE GO FURTHER.

Our college search process is designed around finding your best-fit college. Explore your interests and aspirations through 1:1 meetings with your college counselor as you build a comprehensive and thoughtful list of schools. This, along with our College Search Seminar Series, guides you as you take steps each year toward, well—your next big step.

NINTH GRADE

- Meet your assigned college counselor
- Explore academic interests
- Consider extracurricular options
- Plan sophomore year classes

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Attend meetings on the college process overview
- Learn the value of self-reflection and goal setting
- Take full SAT and ACT diagnostic exams
- Continue to explore extracurriculars and interests
- Plan junior year classes



JUNIOR YEAR

- Attend the College Process Kick-Off Meeting and college search seminars
- Meet with your college counselor
- Create your preliminary college list
- Take SAT or ACT
- Complete first draft of college essay

SENIOR YEAR

- Finalize your college list
- Submit completed Common Application to colleges
- Meet with visiting college admission officers
- Attend College Application and Transition to College seminars
- Submit matriculation deposit for your top choice!



COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

- |                                   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Arizona State University          | Indiana University                      | University of California, Berkeley        |
| Babson College                    | Ithaca College                          | University of California, Los Angeles     |
| Belmont University                | Johnson and Wales University-Providence | University of California, San Diego       |
| Bentley University                | Lafayette College                       | University of Colorado, Boulder           |
| Berklee College of Music          | Lehigh University                       | University of Denver                      |
| Boston College                    | Marist College                          | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  |
| Boston University                 | Marquette University                    | University of Massachusetts Amherst       |
| Bowdoin College                   | Massachusetts Maritime Academy          | University of Miami                       |
| Brown University                  | Merrimack College                       | University of New Hampshire               |
| Bryant University                 | New York University                     | University of New Hampshire               |
| Bucknell University               | Northeastern University                 | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill |
| Carnegie Mellon University        | Northwestern University                 | University of Notre Dame                  |
| Chapman University                | The Ohio State University               | University of Southern California         |
| Colby College                     | Pennsylvania State University           | University of Utah                        |
| College of Wooster                | Providence College                      | Vassar College                            |
| Colorado College                  | Quinnipiac University                   | Villanova University                      |
| Colorado State University         | Rutgers University                      | Washington and Lee University             |
| Concordia University (Canada)     | Sacred Heart University                 | Wesleyan University                       |
| Connecticut College               | Saint Anselm College                    | Worcester Polytechnic Institute           |
| Cornell University                | Savannah College of Art and Design      | Yale University                           |
| Dartmouth College                 | Southern Methodist University           |   |
| Davidson College                  | Stanford University                     |   |
| De Anza University                | Stonehill College                       |   |
| Dickinson College                 | Suffolk University                      |   |
| Duke University                   | Syracuse University                     |   |
| Emory University                  | Trinity College                         |   |
| Endicott College                  | Tufts University                        |   |
| Fairfield University              | Tulane University                       |   |
| Fordham University                | University of British Columbia (Canada) |   |
| Hobart and William Smith Colleges |   |   |





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