WYOMING SEMINARY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Are you ready for a change? Are you ready to be transformed? As a student at Sem, your life will change in the best possible ways. Your teachers will become trusted advisors, helpful mentors, and inspirational coaches. Your fellow students will celebrate your accomplishments, help you with challenges, and become your lifelong friends. You will also learn about yourself—your strengths, your passions, your talents—and be encouraged in this special place that not only appreciates but celebrates your true self. So, are you ready? Let's begin.

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Wyoming Seminary's motto, Verum, Pulchrum, Bonum, translated from Latin, means The True, The Beautiful, The Good. Throughout Sem's history, these words have touched the very core of who we are, influenced how we act, and distinguished us as an institution. We teach students that character matters, stress the importance of accepting others who look and think differently than they do, and stand up for what they believe in. At Sem, we always strive to seek truth, embrace beauty, and model goodness as citizens of the world.

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When I first heard of Wyoming Seminary, I didn't realize that there was anything extraordinary about the boarding school tucked in the foothills of the Pocono Mountains. It wasn't until I was a freshman moving into my dorm that I understood

what Sem truly was. Within the first week I noticed one of my favorite things about Sem: how multifaceted the faculty are. I found myself surrounded by welcoming teachers, who genuinely wanted to hear about any challenges I had — even if it was about something outside of their disciplines. As a boarding student, I see teachers and faculty members acting in expanded roles—trading classrooms for dormitories, teaching for chauffeuring to student activities, and passing out tests to marshmallows on S'mores Nights. However, even with their expanded roles, faculty membersstill manage to treat students with empathy and respect.

While the faculty is outstanding, the student body is equally as remarkable. Upperclassmen, much to my surprise, were sympathetic and wise, bestowing tips and tricks for student survival, from rubbing the statue of Levi Sprague's head for good luck, to remembering the acronyms for the buildings. Upperclassmen in the dorms played an irreplaceable role in shaping my experience. Student leaders took the time to listen to my concerns, to encourage me to try new activities, and even to coax me out of my dorm room to take me to practices with them. I was always welcome in any of their rooms if I had a question or needed to kill time. Even as an inexperienced freshman, I was inspired to be as encouraging and supportive to new students as upperclassmen had once been to me.

In my experience, Sem is a remarkable place because of the opportunity for growth it presents. Sem truly allows each student to become what they want to be. When I arrived at Sem, I was a timid freshman with ambitious goals. Students and faculty alike encouraged me to try new activities and take advantage of all Sem has to offer. I was easily able to join activities I had never participated in, whether it was cross country, theater (both on and off stage), or Mock Trial. Furthermore, Sem presented numerous leadership opportunities. I was able to become part of Student Government, become a Resident Assistant, and lead extracurricular clubs. Academically, I was able to take courses that challenged me and were tailored to my interests.

Sem provided me with the support I needed to grow. Now I can confidently speak to large audiences, portray a character on stage, present an argument, and act in leadership capacities. No matter what my newest goal was, in my experience, the Sem community is always there to support me in my endeavors.

Samantha (Sam) Immidisetti '18 is a boarding student from Somerset, New Jersey.



Sem is both a day and a boarding school, with approximately two-thirds of our students living locally, and one-third from 12 states and 20 countries around the world. We're all different, but we all fit together.



How can you ever really know where your true talents lie and what you are passionate about if you're not given the freedom to explore?

At Wyoming Seminary, students have the freedom to take courses that ignite their imaginations. Our curriculum isn't set by government requirements; it is designed to prepare students for college. Sem offers over 160 exciting, challenging courses, and students are encouraged to expand their minds, step out of their comfort zones, and try new subjects. Taking an environmental science or astronomy elective could unleash your inner scientist. Any number of literature courses including "Modern Fantasy Fiction" or "Love Gone Wrong" could ignite the writer within. Learning Russian or Mandarin could lead to a career overseas. History classes such as "American Presidents" or "The Road to the White House" could inspire a passion for politics. Sem's exemplary, dedicated teachers will be with you every step of the way to share their knowledge and guide you along your path, and small class sizes make it possible for teachers to get to know you really well and give help when needed. Are you ready to begin your journey? 📕



know anyone, and then I took forensics with Ms. Casterline. She is outgoing just like me, and we hit it off right away and now we're besties. It was eye-opening for me to see how many classes there are available at Sem. You can take all of these cool courses like ornithology and Irish literature. It's so great to be opened up to that kind of curriculum. I didn't expect so many choices." -Shelby Monk '17

Shelby Monk '17 attended Wyoming Seminary as a day student during her senior year.

Small class sizes are the norm here—14 being the average, with an 8:1 student:faculty ratio. Your teachers get to know you well, and it makes learning more customized for you.



At Sem, teachers don't just teach. They serve as your personal advisor, coach, club director and trip chaperone, give you extra help when you need it, and become trusted mentors. Many faculty members and their families live in the dorms or on campus, and they become part of your family too. These passionate professionals have chosen to be at Sem for the same reason families do: for the small class sizes, curricular freedom, and vibrant studentteacher relationships. Classes are challenging, but all faculty members have conferencing periods every day for those who need extra support. This unique high school environment fosters independence and ultimately prepares students for the relationships they will have with professors in college. 📃



it was such a drag. At Sem, I can't wait to get to school every day, and I absolutely love it. My teachers have been great to connect with because they're open, they have time for you, and they're just really nice people. The classes are rigorous but exciting, and there is homework but it's not just pointless busywork. It's deep and thought provoking, and it really helps you understand and process what you've learned in class. I really feel like I'm doing college-level work, and I am confident because I will be so well prepared for next year." -Stanley Zaneski '17

Stanley Zaneski '17 earned four gold medals in the district competition last year as a member of the Wyoming Seminary swim team.



Sem has over 160 courses to choose from, and offers 22 Advanced Placement classes which transfer over to college credit, saving thousands in college tuition.



Whether you're a seasoned athlete or a weekend warrior, Sem has the sport for you. Yes, our teams have won national and state championships, but the real achievement is the teamwork, camaraderie, and trust that is built within each sport, season after season. Important lessons are learned in the classroom and carried through to the stadium fields as well: collaboration, loyalty, honor, support, integrity, grace, and win or lose, a collective celebration of everyone's efforts. Dedicated coaches are the key to making these important lessons have an impact, and they are reinforced when student-athletes are able to interact with their coaches in class, in the dining hall, and on campus throughout the day.

Twenty-seven percent of the members of the Class of 2017 will play NCAA sports in college. The national average is one percent. "Coming in as a freshman, I wasn't sure I would play field hockey, but now I can't imagine life without it. It's given as o many opportunities and made it

opportunities and made it possible for me to play in college. And it's the same with lacrosse. I've made so many friends and honestly I will have them in my life forever. Playing sports at Sem, I've learned time management and life skills, and my coaches have been incredible. Mr. Granger, who is my lacrosse coach and teacher, has been so outstanding that I wish I could bring him with me to college next year. He's just so funny and he's so nice and awesome. Playing sports at Sem has not only helped me become a better athlete, but has formed me into the person I am today." -Abby Straub '17

Abigail (Abby) Straub '17 played both field hockey and lacrosse at Sem. She plans to study business at Franklin and Marshall College.



Athletic Offerings

Baseball Basketball Boys Wrestling Crew Cross Country Field Hockey Football Golf Golf Lacrosse Soccer Soctball Swimming Tennis



If you are an artist, or aspire to be, Wyoming Seminary is the place to study your craft and present it on the stage, in an ensemble, on the dance floor, or in a gallery. Sem's creative arts program is broad and deep, with seasoned, dedicated faculty in place to nurture, teach, and focus your talents to bring you to the next level. Sem is also home to the beautiful Kirby Center for the Creative Arts that opened in 2014. This stunning facility houses the arts at Sem, and provides professional-level practice rooms, classrooms, a dance studio, as well as a gorgeous 600-seat theater with technology, lighting and acoustics that rival most college campuses. With the help of our faculty and college guidance staff, our students have matriculated to the most prestigious universities for the arts in the country, and you can too!

"One of the big things for me in coming to Sem was the privilege to attend a school with such a highly-developed arts program. My previous school didn't have anything

like it and lacked musical opportunities. At Sem, I was able to sing in a choir for the first time as part of the Madrigal Singers, and I also really appreciated that there was a string ensemble and an orchestra. The dedicated music faculty who are professionals and are here for the sake of the arts was such an amazing benefit. I really do think that one of Sem's strong points that it has above all other schools is that it has such an amazing arts program and that it supports its artists. The class sizes are so small as well, and you can work closely with your music teacher. It's the most positive experience I've had in school by far." -Eric Jang '17

Jinho (Eric) Jang '17, was awarded the National School Orchestra Award in 2017 and was recognized with a National Merit Scholarship letter of commendation.



Selected Arts Course Highlights

Drawing and Design Printmaking Two-Dimensional Design Digital Photography Painting Digital Filmmaking Three-Dimensional Design Ceramics AP Studio: Drawing or Design The Dramatic Experience AP Art and Music History Dance Technique Music Theory (AP offered) Chorale Music Composition Instrumental Music Masterpieces of Music



Student Perspective by Abbey Capin '18



At Wyoming Seminary, student life is truly vibrant. There is a diverse selection of weekly activities available such as club meetings, performing arts events, athletic games, and engaging lectures, all bringing our students together to campus

on evenings and weekends. Because of the broad selection of activities, there is sure to be something appealing to every individual student. However, even if by some chance there is not, everyone has the unique opportunity to create their own group, a great example being the legendary hacky sack club!

At the beginning of the school year, an activities fair is held during which all club leaders create booths and promote their organization. As a freshman, I remember strolling through the maze of tables, stopping at countless booths and signing up for nearly everything. The process of participating in as many activities as possible was priceless because it allowed me to learn new things about both the world and myself, gave me the opportunity to meet new people, and ultimately helped shape who I am.

Abigail "Abbey" Capin '18 is Editor-in-Chief of the school yearbook, plays on the tennis team, and is a member of Blue Key (Alumni and Development ambassador), Library Advisory Board, Mock Trial, Peer Group, and STEM Advisory Board.

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Clubs Activities Committee

Artisan Club Baking Club Blue Key Chess Club Civic Orchestra Community Service Dance

Drama/Musical/Workshops Engineering Club Environmental Club Film Club French Club Hacky Sack Club Handbells International Club IT Club Jazz Band Library Advisory Board Madrigal Singers Mandarin Club Math Club Media Club Medical Club Mock Trial Model UN Opinator (school newspaper) Peer Group Photography Club Robotics Club Science Olympiad Science Research Group Stage Crew STEM Advisory Board Student Government TEDed The Wyoming Yearbook True Blue (school spirit) Writing Center Tutors



Activities at Sem kick off with the New Student Retreat, seen here. Throughout the year, choose from events like Casino Night to sharpen your math skills, ski trips, a school-wide 5K and more!



Life as a boarding student at Wyoming Seminary is an experience like no other. Over 150 students from more than 12 different states and more than 20 countries from around the world call Sem home. Students live together, work together, compete together, and, most importantly, learn together.

Dorm living is fun. You'll become friends with both students and dorm parents, and the best part is that there's always someone to hang out with, play video games, watch a movie or study with. After school, students meet with clubs, participate in sports, or conference with teachers. Dinner is either casual or family-style, when students share a meal with different students and faculty members. The delicious meals accommodate every preference, and there are many themed events throughout the year which include specialty foods. In the evening, there are study hours, and also down time that can be spent with friends, on walks to local restaurants and stores, and activities which are planned for all students every weekend.

This diverse community will become your home away from home, help you become independent, teach you life skills, and prepare you for college.





ried, will I fit in? Will I have friends and people I can trust? Will I like it? And of course those questions were answered before the first week was over. It's so easy to make friends here—even though we're all from different countries, we are more similar than different. There is no hierarchy here; everyone is unique and special. You just have different groups that all mix together and I think that's awesome." Juan Astegiano '17

Juan Astegiano '17 was a member of the football team, International Club, Peer Group, Engineering Club, Mock Trial, and the tennis team.



daily menus. A variety of food stations prepare internationally-inspired meals.



Are you a senior who wants a stronger academic foundation in a targeted subject area before moving on to the college of your choice? A postgraduate (PG) year could be perfect for youl Wyoming Seminary has a long history of educating and preparing PGs for the world beyond the borders of our campus. Taking a postgraduate year helps one-year students learn about goal setting, study habits, timelines, college applications, standardized testing, résumé building, and interviewing skills, ultimately helping PGs to gain acceptance to the college of their choice.

Even though PGs usually attend Sem for one year, their positive impact is felt by the entire school community. With the experience they bring with them, they are poised to further develop independence, maturity, and leadership skills that benefit them as they move to the next stage of their education.



the diversity made it possible to learn new things about different cultures. The academics are rigorous at Sem, but there are plenty of teachers and other students to help you. What I learned the most is how to study. I studied only occasionally at my old school, but at Sem I learned how to manage my time and what to prepare to study for certain tests, and there is mandatory study time in the dorm which really helped. The teachers are great also. If I had a game and couldn't conference, teachers would help me over email or meet at a time that fit my schedule. I'm really prepared to go to Lafayette next year. " -Otis Thrasher '17

Otis Thrasher '17 played as a defensive back on Sem's football team. He plans to study neuroscience at Layfayette College.



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It's hard to believe that in this bucolic town of Kingston in northeastern Pennsylvania, Wyoming Seminary's campus is home for students from 20 countries around the world, allowing them to live together, grow together, learn together, and most importantly, learn from each other. In this richly diverse community, students can discover and embrace both the similarities and differences across cultures, resulting in meaningful understanding, tolerance and respect that they will bring with them to college and beyond.





in the United States that have this distinction. Round Square gives our students access to a vast network of schools across the globe that will enable student exchanges, service learning projects and international conferences that will focus on five ideals: internationalism, democracy, environment, adventure, leadership and service.



anything about other cultures, but the Sem community and the friends I made from all over the world made me feel so comfortable and welcomed. I can't believe how open-minded I became. Coming from Somaliland in Africa, there were things I didn't know and I assumed things that were not true. It's easy to judge people if you don't know them. My time at Wyoming Seminary helped me to learn so much and understand, and I plan to take that knowledge back to my home and share what I now know to be true about the world." -Ali Ali '17

Ali Ali '17 is from Somaliland, Africa and was a member of both the International Club and the soccer team.





We help you to find the college or university that fits you best

primary goals is to educate and equip students manage their application process. Parents play with the skills to be successful in their college of choice, whether they aspire to be an athlete, communicating closely with the guidance team. scientist, musician or entrepreneur. Because no two college process paths are the same, Sem's college counselors have vast knowledge our knowledgeable, dedicated team of college and close working relationships with colleges counseling professionals are there to guide all over the world. Nearly one hundred college you through every step of what can be a representatives visit Sem every year, and complicated, but rewarding, process.

the sophomore year-for every student. Each a student's academic accomplishments and student is assigned a dedicated counselor, who special talents, helps our counselors find the will help define future goals, research colleges perfect college fit for every Sem graduate.

As a college preparatory school, one of our and careers, develop testing strategies, and an integral part, supporting their students and

our counselors spend summers and breaks visiting and learning more about colleges At Sem, college counseling begins early-in and universities. This knowledge, paired with





Perhaps you're thinking that all of the information you've read here about Wyoming Seminary is wonderful, but may be out of your reach financially. The truth is that 75 percent of Sem students receive some form of need-based or merit funding, and there are many different criteria that are considered. Every family — and every situation—is different. To find out how to make Wyoming Seminary part of your family's life, call our Financial Aid Director, Joseph Rovelli, at (570) 270-2157.

2019-2020 Upper School Tuition

Day student tuition: \$26,100 Boarding student tuition: \$58,100

Join Us

The Sem Scholarship Day and Open House event is on November 4, 2017!

How to Apply You can complete your admission application by following the

five steps below.

- Step One: Submit application online
- Step Two: Submit a transcript or recent report card
- Step Three: Submit teacher recommendations
- Step Four: Visit and interview • Step Five: Submit standardized test scores

Visit wyomingseminary.org/howtoapply for details.

Applying for Financial Aid You can apply for financial aid by following the two steps below.

• Step One: Complete an online financial statement with School and Student Services (SSS) • Step Two: Upload tax documents to SSS

For more details, visit wyomingseminary.org/tuition and click on the "How to Apply for Financial Aid" section.





To really get a true sense of what Wyoming Seminary is like, it's best to spend the day with us. Sem's admission team has set up dedicated Visitation Days throughout the year so that students can get a sense of what a school day is like, meet our friendly students and spend time with awesome faculty. Visitation Days include touring campus, visiting classes, eating lunch in the dining hall, and attending information sessions about curriculum, as well as college guidance. If one of the dates at right is not convenient, you can schedule a private visit instead!

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have, or to schedule your visit.

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We can't wait to see you at Sem! 📕

100 10 CALIFICATION A 1111111 Our location in Kingston, Pennsylvania provides the best of both worlds. We are nestled in the foothills of the Pocono Mountains which is close to great outdoor areas known for **MILLING** skiing, water sports, hiking and more. At the same time, we are within just a few hours of New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and New England.