



DANA HALL
SCHOOL

Intellect without apology



“At Dana Hall, young people discover so much about the world—and about themselves. We are proud to offer a vigorous and inclusive experience that supports students during a vital period of their academic and personal lives and prepares them to thrive long into the future.”

KATHERINE BRADLEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Your intelligence. Your ideas. Your perspectives. The things you love to do. The ways you hope to grow. All the big questions you have, which always seem to lead to a million little ones. How you plan to change the world. (Because you will.) All of that matters at Dana Hall, because you matter at Dana Hall.

Girls to the front

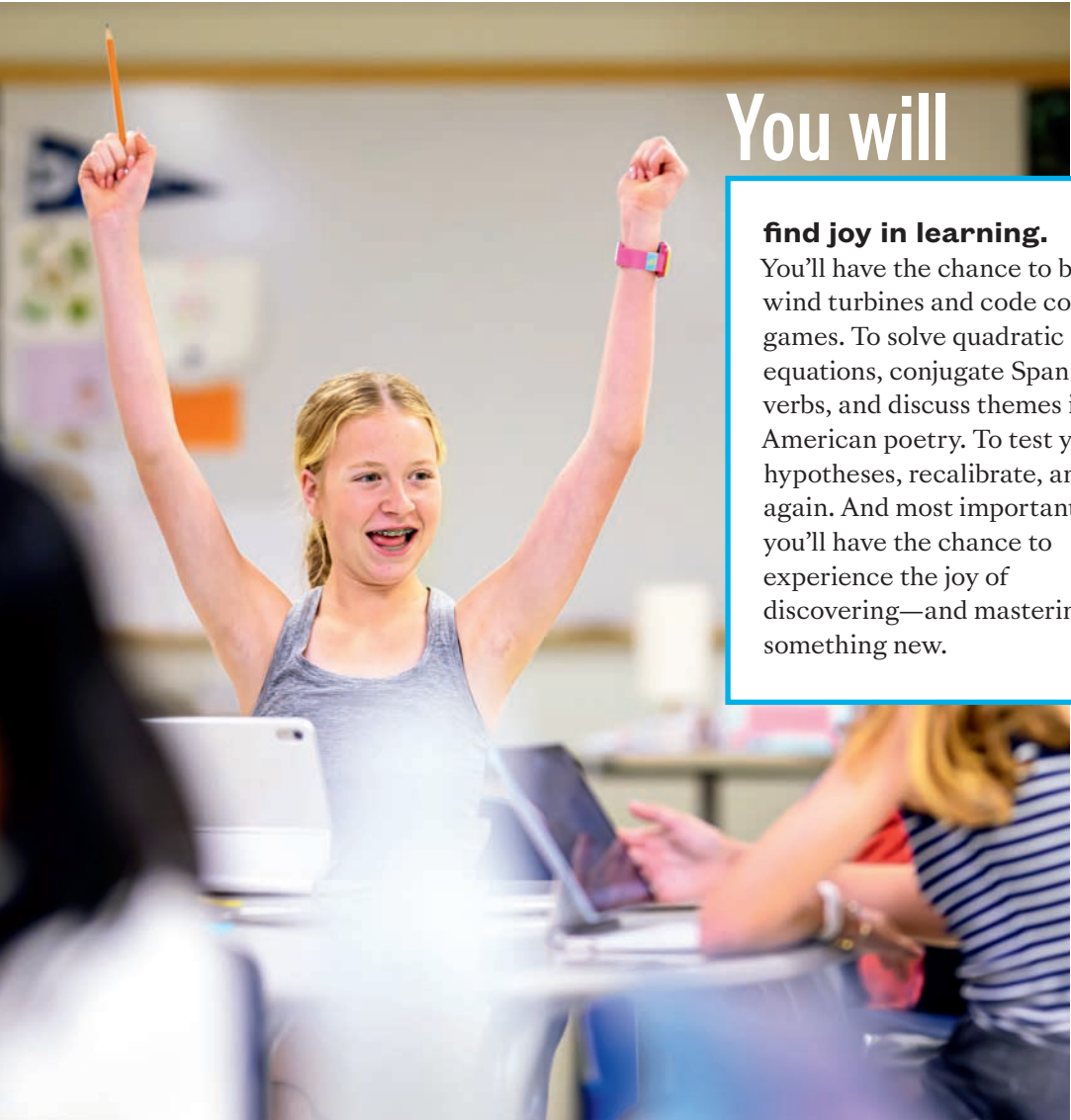


What does it mean to learn in a school for girls? In every classroom, every laboratory, and every studio, girls wield the power. They wire the robots, lead the discussions, design the experiments, and get called on to answer the questions. You'll take the reins and advocate for your needs. Enjoy the freedom to make mistakes. Carry yourself with confidence. And learn quickly that your future is truly unlimited.

Learning with exuberance

A bright, motivated student could succeed at any school. But whether that success feeds your love of learning, increases your self-confidence, and drives you to pursue your wildest dreams is another story. Will your math teacher know how you learn best and help you use that knowledge to your advantage? Will the girl sitting beside you in English be just as excited to discuss *Clap When You Land* and *Persepolis* as you are? Will you be known, respected, and given every opportunity to grab hold of your future with both hands?

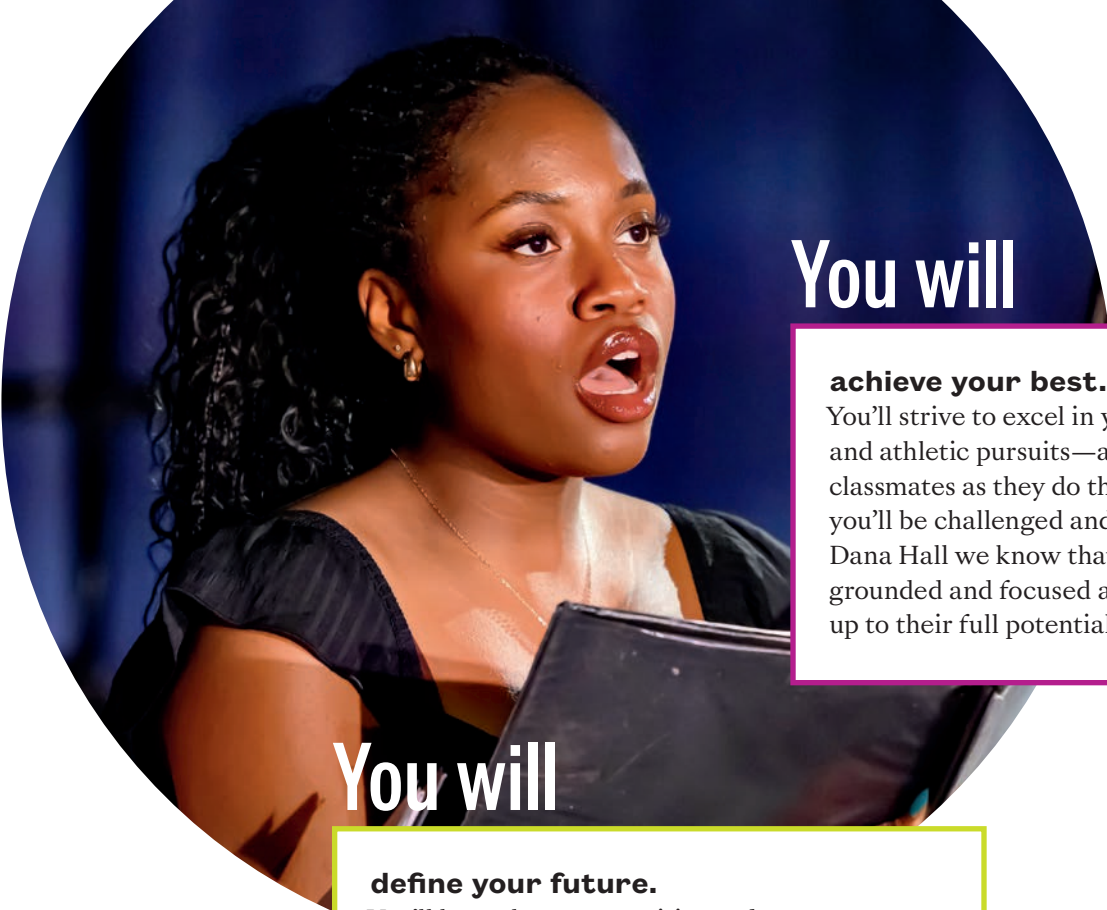
At Dana Hall, you will.



You will

find joy in learning.

You'll have the chance to build wind turbines and code computer games. To solve quadratic equations, conjugate Spanish verbs, and discuss themes in American poetry. To test your hypotheses, recalibrate, and try again. And most importantly, you'll have the chance to experience the joy of discovering—and mastering—something new.



You will

achieve your best.

You'll strive to excel in your academic, artistic, and athletic pursuits—and cheer for your classmates as they do the same. In your classes, you'll be challenged and supported, because at Dana Hall we know that students who are grounded and focused are best prepared to live up to their full potential.

You will

define your future.

You'll have the opportunities and support you need to nurture your talents and try new things. Run for student council. See how your ballet skills transfer to fencing. Tackle classical mechanics in AP Physics. You'll discover that your comfort zone is bigger than you thought—and your interests and abilities even more expansive than you knew.



You will

move the world forward.

You'll learn within a diverse and dynamic campus community and experience what it means to belong to a global society—one that you can help strengthen throughout your lifetime. Dana Hall students benefit from eye-opening opportunities to get out into the world, learning through travel, volunteering, and hands-on activities.



Shine bright

The academic program at Dana Hall is demanding, expansive, and enthralling. At a school that values hard work, trying new things, and doing your best (rather than besting your classmates), students feel free to be themselves and to push themselves beyond what they once believed possible. You'll learn to always speak your mind—asking questions and sharing opinions with peers and teachers who seek out your ideas and give you a million and one opportunities to express them.

Own your learning

- Small class sizes with a focus on discussion-based and collaborative learning
- Exceptional faculty who take a personal interest in student success
- Advanced Placement and honors classes in the Upper School that allow students to demonstrate mastery and get a head start on college requirements
- Exciting electives—such as Architecture, Economics, and Environmental Science and Sustainability—where you can follow your interests and discover new passions
- A variety of world languages to choose from, including French, Latin, Mandarin, and Spanish

Forum: Positive exchange

Dana Hall students are encouraged to ask hard questions and engage in debate. Enter Forum, a class where students and a Forum facilitator address challenging and relevant topics—from social justice to cyberethics to personal decision-making. They learn to listen to each other and build self-confidence while exploring themes of community, communication, and identity.

Learning in action

Dana Hall students learn through hands-on, active engagement that leads to profound connections—across disciplines, to their own lives, and to real-world consequences.

At Dana Hall, you will learn while doing. You may take advantage of:

- The STEAM Leadership Summit with other area schools, which features hands-on workshops and seminars designed to empower girls in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM)
- A trip to the Moakley United States Courthouse to attend a naturalization ceremony
- Outings to see world-class productions at the Huntington Theatre and the Boch Center Wang Theatre in Boston
- Trips to the Harvard Libraries to view primary source texts from influential female authors throughout history

A Place to Be Yourself

WHITLEY, 7TH GRADE

For Whitley, the best part of Dana Hall is feeling at home. “People are so positive and welcoming,” she says. “I felt like I could be myself from day one.” That sense of belonging extends to every corner of campus: “Teachers are always available. Their energy is so encouraging, and it spreads to everyone in the room.” One of her favorite memories is the first day of 7th grade. “It was so fun to see everyone again—and to see a lot of new faces I would get to meet. At Dana Hall, you’ll find your people. You don’t have to be perfect. Just try something new. Because you’re never alone.”



The Middle School at Dana Hall

Middle school is a major pivot point in a young person's life. It is a time to stand tall, to develop your voice, to follow your own path.

At Dana Hall, you'll be challenged—but you'll also be championed. You'll have the chance to learn with excitement and enthusiasm. To appreciate your intelligence, value, and power—and recognize all the beautiful possibilities at your feet.

In science class, you'll learn how we understand and manipulate things that are too small to see, and answer the questions that you've always wondered about, like "When does an egg become a chick?" or "What does it mean to capture carbon?" From using algorithms to solve math problems to examining the whys and hows of history, our students learn through active participation—as investigators, scientists, makers, critics, authors, and artists.

The best of two worlds

In addition to the Middle School Building, our middle-schoolers have access to the impressive resources of our full 5-12 program—including our science center, expansive library, School of Music, Bardwell stage, makerspace, equestrian facilities, dining hall, and athletics center. Dana Hall Upper School students serve as mentors and guides for younger students, and our teachers work across disciplines, grade levels, and divisions to create a highly integrated experience.



Thoughtful Leaders

BRIAN KAUFMAN, SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

"I want students to understand that history is driven by choices," says Brian Kaufman, who teaches seventh- and eighth-grade Social Studies. In Brian's classroom, students dive into challenging topics, from British colonization in India to the nuanced differences between public and personal religion. "They're not just memorizing facts—they're engaging with history, learning to consider multiple perspectives, crafting compelling arguments, and examining identity and power," he says. "Middle school is when students begin to ask the tough questions about who they are and how they fit into the world. My role is to give them the tools and the freedom to explore those questions, both individually and as a group."

Future-Ready Scholars

Generative AI tools are growing in popularity. In the **Digital Literacy and Research Skills course**, Middle School students learn to engage responsibly with digital resources and conduct research. They learn how to select and cite reputable sources, ways to recognize mis- and dis-information, and the best uses for artificial intelligence.

The Upper School at Dana Hall

How does radiation both cause and treat cancer? How do we get energy from food? What makes us human?

High school is the time to ask bold questions. Take your mind places it's never been. Put your heart into everything you do. Test—and flex—your smarts. You'll work harder here than you ever have, but the joy and excitement you'll feel when you solve tough problems and master new concepts will shine even brighter as a result.

At Dana Hall, we value your social and emotional needs as well as your intellect. You'll be challenged in class, but you'll always be supported. Your time will be well spent here—diving deeply into intriguing topics, collaborating on projects addressing real global issues, and building the skills to thrive in college and beyond.



Signature Programs

Our **Global Scholars Program** will broaden your experience by immersing you in the wider world through courses, engaging cultural activities, and a meaningful capstone project.

The **Senior Projects Program** presents an opportunity to shadow working professionals as part of a unique educational experience. Seniors have had the chance to learn in a host of organizations and businesses, including in a veterinarian's practice, a professional theater company, and the office of a state senator.



Embracing New Challenges

NEVE, 10TH GRADE

Since joining Dana Hall in middle school, Neve has grown into a student who leads with curiosity, embraces challenges, and seizes new opportunities. A swimmer and cross country runner, she decided to try jazz dance this year—despite being nervous to start something new. She also performs in Chamber Singers and recently joined the literary magazine, pushing past doubts about whether she thought of herself as a writer. “At Dana Hall, you’re surrounded by people who hype you up to try new things,” she says. “You stop holding yourself back.”

A multifaceted community

Dana Hall's Upper School is the only boarding school for girls in the Boston area. This is your chance to attend a top school in one of the world's most prolific cultural and intellectual capitals with girls from all corners of the globe. Our students come from across the United States and around the world, bringing with them a wide range of perspectives, traditions, and beliefs. Learning with your Dana Hall peers will enrich your education. Befriending them will change your life.



Boarding program: Things to know

- Our boarding students are enrolled in grades 9–12.
- Boston is just 12 miles (19 kilometers) from campus and easily accessible by rail and ride share. In 30 minutes, you can be enjoying an exhibition at the Institute of Contemporary Art, eating dim sum in Chinatown, or exploring the North End.
- A five-minute walk from campus, Wellesley's town center has great restaurants, retail shops, parks, bookstores, and more.
- Weekend activities include movie nights and poetry slams, special faculty-led trips to destinations like Mount Sunapee or Six Flags, and our annual Party With a Purpose—a multi-school co-ed dance and game night that raises support for a local nonprofit.





Transformative teachers

Our students describe their teachers as understanding, persistent, funny, and wise. Our teachers describe their students as smart, poised, reflective, and kind. Together, they take on tough questions and find the best answers.

Our faculty members aren't just experts in their fields—they are committed teachers who are always looking to improve their approach. They seek out novel teaching methods at conferences. They explore new topics, such as the best ways to teach writing in the age of artificial intelligence. They discover ways to cultivate equitable classrooms at Harvard's Project Zero Institute. And their enthusiasm for the subjects they teach—from Shakespeare and sculpture to bioethics and Mandarin—is palpable and inspiring.



Learning Together

ALLA BARANOVSKY
MATH DEPARTMENT

For math teacher Alla Baranovsky, Dana Hall represents an opportunity to build meaningful relationships with her students. “At Dana Hall, my students know me and I know them. They come to ask for help with AP Statistics—and to ask advice about everything from friendships to college planning.” Alla has not only forged strong relationships with her students but also with her fellow faculty members. “This is a place that celebrates true interdisciplinarity. I pitched a data science course about the intersection of math, social studies and computer science—and the next year I was working with my colleagues from those departments to develop it.”



Learning for all

At Dana Hall, we foster an environment where all community members are heard and valued. We celebrate diverse voices and ensure our students cultivate empathy and build critical-thinking skills so they're prepared to engage in dialogue, resolve conflicts, and contribute to a community. We take seriously our responsibility to prepare our students for a fast-changing world.

Inclusivity in action

- A curriculum that elevates diverse authors, artists, thinkers, and historically marginalized voices
- Forum, which gives students a safe space to talk about a wide range of topics—including those associated with adolescent health and wellness—in a fun and developmentally appropriate way
- Affinity groups, such as those for international students, LGBTQ+ students, and students of different faiths, that build community while affirming and shaping personal identities
- Parent programs, including book groups, on-campus speakers, and the Families of Students of Color Collaborative





Lead the way

At Dana Hall, leadership isn't about power—it's about listening, follow-through, teamwork, and collaboration. Dana Hall students stand at center stage and help run everything behind the scenes. And we mean everything—literal backstage work for theater productions to making school-wide decisions like which community service projects to prioritize. Our students learn how to make a difference where it matters most and are given the agency to pursue their interests.

Make your mark

From clubs to internships to international exchange programs, Dana Hall students have unmatched opportunities to engage intellectually, creatively, and compassionately. Edit the yearbook. Start your own club. Run for co-president of your class. Serve as a peer educator. Try out for the volleyball team. Direct a play. The things you can do at Dana Hall are virtually limitless. (Which means your future can be, too.)

Here are some of the things you can do:

- Hone your negotiation skills as a delegate on our Model United Nations team.
- Protect the planet as part of the Green Action Committee, which runs our annual Earth Day pond clean-up with Belmont Hill School.
- Spend a semester away with the School for Ethics and Global Leadership in Washington, D.C., London, or Johannesburg, High Mountain Institute in Colorado, or study abroad in France, Spain, or Italy for your junior year.
- Participate in a summer exchange program in Japan or a spring break trip overseas.



Leadership opportunities include:

- Participating in student government. In Upper School, you can run for student council or class co-president. In Middle School, students in grades six through eight run for elected positions, while our fifth-graders share and rotate class representative roles.
- Collaborating with peers in clubs and groups, such as ALANA (for students of African, Latin American, Native American, and Asian descent), the Community Service Advisory Board, Peer Ed, and Blue Key—the tour guides for the Admission Office.
- Creating new clubs that match your interests. Recent examples include Cyber Dragons, Baking Club, Math Club, Youth Civics Club, and Origami Club.
- Taking an active role in She Sails, a daylong conference on women and leadership that creates connections among all community members and reunites enterprising alumnae on campus every other year.

Artistic endeavors

From working with a visiting artist in the Dana Hall Art Gallery to competing in poetry competitions, Dana Hall students are assured an opportunity to express themselves and explore their creativity.

In the Upper School, you can...

- Find your inner star on the stage of Bardwell Auditorium in the annual dance concert or rock band showcase
- Learn how sound impacts our emotions in a class on theatrical design and technology
- Join a percussion group or jazz combo, take instrument or voice lessons, or learn music theory and composition through our School of Music
- Master the three main handbuilding techniques for ceramics—pinch, coil, and slab—as well as how to use a pottery wheel
- Audition for three levels of ballet, modern, and jazz, or two levels of hip-hop and tap dance, or Dance Repertory Group—a choreography, rehearsal and performance course



In the Middle School, you can...

- Explore how color theory influences painting, and then use that knowledge to create a composition using wet-into-wet painting techniques to blend colors
- Audition for the fall play or winter musical, or design and build props and sets
- Build your skill on the ukulele or the electric keyboard, or perform as part of the string ensemble
- Learn the fundamentals of hip-hop in Dance I or develop your skills en pointe in an advanced class
- Direct a scene from a contemporary play in a directing and acting workshop



Poetry in Motion

GRACE, 10TH GRADE

Grace arrived at Dana Hall as an accomplished ballet dancer. Within our artistic atmosphere, she was able to spread her wings even further—expanding her repertoire to include jazz and modern dance. “Learning new styles has grown my love for dance and helped me find even more joy in ballet,” she says. As a boarding student, she has become fast friends with her roommate and many other students who participate in the arts. “Everyone here is just so talented. A lot of my friends are artists. It’s mesmerizing to watch them at work—they have found who they are and they aren’t afraid to express themselves.”

Play with passion

Being an athlete at Dana Hall means pouring your heart and soul into your sport. Supporting your team. Achieving your personal best. Whichever team (or teams) you join, your coaches will encourage and inspire you, and your teammates will welcome you into a community of sportsmanship and respect—while becoming some of your closest friends. As a Dragon, you’ll be a leader and a team player in a fun, dynamic environment where you’ll develop perseverance, resilience, and collaboration.



Exceptional equestrians

Dana Hall’s Karen Stives ’68 Equestrian Center is a standout both within our community and among the competition. Our on-campus program, which frequently brings home regional and national championships, includes five dedicated instructors, a barn for 45 horses, 12 turnout paddocks, two indoor arenas, an outdoor arena, and an internship program open to all.

Athletics highlights:

- Knowledgeable and effective coaches, many of whom have competed and coached at the college or professional level
- Competitive teams, including volleyball, swimming, lacrosse, and fencing, which have all recently won Eastern Independent League or Massachusetts state championships
- Instructional levels of sports such as volleyball, squash, basketball, and swimming
- Fitness classes for all levels, including strength training, rock climbing, spinning, yoga, swimming lessons, and badminton
- Exceptional facilities, including a 34-foot-high climbing wall; six-lane swimming pool with full observation deck; separate studios for fencing, dance, and spinning; tennis courts; squash courts; suspended indoor track; three basketball/volleyball courts; softball fields; turf and grass fields; ice hockey rink; equestrian center; and fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment



Interscholastic sports

Fall	Winter	Spring
Cross country	Basketball	Equestrian
Equestrian	Diving	Lacrosse
Field hockey	Equestrian	Softball
Soccer	Fencing	Tennis
Volleyball	Ice hockey	
	Squash	
	Swimming	

Driven Leaders

LILY, 10TH GRADE

A highly competitive two-sport athlete, Lily scored 200 lacrosse goals by sophomore year. At Dana Hall, she found an environment where she could strive to achieve her best—on and off the field. “Everyone wants to win, but they also want you to grow,” she says. Lily makes a point to look out for and mentor her younger teammates, following in the footsteps of those who once supported her. “Last year, one of my friends and former teammates came to watch us play, and she brought a bunch of her new teammates from her college team,” Lily recalls. “It’s so cool to know they are still rooting for us even after graduation.”



Connecting with the world

As much as our students learn from our global community on campus, it's just as critical that they learn from experiences and interactions beyond Wellesley. We maintain relationships with all sorts of groups—including women's organizations, refugee programs, and food pantries—where students volunteer their time and energy.



Dana Hall students take trips to Lowell National Historical Park, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, and many other well-known Massachusetts locales. They visit places they learn about in class, such as Washington, D.C. and New York City—and some travel further afield to places such as the Grand Canyon, Montreal, Italy, Greece, and Morocco.



Opportunity Unbound

MAYRIN, 10TH GRADE

“Dana Hall does so much to prepare us for the world outside the classroom,” says Mayrin. That experience began on her first day as a boarding student when she was paired with a roommate from Taiwan. “We became great friends—she always brought me special treats or gifts from home after vacation.” Mayrin also had the chance to take spring break trips to Morocco and to Spain, where she put her Spanish to the test. “Immersing yourself in the country is so much better than reading from the textbook,” she says. “You can actually see how people interact with each other and what the culture is like. Plus, the food is amazing. I think the opportunities that Dana Hall provides its students with are really one-of-a-kind.”

Life after Dana Hall

We prepare every student to thrive in their ideal college and choose a path that matches their talents and aspirations. From earning an advanced degree in neuroscience at Oxford to establishing a nonprofit that supports women’s education in developing countries, Dana Hall graduates set ambitious goals and lead fulfilling, consequential lives.

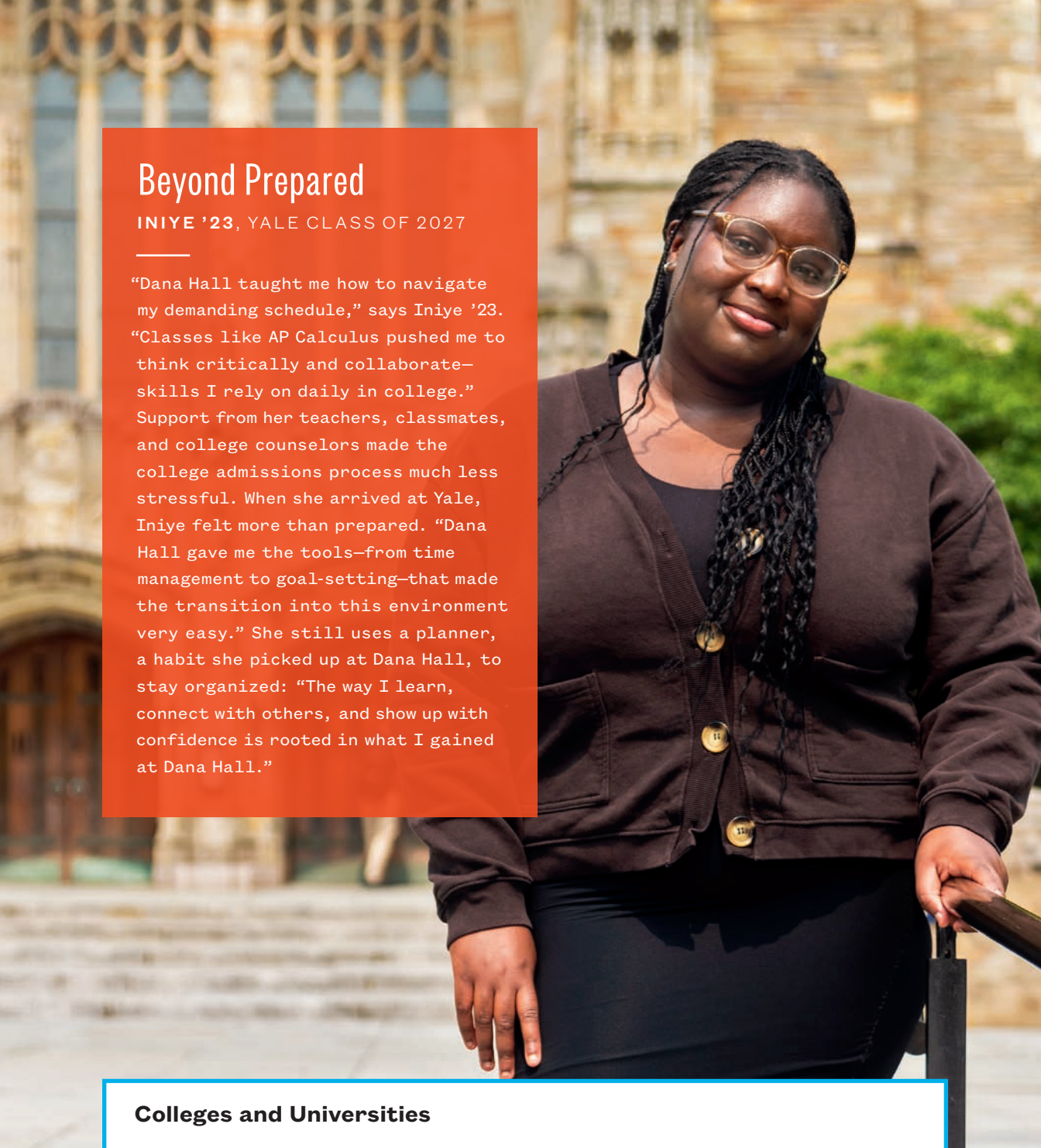
But more than where they attend and what they achieve, we’re proud of who our students become—fierce, engaged citizens ready to make their mark on the world.

With you every step of the way

Beginning in ninth grade, advisors discuss with students the importance of coursework, co-curriculars, and academic performance when it comes to college admissions. Having access to our wide-ranging curriculum ensures every student can chart their own path. College preparation is integrated into our academic program, and counselors are there for the whole family throughout the process—from programs to help parents understand the college admissions landscape to check-ins that help students assess their personal goals and needs. We also assist with preparing for interviews, asking the right questions during college visits, applying for financial aid, and making smart choices when it comes to application essays, art portfolios, music and theater auditions, and athletic highlight reels.

Promising pathways

Students accepted into Dana Hall’s Middle School are accepted through grade 12. Having become adept thinkers and self-directed learners in the Middle School, our students are well prepared to tackle advanced Upper School coursework.



Beyond Prepared

INIYE '23, YALE CLASS OF 2027

“Dana Hall taught me how to navigate my demanding schedule,” says Iniye '23. “Classes like AP Calculus pushed me to think critically and collaborate—skills I rely on daily in college.” Support from her teachers, classmates, and college counselors made the college admissions process much less stressful. When she arrived at Yale, Iniye felt more than prepared. “Dana Hall gave me the tools—from time management to goal-setting—that made the transition into this environment very easy.” She still uses a planner, a habit she picked up at Dana Hall, to stay organized: “The way I learn, connect with others, and show up with confidence is rooted in what I gained at Dana Hall.”

Colleges and Universities

Dana Hall graduates enroll in competitive four-year colleges or universities. Recent graduates have attended schools that include: Amherst College • Babson College • Boston University • Carnegie Mellon University • Columbia University • Cornell University • Duke University • Emory University • Georgetown University • MIT • Northwestern University • Pitzer College • Tufts University • Tulane University • UCLA • UC San Diego • University of Southern California • University of Michigan • University of St Andrews • University of Virginia

Affording Dana Hall

Dana Hall is committed to an inclusive, equitable future—and we believe that future begins with the community we cultivate here. We seek to enroll a diverse class of bright, enthusiastic students regardless of socioeconomic status. We are equally committed to ensuring that every enrolled student benefits from the full scope of what Dana Hall offers.

- Every year, we award significant funds in financial aid to ensure tuition isn't a barrier to enrollment
- We also offer financial assistance for purchases such as books, iPads, and travel home, enabling students to take advantage of the full Dana Hall experience
- Our endowed travel fund enables students to benefit from life-changing global experiences, including spring break trips abroad

Learn more at

[DANAHALL.ORG/ADMISSION/TUITION-FINANCIAL-AID](https://danahall.org/admission/tuition-financial-aid)





Connect with us

The best way to get to know Dana Hall is to meet and speak with our amazing students, faculty, and staff. Families may schedule a time to visit our campus in person, or they can connect with us virtually. You can learn more at [DANAHALL.ORG/ADMISSION/VISIT-DANA](https://danahall.org/admission/visit-dana).

Apply

Our application process is comprehensive; we want to know who you are and what you love to do, and to share with you how Dana Hall can support your academic and extracurricular aspirations. The process is easy to follow, and we're here to help any time you have a question. Head to our website for everything you need to know to complete your application. Reach out to us at (781) 489-1331 or admission@danahall.org.

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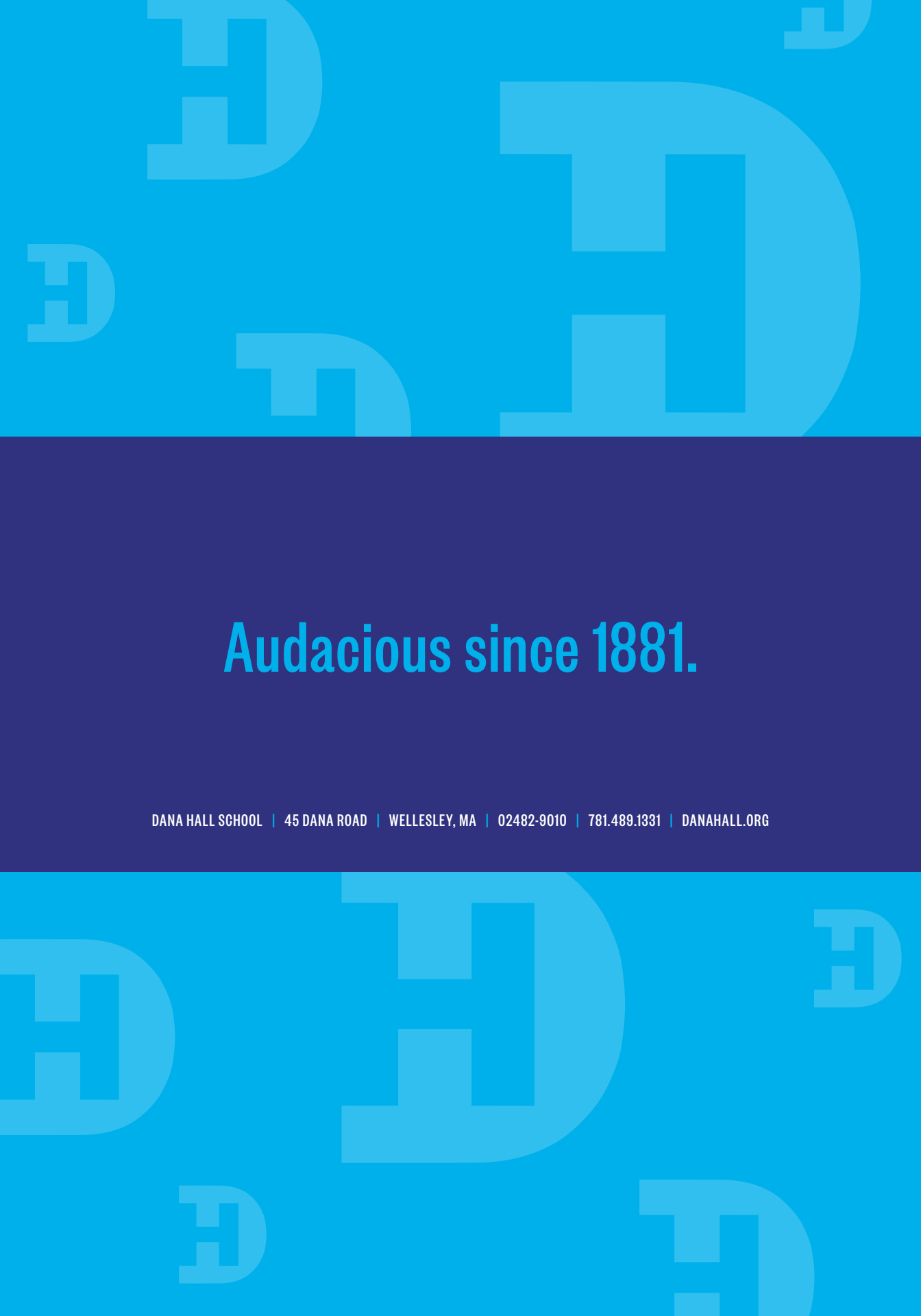
Speak your mind

Take the reins

Try new things

Discover who you want to be

And learn that your future
is truly unlimited

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