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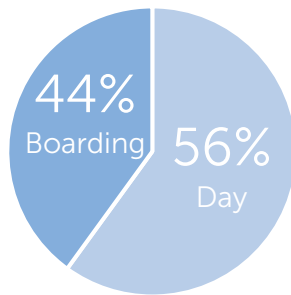
School Profile 2025-2026

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary's School, a community dedicated to academic excellence and personal achievement, prepares young women for college and life. To accomplish our mission, Saint Mary's School challenges each young woman to embrace the habits of an intellectual life, engages her with the past and the emerging future, and empowers her to serve and shape her world; fosters in each young woman a spirit of connection to others, guides her in developing her spiritual and ethical integrity, and prepares her to take responsibility for herself and her future.

FACTS & FIGURES

- Founded in 1842 as the 4th oldest girls' boarding and day school in the country



315 students representing
14 states and 16 countries
16% domestic students of color
21% international students in boarding
program
86 members of the Class of 2026

- 48% of students receive financial aid
- 100% of graduates admitted to 4-year colleges
- 8:1 student-to-faculty ratio; average class size is 13 students
- 69% of faculty staff hold advanced degrees in their fields, including 11 doctoral degrees
- Saint Mary's is committed to advancing an equity-centered and culturally competent educational experience for all students

MEMBERSHIPS

- Saint Mary's is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), and is a member of the following professional associations:

International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS); The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS); The National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES); Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS); North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS); The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The curriculum consists of rigorous college-preparatory academics in all subject areas. All graded courses not designated as Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (DE) or Distinguished Scholar (DS) are taught at the Honors level.

- Saint Mary's School does not calculate class rank
- 23 Advanced Placement, 10 Dual Enrollment courses through Marymount University, 6 Distinguished Scholars, including post-AP Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra, courses offered in the 2025-2026 school year
- A copy of the Curriculum Guide, including course offerings by department, is available online
- Students enrolled in AP courses are typically required to take the AP Exam
- The school year is divided into semesters, and the expected course load is seven courses per semester, including Seminar
- Diploma requirements include a minimum of 22 units – full graduation requirements can be found online

COURSE OFFERINGS AND GRADING

Saint Mary's offers courses at four levels: Honors, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment for college credit, and Distinguished Scholars. Students are encouraged to select classes that enhance their learning, complement their learning styles, and allow for a positive, balanced school experience. Final course placements are determined by the academic affairs team in consultation with teachers and advisors.

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS – DUAL ENROLLMENT AND AP CAPSTONE NEW FOR 2025-2026

Saint Mary's is excited to expand its AP offerings to include the AP Capstone program. AP Seminar will be taught beginning in the 25-26 school year, followed by AP Research being introduced the next year. Saint Mary's has also partnered with Marymount University in Virginia to offer select dual enrollment/credit courses beginning in the 25-26 school year. These courses are being taught by Saint Mary's teachers who meet adjunct professor criteria for Marymount and students must apply to enroll in courses. Dual Enrollment courses (DE) will appear on the Saint Mary's transcript and students will also receive a Marymount transcript. Advanced course offerings also include Saint Mary's Distinguished Scholars (DS) courses, which provide classes on advanced topics outside of the AP/DE curriculum that maintain a similar level of rigor and academic depth.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

3-year average Class of 2023-2025

SAT Middle 50%: 1100-1340

ACT Composite Middle 50%: 22 - 30

In 2025, 155 students took 350 AP exams, with 81% of students scoring a 3 or higher

GRADING SCALE

A+ (97-100) = 4.3	C+ (79-77) = 2.3
A (96-93) = 4.0	C (76-73) = 2.0
A- (92-90) = 3.7	C- (72-70) = 1.7
B+ (89-87) = 3.3	D (69-65) = 1.0
B (86-83) = 3.0	F (64-0) = 0
B- (82-80) = 2.7	

GPA WEIGHTING

- AP, DE and DS Courses receive 2 quality points
- All other graded courses are Honors level and receive 1 quality point

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

African American Studies	Biology
English Language	Chemistry
English Literature	Physics I
World History	Physics II
United States History	Environmental Science
United States Government	Computer Science
Comparative Government	French Language
European History	Spanish Language
Psychology	2-D Art and Design
Statistics	Drawing
Calculus AB	Seminar
Calculus BC	

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE OFFERINGS

English Composition I and II (EN 101/102)
United States History to/from 1877 (HI 111/112)
Intermediate French I and II (FR 201/202)
Intermediate Spanish I and II (SP 201/202)
Introduction to Media Communication (COMM 100)
Public Speaking (COMM 101)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SEMINAR:

A required, annual course for all students, team-taught by faculty, and designed to develop the 10 key competencies through intentional partnerships with outside organizations. In second semester of senior year, students complete a senior capstone or internship for an in-depth study or experience on a chosen topic. Recent graduates have completed internships or conducted research in fields including medicine, elementary education, marketing, collegiate athletics, real estate, historical preservation, the fashion industry, and law.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY:

Saint Mary’s is proud to offer three of the courses in the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biological Science sequence. By immersing students in activities like practicing suturing and constructing body structures from clay, PLTW Biomedical Science empowers students to build knowledge and skills in biomedical science, as well as in-demand, transportable skills like problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, and collaboration. Students are eligible to apply for college credit upon completion of individual courses or the full sequence of PLTW Biomedical Science classes taught at Saint Mary’s (Principles of Biomedical Science, Human Body Systems, and Medical Interventions).

YOUNG WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:

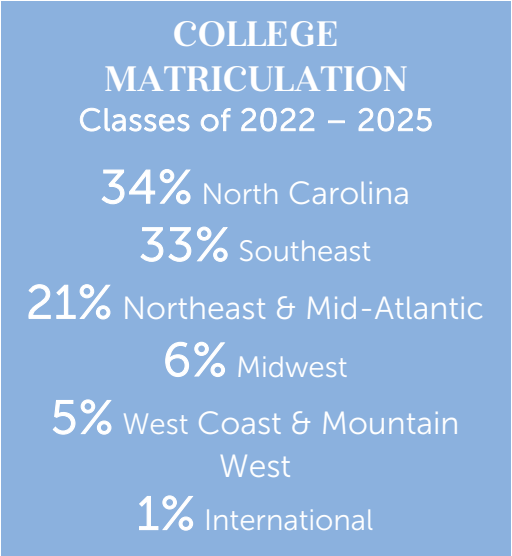
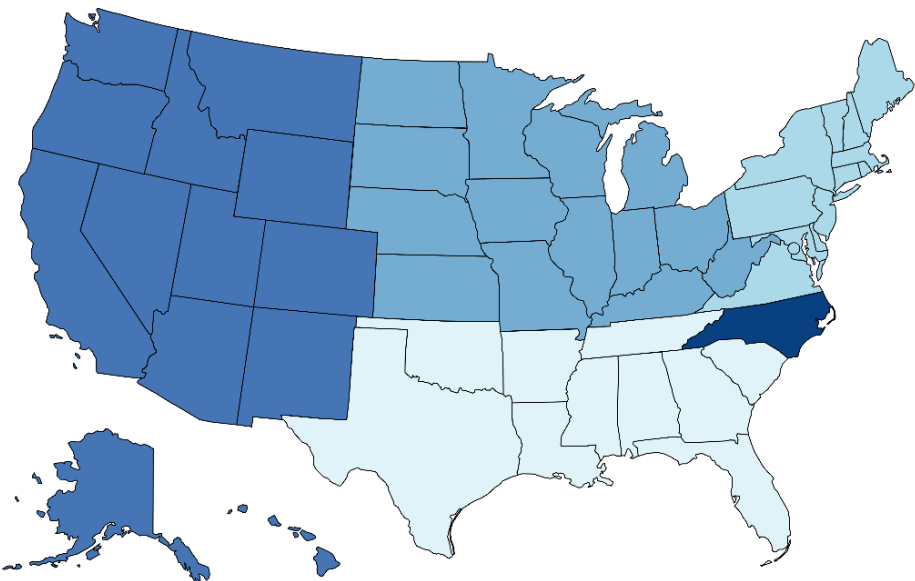
The Young Women’s Leadership Institute (YWLI) is a dynamic and transformative two-week summer camp for high school-aged girls, designed to inspire and equip young women with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to become leaders in their communities and beyond. Students follow a university-developed leadership curriculum and learn directly from profoundly successful women leaders through a daily speaker series. Past speakers have included a Broadway star, a world-renown cave diver and explorer, a former NASA astronaut, award-winning journalists, leaders in academia, and champion athletes.

GLOBAL STUDIES:

The Saint Mary’s School educational travel program is designed to provide students with experiential opportunities that build empathy and compassion for others. Trips are offered throughout the academic year and during the summer. The 2025-2026 offerings include: Dublin and Southeast Ireland, Greece, French exchange in Lyon, France, Service Project in the Dominican Republic and Australian Exchange in Perth, Australia.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

The 65 members of the Class of 2025 were admitted to 121 institutions across the United States and abroad. Those recent graduates enrolled at 35 different colleges in 17 states, England and Scotland, with 73% enrolled at institutions outside of North Carolina. A complete list of college acceptances and matriculations for the Class of 2024 can be found on our website.





College Matriculations | Classes 2022 through 2025

Bold denotes a Class of 2025 graduate matriculated.

Agnes Scott College	Saint Mary's College
American University (2)	Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
Appalachian State University (10)	Sewanee: The University of the South (5)
Auburn University (2)	Smith College
Austin College	Southern Methodist University
Barnard College	Suffolk University
Baylor University (3)	Swarthmore College
Boston College	Syracuse University
Boston University	Texas Christian University (9)
Brown University	Tufts University
Bryn Mawr College	Tulane University
Bucknell University	Universidad de Navarra, Spain
Campbell University	University of Alabama (11)
Case Western Reserve University	University of Arizona
Chapman University	University of Bristol, England
Clemson University (4)	University of California at Los Angeles (2)
College of Charleston (2)	University of California at San Diego
College of the Holy Cross	University of Cincinnati
Columbia College of Chicago	University of Colorado at Boulder (3)
Columbia University (2)	University of Georgia (7)
Cornell University (2)	University of Illinois
Creighton University	University of Kentucky (2)
Davidson College (4)	University of Lynchburg
Drexel University	University of Mary Washington
Durham University (UK)	University of Maryland
East Carolina University (6)	University of Miami (4)
Elon University (6)	University of Michigan
Emory University (2)	University of Mississippi (7)
Florida A&M University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (41)
Fordham University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Furman University (3)	University of North Carolina at Wilmington (5)
Georgia Tech	University of North Texas
Hamilton College	University of Pennsylvania
Hampton University	University of Richmond (2)
Hollins University	University of San Diego
Indiana University, Bloomington	University of South Carolina (10)
James Madison University (3)	University of Southern California
Liberty University	University of Southern Maine
Louisiana State University	University of St Andrews (Scotland)
Marshall University	University of Tampa
Meredith College (3)	University of Tennessee at Knoxville (6)
Miami University (3)	University of Texas at Austin
Michigan State University	University of Vermont (3)
Mississippi State University	University of Virginia (5)
New York University (4)	University of Washington at Seattle
North Carolina A & T State University	University of Wisconsin at Madison (2)
North Carolina State University (17)	Virginia Commonwealth University
Northeastern University (2)	Virginia Tech (4)
Ohio State University	Wake Forest University (7)
Pennsylvania State University	Wake Technical Community College
Pepperdine University (2)	Washington and Lee University (7)
Princeton University	Western Carolina University
Purdue University	Westminster College
Randolph College	William & Mary
Randolph-Macon College	William Peace University
Reed College	Wofford College (14)