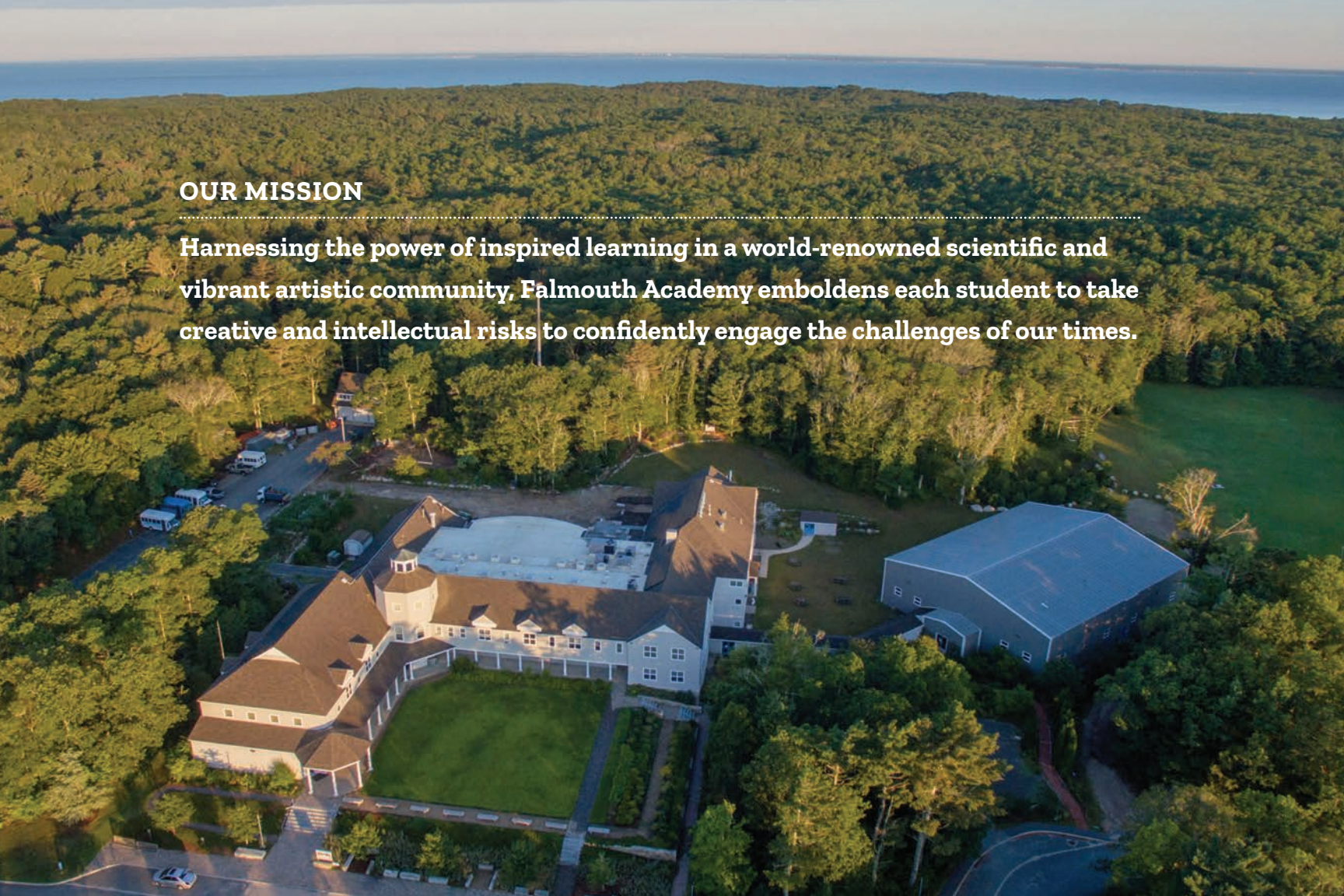




Falmouth
Academy



.....inspired learning

An aerial photograph of the Falmouth Academy campus. The main building is a large, light-colored structure with a central courtyard. To the right is a large, dark-roofed building. The campus is surrounded by dense green trees, and a body of water is visible in the background under a clear sky.

OUR MISSION

Harnessing the power of inspired learning in a world-renowned scientific and vibrant artistic community, Falmouth Academy emboldens each student to take creative and intellectual risks to confidently engage the challenges of our times.

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in Falmouth Academy, an extraordinary educational community dedicated to preparing students for the challenges of their times by helping them harness the power they possess within themselves to achieve, explore, and create.

At Falmouth Academy, we value not only academic excellence, but also curiosity, creativity, integrity, and balance. Our highly qualified, dedicated, and caring teachers work closely with each student in a supportive environment where it's safe to take risks, try new things, and be yourself. As a result, our graduates are not only well-prepared for college, they are eager and equipped to make a difference in the world.

A Falmouth Academy education extends well beyond its 34-acre campus. Our students, who hail from nearby towns on the Cape, Islands, South Shore, and South Coast and faraway places like China, Nepal, Spain, Germany, and Ukraine, benefit from close connections to the international scientific community of Woods Hole, the artistic communities of Cape Cod, and the intellectual communities of Boston and Providence.

This booklet provides just a brief overview of the Falmouth Academy experience. Ultimately the best way to learn about our school and our community is to visit. We invite you to take a tour, attend classes, or spend the day with us.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus!



Know where you are

Falmouth Academy is small by design. Our size fosters a strong sense of community. Students are known well by their teachers, and each student has a faculty advisor who has the “big picture” of the student’s academic and extracurricular life.

We’re a school where it’s cool to get excited about learning, where motivated peers collaborate to help each other succeed, where our varsity athletes also sing in the chorus or play musical instruments, and where students and teachers take environmental stewardship seriously.

We like to say we have one rule: Know where you are. We understand that our actions are a reflection of our character.

You learn more here than what is in textbooks—things like humanity, benevolence, honesty, good humor—things that make you an effective and productive social being.

JAY ALLISON, PAST PARENT,
INDEPENDENT BROADCAST
JOURNALIST



13 Average
class size

3 Smallest
class

17 Largest
class



In the television/radio news industry, when a piece of technical infrastructure fails, there is often very little time to resolve the issue. I frequently need to come up with creative fixes. These critical thinking skills are the same ones I acquired at FA, from figuring out how to solve senior-year physics problems, to troubleshooting faulty guitar amps moments before a Friday night jazz band performance.

JAMES REBER '09, BROADCAST ENGINEER AT BBC NEWS

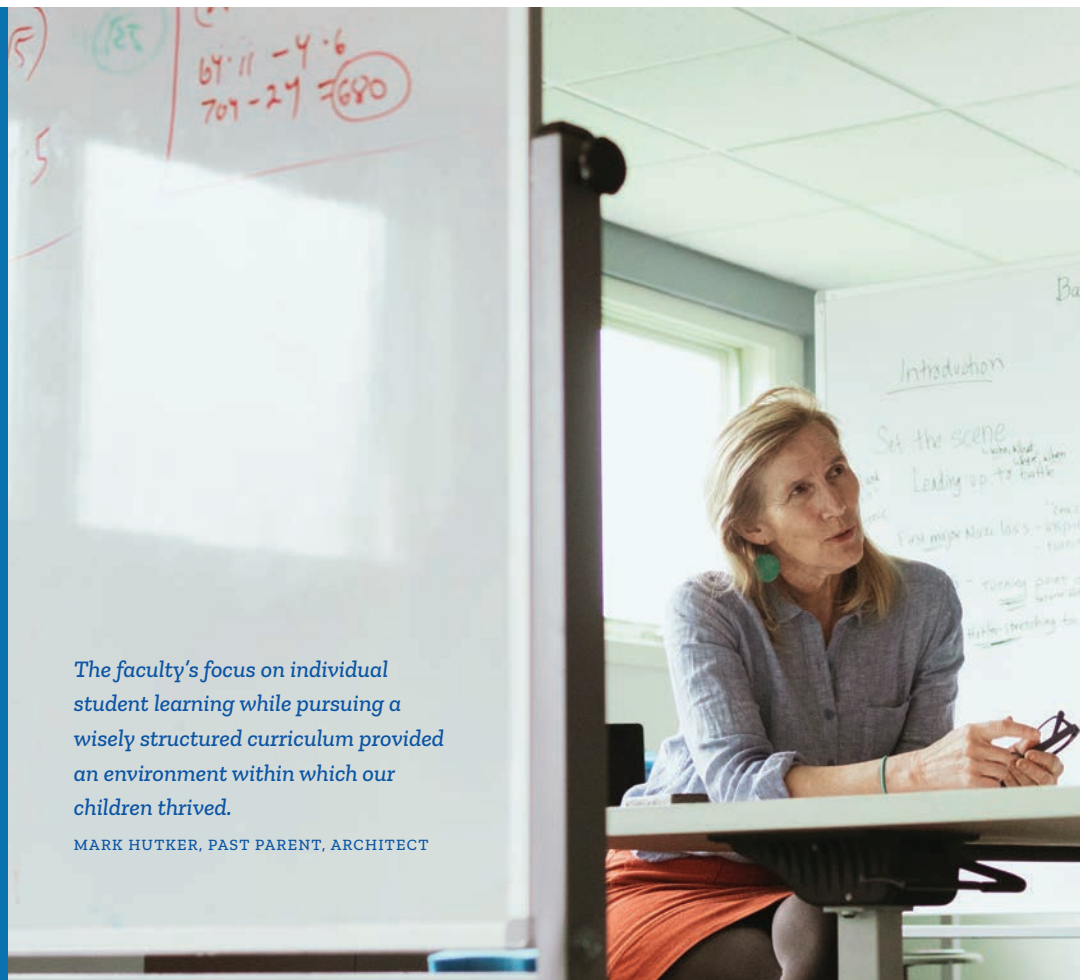
IN ADDITION TO BEING EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS, OUR TEACHERS ARE:

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An Olympic volleyball player, a former Hollywood talent agent, published authors, native language speakers, juried artists, a yoga instructor and reiki master, former college athletes, professional musicians, expert sailors, woodworkers, fishermen, gardeners, and bakers.

The faculty's focus on individual student learning while pursuing a wisely structured curriculum provided an environment within which our children thrived.

MARK HUTKER, PAST PARENT, ARCHITECT





A Shared Curriculum

Five academic subjects are taught to each student every year: English, History, Science, Mathematics, and Modern Language.

It seems so simple. Classic even. The foundation of American education. At Falmouth Academy we recognize that the skills our students learn in traditional subject areas are the skills they'll need for success in college and beyond.

In small classes, teachers guide students in mastering close reading, original research, and clear and thoughtful speaking and writing as daily habits. This begins in Middle School, along with an emphasis on skill building, emerging independence and time management. It continues in Upper School with increasingly sophisticated and advanced subject matter.

Our sequential course of studies establishes the academic foundation while reinforcing the value of membership in a shared intellectual community. As a result, classes are thoughtful, lively reservoirs of discourse, and the discussions continue in the hallways, at lunch, during breaks in athletic practices, and at home across the dinner table.

Then, our Signature Programs move learning beyond five academic subjects...

Elective Growth & Discovery

The elective period is an important part of our school day. For 65 minutes, students step beyond academic subjects to explore arts, publications, service, and other topics ranging from Farm & Garden to Mock Trial, from Forensic Science to Video Production. Students from all grades collaborate, create, and engage different parts of their brains. Music ensembles meet, as do visual arts classes, and the work they produce here is showcased throughout the year at seasonal concerts and in rotating art exhibits.

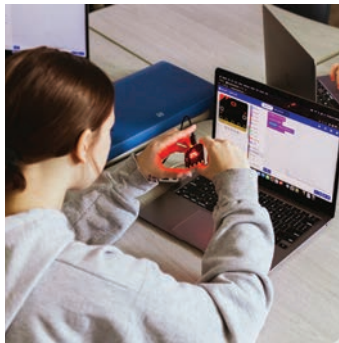
Studying drama and music at Falmouth Academy, I developed confidence, camaraderie and a unique voice, which became my greatest assets as a professional actor. These are benefits that I continue to reap in all aspects of my life.

BRIAN MISKELL '06, ACTOR, LITERARY ASSOCIATE,
RATTLESTICK THEATER, NEW YORK



30 Faculty with
advanced degrees

>40 Electives
offered





Arts Across the Curriculum

Imagine 7th grade Marine & Life Science class: students explore local watersheds, collect samples, and sketch the moss growing at their feet. After they return to the classroom, they view satellite images of watersheds and paint those images on silk.

In Algebra II, students learn linear perspective by studying the work of Renaissance artist Alberti, who discovered the mathematical basis for linear perspective. Then they develop their own formulae for plotting perspective in their artwork.

Instead of having students study art in academic classes, we invite students to actually create the art. Arts Across the Curriculum engages multiple intelligences through the arts. It exposes all students to traditional subject matter in a tactile, sensory, and expressive way. By doing so, learning is deeply embedded—and often inspired.



The drive cultivated at FA has allowed me to feel successful in my pursuits as an artist and designer both in college and as a graduate. Discussions in the classroom at Falmouth Academy taught me to engage in critical dialogues.

ELLIOT CAMARRA '10, RISD '14
ARTIST, TEXTILE DESIGNER



Science in the Real World

Scientific curiosity starts in the classroom, then travels to places in the natural world where the processes of biology, chemistry, and physics occur. From woodland expeditions to mountain excursions to ocean voyages, our students study science where it happens.

Our proximity to world-renowned scientific institutions creates unique opportunities for our students. We place interns in Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) laboratories every year.

Our annual Science and Engineering Fair is no ordinary exhibit. Student research is judged by more than one hundred scientists, many of whom have mentored other students on their projects, and the results speak for themselves.

RECENT AWARDS

from national and international research-based, high school science competitions, including American Junior Academy of Science, Intel, Google, Siemens, and Westinghouse



11 National
semifinalists

4 National
finalists

19 International
invitations

12 International
awards

11 Published in
research journals



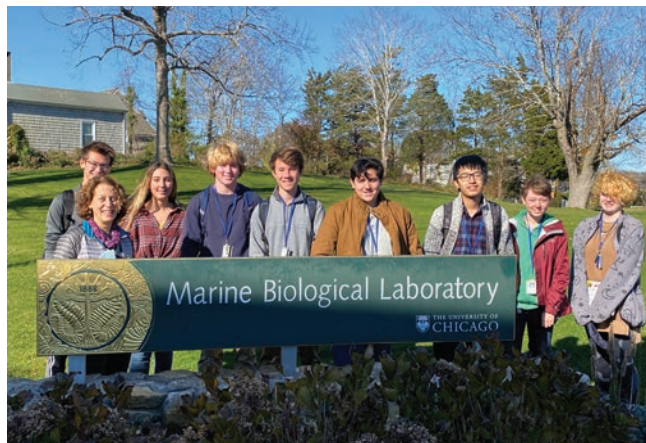
*Falmouth Academy
regularly wins more first-
place prizes than any other
public or private school of its
size in the MIT State
Science Fair Competition.*

THE BOSTON GLOBE



I truly owe everything to FA's Science Fair. Not only did the experience show me how to engage in scientific inquiry, but more importantly, it pushed me to learn how to discuss my own research with others outside of my field — a skill that is vital for my current research.

EMMA KEELER '19, UNIVERSITY OF
PENNSYLVANIA '23, GOLDWATER SCHOLAR,
UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR



SCIENCE FAIR

The Authentic Voice

Words give expression to ideas—they are powerful tools. Words can foment revolution or create peace. They explain everything, and sometimes fail us.

From the moment they arrive until the day they graduate, our students are guided to develop their authentic voices. Writing and speaking are at the center of daily learning. By the time they are seniors, our students are prepared to write college essays that don't sound canned, craft peer recommendations that touch the heart, and present 45-minute lectures on topics of their own choosing. At Graduation each senior rises and offers a public tribute to a fellow classmate.

When they depart for college, Falmouth Academy graduates own a writing process that they have honed, know how to participate meaningfully in seminar discussions, and confidently engage their professors inside and outside of the classroom.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUTHENTIC VOICE

- Greek Drama Festival
- Declamation Day
- Athens-Sparta Debate
- Junior Extended Inquiry Project
- Senior Peer References
- Senior Teaching Day
- Modern Language Exchanges
- Rhetoric
- Science & Engineering Fair Presentations





It is truly an amazing process. My daughter can speak openly about being Wampanoag and bring her experiences and viewpoints into the classroom for sharing and learning.

TROY CURRENCE, PAST PARENT, IT CONSULTANT

Changing Earth

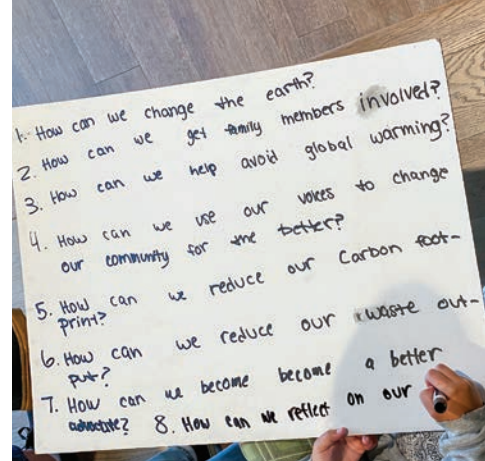
Changing Earth is a 9th grade cross-curricular journey that focuses on global change and the relationship between humans and the natural world. The program is an outgrowth of Falmouth Academy's strategic plan to address these topics across disciplines in Science, English, and History.

In Science, students examine practical and local issues, like the environmental impact of Falmouth Academy. In English, students learn how to use their voices to make change and how the power of the written word in both classic and modern literature offers lessons for the present and the future. In History, students learn how humans have impacted the Earth in order to understand our current world.

In addition to this program, Falmouth Academy has assembled a Global Change Advisory Panel made up of scientists and thought leaders from area institutions to provide guidance on strategic and curricular decisions.

We are encouraging students not only to investigate the complex ways in which the planet and human society have been shaped by change but also to implement actions to change the Earth they will inherit.

MONICA HOUGH, ENGLISH TEACHER





SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

- 75% recycling of waste materials
- 2,000 pounds composted each year
- 100% chemical-free landscaping and cleaning products
- 40% of building uses radiant floor heat and energy-recovery ventilators
- 100% electricity from renewable energy by 2023



Sustainability

Falmouth Academy is committed to protecting the environment and teaching the values and skills needed for sound ecological practices. Our school has been honored with the MassRecycle Institutional Recycling Award and the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth's Award for Excellence in Environmental Education. Our 34-acre campus is located next to prime conservation land, yet is close to the town center, and is landscaped with native and drought-tolerant plants.

OUR STEWARDSHIP EFFORTS INCLUDE:

- Farm & Garden elective
- Beekeeping elective
- Greenhouse to extend growing season for vegetables
- Vernal pool
- Pond and community cleanups
- Removal of invasive species, working alongside environmental professionals
- 9th grade Changing Earth curriculum

A quick look at
**Falmouth
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School traditions include Gala, Senior Teaching Day, Spirit Week, the Talent Show, the all-school trip to Marconi Beach and the all-school game of Capture the Flag.



The Modern Language department credentials with the Global Seal of Biliteracy and the German program is recognized as a Center of Excellence by the American Association of German Teachers.



Each seventh and eighth grader has a peer mentor, a junior or senior who provide support, advice, and friendship to younger students throughout the year.



Falmouth Academy hosts a regional social and environmental justice conference for youth from all over Southeastern Massachusetts.



The Learning Support Team assists students with individual tutoring, Orton-Gillingham tutoring, classroom accommodations, study skills and research skills.



Falmouth Academy has a rich history of hosting community arts organization events, including the Falmouth Chorale, Cape Cod Theater Project, the Woods Hole Film Festival, and Skylark.



Falmouth Academy lockers have no doors because the community relies on and values openness and trust.



Falmouth Academy helped me define what was important for me athletically and academically. Participating in FA athletics taught me how to balance my commitments in a way that set me up for success as a collegiate student-athlete at a rigorous school like Middlebury.

JANE EARLEY '18,
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
LACROSSE, TWO TIME
NESCAC ALL-ACADEMIC
TEAM, 2022 IWLCA
ALL-AMERICAN, 2022
NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE
YEAR



SPORTS SCHEDULES

Mariner Athletics

We have achieved remarkable success in interscholastic competition, and students of all ability levels are encouraged to join teams and participate. We field Middle School, junior varsity and varsity teams for both boys and girls in soccer, cross country, basketball, lacrosse, and club tennis. Varsity teams compete against local schools in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Cape and Islands League, and many of our graduates have gone on to play intercollegiate sports.

Our program is centered on the physical and mental health of the student-athletes, the common thread that each season's sport provides to the community, and the lessons of teamwork, sportsmanship, and grace under pressure that can be learned through competitive athletics.

RECENT ATHLETIC HONORS

- 2022 MIAA Cape and Islands Sportsmanship Award, Girls Basketball
- 2022, 2018 MIAA Cape and Islands Sportsmanship Award, Boys Basketball
- 2021 MIAA Division 5 State Tournament Round of 16, Boys Soccer
- 2021 MIAA Cape and Islands League MVP, Boys Soccer
- 2021 Cape Cod Super Six Champions, Middle School Boys Soccer
- 2021 MIAA Cape and Islands League Champions, Boys Lacrosse
- 2014-2019 MIAA Cape and Islands League Champions, Girls Basketball
- 2014-2018 MIAA Cape and Islands League Champions, Girls Lacrosse
- 2014-2018 MIAA Cape and Islands MVP in Girls Soccer, Basketball and Lacrosse
- 2017 MIAA Cape and Islands League Champions, Girls Soccer
- 2018-2019 MIAA Cape and Islands Sportsmanship Awards, Boys and Girls Lacrosse
- 2018 Boston Globe All-Scholastic Recipients, Girls Basketball and Lacrosse
- Falmouth Academy athletes hold the highest scoring record for girls basketball and girls lacrosse on Cape Cod



Beyond the Classroom

The school day doesn't end at 2:35 pm. Athletes practice, actors rehearse, members of the stage crew create sets, and student photographers roam the campus. Students gather in study groups or meet individually with teachers. Of course, when our teams play at home games we go out to cheer for our Mariners.

Even when we are not in session, the life of our community continues with school-sponsored social events that include dances, movie nights, tailgates for sporting events and overnight grade-level trips. During March vacation, modern-language students travel to Nice, France, or Heidelberg, Germany, for homestay exchanges. In early summer, the Instrumental Ensemble offers a series of concerts in the White Mountains.





In the Community and around the World

Service projects abound. Students organize book drives, collect mittens and hats, engage in international service learning trips, raise funds for students in need, volunteer at the Falmouth Service Center and local elementary schools, and participate in numerous other activities, reflecting awareness of what it means to be members of communities at school, in our region, and across the globe.



I have to restrain myself from saying, 'Well, at my high school...' in class, but I'm always thinking about how well FA prepared me—my time management skills are off the charts! I appreciate that every day because I have time to sleep most nights and involve myself in lots of extracurriculars that make each day an adventure.

CATHERINE AVILES '14, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

College—The Match

College is a next step for each of Falmouth Academy's graduates, and we provide a highly personalized college selection process. We believe strongly that our students are unique and the colleges they choose to attend should match their individual abilities, interests, and aspirations. Our process places student reflection and self-awareness at its center, rather than institutional name recognition and rankings.

Since our graduating classes are small, students have unparalleled access to the guidance the college counselor provides. Juniors participate in a weekly College Seminar in which they research colleges, draft personal essays, and learn to navigate the increasingly complex process of applying to college. In the fall, representatives from many colleges meet with our students through virtual and in-person visits.



MATRICULATION LIST



COLLEGES ATTENDED BY MULTIPLE FA GRADUATES IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

Bates College	Tufts University
Bentley University	Tulane University
Boston College	Union College
Brown University	University of Colorado Boulder
Clark University	University of Massachusetts,
Connecticut College	Amherst
Elon University	University of Massachusetts,
Emerson College	Amherst, Commonwealth
Fordham University	Honors College
George Washington University	University of Michigan
Harvard University	University of Southern
Johns Hopkins University	California
Macalester College	University of Vermont
Middlebury College	Vassar College
Mount Holyoke College	Wellesley College
New York University	Wentworth Institute of
Northeastern University	Technology
Ohio Wesleyan University	Wesleyan University
Providence College	Wheaton College
Simmons College	Whitman College
Skidmore College	Worcester Polytechnic
Smith College	Institute
Syracuse University	

Come visit!



Take a tour, attend classes, spend the day.
We look forward to welcoming you!

To learn more about the admission or tuition assistance process, please visit our website or contact the Admission Office:

falmouthacademy.org

508-457-9696

admission@falmouthacademy.org

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ADMISSION EVENTS



Transporation

Falmouth Academy students commute from an area roughly bounded by Brewster, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, and Martha's Vineyard.

The school operates bus routes originating in Duxbury, Mattapoisett, and the mid-Cape, as well as a shuttle bus from the Steamship Authority terminal in Woods Hole.

BUS ROUTES

- Mid-Cape
- Mattapoisett
- Duxbury
- Woods Hole



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friend and when you're done,
remember to recycle!*

