

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-2019



**MOUNT  
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ACADEMY**  
FOR GIRLS

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**OUR MISSION:** Mount de Sales Academy forms young women in the spirit of Saint Francis de Sales and in fidelity to the Sacred Scripture and the Sacred Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church through a college preparatory education that nurtures the whole person. Anchored in faith, the community of Mount de Sales Academy is committed to academic excellence, lifelong learning, moral responsibility, service to others, and the dignity of the human person.

## THE SCHOOL

Established in 1852, *Mount de Sales Academy* is a private Catholic, college preparatory high school for young women, grades 9-12. The school functions under the sponsorship of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia of Nashville. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education. Mount de Sales is proud of its strong college preparatory program organized to contribute to the growth of the truly Christian woman and her ability to contribute to society. *Mount de Sales Academy* was named one of the **Top 50 Catholic Schools** since 2004 by The Catholic High School Honor Roll.

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY

### THE STAFF:

The Mount de Sales Academy community consists of 51 faculty members. There 30 staff members as well as 3 school counselors and a college counselor. Sixty two percent of the faculty hold a master's degree or higher. The faculty/student ratio is 1:11 with an average class size of 16.

### THE STUDENTS:

The total number of students is 527. There are 132 seniors, 132 juniors, 127 sophomores, and 136 freshmen. Mount de Sales Academy students represent a wide variety of socio-economic backgrounds and are drawn from a broad geographic area surrounding and including Baltimore, Frederick and Annapolis, Maryland.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students graduating from Mount de Sales Academy must satisfy the credit requirements listed below. A minimum of seven courses must be taken each semester. **A minimum of 26 credits is required for graduation.** There are 36 Honors courses and 13 Advanced Placement courses offered by the school.

### CREDITS REQUIRED

4 Religion  
3 Math  
4 English  
2 Foreign Language  
3 History  
1 Fine Arts  
3 Lab Sciences  
1 Physical Education  
5 Electives

## GRADING SCALE

### CURRENT GRADING SCALE

A (92-100)  
B+ (89-91)  
B (84-88)  
C+ (81-83)  
C (76-80)  
D+ (74-75)  
D (70-73)  
F (69 and lower)

### PREVIOUS GRADING SCALE

A (93-100)  
B+ (90-92)  
B (86-89)  
C+ (81-85)  
C (76-80)  
D+ (74-75)  
D (70-73)  
F (69 and lower)

Note: As of the 2016-2017 school year, the grading scale has been modified.

Mount de Sales Academy does not rank students.

AP courses earn 1.0 additional quality points and Honors courses earn .5 additional quality points.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

### AP COURSE GUIDELINES

**Students can take AP courses starting in their junior year. The maximum number of AP courses permitted in junior year is 3 and senior year is 4. Students must be recommended by their teachers to take an AP course and each student's schedule is evaluated individually.**

### AP EXAM STATISTICS 2017-2018

142 students took 228 AP exams in May 2018. In the 2017/2018 school year, **85% of tests taken received a 3 or higher** (the college credit recommended score). 100% of students in English Literature, English Language, Calculus BC, Biology, and Spanish Language received scores of 3 or higher. Mount de Sales offers 13 AP Courses.

## SERVICE

Students are given the opportunity to serve others inside the Mount de Sales community, in the surrounding region, and even beyond our borders. Students serve in local soup kitchens, homeless shelters, nursing homes, etc. **At the end of their time at Mount de Sales Academy, students are required to have performed 96 service hours.** Mount de Sales students are extremely dedicated to service, with many going above and beyond their requirements. **Overall, the class of 2018 performed over 20,400 hours of service.**

## SACRED HEART PROGRAM

Since 2012, the Sacred Heart Program at Mount de Sales Academy has supported college-bound students with a diagnosed learning disability through work on time management, test taking skills, organization, self-advocacy, and academic skill acquisition. There are currently 74 students in the Sacred Heart program.

## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

**100% of the Mount de Sales Academy Class of 2018 applied and was accepted to college or vocational school.** Members of the class received over \$15.2 million in merit scholarships. 90% of the class of 2018 received a merit scholarship offer. Of those attending college, 20% are attending Catholic institutions. The Class of 2018 will attend 65 different colleges across 20 different states throughout the country.

## ATHLETICS

**More than 50% of the student body participate in at least one sport.** The Class of 2018 will have nineteen athletes play college level sports.

Sports include: Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Softball, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Golf, Cheerleading, Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field, Cross Country, and Volleyball.

From 2010 to 2018, a total of 148 Mount de Sales Academy Athletes from 12 sports have been named IAAM All Conference. A total of 23 Mount de Sales Academy Athletes from 7 sports were named to a Baltimore Sun All-Metro Team.

## FINE ARTS

**The Fine Arts department includes the visual arts, music (instrumental and vocal), dance, and theater arts.** Each student is encouraged to share her gifts and talents through outside performances and community-based service projects, such as performances at local schools and nursing homes.

Our theater students participate in the Cappies program, which is a writing and awards program that trains high school theatre and journalism students to be expert writers, critical thinkers, and leaders. Multiple students were nominated for 2018 Cappies Awards.

### CLASS OF 2018 TEST SCORES

#### Mid 50% SAT

550-670 (ERW)

510-610 (Math)

#### Mid 50% ACT (68 students)

22-28 (Composite)

24-32 (ACT Reading)

20-26 (ACT Math)

**Mount de Sales Academy students consistently surpass National averages on both the SAT and ACT. The majority of our students are meeting both Math and Evidence Based Reading and Writing benchmarks as laid out by the CollegeBoard.**

**Over the past five years, Mount de Sales Academy has had 41 students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program**

# COURSE OFFERINGS 2018-2019

## RELIGION

- 010 Freshman Scripture and Doctrine
- 014 Sacraments and Morality
- 034 Christology and Church History
- 042 Senior Morality & Holiness

## ENGLISH

- 300 Freshman: Literary Genres (Level 1)
- 301 Freshman: Literary Genres (Level 2)
- 351 Honors Freshman: Literary Genres
- 320 Sophomore: Lit Genres 2 (Level 1)
- 321 Sophomore: Lit Genres 2 (Level 2)
- 352 Honors Sophomore: Lit Genres 2
- 330 Junior: American Lit (Level 1)
- 331 Junior: American Lit (Level 2)
- 353 Honors American Literature
- 358 AP Junior English
- 340 Senior: British Literature (Level 1)
- 341 Senior: British Literature (Level 2)
- 354 Honors British Literature
- 360 AP Senior English
- 386 *Study of the Holocaust (semester)*
- 387 *Humanities Studies (semester)*
- 388 *Creative Writing (semester)*
- 389 *Film Study (semester)*

## FINE ARTS

- 130 *Line and Color*
- 145 Honors Portfolio
- 146 Honors Advanced Portfolio
- 149 Independent Advance Portfolio
- 155 3D Art
- 156 Honors Advanced 3D Art
- 153 Textile Design
- 154 Honors Advanced Textile Design
- 162 *Dance Fundamentals*
- 164 Honors Dance Company
- 166 *Speech & Performance*
- 168 *Theatre Arts*
- 213 *Chorus*
- 223 Honors Concert Choir
- 263 *Symphonic Orchestra*
- 264 Honors Advanced Orchestra
- 265 Honors Chamber Ensemble
- 924 *Graphic Communications*
- 930 Yearbook

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- 551 *Honors French I*
- 552 Honors French II
- 553 Honors French III
- 554 Honors French IV
- 561 AP French
- 571 *Honors Latin I*
- 572 Honors Latin II
- 573 Honors Latin III
- 574 Honors Latin IV
- 512 *Spanish I (Level 2)*
- 517 Honors Spanish I
- 522 Spanish II (Level 2)
- 526 Honors Spanish II
- 532 Spanish III
- 534 Honors Spanish III
- 542 Honors Spanish IV
- 562 AP Spanish

## MATHEMATICS

- 406 Algebra I Part 1 (Level 1)
- 407 Algebra I Part 2 (Level 1)
- 401 Algebra I (Level 2)
- 431 Geometry (Level 1)
- 425 Integrated Geometry (Level 2)
- 426 Geometry (Level 2)
- 428 Honors Geometry
- 430 Algebra II (Level 1)
- 432 Algebra II (Level 2)
- 436 Honors Algebra II
- 454 College Algebra (Level 1)
- 453 College Algebra (Level 2)
- 469 Statistics
- 440 Precalculus
- 452 Honors Precalculus
- 446 AP Calculus AB
- 447 AP Calculus BC
- 449 AP Statistics
- 943 S.T.E.M Explorations
- 944 *Introduction to Computer Science*

## SCIENCE

- 710 Biological Concepts
- 711 Biology
- 750 Honors Biology
- 761 AP Biology
- 730 Chemistry Concepts
- 731 Chemistry
- 751 Honors Chemistry
- 762 AP Chemistry
- 742 Physics
- 741 Honors Physics
- 744 Honors Anatomy
- 736 Environmental Science
- 737 Forensic Science
- 943 S.T.E.M. Explorations
- 944 *Introduction to Computer Science*
- 768 *Research in Science*

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

- 611 Western Civilization (Level 2)
- 615 Honors Western Civilization
- 621 American Gov (Level 2 - semester)
- 622 Early US Hist (Level 2 - semester)
- 631 Honors American Gov (semester)
- 632 Honors Early US Hist (semester)
- 623 Modern US History
- 653 Honors Modern US History
- 660 AP US History
- 661 AP American Government
- 687 AP Art History
- 690 *Geography and Global Issues*
- 674 *Psychology*
- 675 AP Psychology
- 680 *Intro to Economics*

## INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY

- 924 *Graphic Communications*
- 930 Yearbook
- 943 S.T.E.M. Explorations
- 944 *Introduction to Computer Science*

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- 822 *Physical Education/Health*
- 812 *Dance Fitness/Health*
- 825 *Lifetime Fitness*

## SACRED HEART

- 390 Sacred Heart Program (Fr/Soph)
- 391 Sacred Heart Program (Jr/Sr)

ALL AP AND HONORS COURSES AS WELL AS SELECT ELECTIVES REQUIRE A RECOMMENDATION.

# MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2015-2018

Adelphi University  
 Albright College  
**Alvernia University**  
 Allegheny College  
**American University**  
 Appalachian State University  
**Aquinas College**  
 Arcadia University  
**Arizona State University**  
**Auburn University**  
**Ave Maria University**  
 Becker College  
**Belmont Abbey College**  
 Belmont University  
**Berry College**  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Bridgewater College  
 Bryant University  
 Bucknell University  
 Butler University  
**Cabrini University**  
**California State University, Fresno**  
**Campbell University**  
**Carnegie Mellon University**  
**Case Western Reserve University**  
 Catawba College  
**The Catholic University of America**  
 Charleston Southern University  
**Christendom College**  
 Christopher Newport University  
**Clemson University**  
**Coastal Carolina University**  
**College of Charleston**  
**College of William & Mary**  
 Colorado School of Mines  
**Colorado State University**  
**Columbus College of Art & Design**  
**Creighton University**  
**Davidson College**  
 Davis & Elkins College  
 Dean College  
**DePaul University**  
**DeSales University**  
**Dickinson College**  
 Drexel University  
**Duquesne University**  
 East Carolina University  
**Eastern University**  
**Eastern Kentucky University**  
 Eckerd College  
**Elizabethtown College**  
**Elon University**  
**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**  
 Emerson College  
**Emory University**  
**Fairfield University**  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University  
**Flagler College**  
 Florida Atlantic University

Florida Institute of Technology  
 Florida State University  
**Florida Southern College**  
**Fordham University**  
**Franciscan University**  
**Frostburg State University**  
 Furman University  
 Gannon University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
**Georgia Southern University**  
**Georgetown University**  
 George Mason University  
**Gettysburg College**  
 Gordon College  
 Goucher College  
 Guilford College  
**High Point University**  
**Hillsdale College**  
**Hofstra University**  
 Hood college  
 Immaculata University  
 Indiana University  
 Indiana University of PA  
**Ithaca College**  
**James Madison University**  
**Johns Hopkins University**  
 Johnson & Wales University  
**Kansas State University**  
 Kent State University  
**Kutztown University**  
 Lafayette College  
 La Salle University  
**Lebanon Valley College**  
 Limestone College  
 Longwood University  
 Long Island University  
 Louisiana State University  
**Loyola University, Maryland**  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Lycoming College  
**Lynchburg College**  
 Manhattan College  
 Manhattanville College  
 Marist College  
**Marquette University**  
 Marshall University  
**Maryland Institute College of Art**  
 Marymount Manhattan College  
**Marymount University**  
 Marywood University  
**McDaniel College**  
 Mercyhurst University  
**Messiah College**  
 Miami University, Ohio  
**Millersville University**  
**Misericordia University**  
 Mississippi State University  
**Monmouth University**  
 Morgan State University  
 Muhlenberg College  
**Mount St. Mary's University**  
 New York School of Interior Design  
 New York University

Notre Dame of Maryland  
**North Carolina State University**  
**Northeastern University**  
 Occidental College  
**Ohio University**  
**Old Dominion University**  
**Palm Beach Atlantic University**  
**Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts**  
 Pratt Institute  
**The Pennsylvania State University**  
 Philadelphia University  
**Providence College**  
 Purdue University  
 Quinnipiac University  
 Radford University  
 Randolph-Macon College  
 Rhodes College  
 Roanoke College  
 Robert Morris University  
 Roger Williams University  
 Rollins College  
 Rutgers University  
 Sacred Heart University  
 Saint Anselm University  
**Saint Francis University**  
**Saint Joseph's University**  
 Saint Louis University  
 Saint Peter's University  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
**Saint Vincent College**  
**Salisbury University**  
 Salve Regina University  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
**School of Visual Arts**  
 Seton Hall University  
 Seton Hill University  
 Shenandoah University  
 Shepherd University  
**Shippensburg University**  
 St. Andrew's University, Scotland  
**St. Bonaventure University**  
**St. John's University, Queens**  
**St. Mary's College of Maryland**  
 Stevens Institute of Technology  
**Stevenson University**  
 Susquehanna University  
**Swarthmore College**  
 Sweet Briar College  
**Syracuse University**  
 Temple University  
**Texas A&M University**  
 The College of Wooster  
**The George Washington University**  
**Towson University**  
**Tulane University**  
 United States Air Force Academy  
**United States Coast Guard Academy**  
 The University of Akron  
**The University of Alabama**

**University of Baltimore**  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Colorado  
 University of Dallas  
 University of Dayton  
**University of Delaware**  
 University of Denver  
 University of Florida  
 University of Iowa  
**University of Kentucky**  
 University of Maine  
**University of Mary Washington**  
**University of Maryland, Baltimore County**  
**University of Maryland, College Park**  
 University of Massachusetts  
 University of Miami  
**University of Minnesota**  
**University of Mississippi**  
 University of Missouri  
**University of New Hampshire**  
 University of North Carolina, Asheville  
 University of North Carolina, Pembroke  
 University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
**University of Notre Dame**  
 University of Oklahoma  
**University of Oregon**  
**The Ohio State University**  
 University of Pennsylvania  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
 University of Richmond  
 University of Rhode Island  
 University of San Diego  
 The University of Scranton  
**University of South Carolina**  
**University of Tampa**  
**University of Tennessee**  
 University of Texas  
**University of the Pacific**  
**University of Utah**  
 University of Wisconsin  
 Ursinus College  
**Villanova University**  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
**Virginia Tech**  
**Wake Forest University**  
 Walsh University  
 Washington & Jefferson College  
**Washington College**  
**Webb Institute**  
 West Chester University  
**West Virginia University**  
**Widener University**  
**Wingate University**  
 Xavier University  
**York College of PA**

\*Schools in BOLD are colleges that our students have chosen to attend