

UPPER SCHOOL

A place where
girls belong.



Ask a St. Agnes family, and they're sure to tell you that this is where their daughter belongs.

St. Agnes Academy for girls is a special place where girls can learn and grow and shine like nowhere else. The school engages their minds in an environment that strengthens their confidence, fosters their friendships, and builds it all on a foundation of respect and kindness that is rooted in faith.

We strive to help each girl who walks through our doors become spiritually and ethically grounded, academically prepared, ecologically conscious, and critically aware of her responsibility to build a more truthful and peaceful world.

Take a closer look at St. Agnes Academy, and you'll find a challenging, inspiring, and supportive place where your daughter belongs.

St. Agnes Academy is sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and we have taken on their simple motto: Veritas. Veritas means truth, and we help our girls pursue Veritas through study and prayer, and build Veritas in our world through community and service. In all that we do, we are guided by the four Dominican pillars.

PRAYER

STUDY

COMMUNITY

SERVICE

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Prayer



The tenets of Catholic teaching are essential to who we are.

The foundations of the Catholic faith and Dominican tradition are woven into the fabric of our daily life at St. Agnes Academy. With Jesus at the center, our goal is to instill Catholic moral values, to encourage the practice of ethical behavior, and to support the spiritual growth of all students. Students attend weekly Mass and participate in class retreats, reconciliation services, and prayer services.

Part of the Dominican spirit means accepting and welcoming students and faculty of other denominations. Everyone is felt to be a part of the whole.

Our school prayer calls for us to promote justice, respect, and peace, and the young women at St. Agnes Academy work each day to build a community founded on that Dominican ideal.

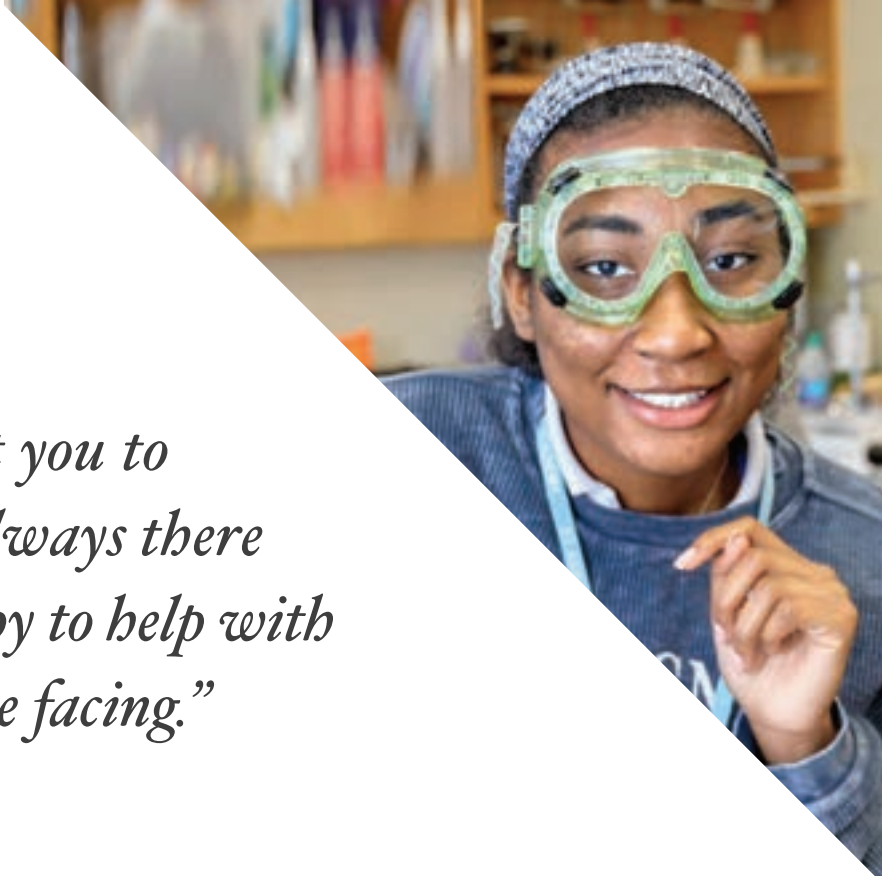
SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, let Thy blessings be upon St. Agnes Academy and St. Dominic School. Help us to seek the truth, to stand up for the rights of others, and to promote justice, respect, and peace in our school and world communities. Inspire with love and goodness both those who teach and those who learn. Give us the grace to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, loving and forgiving of others. We ask these gifts in Jesus' name, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Study




“Our teachers want you to succeed. They are always there for you and are happy to help with any struggles you are facing.”

Sarah Wray / Class of 2021

The St. Agnes Academy Upper School is a welcoming community where girls are respected for who they are - confident, powerful young women. Classrooms are vibrant, and girls work together, supporting each other, to achieve their personal best. Guided by experienced and passionate faculty, St. Agnes girls feel comfortable and confident challenging, answering, discussing, learning, and laughing.

- Advanced Placement courses are regularly offered in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, United States Government & Politics, United States History, World History, and World Literature and Composition.
- The average class size is 13 and our student-faculty ratio is 13:1.
- SAA participates in the Tennessee Hope Scholarship Dual Enrollment Grant Program with Christian Brothers University to grant college credit to students in levels 3 and/or 4 of French and Spanish.

The world is changing fast. And while we focus on the timeless strengths and values that have served St. Agnes girls for generations, we also prioritize the technical skills and opportunities that power a 21st-century education.

- Through our state-of-the-art Distance Learning Center, learning extends far “beyond our walls.” The anatomy and health classes observe in real time a cadaver demonstration from St. Louis University’s Medical Center. Art students have studied such topics as “Architecture in Art,” and “Exploring Still Life,” with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Our students meet authors and collaborate with students from other parts of the country or world through planned debates and novel discussions.
- Our world-class Library and Learning Commons combines a traditional physical library with a seamlessly integrated virtual library, offering our students the opportunities to retrieve, evaluate, and synthesize information in a way that is optimal to learning and achievement in a technological world.
- Our STEM program provides an exciting and comprehensive introduction to Robotics, biomedicine, 3D design and engineering, and investigative research. Project Lead The Way, our Biomedical Science sequence, allows students to investigate the roles of biomedical professionals as they study the concepts of human medicine, physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health.



Study

Community



St. Agnes girls learn what it means to live in community.

Community is the foundation of who we are. When you become a St. Agnes girl, you are joining a timeless community bound by shared experiences and amazing growth. Here, remarkable girls become extraordinary women while sharing in traditions that build a sense of belonging. While striving for their personal best, girls collaborate and support one another, creating a sisterhood where all are embraced and each can shine.

The lessons learned at the Academy in the classroom and on the field, the memories shared from the lunch table to Spirit Week, and the relationships formed with friends and teachers will last a lifetime.

At the Dominican Community of Schools, we are committed to the respectful treatment of all people. Justice, Respect and Peace, our school-wide kindness initiative and leadership training program, provides the foundation for our students in their interactions with others.

Community



We are creating, cooperating, and competing.

St. Agnes Academy provides opportunities outside the classroom for our girls to excel. The fine arts thrive in our three art studios, two music rooms, and 300-seat performing arts center. From SGA opportunities to student-led clubs and academic teams, your daughter can find her place and develop her talents. Our sports teams and clubs strive for excellence, as proven through competitions across the city and region.

- The Upper School theatre department produces three plays every year. Our two vocal groups, Starlettes and Ladies First, perform on campus and in the community.
- Talented artists and writers produce our national-award-winning literary magazine, *Calliope*.
- Every year we offer a variety of student trips including a New York fine arts trip, Spring Break trip to Europe, and our Costa Rican exchange program.
- In athletics, St. Agnes was named the Best of the Preps for the Female Division for five consecutive years. Our Stars compete in a variety of sports including soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, swimming, tennis, track, basketball, trap, bowling, cheer, pom, softball, tennis, and cross country.
- Our golf team has won the regional title for 13 consecutive years.
- Students participate outside the classroom in a variety of clubs and activities from Key Club to Knowledge Bowl, French Club to Fleece of Faith.



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Service

Learning to make a better world.

It has always been our vision to instill in each student the desire and ability to make the world a better place. Though the school offers a range of service projects, students are also encouraged to create their own service projects when they see a need.

We know service experiences cultivate and energize our students' understanding of their potential to be agents of positive change in our Church, our community, and our world. Every day we see students gaining a broadened perspective and a heightened sense of purpose.

- During the 2017-18 school year, Upper School students volunteered 16,700 hours of service to the community.
- The Day of Caring has been a St. Agnes tradition for 22 years.
- Upper School students make and serve food at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen twice a month throughout the year.
- The Forever Friends Club partners with students at Madonna Learning Center.
- Students help build houses through Habitat for Humanity, ring the bell for Salvation Army, and tutor students at inner city schools.
- For 16 years the entire student body has participated in the Make-a-Wish kids program, raising money and coordinating a special wish-granting ceremony.

Our girls can go anywhere.

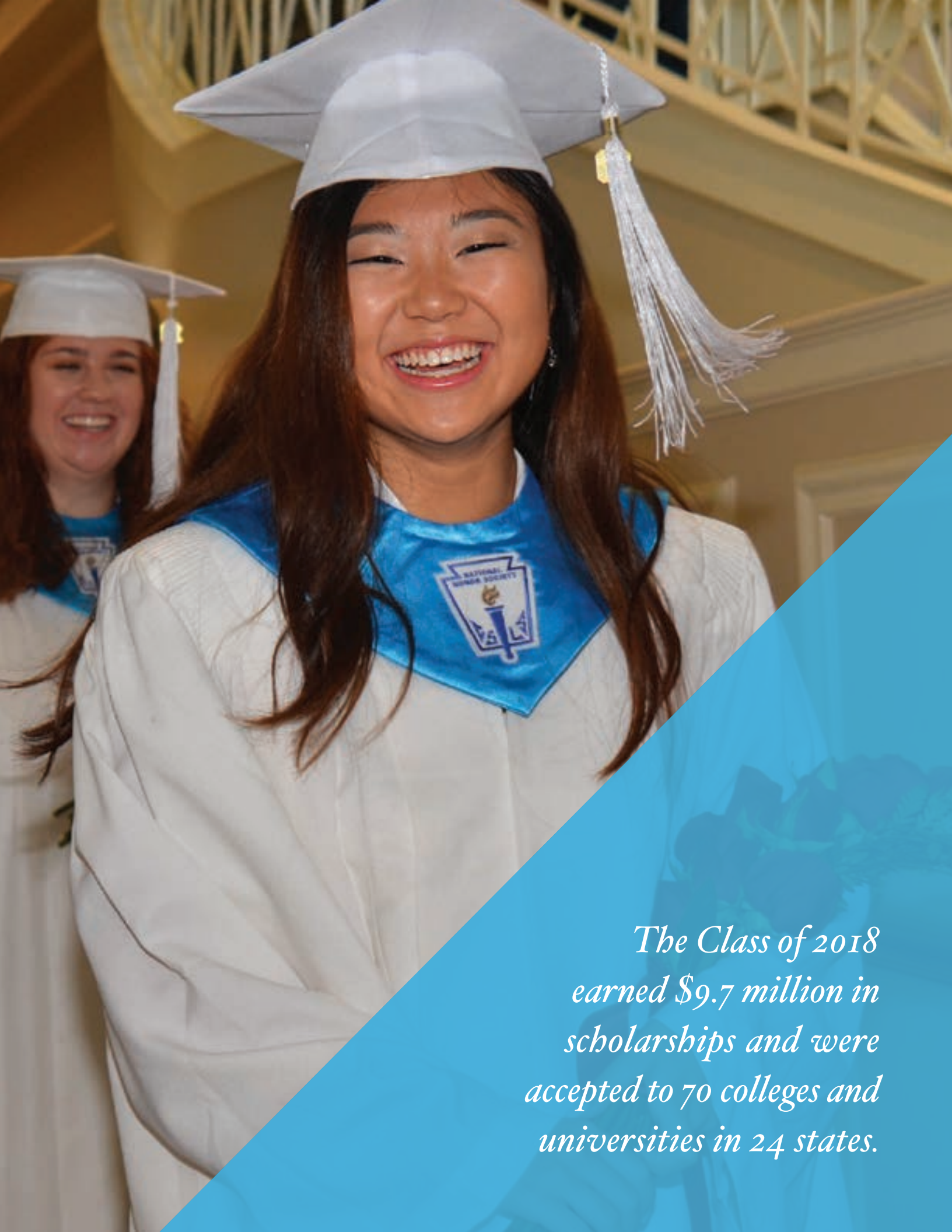
One hundred percent of our graduating class attends college. St. Agnes girls are accepted at colleges and universities throughout the country, earning millions in scholarships as well as early entry into pre-professional programs and honors colleges. In 2018 alone, St. Agnes girls earned more than 340 scholarships for academics, arts, athletics, leadership, and service. In fact, 87% of the class earned merit scholarships.

Our extensive college counseling program helps students find the right fit as our counselors work closely with each girl to identify her individual gifts, talents, interests, and strengths. And the rigorous training our students have received ensures they will succeed and shine in any environment.

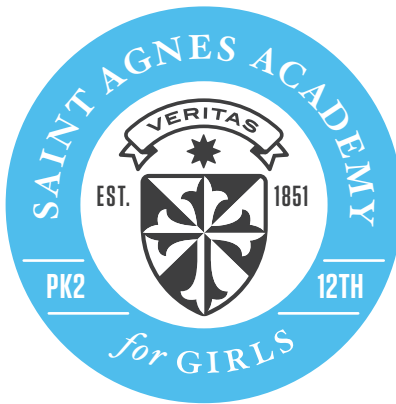
And after that? Our alumnae include scientists, college professors, researchers, surgeons, movie producers, authors, engineers, and artists. Armed with the education, commitment, and broadened worldview they honed at St. Agnes Academy, our girls truly can go anywhere.

Every year, our students are offered admission to some of the most challenging and prestigious colleges and universities across the country, including:

- University of Virginia
- Washington and Lee University
- University of Notre Dame
- United States Naval Academy
- Boston College
- Santa Clara University
- New York University
- Tulane University
- Northwestern University
- University of Texas
- College of William and Mary
- University of North Carolina



*The Class of 2018
earned \$9.7 million in
scholarships and were
accepted to 70 colleges and
universities in 24 states.*



— Legacy of — SISTERHOOD

Founded in 1851, St. Agnes Academy for girls is the oldest continuously operating school in Memphis, and we celebrate a long list of special traditions that connect us with generations of alumnae. But more special to St. Agnes girls are the connections they make with their peers and the relationships that last a lifetime.

“The community of St. Agnes is so unique. Some of us have grown up together. Some joined our freshman year. But at St. Agnes, it does not matter — we are all members of the same loving and inspiring community that helps us thrive, and prepares us to be incredibly strong young women out in the larger community.”

Rebecca Winchester / SGA President, Class of 2018



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