



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. Inspired by the courageous women who founded St. Agnes Academy in 1851, a St. Agnes girl is tenacious in the pursuit of her dreams. With caring and knowledgeable educators at her side and with God's light consistently guiding her, a St. Agnes girl is empowered, confident and prepared for her future.

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, and Service.

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

Rooted in the Dominican Pillars of Study, Prayer, Community and Service, St. Agnes strives to prepare our students for more than just academic success, but rather to be catalysts for change and good throughout the world. To help our young women develop an even deeper understanding of how to live the Pillars in their daily lives, we have allotted time for a weekly Dominican hour. The first and third Wednesday of each month are reserved for a focus on Prayer as we gather to celebrate Mass. Every other Wednesday we experience the Pillar of Community, Service, and Study by including an ongoing speaker's series and setting time aside for standardized test taking study skills along with meaningful active service activities.

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.

Prayer



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

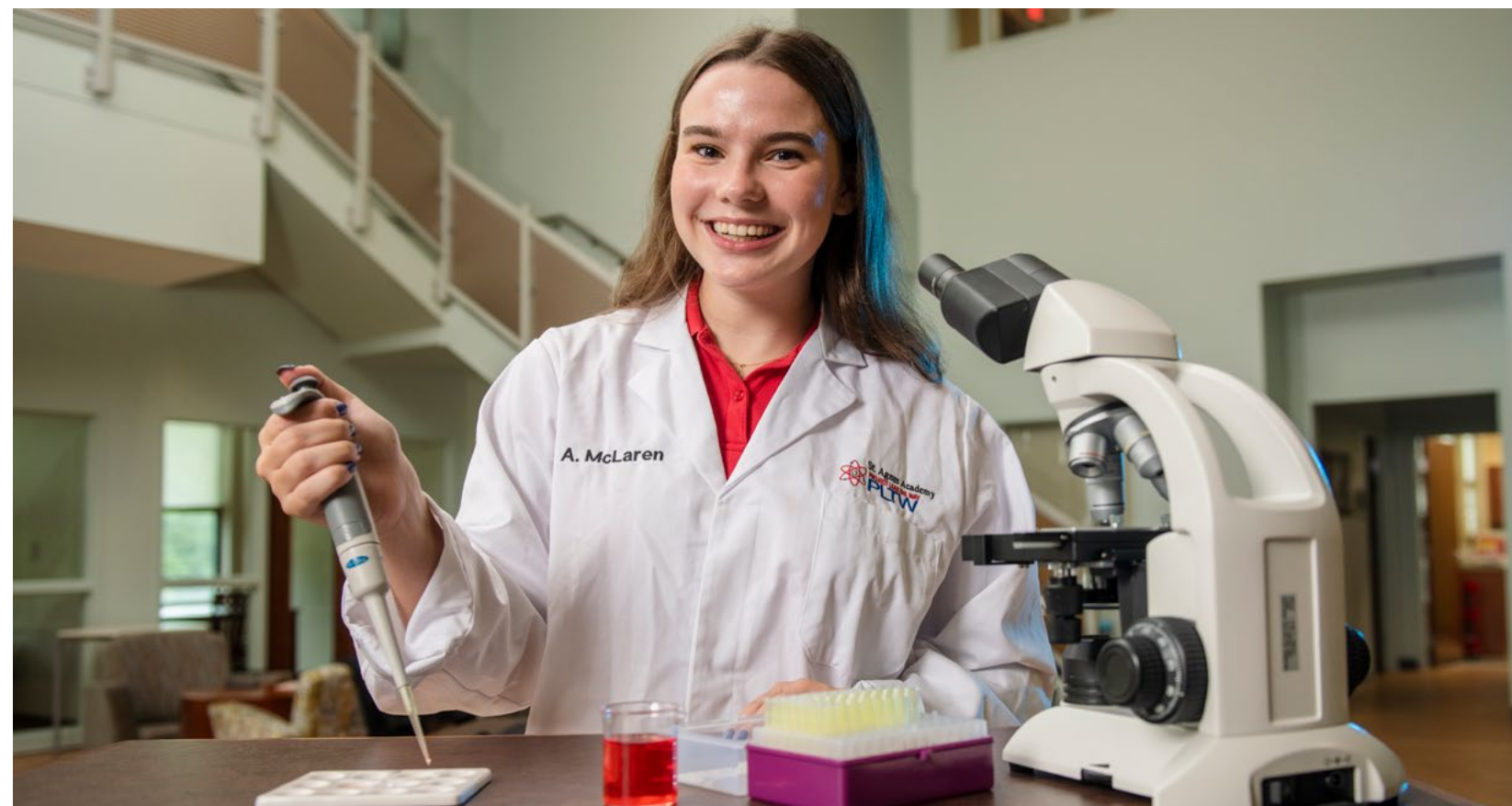
Sarah Wray / Class of 2021

The St. Agnes Academy Upper School is a welcoming community where girls are respected for who they are - confident, powerful young women focused on student agency and ownership. Classrooms are vibrant, and girls work together, supporting each other, to achieve their personal best. Guided by experienced and passionate faculty, St. Agnes is developing leaders who are intrinsically motivated and genuinely focused on learning.

- Advanced Placement courses are regularly offered in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Environmental Science, French, Language & Composition, Latin, Modern World History, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, United States Government & Politics, United States 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 Biomedical 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



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.

St. Agnes Academy is committed to the respectful treatment of all people. Our student-led honor council is charged with upholding the academic and social integrity of our students and their interactions with others.

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.

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 basketball, bowling, cheer, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, and volleyball.
- Our golf team won the regional title for 16 consecutive years.
- Campus life offers over 20 clubs and organizations, 9 honorary societies, 7 academic teams, musical ensembles, and student-led publications..



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.

- Every year, our Upper School students volunteer over 17,000 hours of service to the community.
- The Day of Caring has been a St. Agnes tradition for 25 years.
- 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 Angel Street Ministries.
- For over 20 years the entire student body has participated in the Make-a-Wish kids program, raising money and coordinating a special wish-granting ceremony.
- Classes participate in the Gifts for God's Children program through Catholic Charities, providing much needed items and Christmas joy to families during the holiday season.

Our graduates earn an average of over \$10 million in scholarships per year, and are accepted to colleges and universities all over the world.

Service

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 world, earning millions in scholarships as well as early entry into pre-professional programs and honors colleges. St. Agnes girls earn scholarships for academics, arts, athletics, leadership, and service.

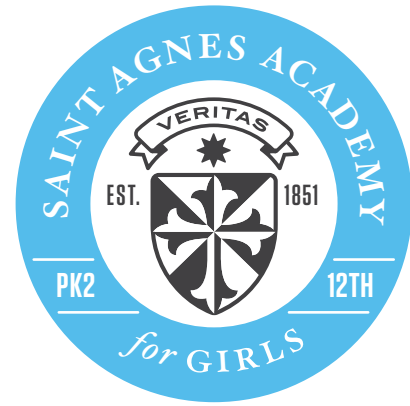
Our extensive college counseling program helps students find the right fit as our counselors work closely with each girl to identify her individual gifts, talents, interests, and strengths. And the rigorous training our students have received ensures they will succeed and shine in any environment.

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
- University of Notre Dame
- Boston College
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- College of William and Mary
- Washington and Lee University
- United States Naval Academy
- University of Saint Andrews, Scotland
- Tulane University
- University of Texas
- University of North Carolina





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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.

“I have 67 classmates and they have become my best friends. I’ve really taken a piece of each of my classmates and they’ve helped me become who I am. The first day I walked into St. Agnes, I knew it was home. I think it’s the happiest place on earth, honestly.”

Larkin Stuppy / SGA Chaplain, Class of 2022



