

SCHOOL PROFILE 2015-2016



John W. Hallahan
CATHOLIC GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by a rich diversity and ideal center city location, John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School, through a Catholic values centered curriculum, educates women with faith, purpose, and vision.

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John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School,

founded in 1901, is the first diocesan Catholic girls high school in the country. Hallahan is a Philadelphia Archdiocesan girls' high school (grades 9-12) accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Located in Center City, Philadelphia, Hallahan has an open enrollment policy which draws students from Philadelphia, surrounding suburbs, New Jersey, and abroad. International students attend Hallahan from China, Vietnam, South Korea, Greece, Brazil, and more countries.

ENROLLMENT:

2015-2016: **471 students**

Senior Class: **115 students**

Number of Teaching Staff: **32**

75% of teachers hold advanced degrees

Hallahan's focus is to provide a strong academic and faith based education in order to holistically develop the full potential of each young woman. Our students are prepared to meet the demands of the world beyond high school through our rigorous curriculum, spiritual development, community service and involvement while learning in a supportive and caring environment. A Hallahan education consists of core subjects intertwined with 21st century skills such as creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

The curriculum is college preparatory with both required and elective courses in all subject areas. Twenty-four credits are required to graduate, twenty-six are recommended. Students must successfully complete four years of English and Theology, three years of Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, two years of Foreign Language, one half year of Health, Physical Education, Computer Applications and Related Arts. Honors courses are offered in English, Languages, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

AP COURSES:

- AP English Literature
- AP English Language
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Biology
- AP Physics
- AP Spanish
- AP Government and Politics

Available through JVLA:

- AP Art History
- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP Computer Science
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Geography
- AP Music Theory
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Literature and Culture
- AP Statistics
- AP World History

HONORS COURSES:

- Honors English I, II
- Honors Global World History
- Honors American Government and Politics
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra I
- Honors Algebra II
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Biology
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Physics
- Honors Spanish II
- Honors Spanish III
- Honors Spanish IV
- Honors Latin I
- Honors Art III
- Honors Art Portfolio

UNIQUE OFFERINGS:

- Fine Arts Majors — Art and Dance
- Studio Art Majors — Highly rigorous four year curriculum
- Web Design
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Forensic Science
- Robotics
- App Development: Intro to Programming

JVLA (JESUIT VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY)

Through JVLA, Hallahan is able to offer a selection of online courses. JVLA teachers are Ignatian educators, fully certified in their subject areas, who have received specialized training in the development and delivery of online courses.

- Arabic Level I and II
- Italian Level I and II
- C++ Programming
- Microsoft Access
- Computer Game Development
- Digital Photography
- Principles of Engineering
- Science and Religion
- Astronomy: An Introduction
- Bioethics
- Ecumenical and Interreligious Issues
- Genocide and Holocaust
- How to Read Plays and Write One
- Multimedia Authorship — The Power of Words and images
- Pre-Columbian Latin America and the Conquest
- Making of Modern Latin America
- Model United Nations and International Relations
- Responding to the Call of Jesus
- Living as a Disciple of Jesus Christ in Society

COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Fine Arts program offers classes with Moore College of Art and Design Youth Artist Workshop, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts studio art classes, and Philadelphia Museum of Art Artist-in-Residence Program.
- College courses offered at Hallahan through Neumann University and Arcadia University.
- Science Department and Science Club visit classes and lectures at Franklin Institute, Mutter Museum, Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania.
- Diocesan Scholars Program. Open to the top 30 students, seniors can take college courses at Chestnut Hill College, La Salle University, Neumann University, St. Joseph's University, and Villanova University.
- Community Service. Hallahan students are required to complete at least 30 hours of service. They volunteer throughout the city with St. John's Hospice, St. Francis Inn, Little Sisters of the Poor, Project HOME, St. Joseph University's Hand-in-Hand, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, and more.

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Class of 2016 earned \$14.1 Million in College Scholarships* and Grants!

Includes 2 Mayor Scholarships to University of Pennsylvania, Temple University Presidential Scholarship and Provost Scholarship, and Maguire Foundation Scholarships

*Merit scholarships, does not include athletic scholarships

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| Allegheny College | Grinnell College | Philadelphia University |
| American University | Gwynedd-Mercy College | Princeton University |
| Arcadia University | Hampton University | Point Park University |
| The Art Institute of Philadelphia | Harcum College | The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College |
| Bloomsburg University | Hawaii Pacific University | Rosemont College |
| Boston College | Hofstra University | Sarah Lawrence College |
| Boston University | Holy Family University | Shippensburg University |
| Cabrini College | Howard University | Spellman College |
| Carleton College | Immaculata University | St. Joseph's University |
| Case Western Reserve University | Indiana University of Pennsylvania | St. John's University |
| The Catholic University of America | Kenyon College | St. Peter's University |
| California University of Pennsylvania | Keystone College | St. Thomas University |
| Chestnut Hill College | King's College | Stevenson University |
| Cheyney University | Lafayette College | Susquehanna University |
| Clark Atlanta University | Langston University | Swarthmore College |
| Clarion University | La Salle University | Temple University |
| Colby-Sawyer College | Lincoln University | University of Alabama |
| College of St. Elizabeth | Lock Haven University | University of Maryland |
| College of St. Rose | Loyola University | University of Miami |
| Cornell University | Manhattan College | University of Pennsylvania |
| Curtis Institute of Music | Marymount University | University of Pittsburgh |
| Delaware State University | Marywood University | University of the Sciences |
| DeSales University | Millersville University | University of Scranton |
| Dickinson College | Misericordia University | University of Tampa |
| Drexel University | Mississippi State University | University of Vermont |
| Duquesne University | Monmouth University | Ursinus College |
| East Stroudsburg University | Moravian College | Villanova University |
| Elizabethtown College | Neumann University | Virginia Union University |
| Emerson College | Niagara University | West Chester University |
| Fordham University | Pace University | Westminster College |
| Fairleigh Dickinson University | Pennsylvania State University, Main Campus | Widener University |
| George Washington University | Philadelphia Art School, Hussian College | Wilkes University |
| Georgian Court University | | |

