



BUFFALO SEMINARY

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ACADEMIC PROFILE 2008-2009

SCHOOL

Founded in 1851, Buffalo Seminary is a small, selective, independent, non-sectarian, college preparatory girls' day school. Enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is 163. One hundred percent of graduates enroll in four-year colleges. 42% of the students receive some form of financial aid. There are 20 full-time faculty members, 9 part-time. 59% hold degrees beyond a BA/BS. The student-teacher ratio is 10 to 1.

SCHOOL LIFE

Buffalo Seminary is dedicated to being a school where integrity, honesty, tolerance and concern for others are dominant forces. The academic Honor System requires each student to sign an Honor Pledge on all tests, papers, examinations and designated homework assignments. Each student has a faculty advisor, a mentor, who is responsible for monitoring academic and personal progress and helping to develop strategies for problem-solving. At each grade level, there is a class advisor who facilitates collective goal-setting, monitors class dynamics and gives support to class officers. There is a variety of committees, clubs and boards on which students gain leadership skills (School Government Association, Hornet-Jacket Board, Amnesty International, International and Cultural Awareness Clubs, Mock Trial, Math Club, Science Club, Sem Spotlight, *Seminaria*, Social Service Board, SADD, USSA, Spectrum, Writers' Club). Opportunities abound in drama, vocal and instrumental ensembles. The athletic program provides interscholastic competition in the following sports: field hockey, soccer, swimming, crew, basketball, badminton, tennis, lacrosse, squash and golf.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Buffalo Seminary has the following requirements for graduation: English (4 units), History (3 units), Foreign Language (3 units), Mathematics (3 units), Science (3 units), Fine Arts (2 units). Honors and Advanced Placement courses are offered, and seniors may choose from electives in English, Math,

Foreign Language, Social Sciences, Science, Computer Science and Fine Arts. Seniors may take courses at neighboring colleges with permission. Each senior does a career exploration internship in the spring. It is the expectation that every Buffalo Seminary student contribute in a meaningful way to her community, both in and out of school.

COURSE DESIGNATIONS

AP (Advanced Placement) – Courses designed to prepare talented sophomores, juniors and seniors for Advanced Placement examinations

H (Honors) – Courses designed to provide more intensive study for students of superior ability and interest

No Letter Designation (Standard) – College preparatory course

EXPLANATION OF GRADES

| | | |
|----|---|-----------------------|
| A | = | 100-93 |
| A- | = | 92-90 |
| B+ | = | 89-87 |
| B | = | 86-83 |
| B- | = | 82-80 |
| C+ | = | 79-77 |
| C | = | 76-73 |
| C- | = | 72-70 |
| D | = | 69-65 |
| F | = | 64 or below – Failure |

Students whose averages are 3.0 or greater earn Merit Roll; those whose averages are 3.67 or greater earn Honor Roll. For this purpose alone, grade point averages are calculated on a 4-point scale, with added weight given to Honors and Advanced Placement courses.

CLASS OF 2009: 38 students

SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TESTING

Class of 2009 (through June 2008)

SAT I: Reasoning Tests

| Critical Reasoning | Math | Writing | Range |
|--------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| 4 | 2 | 2 | 700-800 |
| 3 | 8 | 8 | 600-699 |
| 16 | 9 | 15 | 500-599 |
| 8 | 13 | 7 | 400-499 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | Below 400 |
| 546 | 531 | 548 | Mean |
| 580-480 | 610-450 | 610-500 | Middle 50% |

SAT II: Subject Tests

| Subject | Mean Score | No. of Tests |
|---------|------------|--------------|
| M1 | 560 | 1 |
| M2 | 642 | 5 |
| UH | 625 | 4 |
| SP | 555 | 2 |
| CH | 740 | 2 |
| BY | 627 | 10 |
| LR | 580 | 1 |

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

It is Buffalo Seminary's policy that the reporting of Advanced Placement scores on official transcripts is left to the discretion of each senior. In the spring of 2008, 72 sophomores, juniors and seniors sat for 135 exams in the following subjects: English Literature/Composition, English Language/Composition, U.S. History, European History, Art History, French Language, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Spanish Language, Biology, Physics C. The overall distribution of scores was:

| 5-23 | 4-30 | 3-55 | 2-13 | 1-14 |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 17% | 22% | 41% | 10% | 10% |

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Over a five-year period from 2004-2008, students of Buffalo Seminary have matriculated at the following colleges:

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| Agnes Scott | Hobart & Wm. Smith (4) | SUNY Buffalo (12) |
| Allegheny (3) | Hollins | Buffalo St. (5) |
| American (2) | Ithaca | Fredonia |
| Baldwin Wallace | James Madison | Geneseo (4) |
| Barnard | John Carroll | Oswego (2) |
| Bates | Keuka | Swarthmore |
| Berklee | Lake Forest (2) | Syracuse (2) |
| Boston College (4) | Lewis & Clark | Temple |
| Bowdoin | Loyola (IL) (4) | Trinity (CT) (5) |
| Bryn Mawr | Loyola (MD) (3) | Tufts |
| Canisius (10) | Lynn | Tulane (2) |
| Case Western Reserve | M.I.T. (2) | Union |
| Colby | Marietta | U. Cincinnati |
| Colgate | McGill | U. Dayton (2) |
| Coll. of Charleston | Mercyhurst (2) | U. Miami |
| Coll. of the Holy Cross (2) | Michigan State | U. Michigan |
| Coll. of William & Mary | Middlebury | U. North Carolina (Chapel Hill) |
| Columbia | Morgan State | U. Notre Dame |
| Cornell | Nazareth | U. Pennsylvania (2) |
| D'Youville | New York U. | U. Pittsburgh (6) |
| Davidson | Niagara (3) | U. Richmond |
| Denison (2) | Ohio Wesleyan | U. Rochester (2) |
| DePaul (2) | Point Park | U. St. Andrews (Scotland) |
| Dickinson | Princeton | U. San Francisco |
| ECC South | Queen's | U. Sciences Philadelphia |
| Eckerd | R.I. School of Design | U. Tennessee |
| Elmira (2) | R.I.T. (2) | U. Toronto |
| Elon (3) | Roger Williams | U. Vermont (3) |
| Emerson | St. Bonaventure (4) | Wake Forest |
| F.I.T. | St. John Fisher (2) | Wash. & Jefferson |
| Fordham (2) | St. Joseph's (2) | Wellesley |
| G. Washington U. (4) | St. Lawrence (6) | Wheaton (MA) |
| Hamilton | St. Michael's (2) | Williams |
| Hampshire | Sarah Lawrence | Wittenberg (3) |
| Hartwick | Savannah Coll. Of Art & Design | W.P.I. |
| Harvard | S. Illinois U. (Edwardsville) | Yale(3) |