PROFILE OF DISTINCTION
2020 - 2021

The Future is Now
Empowering Women for Life

When compared to their female peers at coed schools, girls’ school graduates:

- Have stronger academic skills
- Are more academically engaged
- Demonstrate higher science self-confidence
- Display higher levels of cultural competency
- Express stronger community involvement
- Exhibit increased political engagement

Outstanding College Preparedness

- 100% of St. Mary’s college-bound students from the class of 2020 were accepted into institutions of higher learning.
- The class of 2020 was awarded over $11.5 million in merit scholarships.
- The St. Mary’s Academy class of 2020 included two National Merit Finalists.

At St. Mary’s Academy, unique, confident women leaders are not the exception to the rule — they’re everyone you meet. Since 1859, when a group of passionate Sisters founded a school for women when none like it existed, St. Mary’s has always been a place that nurtures extraordinary women leaders.
My teachers and friends have always had my back in everything I do and I truly feel supported by everyone, which has allowed me to grow and become the person I am today... Deciding to come to St. Mary's has ultimately been one of the most important and life-changing decisions and will stay with me for the rest of my life.

- Madelyn Kavalieros, St. Mary’s class of 2021

My four years at SMA provided the foundation of support, where I was empowered to reach beyond barriers to achieve. That same confidence and spirit are what drive me today in all that I do. As an owner of the largest Black-owned commercial construction firm in the Pacific Northwest, I’m continually breaking misconceptions of women in power positions.

- Aneshka Colas Dickson, alumna, class of 1995

St. Mary’s is more than a school. It’s a community. Not only have I received an exceptional education, I have learned skills related to growing as a person that will last a lifetime. The friendships I’ve made have been some of the strongest I’ve ever had, and the bonds I’ve made with my teachers are unlike any other. St. Mary’s is a home away from home with an everlasting family of some of the best people I’ve ever met.

- Chella Fedota, St. Mary’s class of 2021
## CURRICULUM

### ENGLISH
- English 9
- English 10
- Honors English 10
- English 11
- AP® English Language and Composition
- English 12 – Rotating Semester Offerings
- AP® English Literature
- Contemporary Fiction
- Creative Writing 1 & 2
- Speech
- Yearbook

### FINE ARTS
- **FRESHMEN FINE ARTS**
  - Dance/Visual Arts Appreciation
  - Music/Theatre Appreciation
- **VISUAL ARTS**
  - AP® Studio Art: Drawing, 2-D Design
  - Ceramics 1, 2 & 3
  - Drawing 1 & 2
  - Painting 1 & 2
  - Printmaking
- **DANCE**
  - Beginning Dance Technique
  - Intermediate Dance Technique
  - Advanced Dance Technique
- **MUSIC**
  - Marian Instruments: Orchestra
  - Marian Instruments: Advanced String Ensemble
  - Marian Instruments: Piano Ensemble
  - Concert Choir
  - Rose Choir
  - Marian Singers
  - Show Choir & A Cappella
  - Music Theory & Composition 1 & 2
  - Class Piano
  - Advanced Class Piano
  - Ukulele

### THEATRE
- Theatre 1, 2 & 3
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre for Social Change

### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- Health 1: Wellness
- Health 2: First Aid, CPR & Safety
- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Physical Education
- Strength and Conditioning
- Yoga and Mindfulness

### INFORMATION SCIENCE
- Intro to Computer Science
- AP® Computer Science
- Web Design
- App Design 1 & 2
- Principles of Design
- Advanced Principles of Design
- Tech Internship

### LEADERSHIP
- Leadership
- Honors Leadership
- Marketing & Communications Practicum

### MATHEMATICS
- Algebra 1
- Accelerated Algebra 1
- Honors Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Advanced Algebra 2, Trigonometry
- Honors Algebra 2, Trigonometry
- Advanced Functions and Statistics
- Pre-Calculus
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- AP® Calculus
- PSU Challenge Calculus 2 & 3 (MTH 252, 253)

### SCIENCE
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Honors Chemistry Biology
- Honors Biology

### SOCIAL SCIENCE
- World Geography
- Global Studies
- Honors World History
- US History
- Revolutions in Religion and Reason
- Revolutions and Modernity
- PSU Challenge History of the US
- PSU Challenge History of Modern Europe
- American Government
- AP® US Government & Politics
- Economics

### THEOLOGY
- Introduction to Faith and Religion
- The Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture
- Comparative Religions
- Who is Jesus Christ?
- Life in Jesus Christ
- The Mission of Jesus Christ
- Jesus Christ’s Mission Continues in the Church
- Sacraments as Privileged Encounters with Jesus Christ

### WORLD LANGUAGES
- French 1 - 4
- AP® French
- Honors Advanced French
- Latin 1 - 3
- Spanish 1 - 4
- AP® Spanish
- Honors Advanced Spanish

### HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP®) COURSES
- Enrollment in these classes is selective. Students qualify on the basis of their academic performance as well as faculty recommendation.

### HONORS COURSES IN:
- English
- Leadership
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Science
- World Languages

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature
- Calculus
- Computer Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- French
- Physics 1
- Spanish
- Studio Art: Drawing
- Studio Art: 2-D Design
- US Government & Politics

### PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE COURSES
- (courses earn college credit)
- History of Modern Europe
- HST 102/4 credits
- History of the US - HST 203/4 credits
- Calculus 2 & 3 – MTH 252, 253/8 credits

### AP® COURSES
- AP® Physics I
- AP® Biology
- AP® Chemistry
- Scientific Research Methods (SRM)
- Environmental Science

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## Student Teacher Ratio
- **13:1**

## Average Class Size
- **21**

## Faculty
- **51**

## Faculty with Advanced Degrees
- **88%**

## Tuition 2019-2020:
- **$15,995**

## ACTUAL COST TO EDUCATE EACH STUDENT:
- **$21,295**

## SMA-PROVIDED SUBSIDY PER STUDENT:
- **$5,300**

## Tuition Assistance
- **OVER $2.2 MILLION**
- Awarded to 42% of St. Mary’s Current Families

## Average Financial Aid Package
- **$8,000**
OUR COMMUNITY

Clubs & Activities
- A Capella Club
- Active Minds Club
- Animal Rights Club
- Art Club
- Earth Club
- Environmental Justice Club
- Escribe Maria
- Ethics Bowl
- Fashion Club
- Film Club
- French Club
- Girl Up Club
- Gun Safety Advocacy Club
- Harry Potter Club
- Health Occupation Students of America
- History Club
- Human Rights Club
- Improv Club
- Intentional Creations Club
- Makers Club
- Math Club
- National Art Honor Society
- Novel Club
- Oregon Battle of the Books
- Outdoor Club
- Outdoor School Leadership
- Photography Club
- Politics without Borders Club
- Science Club
- SciFi Club
- SMA Rock Band
- Stress Less Club
- Table Top RPG Guild
- Theatre/Thespians Club
- TriM/Musicians Club
- Women’s Equality Club
- Writers’ Club

Affinity Groups
- Arab Student Union
- Asian Pacific Islander Club
- Black Student Union
- Immigrant Student Union
- Jewish Student Union
- Latina Student Union
- Muslim Student Association
- Queer Student Union
- Women of Color in Action

St. Mary’s Academy is the only high school in the state of Oregon to award graduating seniors an Advanced Leadership Endorsement. In 2020, St. Mary’s recognized 41 seniors with this honor.

Diverse Student Body
- CAUCASIAN 68%
- AFRICAN-AMERICAN 5%
- ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER 6%
- HISPANIC 6%
- MIDDLE EASTERN 1%
- MULTIRACIAL 10%
- NATIVE AMERICAN 1%
- NOT PROVIDED 3%

Co-Curricular Courses
Co-Curricular Activities are held outside the academic school schedule to supplement our existing curriculum. Students earn academic credits for participating in these courses.
- Leadership
- Mock Trial
- Ministry Leadership Team
- Model United Nations
- Robotics
- Teaching, Integrating and Exploring Science (T.I.E.S)
- Science Olympiad
- The Girls Leadership Coalition

Today, our world needs as many boundless dreamers and creative problem-solvers as it can get, and you’ll find them right here at St. Mary’s.
“Through training and guidance, we empower young women by teaching and providing them with the necessary tools to make confident and positive decisions on or off the field.”

- Rochelle Hearns, Varsity Soccer Coach

Our student athletes compete in the Three Rivers League at the 6A level, the highest level of competition in the state.

**Fall**
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Cross Country*

**Winter**
- Alpine*
- Basketball
- Nordic*
- Swimming*

**Spring**
- Golf*
- Lacrosse
- Tennis
- Track & Field*

*Indicates no-cut sport

Annually, boys get 1.13 million more sport opportunities than girls. At St. Mary’s Academy, 100% of our sport opportunities are for girls.

National Federation of State High School Associations, 2018-19
Diverse Faith Community

- BUDDHIST 1%
- CATHOLIC 31%
- CHRISTIAN 21%
- HINDU 1%
- JEWISH 5%
- MUSLIM 1%
- NON-RELIGIOUS 34%
- OTHER 6%

“As we tread the same path, let us extend a hand to one another to surmount the difficulties that present themselves.”

- Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, SNJM Foundress

In 2019, SMA students logged 11,000 hours of service with over 150 organizations served.

St. Mary’s is a place where women take risks on the field, on the stage, and in the lab; where women are changing the definition of leadership.
St. Mary’s graduates enter the world confident in their abilities, energized by their passions, grounded in our traditions, and undaunted by the challenges they will face.