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## REPORT TO COLLEGES 2007-08

*Charles Wright Academy provides a rigorous liberal arts program guided by an ethos of excellence and compassion. Within a diverse learning community, we foster self-reliance, integrity, social responsibility, and humor, empowering our students to achieve their personal best in mind, body, and spirit.*

### SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Founded in 1957, CWA is an independent coed college-preparatory day school for grades Pre-K through 12, located in a suburban setting at the foot of Mt. Rainier and drawing students from a fifty mile radius. Some students commute in excess of an hour one-way each day.

Student population is 731, with 314 in grades 9-12, and the average Upper School section size is 14.

65% of the faculty hold masters or doctorate degrees. 28% of the student body are students of color. The school has an operating budget of \$13,000,000 and awards in excess of \$1,600,000 in financial aid to 18% of its students.

Typically, 100% of CWA graduates attend 4-year colleges or universities.

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Graduation reflects fulfillment of the following:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math through Algebra II
- 3 years of History, including US and European
- 3 years of laboratory science
- 3 years of foreign language
- 1 visual and 1 performing art
- 4 Winterims (1-week enrichment workshops and trips)
- 1 Outdoor Education wilderness trip (backpack/kayak)
- 15 hours of community service each year
- 8 seasons of team sports or PE

A typical course load for Juniors: English, pre-calculus or algebra II, chemistry, foreign language, US history, and a studio or performing art.

### ADVANCED COURSES

- AP courses offered: English, Calculus (AB and BC), Statistics, US and European History, Economics, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Spanish and French.
- Only Honors Physics is designated an honors course. All courses are at college-preparatory level.
- AP courses are restricted to 3 per year unless special dispensation is granted. Enrollment in AP courses requires departmental approval.
- Comprehensive mathematics courses are enriched and accelerated, (e.g., "Comprehensive Algebra II").
- Anatomy and Physiology, Forensics.

### GRADE STANDARDS

*CWA actively resists grade inflation. Only 4 students in 49 years have graduated with a cumulative GPA of 4.0.* GPA is based on a 4.0 scale, with adjustment for +/- :

B+ = 3.33, B = 3.0, B- = 2.67.

- GPA's and transcript grades are not weighted.
- CWA does not compute class rank.

### NATIONAL MERIT, CLASS OF 2008

1 Semifinalist and 3 Commended Students

### DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE GPA'S (Through Sixth Semester, Class of 2008)

GPA	# of Students	% of Class	GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.00-3.67	8	11%	2.99-2.67	17	24%
3.66-3.33	9	13%	2.66-2.33	10	14%
3.32-3.00	20	28%	≤ 2.32	7	10%

**Class size: 70 students**

### SAT SCORES

Mid-50% Range	Cr Rdg	Math
Class of '07	600-670	510-760
Class of '06	550-670	570-670
Class of '05	560-660	540-650

### SAT SUBJECT SCORES, CWA '07

Subject	Mid-50% Range	# for CWA
English Lit.	630-760	14
Math II	620-750	20
US History	590-660	19

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT, Class of '07, Spring '07

Class of 2007: 53 of 65 students took a total of 306 AP Exams

21% of scores = 5      49% of scores ≥ 4      75% of scores ≥ 3

62% of the class of '07 recognized as AP Scholar, Scholar with Honor, or Scholar with Distinction

### COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2003-2007

Albertson C of Idaho	Franklin C Switzerland	Occidental C	U of Chicago
Alfred U	Furman U	Pacific Lutheran U	U of Colorado
American U of Paris	George Washington U	Pacific U	U of Connecticut
Arizona State U	Georgia Institute of Tech	Pomona C	U of Denver
Beloit C	Gonzaga U	Prescott C	U of Idaho
Boston C	Greenville C	Purdue U	U of Miami
Boston U	Gustavus Adolphus C	Reed C	U of Montana, Missoula
Bowdoin C	Hampton U	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.	U of Nebraska at Lincoln
Brandeis U	Harvard U	Saint Martin's U	U of Oregon
Brigham Young U	Harvey Mudd C	Saint Mary's C	U of the Pacific
Brigham Young U, Idaho	Howard U	San Francisco Art Institute	U of Pennsylvania
Brown U	Illinois Institute of Tech	San Francisco State U	U of Portland
Bucknell U	Int'l Academy of Design	Santa Clara U	U of Puget Sound
Cabrillo C	Ithaca C	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	U of Redlands
California Lutheran U	Johns Hopkins U	Scripps C	U of Richmond
California Polytechnics U	Kenyon C	Seattle Pacific U	U of San Diego
Central Washington U	Knox C	Seattle U	U of Southern California
Centre C	Lewis & Clark C	Simpson U	U of Washington
Chapman U	Linfield C	Smith C	Union C
Claremont McKenna C	Loyola Marymount U	St. John's C	US Air Force Academy
College of the Redwoods	Loyola U Chicago	St. Olaf C	Villanova U
Colgate U	Manhattan School of Music	Stanford U	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Colorado C	Miami U	Tacoma Community C	Washington State U
Colorado State U	Middlebury C	Tufts U	Washington U in St. Louis
Culinary Institute of America	Mills C	Tulane U	Western Washington U
DePauw U	Mount Holyoke C	U of Arizona	Wheaton C
Drexel U	New York U	U of British Columbia	Whitman C
Duke U	Northeastern U	U of California at Berkeley	Whitworth C
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U	Northern Arizona U	U of California at Davis	Willamette U
Emory U	Northwestern U	U of California at Los Angeles	William Woods U
Evergreen State C	Norwich U	U of California at San Diego	Williams C
			Woodbury U