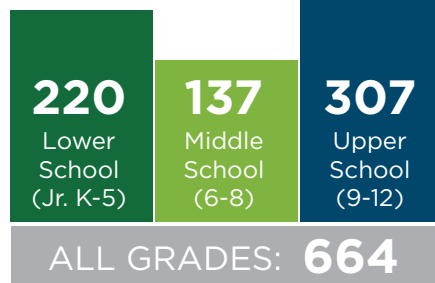


OUR MISSION

Charles Wright Academy provides a rigorous and dynamic liberal arts education built on the principles of excellence and compassion. Within an inclusive and globally aware learning community, we foster self-reliance, integrity, social responsibility, and humor, inspiring our students to discover within themselves the courage to achieve their personal best in mind, body, and spirit.

THE STUDENT BODY

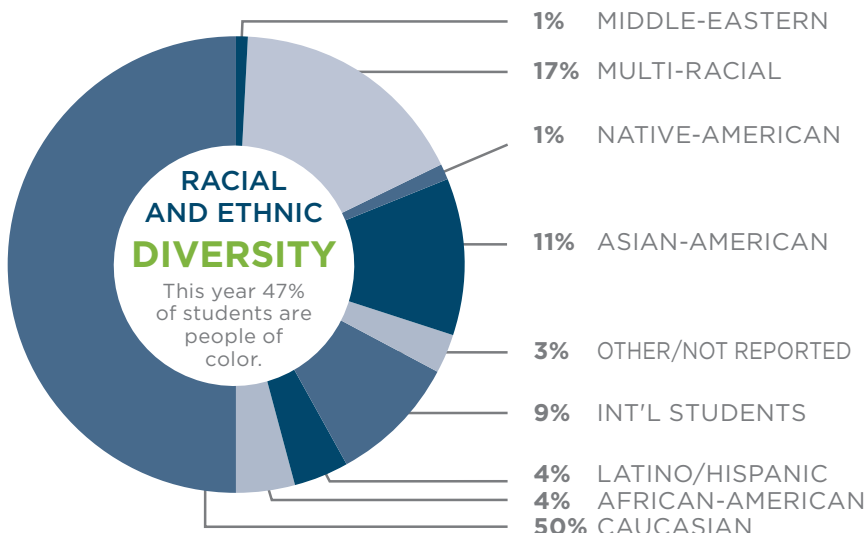
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CHARLES WRIGHT ACADEMY

Report to Families

2016-2017



ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

This year, CWA has committed more than **\$2.2 million in financial aid** to **25 percent** of the student body.

THE FACULTY

Education & Experience

88 TEACHERS

67% HOLD GRADUATE DEGREES

4 DOCTORATES IN THEIR FIELD

Wright Sized

15 AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

8:1 STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO*

*Including all teaching specialists and academic advisors

ACADEMIC RESULTS IN THE UPPER SCHOOL

Highlights for the Class of 2016

70 members of the senior class

7 students received National Merit recognition

151 different colleges and universities accepted these accomplished graduates

Washington State Honors Award Nominees

Based on GPA and SAT scores,

53% OF THE CLASS OF 2016 (37 students)

placed in the top 10% of Washington high school grads

National Merit Recognition

In the fall of their junior year, students take the PSAT to prepare for the SAT. Based on their scores, they may also qualify for recognition by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

CLASSES OF 2013-2017:

22 NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS, an honor reserved for those who score in the top 5 percent of test takers

9 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

SAT Test Scores Most colleges and universities require the SAT as part of the application process. Students typically take this exam in the spring of their junior year and the fall of their senior year, reporting their highest scores. Students are tested in three areas: math, critical reading (previously called verbal), and writing.

Middle 50% SAT (2012-2016)

Scores are awarded on a scale of 200 to 800.

Critical Reading	560-680
Math	560-710
Writing	550-690

Average (mean) SAT scores for the Class of 2016	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
CWA	621	636	607
WA - public schools	495	501	474
WA - religiously affiliated schools	550	552	538
WA - independent schools	605	606	589
USA	494	508	482

“ We decided CWA was the right school for many reasons, but particularly we liked the curriculum requirements and the small class sizes. I really like that sports and arts are treated just as important as academics. The smaller class sizes mean that my kids don't get lost in the crowd, and teachers have more personalized relationships with the kids, which elicits higher student engagement. Since being at CWA, I've really noticed, in particular, that Christopher has much more investment in his work. I have found parents to be very welcoming and curious, and I have found teachers to be sincerely interested and passionate about working with my kids. ”

— Christine Rosenquist (mother of Steven '20 and Chris '22)

Advanced Placement Courses and Exams

Advanced Placement classes are among the most challenging courses taught at Charles Wright. Exams are **graded on a scale of one through five.**

Colleges consider a grade of three or higher a “passing grade of C or better” in an equivalent college course, and many universities award college credit to students who do well on AP exams during high school.

In 2016 a total of **80 Charles Wright students**, members of the Classes of 2016 and 2017, were **honored with AP Scholar Awards** for high scores on multiple tests.

In the spring of 2016
65% of SOPHOMORES
51% of JUNIORS
87% of SENIORS
 took at least one AP exam

84% of CWA students who took AP exams in 2016 scored a **3 OR HIGHER**

73% of CWA students who took AP CALCULUS exams in 2016 and from 2011-2016 scored a **5**
96% got a passing score of **3 or higher**

9 NATIONAL AP SCHOLARS

Average score of at least 4 on all exams taken and scored 4 or above on 8 or more exams.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

As a college preparatory school, CWA expects every graduating senior to enroll at a four-year college or university. Our two full-time college counselors help students select schools that fit their unique character, strengths, and interests.

Despite the year's record-breaking competition in college admissions nationwide, the Class of 2016 was very successful: **41 percent of seniors had five or more colleges from which to choose**, and all found schools that fit them well.

While fit is what we value most, we're proud that over the past five years CWA graduates have been accepted by some of the most selective schools, including all of the Ivies, the nation's top science and engineering programs, and the country's most prestigious liberal arts colleges. Roughly one in five go to schools on *Barron's* most competitive list.

“ I cannot emphasize how well Charles Wright has prepared me for college. I have no problem scheduling meetings with my professors outside of class—in fact, my English professor told me that she wishes more of her students would come and meet with her like I have, and it's because I had to do that in the Upper School. I have been better at managing my time compared to other students and, therefore, I have had a smoother transition adjusting to college. From Charles Wright I learned how to balance school, extracurricular activities, and a social life while still maintaining academic excellence. I cannot thank everyone from Charles Wright enough for their part in preparing me for college! ”

— Alex Gibson '14

ATHLETICS

83% OF UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS COMMITTED TO AT LEAST ONE CWA SPORT IN 2015-2016 (34% committed to more than one sport)

41 athletes received **NISQUALLY LEAGUE HONORS** in fall 2016

5 COACHES WERE NAMED Nisqually League Coach of the Year throughout 2016 (4 of whom are full-time faculty members)

4 Tarriers named **NISQUALLY LEAGUE MVP** throughout 2016

7 TEAMS WON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS throughout 2016: track and field, girls tennis, boys soccer, boys cross-country, girls cross-country, boys tennis (who went on to win the state title), and volleyball (their first district championship in school history)

A member of the Class of 2019 was on the U-16 boys **U.S.A. ULTIMATE NATIONAL YOUTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

Stanley Peterson '11 joined the roster of American Ultimate Disc League 2016 champions the **Dallas Roughnecks** in April

Nate Mondou '13 was selected in the **2016 MLB DRAFT** for the Oakland Athletics organization in June

Colleges and Universities Accepting Our Students from 2012 to 2016

Academy of Art U	Embry-Riddle	MCPHS - Massachusetts	School of the Art	U of Massachusetts,
Adelphi U	Aeronautical U -	College of Pharmacy	Institute of Chicago	Amherst
American U	Daytona Beach	& Health Sciences	School of Visual Arts	U of Miami
Andrews U	Emmanuel C	Middlebury C	Scripps C	U of Michigan
Arizona State U	Emory & Henry C	Mills C	Seattle Pacific U	U of Montana, Missoula
Babson C	Emory U	Montana State U,	Seattle U	U of New England
Bates C	Evergreen State C	Billings	Seton Hall U	U of New Hampshire
Baylor U	Fashion Institute	Montana State U,	Sewanee: The U of	at Durham
Belmont U	of Design and	Bozeman	the South	U of New Mexico
Berklee C of Music	Merchandising,	Montana Tech of The	Skidmore C	U of North Carolina
Binghamton U	Los Angeles	University of Montana	Smith C	at Chapel Hill
Boise State U	Fisk U	Neumont U	Southern Adventist U	U of Notre Dame
Boston C	Flagler C	New Jersey Institute	Southern Methodist U	U of Oregon
Boston U	Florida A&M U	of Technology	Southern Oregon U	U of Pennsylvania
Bowdoin C	Florida Institute	New Mexico Institute of	Southern U and	U of Pittsburgh
Brandeis U	of Technology	Mining and Technology	A&M College	U of Portland
Brigham Young U	Florida Southern C	New School	St. Edward's U	U of Puget Sound
Brigham Young U, Idaho	Fordham U	New York U	St. John's College	U of Redlands
Brown U	Franklin & Marshall C	North Carolina A&T	St. John's U -	U of Rochester
Bryn Mawr C	Furman U	State U	Queens Campus	U of San Diego
Bucknell U	George Fox U	Northeastern U	St. Lawrence U	U of San Francisco
Butler U	George Mason U	Northern Arizona U	St. Olaf C	U of South Carolina
Cal Maritime	George Washington U	Northwest U	Stanford U	U of Southern
California C of the Arts	Georgetown U	Northwestern U	Stevens Institute	California
(San Francisco)	Georgia Institute	Oberlin C of Arts	of Technology	U of Tennessee,
California Lutheran U	of Technology	and Sciences	Stony Brook U	Knoxville
California Polytechnic	Gettysburg C	Occidental C	Suffolk U	U of Texas, Austin
State U, San Luis Obispo	Gonzaga U	Ohio State U	SUNY Maritime C	U of the Pacific
Campbell U	Goucher C	Oregon College of	Syracuse U	U of Utah
Carleton C	Green River Community C	Art & Craft	Tacoma Community C	U of Vermont
Carnegie Mellon U	Greensboro C	Oregon State U	Temple U	U of Virginia
Carroll C (Montana)	Guilford C	Osaka U	Texas Christian U	U of Washington
Case Western Reserve U	Hamilton C - NY	Pace U, New York City	Trinity C	U of Washington,
Central Saint Martins C	Hamline U	Pacific Lutheran U	Trinity U	Bothell
of Art & Design	Hanover C	Pacific Northwest	Tufts U	U of Washington,
Central Washington U	Harvard U	C of Art	Tulane U	Tacoma
Chapman U	Harvey Mudd C	Pacific U	Union C (New York)	Vanderbilt U
Claremont McKenna C	Hawaii Pacific U	Pennsylvania State U	United States	Vassar College
Clark Atlanta U	Hendrix C	Pepperdine U	Air Force Academy	Virginia State U
Clark U	High Point U	Pierce C	United States	Virginia Tech
Colby C	Hobart and William	Pitzer C	Military Academy	Wabash College
Colgate U	Smith C	Portland State U	U of Alabama	Wagner College
C of Idaho	Hofstra U	Princeton U	U of Arizona	Wake Forest U
C of Saint Benedict	Hope C	Purdue U	U of British Columbia	Washington C
C of William and Mary	Howard U	Reed C	U of California,	Washington State U
C of Wooster	Humboldt State U	Rensselaer Polytechnic	Berkeley	Washington U in
Colorado C	Indiana U at	Institute	U of California, Davis	St. Louis
Colorado State U	Bloomington	Rhode Island School	U of California, Irvine	Wellesley C
Columbia C Chicago	Ithaca C	of Design	U of California,	Wesleyan U
Columbia U	Johns Hopkins U	Rhodes C	Los Angeles	Western Washington U
Connecticut C	Johnson & Wales U	Rice U	U of California,	Westminster C
Cornell C	Juniata C	Ringling C of Art	Riverside	Whatcom Community C
Cornell U	Kenyon C	and Design	U of California,	Whitman C
Cornish C of the Arts	Knox C	Rochester Institute	San Diego	Whittier C
Creighton U	Lake Forest C	of Technology	U of California,	Whitworth U
Dartmouth C	Lawrence U	Rocky Mountain C	Santa Barbara	Willamette U
Davidson C	Lehigh U	Roger Williams U	U of California,	Williams C
DePaul U	Lewis & Clark C	Rollins C	Santa Cruz	Worcester Polytechnic
DePauw U	Linfield C	Rose-Hulman Institute	U of Colorado	Institute
DigiPen Institute	Livingstone C	of Technology	at Boulder	Xavier U of Louisiana
of Technology	Louisiana State U	Rutgers U-New	U of Connecticut	Yale U
Dominican U of California	Loyola Marymount U	Brunswick	U of Denver	
Dordt C	Loyola U Chicago	Saint Martin's U	U of Dubuque	
Drew U	Lynn U	Saint Mary's C	U of Florida	
Drexel U	Macalester C	of California	U of Hawaii at Manoa	
Duke U	Manhattanville C	Salve Regina U	U of Idaho	
Earlham C	Marquette U	San Diego State U	U of Illinois at	
Eastern Washington U	Massachusetts Institute	Santa Clara U	Urbana-Champaign	
Ecole hôtelière	of Technology	Sarah Lawrence C	U of Iowa	
de Lausanne	McDaniel C	Savannah C of Art	U of La Verne	
Elon U	McGill U	and Design		

Bolded names indicate matriculation

ACTIVITIES



Robotics

The Middle and Upper School robotics team, **Wright Angle, is the reigning Washington state champion.** This cross-divisional, co-ed team has fewer than five years under its belt and has already ascended to the Super-Regional Championship, where **last March they competed against 71 other teams from the western United States.** Wright Angle started the 2016-2017 season with a win and will again compete at the state competition in February.

National History Day

In April **four members of the Class of 2019 competed at the Washington State National History Day competition,** the theme of which was "Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History." Two placed third in the state in their respective categories (senior individual website for "The Placebo: The Exploration of Medicine and Psychology" and senior individual performance for "T.E. Lawrence and the Euro-Arabian Exchanges of World War I").

Global Experiences

Students from China, Colombia, Poland, and the U.K. came to CWA's campus in the fall of 2016 for the school's ninth annual Global Summit. Winterim 2017 programs include international travel to Costa Rica, Japan, Poland, and Spain.

“ We have always been grateful for the role that CWA played in the life of our youngest son, Peter. An unexpected military move brought us to Tacoma several weeks after school had started in 2000, and CWA was so accommodating to integrate Peter into the sophomore class as seamlessly as possible. In addition to the quality of teaching in the traditional and classic subjects, we were particularly impressed with the requirement to take courses in the arts, and Peter's CWA ceramics are now prominently displayed in our home. His exposure to Japanese at CWA led to his minoring in Japanese and studying abroad in Japan—and to now getting special treatment when he speaks Japanese in sushi bars! In order to let Peter graduate from CWA, he and his mom stayed here for a year when his dad was re-stationed to Washington, D.C. We all are happy we did that, and we remain grateful to CWA. ”

– Dr. Ken Farmer, MG, USA (Retired),
and Pat Farmer (parents of Peter '03)

ACCOLADES

THE CLASS OF 2024

placed fourth in the country in the

Wordmasters National Vocabulary Competition

(3 students earned
perfect scores)

ALUMNA
OF THE YEAR

KATHY NIAKAN '96

was named one of
TIME magazine's

**100 most
influential people**

Upper Schoolers contributed

11,446 HOURS OF SERVICE

to the school and the greater
community during the
2015-2016 academic year

ANTHONY WOHNS '12

was named a

2017 RHODES SCHOLAR

Six Upper Schoolers
performed at the

STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE COMPETITION

at Central
Washington University

THE CLASS OF 2021 MARKED 35 years

of a Tarrier
tradition last year by

carving duck decoys

out of cedar in
Mr. Bob's art class

“ The transition to Upper School has been amazing. I really like the atmosphere; it's very friendly. I'm not staying up too late getting homework done because I now have free blocks. My teachers explain things very clearly and answer all of our questions with careful thought. My favorite class is photography—I didn't think I would enjoy it very much, but I love it. The class really lets me take what I feel and show it in different ways than I thought I could before. I played for the football team in the fall, and it was one of the best times of my life. The team was like my second family. Even though practice was hard, we had a ton of fun. I am also on the set crew for the winter play. I've improved my skills using power tools and in construction, which has also been very fun. ”

– Ben I. '20