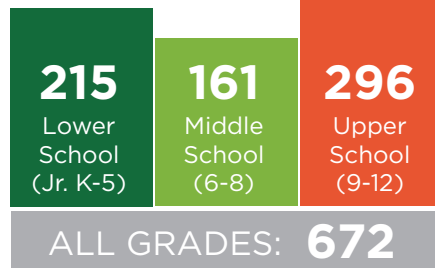


# OUR MISSION

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

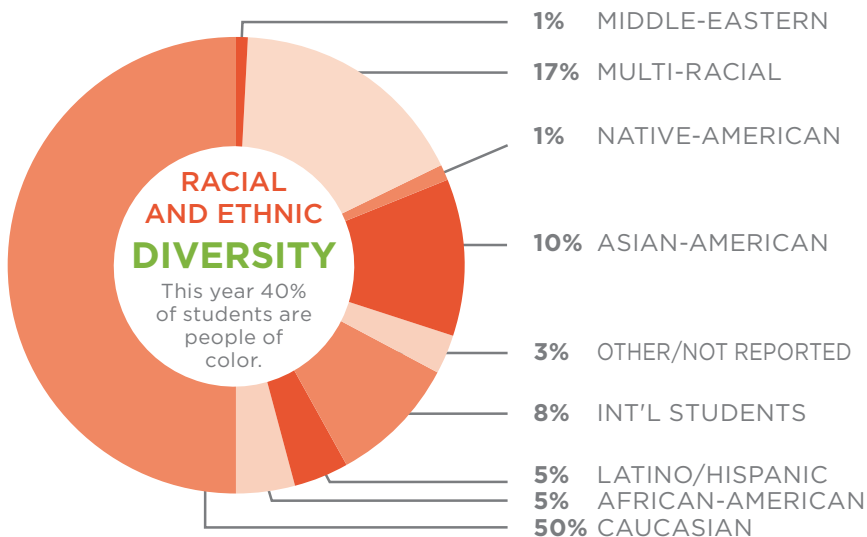
2017-2018 Enrollment as of September 2017



**CHARLES WRIGHT ACADEMY**

# Report to Families

## 2017-2018



## ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

This year, CWA has committed more than **\$2.7 million in financial aid** to **27 percent** of the student body.

## THE FACULTY

Education & Experience

**88 TEACHERS**

**73% HOLD GRADUATE DEGREES**

**4 DOCTORATES IN THEIR FIELD**

Wright Sized

**16** 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 2017

**74** members of the senior class

**2** students received National Merit recognition

**145** different colleges and universities accepted these accomplished graduates

Washington State Honors Award Nominees

Based on GPA and SAT scores,

**41%** OF THE CLASS OF 2017

(31 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 2014-2018:

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

**8** 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. As of 2017, the new SAT evaluates students in evidence-based reading and writing, and math. An essay is optional. For more information from The College Board about recent changes to the SAT, please visit: [gocwa.info/SATchanges](http://gocwa.info/SATchanges)

## Middle 50% SAT

Scores are awarded on a scale of 200 to 800.

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	580-680
Math	530-685

Average (mean) SAT scores for the Class of 2017*	Total	ERW	Math
<b>CWA</b>	<b>1210</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>570</b>
WA - public schools	1067	536	531
WA - religiously affiliated schools	1164	588	576
WA - independent schools	1226	621	604
USA	1060	533	534

\*The new SAT data (above) does not include SAT scores from all members of the class of 2017, who first had the option of taking the new SAT in the fall of their senior year. By that time, many 2017 graduates had already concluded their college entrance exams in the spring of their junior year with the old SAT.

## ATHLETICS

**81%** OF UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS COMMITTED TO AT LEAST ONE CWA SPORT IN 2016-2017

**6 COACHES WERE NAMED** Nisqually League Coach of the Year throughout 2017 (4 of whom are full-time faculty members)

**6 WON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS** throughout 2017

**6 TEAMS WON WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS** throughout 2017

**40 Tarriers named to the NISQUALLY ALL-LEAGUE TEAMS** in the fall of 2017

**6 Tarriers named NISQUALLY LEAGUE MVP** throughout 2017

**3 CWA student-athletes named to the ALL-STATE TEAM**

## 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.

47% of the Class of 2017 were **honored with AP Scholar Awards** for high scores on multiple tests.

In the spring of 2017

- 60%** of SOPHOMORES
- 73%** of JUNIORS
- 90%** of SENIORS

took at least one AP exam

**71%** of CWA seniors who took AP exams in 2017 scored a **3 OR HIGHER**

of CWA students who took AP CALCULUS exams in 2017 scored a **5** and from 2012-2017

**97%** got a passing score of **3 or higher**

**5 NATIONAL AP SCHOLARS**

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

## ACCOLADES

**THREE TARRIERS PLACED IN THE TOP THREE** of their respective categories at the **NATIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION** for Washington State

**COOPER COCHRAN '17** and **JOE NUNEZ '17** were honored as scholar-athletes by the **National Football Foundation**

Upper Schooler teacher **LARYSSA SCHMIDT** was named Washington State's **2017 JAMES MADISON FELLOW** in recognition of her outstanding teaching of the U.S. constitution

CWA's **FIRST ASSOC. HEAD OF SCHOOL FOR STRATEGY & INNOVATION**

**GREG BAMFORD** will join the community **July 1, 2018**

his responsibilities will include enrollment management, professional development, and technology strategy

"STARS TONIGHT", an original composition by Lower School music teacher **JUDY HERRINGTON**, premiered at **Carnegie Hall** in New York City on April 11, 2017

Three Upper Schoolers are half-way through a year-long term sitting on the **TACOMA ART MUSEUM'S TEEN ART COUNCIL** — the first Tarriers to ever do so

Six Upper Schoolers were members of an award-winning team at the **2017 iGEM\* Giant Jamboree held at MIT** in mid-November

\*International Genetically Engineered Machine

## 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 2017 was very successful: **55 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.

# Colleges and Universities Accepting Our Students from 2013 to 2017

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

Bolded names indicate matriculation