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## 2017-2018 PROFILE

### COMMUNITY

Elizabeth is the fourth largest city in the state of New Jersey and home to Newark Liberty International Airport. It is one of the state's multicultural urban areas, located in Union County, with a population of over 125,000 people.

### SCHOOL

Benedictine Academy is a Catholic parochial, college preparatory high school that enrolls approximately 190 young women in grades 9 through 12. The school was opened in 1915 by the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, NJ, Saint Walburga Monastery, and is part of the Archdiocese of Newark. We exist to strengthen young women intellectually and spiritually so that they can develop character, respect for community and lifelong commitment through the love of Christ.

### ACCREDITATION

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and approved by the Archdiocese of Newark.

### STUDENT BODY

Benedictine Academy welcomes students of any race, color, national and ethnic origins. The student body is culturally diverse, with a population that is 40% Hispanic, 43% African American, 12% White, 3% Asian and 3% Multi-racial. Focusing on academic growth and character formation in the Benedictine Tradition, the Academy challenges young women to become responsible leaders. Students become lifelong learners with listening hearts committed to justice and integrity.

### ADMISSION POLICY

All applicants for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade must take the Archdiocesan Cooperative Admissions Exam (COOP), complete an application, submit middle school transcripts and undergo an entrance interview.

Transfer students must submit a completed application, along with academic records and guidance counselor recommendation from the sending school. An interview with the Admission Director is also required. The principal reviews each applicant to determine admission status.

### FACULTY

The faculty is comprised of a Benedictine Sister and lay teachers, 75% of whom have advanced degrees.

### CURRICULUM

Benedictine Academy offers a complete academic college preparatory program. For those who qualify, honors level courses are available. Advanced Placement courses are offered in English Literature and Composition, English Language and Composition, Calculus, US History, U.S. Government & Politics, Psychology and Spanish.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

All grades are included in the GPA. Grades are reported numerically on a 100 point scale, with the passing grade of 70. In senior year, initially the transcript reflects the final grades and GPA of grades 9 through 11. We only rank seniors. At the end of senior year GPA recorded on the transcript reflects weighted and unweighted, end of the year grades, from freshman through senior year. The rank recorded on this transcript is weighted. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted according to the following scale:

<u>Numeric</u>	<u>Alpha</u>	<u>Coll. Prep</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>Adv/AP</u>
98-100	A+	4.0	4.5	5.0
93-97	A	4.0	4.5	5.0
90-92	A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
87-89	B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
83-86	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
80-82	B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
77-79	C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
73-76	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
70-72	D	1.0	1.5	2.0
69 & Lower*	F	0.0	0.0	0.0

\* Requires summer school

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Graduates:	41	Post H.S. Plans:	
		Four-Year Colleges	96%
		Two-Colleges	2%
		Other	2%

**STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS:**

61% of the class took the SAT	<b>CR</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Writ.</b>
Top 15% Averaged:	590	548	548

100% of the class took the ACT – Top 10% averaged a score of 25

## SAMPLING OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES 2011-2017

Acadia University	Hartwick College	Sacred Heart University
Adelphi University	Hofstra University	Sacred Heart University, Puerto Rico
Albright College	Howard University	Saint Francis College
Allegheny College	Indiana University	Saint Leo University
American International College	Iona College	Saint Peter's University
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	John Jay College of Criminal Justice – CUNY	Saint Thomas Aquinas College
Arizona State University	Johns Hopkins University	Sarah Lawrence College
Bennett College	Johnson & Wales University	School of Visual Arts
Berklee College of Music	Kean University	Seton Hall University
Bloomfield College	La Salle University	Siena College
Boston College	Le Moyne College	St. John's University
Boston University	Long Island University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Bridgewater College	Loyola University	SUNY Buffalo
Brooklyn College – CUNY	Lynchburg College	SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica
Caldwell College	Manhattan College	SUNY Old Westbury
Case Western Reserve University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Temple University
Centenary College	McGill University	The King's College
Chestnut Hill College	Merrimack College	Tufts University
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	Monmouth College	Tuskegee University
College of Mount St. Vincent	Montclair State University	Union County College
College of New Rochelle	New Jersey City University	University of Alabama - Huntsville
College of St. Elizabeth	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Bridgeport
Cornell University	New York City College of Technology	University of Connecticut
Delaware State University	New York University – Tisch School of the Arts	University of Hartford
Dominican College – Blauvelt	Neumann University	University of Maryland
Drew University	Niagara University	University of Miami
Drexel University	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Minnesota
Duke University	Northwestern University	University of New Haven
Elmira College	Pace University	University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Emerson College	Penn State University	University of Notre Dame
Emmanuel College	Polytechnic Institute of New York	University of the Sciences
Essex County College	Point Park University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Pratt Institute	Virginia Union University
Felician College	Princeton University	Virginia Wesleyan College
Florida International University	Quinnipiac University	Washington College
Florida State University	Radford University	Waynesburg University
Fordham University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	Wesley College
George Mason University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Westminster College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rider University	Widener University
Georgia Southern University	Roanoke College	William Paterson University
Georgian Court University	Rosemont College	Xavier University – New Orleans
Hampton University	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	York College of Pennsylvania

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