



# 2021-2022 PROFILE

## MISSION

Cannon School nurtures relationships at the heart of learning and engages the learner in a journey of growth.

## CORE VALUES

Courage | Teamwork | Passion | Respect | Integrity | Kindness

## CAPTURING CANNON

### OWNERSHIP:

A hallmark of the Upper School experience is a four-year study in **self-exploration**, which includes several assessments to understand learning styles, decision-making preferences, individual strengths, personalities, and career aptitudes. Students graduate with a deep knowledge of who they are as people, can comfortably communicate with others, and own their personal actions.

### SCHOLARSHIP:

Cannon's educational philosophy of **adaptive expertise** fosters habits of autonomy, creativity, curiosity, risk-taking, metacognition, and reflection. Our students learn to take risks and decide for themselves how they will meet challenges in academic and daily life.

### PARTNERSHIPS:

Cannon students' sense of commitment and personal responsibility have resulted in deep **community engagement**. Although service is not a graduation requirement, our students collectively complete almost 10,000 service hours each year through school-wide projects and individual efforts.

### RELATIONSHIPS:

Using advisory groups as the foundation, Cannon School's **House system** offers leadership opportunities, peer tutoring, community outreach, and social activities throughout four years. The House system allows students to build unique relationships with adult advisors and fellow students.

### CITIZENSHIP:

Honor as a way of life is important to all members of our community. By signing the **Honor Code** each year, our students pledge to tell the truth, to respect the property of others, and to do all their own work. Our student-elected Honor Council is a model of community governance and integrity.

## FAST FACTS

Established: 1969

Enrollment (JrK-Grade 12): 1035

Enrollment (Grades 9-12): 435

Class of 2022: 110

Number of Zip Codes Represented: 32

Students of Color: 24%

\$1.9M in Financial Aid Awarded to 21% of Students

Full Time Faculty in Upper School: 45

With Advanced Degrees: 60%

### CLASS OF 2021

Attending Four-Year Colleges: 98%

Attending Two-Year Colleges: 2%

Our commitment to inquiry and mastery is represented by our peer-school affiliations and our assessment practices. Cannon School is a member of the Mastery Transcript Consortium (MTC) and the Independent Curriculum Group (ICG).

*Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). Awarded a Cum Laude chapter in 2005. Selected additional memberships: ACCIS, CSEE, NAIS, NCAIS, NACAC, SACAC.*

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**GPA:** *Our Advanced Topics (AT) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are weighted with a 1.0 quality point.* Honors and Honors Accelerated courses are not weighted. The cumulative weighted and unweighted GPAs for each student are calculated using final grades from courses taken at Cannon School.

**CALENDAR:** Cannon School operates on a trimester system. Trimesters end in November, February, and May. *Grade reports for Trimester 1 are automatically sent for all seniors; grade reports for Trimester 2 are sent upon request.*

**COURSE LOAD:** *Students carry an academic load of six courses unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise.* Currently, all classes are taught as full-year courses.

**RANK AND REPORTING POLICY:** *Cannon School does not rank students.* The College Counseling office reports out-of-school suspensions and expulsions through time of graduation to any colleges and universities that request this information.



8 ADVANCED TOPICS COURSES

## STATEMENT OF GRADING AND INSTRUCTION

### 2020-2021

Cannon School started the 2020-2021 academic year in a hybrid model with students learning remotely and in-person on alternate weeks (by last name). Instruction was delivered both synchronously and asynchronously, and we adopted a long-block schedule (three 90-min classes per day) to reduce overall screen time.

While we are proud to have been able to keep our students' mental health at the forefront of decisions made last year, we want to acknowledge the difficult learning environments faced by all students during the pandemic: various technical challenges and limitations, reduced extra-curricular opportunities, sudden changes in family economic and health circumstances, limited social interaction, and understandable anxiety about how all of this would impact their future college processes.

### Expected 2021-2022

For the coming academic year, we expect a return to on-campus learning. We are retaining a modified version of the schedule we used during COVID: four 70-min classes per day with time for our robust advisory program, office hours with faculty, and student support services. We will retain letter grades and will automatically send grade reports for all seniors in November at the conclusion of Trimester 1.

*\*Given the high number of institutions offering test optional admission review this year, we support our students' right to choose whether they will submit scores with their applications. Therefore, test scores for the Class of 2022 are not reported.*

### GPA DISTRIBUTION

#### CLASS OF 2022

(CUMULATIVE FOR GRADES 9-11)

WEIGHTED GPA		UNWEIGHTED GPA	
High	4.32	High	4.0
Mid-50%	3.37-4.09	Mid-50%	3.28-3.89

### GRADING SCALE

A	93-100	4.00	C	73-76	2.00
A-	90-92	3.67	C-	70-72	1.67
B+	87-89	3.33	D+	67-69	1.33
B	83-86	3.00	D	63-66	1.00
B-	80-82	2.67	D-	60-62	.67
C+	77-79	2.33	F	Below 60	0

## SIGNATURE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Student-driven choice and inquiry define Cannon's signature learning experiences. Students collaborate with one another and their teachers to define a research topic, problem or project. While signature learning experiences unfold differently depending on the course, they all culminate with students publicly demonstrating competencies in their respective fields. Selected examples include:

**Portfolio Defense:** In Advanced Topics: American Language and Literature, students design and present digital portfolios featuring multiple drafts of projects written throughout the junior year.

**Symposium:** In Advanced Topics: US History, students choose, trace and develop an original argument about an historical topic, which they defend in the spring of junior year.

**BIOREX:** With these **Biological Research Experience** projects, juniors develop a scientific hypothesis, test it, analyze results with statistical methods and present their findings to a committee of faculty, science professionals, and local business leaders.

**Independent Study:** Seniors who wish to pursue a topic in greater depth can petition to work alongside a faculty member, develop course content and assessment rubrics, and produce an end-of-year artifact that represents and explains their coursework.

**Senior Capstones:** These service projects allow seniors to immerse themselves in a philanthropic cause for which they are passionate. Culminating presentations to faculty, staff, and peers allow time for reflection and questions.

## OTHER NOTABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



## CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Cannon School offers Honors, Honors Accelerated, Advanced Topics (AT), and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Our AT and AP courses are the most rigorous courses we offer in each discipline, and students in AT/AP classes have the option of sitting for the appropriate AP exam.

SUBJECT AND REQUIREMENT			
<b>ENGLISH</b> 4 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors English I Honors English II Honors English III <b>*Advanced Topics: American Language and Literature</b>	Honors English IV <b>*Advanced Topics: English Literature and Composition</b>	Honors The Voice: Poetry and Fiction Writing Honors Film Studies
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Algebra I Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II <b>Honors Accelerated Algebra II</b>	Honors Precalculus <b>Honors Accelerated Precalculus</b> Honors Calculus Honors Discrete, Probability and Finance	<b>*AP Calculus AB</b> <b>*AP Calculus BC</b> <b>*AP Statistics</b> <b>*Advanced Topics: Calculus with Applications</b>
<b>SCIENCE</b> 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Physics <b>Honors Accelerated Physics</b> Honors Chemistry <b>Honors Accelerated Chemistry</b>	Honors Biology Honors Marine Science Honors Anatomy and Physiology	<b>*AP Biology</b> <b>*AP Chemistry</b> <b>*AP Physics</b> <b>*Advanced Topics: Environmental Science<sup>#</sup></b>
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors World History I <b>Honors Accelerated World History I</b> Honors World History II <b>*Advanced Topics: World History II</b>	Honors U.S. History <b>*Advanced Topics: U.S. History</b> Honors Psychology <b>*AP Psychology</b>	Honors Economics, Law, and Politics <b>*Advanced Topics: U.S. Government</b>
<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b> 3 YEARS REQUIRED	Honors Chinese I, II, III, IV, V <b>*AP Chinese Language and Culture</b>	Honors French I, II, III, IV, V <b>*AP French Language and Culture</b>	Honors Spanish I, II, III, IV <b>*AP Spanish Language</b>
<b>FINE ARTS</b> 2 YEARS REQUIRED	Visual Foundations Studio Arts I Honors Studio Arts II, III <b>*AP Studio Arts</b> Media Arts I, II Media Arts Senior Seminar	Media Productions Acting I, II Stagecraft I, II Theatre in Performance String Ensemble I Honors String Ensemble II	Concert Chorus Jazz Combo Upper School Band Music Technology <sup>^</sup> Creative Design and Engineering I, II, III Yearbook
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> 1 YEAR REQUIRED (OR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION)	Cannon Conditioning	Wellness and Long-Term Athletic Development	Yoga
<b>GENERAL ELECTIVES</b>	Honors Coding & Computer Science	<b>*Advanced Topics: Coding and Computer Science</b>	Global Education

**Bold** indicates most demanding coursework in that discipline per appropriate grade level

Asterisks (\*) indicate courses that are weighted with 1.0 quality point

<sup>^</sup>Creative Design and Engineering I, II, and III are currently housed in our Art Department since they include elements of both design and engineering

<sup>#</sup>In the 2021-2022 school year, Advanced Topics: Environmental Science replaces AP Environmental Science in the curriculum and thus may be present on the transcript under both course titles.

# 2019-2021 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

**Bold indicates institutions to which members of the Class of 2021 enrolled**

Agnes Scott College	Emerson College	Michigan State University	Southeastern University	<b>University of North Carolina, Charlotte</b>
American University	Emory & Henry College	<b>Middlebury College</b>	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	<b>University of North Carolina, Greensboro</b>
Anna Maria College	Emory University	Mississippi State University	<b>Spelman College</b>	University of North Carolina, Pembroke
<b>Appalachian State University</b>	Endicott College	Missouri Valley College	St. John's University, New York	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
<b>Arizona State University</b>	Fairfield University	Montana State University	St. Lawrence University	<b>University of North Carolina, Wilmington</b>
<b>Auburn University</b>	Fisk University	Montreat College	<b>Stanford University</b>	University of Northern Colorado
Averett University	Flagler College	Morehouse College	Stetson University	<b>University of Notre Dame</b>
Barry University	Florida Atlantic University	Morgan State University	Stonehill College	University of Oklahoma
<b>Bates College</b>	Florida Gulf Coast University	Mount St Mary's University	<b>Suffolk University</b>	University of Oregon
<b>Baylor University</b>	Florida Institute of Technology	<b>New York University</b>	SUNY at Purchase College	University of Pennsylvania
Belmont Abbey College	Florida Southern College	North Carolina A & T State University	Susquehanna University	University of Portland
Belmont University	Florida State University	North Carolina Central University	Swarthmore College	University of Puget Sound
Berklee College of Music	Fordham University	North Carolina State University	Sweet Briar College	University of Richmond
Berry College	Full Sail University	North Greenville University	<b>Syracuse University</b>	University of Rochester
Boise State University	<b>Furman University</b>	Northeastern University	Temple University	University of San Diego
Boston College	<b>Gardner-Webb University</b>	Nova Southeastern University	Texas A&M University	University of San Francisco
Boston University	George Mason University	Oglethorpe University	Texas Christian University	University of South Carolina
Bowdoin College	<b>George Washington University</b>	Ohio University	The American University of Paris	University of South Florida
Bowling Green State University	<b>Georgetown University</b>	Ohio Wesleyan University	The King's College	<b>University of Southern California</b>
Bradley University	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	Oklahoma City University	The Ohio State University	University of the Virgin Islands
Brandeis University	Georgia Southern University	Old Dominion University	<b>The University of Alabama</b>	University of Toledo
Brevard College	Georgia State University	Oral Roberts University	The University of Montana	University of Toronto
Bridgewater College	Gettysburg College	Oregon State University	<b>The University of Tampa</b>	University of Utah
Brigham Young University, Hawaii	Gonzaga University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	<b>The University of Tennessee, Knoxville</b>	University of Vermont
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Guilford College	Pennsylvania State University	Trinity College	<b>University of Virginia</b>
Bucknell University	Hamline University	Pepperdine University	<b>Tulane University of Louisiana</b>	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Butler University	Hampden-Sydney College	Pfeiffer University	University College Dublin	University of York
Campbell University	Hampton University	Pratt Institute	University of Arizona	Utah State University
Case Western Reserve University	Hartwick College	Presbyterian College	University of Arkansas	Utah Valley University
Catawba College	<b>High Point University</b>	Princeton University	University of Birmingham	Valparaiso University
Catholic University of America	Hofstra University	<b>Purdue University</b>	University of Bristol	<b>Vanderbilt University</b>
Central Piedmont Community College	Hollins University	<b>Queens University of Charlotte</b>	University of California, Davis	Villanova University
Chapman University	Houston Baptist University	Quinnipiac University	University of California, San Diego	Virginia Commonwealth University
<b>Charleston Southern University</b>	<b>Howard University</b>	Radford University	University of Chicago	Virginia Military Institute
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Indiana University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Colorado Boulder	<b>Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</b>
Clark Atlanta University	<b>Istituto Marangoni, Miami</b>	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Dayton	Virginia Wesleyan University
<b>Clemson University</b>	Iowa Wesleyan University	Rice University	University of Delaware	Wagner College
Coastal Carolina University	Ithaca College	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Denver	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
Colby College	Jacksonville University	Roanoke College	University of East Anglia	<b>Washington and Lee University</b>
Colgate University	James Madison University	Robert Morris University	University of Evansville	Washington University in St Louis
<b>College of Charleston</b>	John Carroll University	<b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>	University of Florida	<b>Wellesley College</b>
<b>Colorado College</b>	Johnson & Wales University, Charlotte	Roger Williams University	<b>University of Georgia</b>	Wesleyan University
<b>Colorado School of Mines</b>	Kenyon College	Rollins College	University of Indianapolis	West Virginia University
Colorado State University	Knox College	Royal Holloway, University of London	University of Kentucky	Western Carolina University
Columbus College of Art and Design	La Salle University	Saint Augustine College	University of Louisville	<b>Western New England University</b>
<b>Concordia University, Saint Paul</b>	Lafayette College	Saint Edward's University	University of Lynchburg	Westminster College
Connecticut College	Lehigh University	Saint Leo University	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Wheaton College
Cornell University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Saint Mary's College	<b>University of Maryland, College Park</b>	Widener University
Covenant College	Liberty University	Salem State University	University of Miami	<b>William and Mary</b>
<b>Davidson College</b>	Longwood University	Salisbury University	<b>University of Michigan</b>	William Peace University
<b>Denison University</b>	Louisiana State University	Samford University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	Williams College
DePaul University	Loyola University Chicago	San Diego State University	<b>University of Mississippi</b>	Wingate University
DePauw University	Loyola University Maryland	Santa Clara University	University of Mount Olive	Winston-Salem State University
Drew University	Loyola University New Orleans	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Nevada, Reno	Winthrop University
Drexel University	Marist College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of New Haven	<b>Wofford College</b>
<b>Duke University</b>	Marquette University	School of Visual Arts	<b>University of North Carolina, Asheville</b>	Xavier University
<b>East Carolina University</b>	Maryland Institute College of Art	Seattle University	<b>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</b>	
East Tennessee State University	Marymount Manhattan College	<b>Seawane: The University of the South</b>		
Eckerd College	McDaniel College	Siena College		
<b>Elon University</b>	<b>McGill University</b>	Skidmore College		
	Mercer University			
	Meredith College			
	Methodist University			
	Miami University, Oxford			