



UPPER SCHOOL

# SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

When a GA student finds a topic she's interested in, she usually wants to dive deeper and, ideally, have a hands-on experience. To enrich five areas of exploration, we offer co-curricular programs.



## GLOBAL AWARENESS & CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

### *Global Scholars*

The Global Scholars and Citizens (GSC) program at Greenwich Academy prepares students to be active members of our global community. Requirements include enrollment in a minimum of five classes with a focus on language, political science, and international affairs; a digital portfolio; attendance at functions in and out of school about current events; an immersive travel experience and a capstone paper.

## PUBLIC PURPOSE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

### *SPARC*

The School Participatory Action Research Collaborative—or SPARC—teaches girls how to independently research and address issues in our community. Under the guidance of the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education, participants identify topics that warrant further study, formulate research questions, conduct surveys, draw conclusions, and devise solutions.

### *The Center for Public Purpose*

The CPP enhances students' understanding of civic engagement and the work of public office. Students in the program participate in Civic Action Programs (such as workshops on Kingian Nonviolence), community service outreach, and Leadership Programs nationally and abroad. Once a year, a select group of sophomores travels to Washington, DC to meet members of government and public service leaders. Two recent examples are Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Trevor Potter.

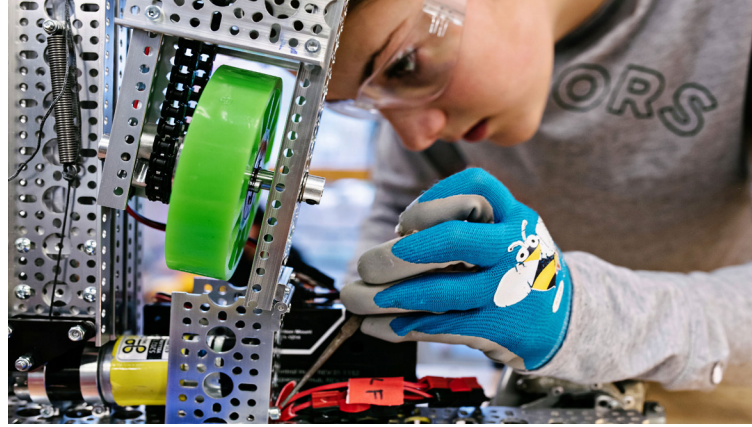
## THE WRITING AND READING LIFE

### *Daedalus*

Our much-lauded literary and art magazine, *Daedalus*, has a staff of around 60 students who solicits writing and artwork from GA and Brunswick students, vets submissions, and publishes a book each spring. The editors lead writing workshops, nominate Writers-of-the-Month, and plan public literary events. *Daedalus* has earned many accolades, among them 25 Gold Medals and 15 Crown Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. *Daedalus* sends students to writing programs; hosts alums such as Radhika Jones (Editor-in-Chief of *Vanity Fair*); and introduces well-known contemporary writers such as Sarah Kay and Spencer Reese to the Upper School.

### *The Library*

The mission of our libraries at Greenwich Academy is to create lifelong readers and independent learners. The Jean and David W. Wallace Library is a top-level research facility for our Upper School and Middle School, featuring extensive digital resources accessible on and off campus. The library also supports a vibrant reading culture through book clubs, reading contests, author visits, and an open-door policy.



### *Visiting Authors & Writers*

Greenwich Academy welcomes authors, poets, and journalists throughout the school year, sometimes tied to an all-school read with Brunswick. In recent years, our Upper School has welcomed writers such as Madeline Miller, author of *Circe* and *The Song of Achilles*, and Bret Stephens, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and *New York Times* columnist.

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### *The Social Innovators Program*

In partnership with University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy, GA offers the Social Innovators Program in which participants launch a socially-responsible business venture while earning a Certificate in Social Entrepreneurship from the University of Pennsylvania.

## STEM

### *GAINS*

The GAINS (Girls Advancing in STEM) network is a virtual community run by Greenwich Academy for high school girls from across the country who want to explore STEM topics and careers. In a virtual space, GAINS students discuss topics of interest and connect with leading women in STEM professions who offer guidance and inspiration. Annually, GA hosts a GAINS conference, bringing girls from 25 public and independent schools to a major research university to talk to professors and researchers and to tour local businesses and labs. Just a small handful of recent visits include MIT, Facebook, Duke University, and the Stanford Linear Accelerator.

### *STEM Interest Groups*

Groups meet regularly with a faculty advisor to discuss research topics, advances in science, and career opportunities in STEM fields.

### *Engineering and Design Lab*

The E+D Lab houses our Robotics and applied engineering and computer science programs. It is a fully-equipped building and digital fabrication space including CNC machines, 3D printers, laser cutters, vinyl cutters, carpentry and hand-building tools, microcontrollers, and electronics. The lab emphasizes collaborative learning across grades in courses, smaller projects that enhance curricular units, and clubs.

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