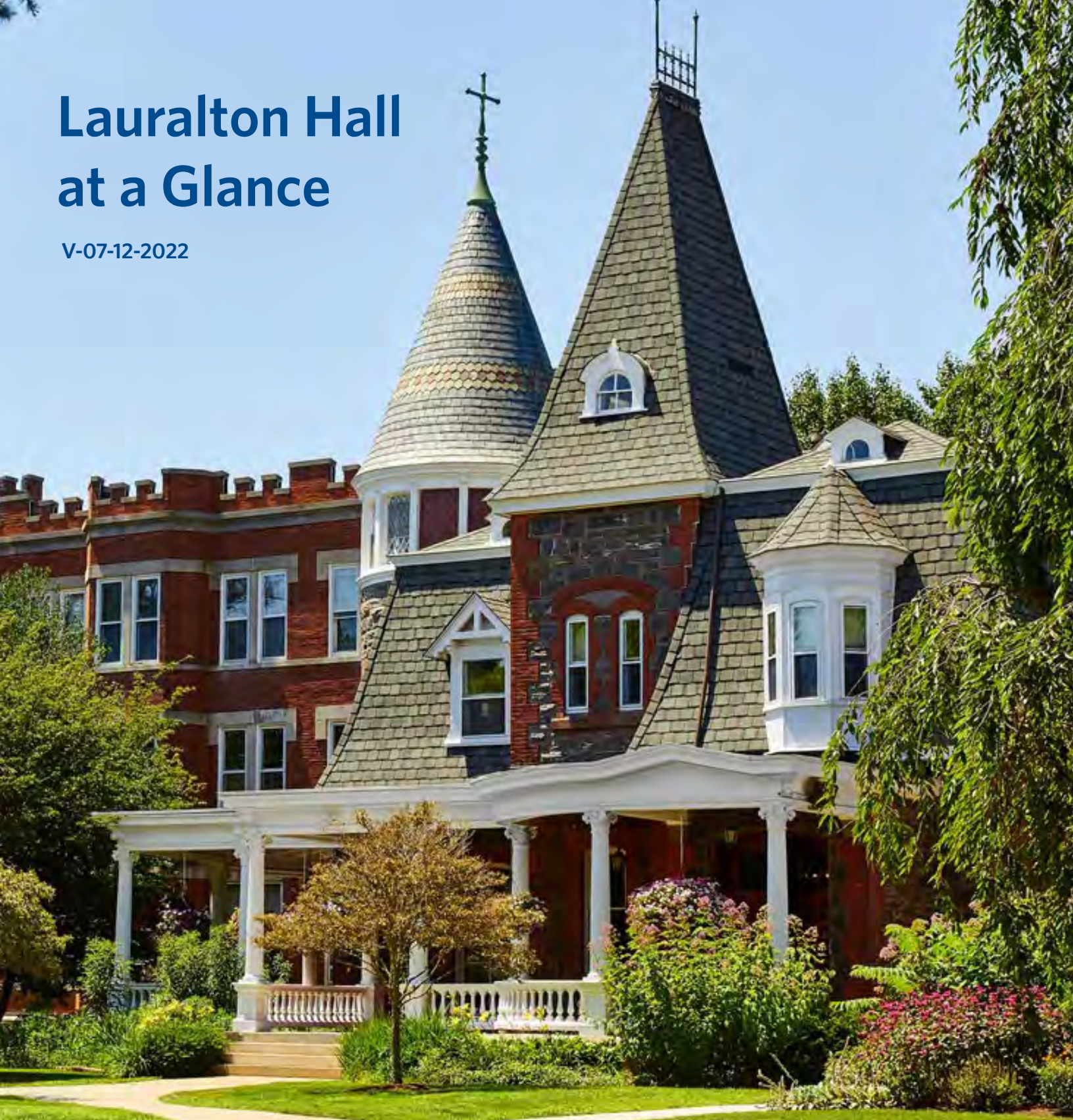


Lauralton Hall at a Glance

V-07-12-2022



ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Lauralton Hall

Table of Contents

3	General School Information
4	Core Values
5	Lauralton Hall Campus
6	Lauralton Hall Academic Facilities
7	Lauralton Hall Performing Art Facility
8	Lauralton Hall Athletic Facilities
9	Lauralton Hall Technology Facilities
10	Admissions Information
10	International Student Program
11	Academic Information
12	College and School Counseling
12	College and University Partners
12	Nearby Colleges and Universities
12	Major Academic Awards and Achievements
13	Science and Engineering Programs
14	Academic Differentiators, Special Programs and Unique Courses
15	Athletic Programs
16	Extracurricular Activities, Clubs and Accolades
17	Performing Arts Program
18	Visual Arts Program
18	Theatre Program
19	Community Service Requirements
20	International Activities: Study Abroad, Mission Trips and Student Exchange Program
20	School Uniform and Dress Code
20	Student Events
21	Student Life
22	Additional Information
22	Contact Lauralton Hall

General School information

Established in 1905 by the Sisters of Mercy, Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall educates young women in grades 9-12. Located on a 25-acre campus in Milford, Connecticut, Lauralton Hall is the first Catholic independent college preparatory school for girls in the state. Our mission and our philosophy are as unique as our founding, well over a century ago.

A Lauralton Hall education empowers a young woman to excel in any endeavor, to find her own voice, and to be a bearer of Mercy to those in need. We offer students not only a holistic academic experience that develops the skills necessary for success in college and career, but also a supportive, caring and fun-filled environment that nurtures a young woman's understanding of herself and others. Our dedicated faculty and staff are wise role models who help each of our girls become the person that God created her to be—spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.

STUDENT BODY

Our diverse student body is comprised of young woman from more than 35 towns. Students are immersed in the School's warm and welcoming community where a culture of tradition and innovation intersects. Lauralton Hall provides need-based financial aid to 27% of students. Today's student body represents diverse backgrounds – racial, socio-economic, geographic, cultural, and faith – and includes 2% international students.

ACCREDITATION

Lauralton Hall is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Connecticut Department of Education. Lauralton Hall is a member of the Connecticut Association of Schools, Connecticut Association of Independent Schools, Mercy Secondary Education Association, and National Association of Independent Schools.

Our Mission

Inspired by the Mercy Tradition, Lauralton Hall empowers young women to pursue their highest potential through lifelong learning, compassionate service, and responsible leadership in a global society.



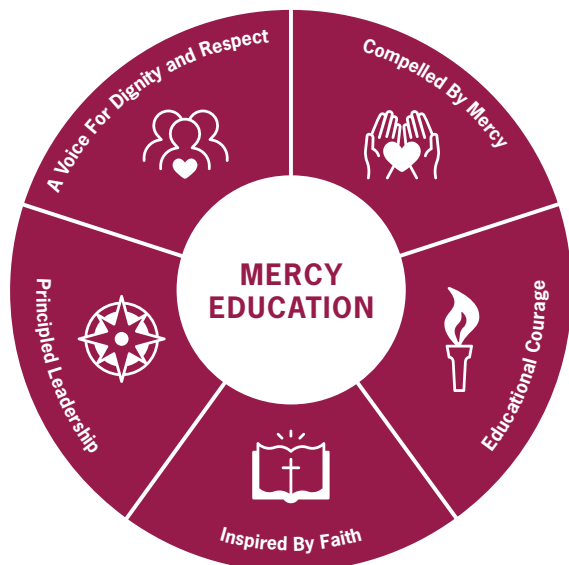
Inspired by the Mercy Core Values, Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall endeavors to create, nurture, and sustain an inclusive culture that inspires all members of our community to share life experiences from their own diverse perspectives and to gain a deeper understanding of people from different races, cultures, religions, and backgrounds.

Faculty and staff embrace practices that inspire young women to open their minds and hearts to others during their time at Lauralton Hall and as they embark on their journey to find their place in the world beyond our campus; we strive to champion diversity, equity, and inclusion for all and empower young women to pursue their highest potential in our global community through lifelong learning, compassionate service, and responsible leadership.

CORE VALUES

The Hallmarks of a Mercy Education

These are the ideals we stand up for and strive to live up to.
We hold ourselves to these standards as an institution,
as a community and as individuals.



Mercy Education Educación de la Misericordia

Courageous Action. Selfless Spirit.™
Acción valiente. Espíritu altruista.™

Lauralton Hall is a sponsored ministry of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and is a member of Mercy Education.



**Compelled
By Mercy**

Mercy students, in the spirit of our founder Catherine McAuley, are steadfastly determined to take Mercy into an interconnected world. Our shared sense of social consciousness is fortified by universal empathy and a conviction that all are worthy of God's mercy. This deep awareness and compassion move us to take principled action and serve the needs of others.



**Educational
Courage**

Mercy students welcome the challenge of pursuing their full potential in a culture of excellence, critical thinking and curiosity. Their multifaceted journey builds character while it builds essential skills. Our holistic program expects engagement, a thirst for knowledge and personal responsibility, while preparing students to thrive for a lifetime.



**Inspired
By Faith**

Mercy students become living models of faith and forceful advocates for Gospel values. Grounded in our Catholic identity in the Mercy tradition, we welcome all faiths and are strengthened and shaped by these relationships. As we pursue a personal relationship with God, we strenuously follow Jesus Christ's example of social justice, love and service.



**Principled
Leadership**

Mercy students are poised to lead with their unique gifts. Prepared with an ethical and moral compass, we put Mercy values into action and work assertively for what is right. We're equipped to make difficult choices, learn from our mistakes and develop high emotional intelligence. As an international community, we're confident in our ability to make a positive difference and push for systemic change.



**A Voice For
Dignity and
Respect**

Mercy students honor the intrinsic value of the individual and recognize God's presence in each person. We embrace a global vision and value differences of opinion, and are unafraid to confront hostile or hurtful attitudes. By standing up for those who can't, we go beyond acceptance to help make sure everyone feels recognized and heard.



Lauralton Hall Campus

In 1905, the Sisters of Mercy purchased the Pond-Taylor Mansion (built in 1864), which sits as the centerpiece of our campus today, and established Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall. Shortly after opening their school for girls, the Sisters broke ground on the St. Joseph's Building which today houses classrooms (including science labs and art rooms) as well as our Helen Meloy Schwalje Library.

Our 25-acre property also includes Mercy Hall (built in 1917) which houses classrooms, our Dining Hall, historic 105-year old chapel with gorgeous stained-glass windows, administrative offices, Claven Auditorium, Flavia Finucane Innovation Lab (a "makers' space"), college counseling wing, Publication Suite, and the Math Center at Lauralton.

Additional facilities include our Performing Arts Building, where choral and instrumental classes are held, and our Athletic Center, which includes a regulation-size gym, fitness and locker rooms, and athletic offices.

Our School community enjoys the many outdoor spaces on campus including a consecrated grotto, Victorian-era carousel and historically preserved carriage barn, athletic track and fields, seating areas, porches, an arboretum of class trees, butterfly garden, and acres of open lawns. Our property, listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, is the site of an authentic archaeological dig in which students have participated under the guidance of the State of Connecticut Archaeologist.

Our students commute to Lauralton by car, bus, and train. Campus is accessible by interstate highway (I-95) and scenic parkway (Route 15), and is only a block from Milford's Metro-North train station, allowing many of our students along the Connecticut shoreline to commute by rail each day.



Lauralton Hall Academic Facilities

Lauralton offers courses in 27 classrooms, 5 of which are dedicated Science classrooms with labs and 2 Studio Art rooms. There is an additional separate Performing Arts building where choir and orchestra courses are offered.

In addition to classrooms, teachers sometimes bring classes to the Flavia Finucane Innovation Lab. The Innovation Lab is equipped with such technology as 3D printers, 3D Laser Cutters and Robotics kits.

The Lauralton Hall Math Center, which debuted in September 2019, is open and staffed by the Lauralton Math Department from 7:20 a.m. until 3:10 p.m. when school is in session. The Center provides a place for students to review before a test, prepare for high stakes exams, or catch up upon returning from an absence.

Students often use the Internet Cafe to work on group projects.

The Helen Meloy Schwalje Library is the only dedicated quiet study space on campus and is open before and after school. In addition to being a quiet work space, the library provides resources to students that assist them when completing research papers and projects, homework, and assignments.

The library houses a print collection of over 16,000 books, provides access to over 5,300 eBooks, and subscribes to several research databases, including Gale In Context: U.S. History, Gale In Context: World History, Gale In Context: High School, and Bloom's Literature. In addition, students have unrestricted access to EBSCO databases through the Connecticut State Library, and those who take ECE (Early College Experience) through the University of Connecticut may use the UCONN databases as part of their courses.

Students may borrow loaner Chromebooks, USB-C and MagSafe computer chargers, and textbooks during the school day. There is a printer available for student use for a nominal fee.



Lauralton Hall Performing Art Facility

Our three choirs, who have sung concerts at Lincoln Center in NYC, Walt Disney World, and in multiple cities in Italy (including recent performances at the Sistine Chapel and mass at the Vatican) rehearse in a dedicated area that includes rehearsal space and music storage for the students. Our Symphonic Orchestra and Jazz Orchestra rehearse in the same dedicated space as our choirs. Milford United Percussion rehearses in Claven Auditorium, a medium sized facility with flexible set up. These three award winning ensembles are provided with a full percussion array, music stands and areas for instrument and music storage during the day.

Our concert performances are held on campus in Claven Auditorium, our historic Chapel and our Athletic Center, depending on which groups are performing and our annual musical production take place in Parson's Auditorium, located less than half a mile from the school. Parson's provides a 900 seat auditorium with lighting and sound, a green room and a pit for the musical orchestra. The student directed drama takes place in Claven Auditorium on the stage, which has lighting, backstage areas for set storage and some fly space.



Lauralton Hall Athletic Facilities

As you enter the driveway from the front gates the grass soccer and softball field are on the right. There is an electronic scoreboard, cameras to stream both soccer and softball and a batting cage. To the left of the driveway is our state of the art turf field with track, electronic scoreboard, and stone bleacher steps with pillars on top to emulate the two towers on our historic Mansion. To the side of the turf field is our long jump pit and in spring you can see our discus and shot put cages there too.

In our athletic center we proudly display our Athletic Hall of Fame in our athletic center foyer. There are two offices, a classroom and two restrooms off the foyer. Entering into the main gym is our basketball court, with wall to wall bleachers, two large storage facilities for athletic equipment, and four locker rooms. Also, off of our gym is the trainer's office and fitness center. Our fitness center has treadmills, stationary bikes, rowers, free weights and weight machines for our athletes to train.

Beyond our athletic center we have one more field. It is used by many of our teams for a variety of practices. In the spring it is our back-up softball field.



Lauralton Hall Technology Facilities

Every student at Lauralton Hall has free access to the entire suite of Microsoft Office software including Word, Excel and PowerPoint. All that they have to do is login to their LH email at office.com. Lauralton Hall is a BYOD (bring your own device) environment. However, the school does provide access to six Chromebooks, and sixteen iPads through a sign-out program in the school's library media center (LMC) for students needing to borrow devices for the day. The LMC also houses a dedicated print servers and a high-speed color laser printer/copier/scanner for student use.

Students taking graphic design as a fine arts elective have access to twenty dedicated new Microsoft Surface laptop computers running Adobe Photoshop software. Physics students have access to ten new Microsoft Surface dedicated laptops running specialized physics simulations software - these programs are available for use across all levels (college preparatory, honors, and AP). These thirty Microsoft Surface laptop computers were all purchased in the summer of 2021.

In addition, science students have access to five laptop computers for general use. Science students across all disciplines use Vernier Probes to collect a wide variety of experimental data. Students participating on the award-winning engineering team (The Wright Sisters) also have access to computers running PREPAR3D training software (provided by Sikorsky Aircraft for winning the 2019 engineering competition).

This software allows students to practice virtual flight maneuvers under a variety of conditions to test how their aircraft prototypes will perform. All students regardless of level or class are welcome to use the Flavia Finucane Innovation Lab for project work and personal exploration.

Technologies available in the lab include two Dremel 3D printers, five Android tablets dedicated to running MIT's App Inventor program, PreSonus Studio recording equipment, a green-screen equipped recording studio, six 3D Doodler Pens, six Makey-Makey kits, six Squishy Circuit kits, five Arduino Lilypad's, and two Singer sewing machines along with materials necessary for completing basic electronics projects.

Students may also elect to participate in the school's coding club or the AP Computer Science elective to improve their understanding of programming languages. In addition to learning drag-and-drop languages such as Scratch, students learn to program in C++, Python, and html using their own devices.

Technology Requirements for Students

As a BYOD school, we encourage students to purchase a laptop computer that they are already comfortable with. Most students purchase either a MacBook, Window's based PC, or a Chromebook. In addition to a computer, students need to purchase a TI-84 graphing calculator and have home-access to a printer.



Admissions Information

Admission to Lauralton Hall is competitive. Each candidate is carefully reviewed by our admission committee. Consideration is given to the candidate's school transcript, standardized test scores, application, and teacher and principal/guidance counselor recommendations. Transfers welcomed, grades 9, 10 and (select cases) 11.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
Tuition 2022-2023	\$22,975
Application Fee	\$60
Student Deposit Required	\$1500 plus signed enrollment contract
Tuition Due	Payment Plans Available: Pay Plan 1 - pay in full Pay Plan 2 - pay in two installments Pay Plan 3 - pay in ten monthly installments
Additional Fees	Uniform, books, AP Test fees, transportation (if applicable)

Admissions Information - International Students

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	
Not required, but scores appreciated	TOEFL, TOEFL Jr, SLEP, SLATE, ISEE
Transfers Welcomed	Grades 9, 10, and (in select cases) 11th
12th Grade Transfer Students	Not Accepted
Maximum Graduating Age	19

TUITION AND FINANCE INFORMATION	
International Tuition 2022-2023	\$32,975
Application Fee	\$60
Student Deposit Required	Full to process student I-20
Tuition Due	10 days from acceptance so we can initiate I-20
Additional Fees	Uniform, books, AP Test fees, transportation (if applicable)

International Student Program

F-1 Program Participation

Total years in F-1 Program: 10 years

Total number of international students in the school: 5

International Student Body Goal

Up to 10 percent of the student body

Collegiate Acceptances of International Students

Syracuse University, University of Washington Seattle, Indiana University, Pepperdine University, University of California, Dickinson College, School of Visual Arts, Wake Forest University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, New York University, Sarah Lawrence College, University of Rochester, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Brandeis University, College of the Holy Cross, Colby College, Fordham University, Ohio State University-Main Campus

Academic Information

STATISTICS	
SAT Average	1194
ACT Average	26
Top 20% SAT	Not available
Top 50% SAT	Not available
College Matriculation Rate	100%
Number of AP Courses	15

Honor Courses	
English 1 H	Statistics H
English 2 H	Physics H
English 3 H	Chemistry H
English 4 H	Biology H
World History H	Anatomy & Physiology H
United States Government H	Forensic Science H
United States History H	Advanced Biology H
Modern World History H	Marine Biology H
Introduction to Psychology H	Latin 2 H
Economics H	Latin 3 H
Current Issues H	Latin 4 H
Fundamental Music Theory H	French 2 H
Algebra 1 H	French 3 H
Geometry H	French 4 H
Alg 2/Trig H	Spanish 2 H
Precalculus H	Spanish 3 H
Discrete Math H	Spanish 4 H

Available AP Courses
AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP European History
AP US History
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Physics 1
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry
AP Latin
AP Spanish
AP French
AP Psychology

Dual Enrollment Courses Offered
Environmental Science AP - UConn ECE NRE 1000 Environmental Science
Advanced Biology - UConn ECE BIOL 1107 Principles of Biology 1
US History AP - UConn Hist 1501 United States History to 1877
US History AP - UConn Hist 1502 United States History Since 1877
European History AP - UConn Hist 1400 Modern Western Traditions
Economics - UConn ECcon 1000 Essentials of Economics
Fundamentals of Music Theory UConn MUSI 1011 Fundamentals of Ear Training 1
Popular Music and Diversity in American Society - UConn MUSI1003

College and School Counseling

Lauralton Hall's four counselors guide students to achieve academic success and provide personalized college counseling. Each new student is assigned a school counselor who advises on curriculum and guides the student and her family throughout the college search, application, and admission process.

College and University Partners

Since September, 2010, Lauralton Hall has participated in the UConn Early College Experience. This program provides opportunities for high school students to take college courses while still in high school.

Nearby Colleges and Universities

Yale University, Wesleyan University, Fairfield University, Quinnipiac University, University of Connecticut, Albertus Magnus College

Major Academic Awards and Achievements

- Certificate of Special Recognition to Lauralton Hall from the U.S. Senate honoring the School's "Extraordinary and Longstanding History of Academic Excellence Preparing Women Leaders in the Mercy Tradition," presented by Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), August 1, 2020 at Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2020
- AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018
- CRS (Catholic Relief Services) "Platinum" Global High School since 2016
- Sikorsky STEM Challenge winner 2021, 2019, 2017 (only all-girls team)
- Connecticut Halo High School Theatre Awards, "Best Classical Musical" for Lauralton's 2019 production of Pirates of Penzance

Science and Engineering Programs

The Science Department utilizes a Physics First sequence. In 9th grade, students take Physics, learning the principles that underlie all of the other sciences. By modeling cars and roller coasters, they can easily visualize the basic principles of Physics, while learning how to manipulate complex equations. At the end of the course, students are now adept at handling equations and are capable of understanding more abstract concepts. They are now ready to learn about the microscopic processes that make up the universe by learning Chemistry. As Juniors in 11th grade, students take Cellular and Molecular Biology. Having completed both Physics and Chemistry, this course can truly delve into the mechanisms and chemical basis of life. Electives include AP level Physics, Chemistry, and Environmental Science. Dual accreditation from University of Connecticut is offered for both our Environmental Science course and our Advanced Biology course. Other electives include Anatomy and Physiology, Marine Biology, Forensics, and Archeology (utilizing our own campus as a dig site).

We have had students selected to participate in the Yale Discover to the Cure Research Internship for the past 5 years. Extracurricular activities include participating in the Connecticut Science Fair and taking part in engaging, fun science experiments in Science Club. However, one of the activities we are most proud of is the Engineering Team, which has been competing since 2016. The Engineering Team is composed of over 50 members from all grades. The team is named the Wright Sisters for the comradery and team bond that is fostered with the mentoring between senior members and freshmen. They work in conjunction with Lockheed Martin/Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in Stratford, CT to compete in yearlong STEM Challenges. Throughout the course of each challenge, members develop skills in areas of prototyping, Arduino sensor design, CAD renditions and 3D printing, and technical writing to include risks and mitigations, bill of materials and Gantt Charts for program planning. The Wright Sisters have consistently placed in the finals or won the competition since joining the program (won three times, placed in finals twice). The 2019 Championship included a \$10,000 Software License award for PREPAR3D flight simulation. Members are afforded the opportunity to apply for internships at Sikorsky during the summer, as well as during college breaks in the future – which several members have been fortunate to secure. Many of the team members continue their studies by entering into Engineering Programs in college (including programs at MIT, WPI, Purdue, Yale, Cornell, Notre Dame, RPI, and Lehigh). The Wright Sisters have also participated in the Women Take Flight Program at the Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT. This is a day spent sharing engineering and flight experiences with young girls, who are just beginning their exposure to concepts.



Academic Differentiators, Special Programs and Unique Courses

Lauralton participates in the UConn Early College Experience (ECE), the nation's longest running concurrent enrollment program, which provides academically motivated students the opportunity to take UConn courses for both high school and college credit.

Lauralton offers the following six UConn ECE certified courses: Advanced Biology Honors, Economics Honors, Environmental Science AP, European History AP, Music Theory Honors and U.S. History AP. These are the same college-level courses offered at UConn. Lauralton faculty members teaching these courses are certified through UConn as adjunct faculty.

Lauralton's Financial Intelligence course is required of all sophomores for one semester. The goal of this course, launched in September 2020 with the Class of 2023, is to help students gain financial acumen that will help them in their personal and professional lives for decades to come.

Lauralton also offers many other "signature programs," those that are unique to our School, from our First Year Experience program to our LauraltonatHome online model. Read more at www.lauraltonhall.org/signatureprograms.

Course Selection

Course Selection Begins in March each year. Summer Assignments (AP course work and Summer Reading lists) are posted before the current school year ends.

ESL Information

Lauralton Hall does not offer ESL courses at this time.

Foreign Language Requirements

Lauralton Hall requires students to take a foreign language and offers credited courses in Spanish, Latin and French. We will not be offering French to incoming freshmen beginning September 2022.

Athletic Programs

Lauralton Hall is a member of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), the body that governs all high school athletics in the state and follows the rules of the National Federation of High School Sports. As part of the Southern Connecticut Conference, we compete with member schools.

AVAILABLE SCHOOL SPORTS	
Fall Sports	Cheerleading - Varsity
	Cross Country - Varsity
	Field Hockey - Varsity
	Field Hockey - Junior Varsity
	Soccer - Varsity
	Soccer - Junior Varsity
	Volleyball - Varsity
	Volleyball - Junior Varsity
	Swimming and Diving - Varsity
Winter Sports	Alpine Skiing - Varsity
	Basketball -Varsity
	Basketball- Junior Varsity
	Cheerleading - Varsity
	Ice Hockey - Varsity
	Ice Hockey - Junior Varsity
	Indoor Track - Varsity
Spring Sports	Golf - Varsity
	Lacrosse - Varsity
	Lacrosse - Junior Varsity
	Outdoor Track - Varsity
	Softball - Varsity
	Tennis - Varsity
	Tennis - Junior Varsity

POPULAR SPORTS AND ACCOLADES
Our Swim Team in 2021 earned runner-up in the SCC Divisional Meet, runner-up in the SCC Championship Meet and runner-up in the State Competition.
Field Hockey won the SCC Division 2021
Skiing made it to the State Championships in 2021
Cross Country placed 3rd in its Division at the SCC Championship 2021
We have recently had Coaches of the year in Swimming (2020 and 2021), Cheerleading, Field Hockey and Ice Hockey, and Golf SCC Coach of the Year
Lauralton is recognized as a Class Act School and a Michael's Cup recipient.
Golf team SCC runner-up 2022
Outdoor track placed 4th in the State championship
Lacrosse All-State runner-up

Per the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), all F-1 Visa students attending a CIAC member school are ineligible for participation in Varsity athletics for 365 days upon enrollment and may only participate in varsity competitions for two years.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: A student has eight consecutive semesters or four consecutive years of eligibility from the date of entry into ninth grade to be eligible for interscholastic competition. Date of entry is defined as the first date of enrollment as a grade 9 student taking four or more high school subjects. The fact that a student has not participated for four seasons will not justify allowing such student to participate in interscholastic sports beyond the eighth semester after his or her entrance into the ninth grade. This is an eight semester attendance rule, i.e., eight semesters of time not eight semesters of participation or competition rule.

Extracurricular Activities, Clubs and Accolades

In preparing our young women to become active members of their communities, Lauralton encourages each student to become involved in at least one extracurricular activity. This page demonstrates just a sampling of the clubs, organizations, and activities which bring new experiences, new challenges, and new friends.

All Things Considered	Latin Club
American Sign Language	LH Cares
Book Club	Milford United Percussion Ensemble
Campus Ministry	Mock Trial
Coding Club	Poetry/Creative Writing
Debate Club	SADD
Drama Club	Science Club
Engineering Team	Scrabble
Environmental	Space Club
Female Empowerment	Spanish Club
French Club	Stock Market Club
Irish Club	Yoga
Italian Club	Youth and Government (YAG)
Key Club	

PUBLICATIONS	Lauralton Highlights (school newspaper)
	The Lauralton (yearbook)
	The Looking Glass (literary magazine)
ORGANIZATIONS	French National Honor Society
	Latin National Honor Society
	Spanish National Honor Society
	National Honor Society
STUDENT GOVERNMENT BY ELECTION	Student Council
ACCOLADES	Our Engineering Team has won the Sikorsky Challenge. Also, our Environmental Club has been recognized by Roots and Shoots and the Audubon Society.

Performing Arts Program

Our performing ensembles consist of Advanced Vocal Ensemble, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, Symphonic Orchestra and Jazz Orchestra which all meet during the school day. We also sponsor a multi-school percussion ensemble, Milford United Percussion, which meets after school twice a week during the competition season.

Advanced Vocal Ensemble is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors, by audition only. This group is made up of our most advanced singers and serves as an outreach group to our community, both local and extended and performs at a wide variety of events throughout the year. Within Advanced Vocal Ensemble, there is also a Chamber Choir of 8 singers who perform small ensemble work.

Concert Choir is open to all sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students here focus on technical skill as well as music reading ability and continue their study of a wide variety of styles and genres. Concert Choir performs in two major concerts per year.

Freshman Choir is open to all freshmen and performs two major concert per year. In Freshman Choir, students learn the foundations of proper singing technique, the importance of style and the basics of music reading.

Our choirs have been selected for highly prestigious performances at Lincoln Center, Walt Disney World, the 400th Anniversary of the founding of Jamestown (where we sang for President George W. Bush) and we have toured Italy performing concerts and masses, including a Papal New Year's Day mass, in some of Italy's most beautiful locations. On our most recent trip, we were granted the rare honor of singing a concert at the morning opening of the Sistine Chapel.

Our Symphonic Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra, and Milford United Percussion have competed at multiple festivals consistently bringing home the highest level of awards. All instrumental performing ensembles are open to students in all grades.

Our Jazz Orchestra is not what most would consider the traditional format as our instrumental director feels it is important to allow exposure to a wide variety of styles to all instrumentalists and has created a Jazz ensemble that averages 40+ students and includes all types of instruments from traditional jazz instruments to strings and woodwinds.

Symphonic Orchestra includes all instrument types but focuses on more traditional symphonic repertoire with a little modern music thrown in, for fun. The students expand their skills and learn to work in both small and large groups. Students are encouraged to branch out and learn new instruments, whenever possible.

Milford United Percussion allows our students the chance to work with students from other local schools. Together, they create a competition showcase and have consistently received high marks, frequently winning their division. This group has a focus on team work and presentation. Students do not need to be percussionists to join, as our director is adept at teaching players of all levels.

Visual Arts Program

Our visual arts courses take place in one of two recently refurbished rooms. The rooms are equipped with large, movable tables, supply cabinets, storage for student art work, a computer cart with 20 computers, large windows for natural light as well as overhead lighting designed for optimal working conditions. Graphic Design makes use of our new Publication Suite for their classes. Students are supplied with all needed materials. Art displays can be seen throughout the school as well as in local galleries.

Theatre Program

Every year, the school produces a large scale musical. Auditions take place in the spring and rehearsals begin the first day of school in the fall. For incoming students, auditions can be attended locally or can be sent in via video. Past musicals include "Into the Woods," "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," "Cats" "The Pirates of Penzance," "Jesus Christ Superstar," and "Disney's High School Musical" just to name a few. Students serve in production team roles such as Stage Manager, Assistant Stage Manager, Set Art Supervisor, Prop Supervisor, Sound/Lighting and Choreography/ Dance Captain. The musical is presented at Parson's Auditorium for three performances, except for the 2020 production which we turned into a movie shoot, shot all outdoors so that, even in the year of a pandemic, our students did not lose the thing that was most important to them. The musical production has won numerous awards from the Connecticut High School Theater awards, known as Halos, including Best Actress, Best Musical, Best Ensemble, just to name a few.

Our drama production occurs in the winter and is entirely student run. Students take on the roles of Director, Producer, Set Design, Props, and Costuming. The faculty moderator is always there to be sure everything remains on track, but the students are responsible for the entire show. Productions have included plays such as "Steel Magnolias," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "The Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged," and "Clue." Our drama productions have also been recipients of Halo awards including Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress.



Community Service Requirements

Lauralton Hall is passionate about Community Service. Each year, our students are required to engage in meaningful work that uplifts the community. Many students feel so enriched through serving their community that they far exceed the required number of hours. A special award—the Frances Warde Service Award—is presented to any student who achieves 100 or more hours.

Required Number of Hours:

1. Freshmen—15 hours
2. Sophomores—30 hours
3. Juniors—15 hours
4. Seniors—15 hours

Lauralton Hall's Campus Minister can help to familiarize students with the broad array of charitable, not-for-profit agencies who are in need of help. A list of popular agencies will be posted to Haiku, our online educational platform. Students are also encouraged to submit to the Campus Minister any new ideas or agencies she is interested in working with, and the Campus Minister can approve the idea, provided it aligns with Lauralton Hall's Mission, the 5 Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy, and is apolitical. While Freshmen, Juniors, and Seniors can earn their Community Service hours from a variety of different organizations in any given year (5 of which can be accrued at Lauralton Hall on-campus events), Sophomores are required to complete all 30 of their hours from one, single organization.

Since service hours can be accrued between May 16 of one year and May 15 of the following year, many Lauralton Hall students make arrangements to complete their Community Service Hours over the summer months. For example, many students fulfill all service hour requirements by working as assistants at Lauralton Hall's Summer Camp. Others choose to complete their requirements by serving on summer mission trips, sponsored by an outside (non-Lauralton) church or agency.

Students pick their agency of choice and submit their own applications. Students are also responsible for their own travel arrangements and are expected to behave as praiseworthy representatives not only of themselves but of our much-loved school. Whenever a student performs service hours, she is expected to document them on Mobile Serve, an online service tracking platform. Hours must be recorded and verified via Mobile Serve. Training for the program is provided during the first weeks of Freshmen Religion.

Freshmen and Sophomores are asked in their respective Religion classes, to reflect on their Community Service in the form of either a paper or some kind of presentation. In this reflection, students should be prepared to explain how their Community Service is an expression of compassionate service, and where applicable, how their work advances one or more of the *Five Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy*:

1. Immigration 2. Nonviolence 3. Anti-racism 4. Earth 5. Women

International Activities: Study Abroad, Mission Trips and Student Exchange Program

Annually a group of Lauralton Hall Students travel to Guatemala or Panama with School the World, a non- profit organization committed to solving extreme poverty through the power of education. Through fundraising efforts, Lauralton Hall students in collaboration with the local community build a school and playground and educate the community on the importance of education. During their time abroad students also immerse themselves in the local community through home visits, playing Guatemalan and Panamanian games with the students and other cultural experiences.

School Uniform and Dress Code

The Lauralton Hall dress code consists of the following::

- Regulation navy jumper;
 - Short/long sleeved solid white collared blouse OR
 - Short/long sleeved (no cap sleeves) solid white polo collared shirt (long sleeved shirt may NOT be worn under this) OR
 - Long sleeved solid white turtleneck;
 - Solid white or navy socks (must cover the ankle by at least three inches) or tights;
 - Navy leggings with white socks (no skin showing);
 - FLAT closed-back black, brown, tan or dark navy shoes; Additionally, sneakers may be worn. They must be clean, closed toe, tie-up and may be any color. No high tops, wheelies, slip-ons, cleats or crocs.
 - LH cardigan sweater, which is required for certain events such as Mass or other occasions designated as "letter sweater days." Students are welcome to wear the sweater any other day;
 - Any Lauralton apparel shirt in school colors purchased in the Lauralton Line school store or for a Lauralton club athletic team may be worn over the navy jumper. These items must be neat and not be worn out or ripped. Lauralton apparel purchased in other colors may be worn on dress down days.
- NOTE: Only seniors may wear a senior sweatshirt. If a student has a senior sweatshirt from an older sibling or friend, the sweatshirt may not be worn during the school day.
- Book bags may be any bag the student is comfortable carrying, but must fit under the classroom desk for safety reasons.

Lauralton Hall school uniform items are available for purchase at Dennis Uniforms online store.

Student Events

The Music Department offers two concerts annually open to the community- Christmas Concert and Spring Concert.

Student Life

Lauralton Hall is a place where you can be yourself. Students are immersed in the School's warm and welcoming community where a culture of tradition and innovation intersects. Lauralton Hall's college preparatory curriculum emphasizes mastery of analytical and critical skills, problem solving, and the ability to communicate ideas effectively. There are so many different interests here, and there is something for every girl. Students can participate in more than 40 clubs and organizations as well as student government, theater, publications, and service opportunities. Become a member of our Engineering team and compete in the Sikorsky Stem Challenge, be on stage in one of our theater productions, or play on one of our 15 different sport teams. Clubs, organizations, sports and activities bring new experiences, new challenges, and new friends.

Our dedicated faculty and staff will get to know you as an individual, nurturing your special gifts as you grow into a confident young woman prepared to take on the challenges of college and career. Lauralton Hall is like no other high school. We want you to experience our warm and welcoming atmosphere, love of learning, strong sense of community, and sisterhood of students.



Additional Information

- Website: <https://www.lauraltonhall.org/>
- Virtual tour: www.lauraltonhall.org/virtualtour
- Enrollment marketing video: www.lauraltonhall.org/girlsthrevere
- Course catalog: https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1655907338/lauralton/yokwhoszqqxgtauew5ql/LH_CourseOfferings_2022_23june2022.pdf

Follow us on social media at:

- <https://www.facebook.com/LauraltonHall/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/lauraltonhall1905>
- <https://twitter.com/AthleticsatLH>
- <https://twitter.com/Lauraltonhall>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/school/lauraltonhall/>

Here is a sample of the LH Weekly Insider, delivered Friday evenings to keep students, parents, faculty and staff apprised of news and upcoming events:

- https://www.lauraltonhall.org/cf_enotify/view.cfm?n=1311

For more detailed feature stories, click on past issues of our twice-yearly publication:

- <https://www.lauraltonhall.org/alumnae/hallmarks-magazine>

Contact Lauralton Hall

Kathleen O. Shine
Director of Enrollment
203.877.2786 ext. 125
admission@lauraltonhall.org
Fax. 203.876.9760
200 High Street, Milford, CT 06460