



STUART HALL SCHOOL

You Belong Here.



**CoEd Boarding 8-12
and Day Grades 6-12**

Take a Virtual Tour

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Welcome to Stuart Hall

For 180 years, Stuart Hall School has provided young people with an unparalleled liberal arts education, preparing them for college studies and for engaged lives of consequence. This legacy continues today, thanks to a faculty committed to helping students feel welcome, build their character, and fulfill their potential. Together, we extend an epic story of personal achievements and accomplishments — a story in which we all take great pride.

Along with this legacy, what distinguishes Stuart Hall is our welcoming and inclusive environment, located in the beautiful and safe Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. This is a special place in which to live, learn, and work. Our school is just the right size — neither too big nor too small — for everyone to contribute and to see those contributions recognized and affirmed.

The friendships formed, the empathy developed, and the self-awareness gained at Stuart Hall School serve our graduates for a lifetime.

We are delighted to have the opportunity, through this booklet, to show you our commitment to developing lives of intellectual curiosity, creativity, and contribution. By the end, you will understand why we are the school of choice for many students and why, indeed, **you belong here.**

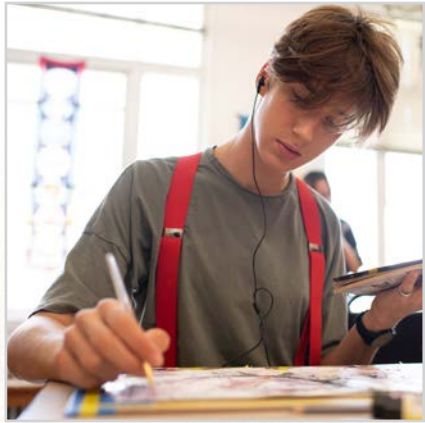
Thank you for spending some time learning about Stuart Hall, and I invite you to reach out or visit our website to learn even more.

Kind regards,

*Jason Coady P'23 '25 '29
Head of School
Stuart Hall School*



Curiosity ♦ Creativity ♦ Contribution



Preparing FOR UNIVERSITY AND ADULTHOOD

Whatever your goals after high school, you belong at Stuart Hall. Our students apply classroom knowledge to solve real-world problems. Learning becomes practical, not merely theoretical or abstract. Teachers offer highly specific, constructive feedback to help a student better understand and improve performance on revisions and assignments. The result develops skills that, in turn, build self-confidence.

As scholars progress through our Mastery Learning curriculum toward graduation, they develop into curious, creative, motivated, and independent young adults.

For those students who aspire to higher education, our rigorous, seminar-based AP Capstone Diploma program — we offer 19 Advanced Placement courses — stands out to admissions professionals for preparing college-ready applicants. And Stuart Hall's college counseling guides families through the process of finding colleges and careers that fit well with students' interests and goals.

MASTERY LEARNING

Stuart Hall's six graduate goals are foundational to our academic program, framing the skills students master before launching into life beyond high school:



Critical Thinking



Citizenship



Collaboration



Communication



Creativity



Well Being

“I was amazed at how much better prepared for college I was than so many of my fellow freshmen.”

—Hannah D. '16
Cornell '20



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Taking THE LEAD

Stuart Hall students are encouraged to take leadership roles to help cement their places in our school community. We believe everyone is capable of leading by making decisions that shape campus life and school culture, modeling behavior and community service for the school, or mentoring new members of the community in our caring culture.

Stuart Hall provides leadership opportunities at many skill levels. Teachers, advisors, and friends support a student's journey of self-discovery to gain competence, self-confidence, self-awareness, and self-motivation.

HOW WILL YOU LEAD?

- ◆ Conduct Council
- ◆ Honor Council
- ◆ Resident Assistant
- ◆ Student Activities Team
- ◆ Student Government
- ◆ Study Hall Proctor
- ◆ Student Admissions Ambassadors
- ◆ Student Advancement Group



Critical Thinking

“We want student-led events, but just organizing the event isn’t enough. We have to reflect on and learn from both successes and failures. As adults, this means we have to let go and trust the students.”

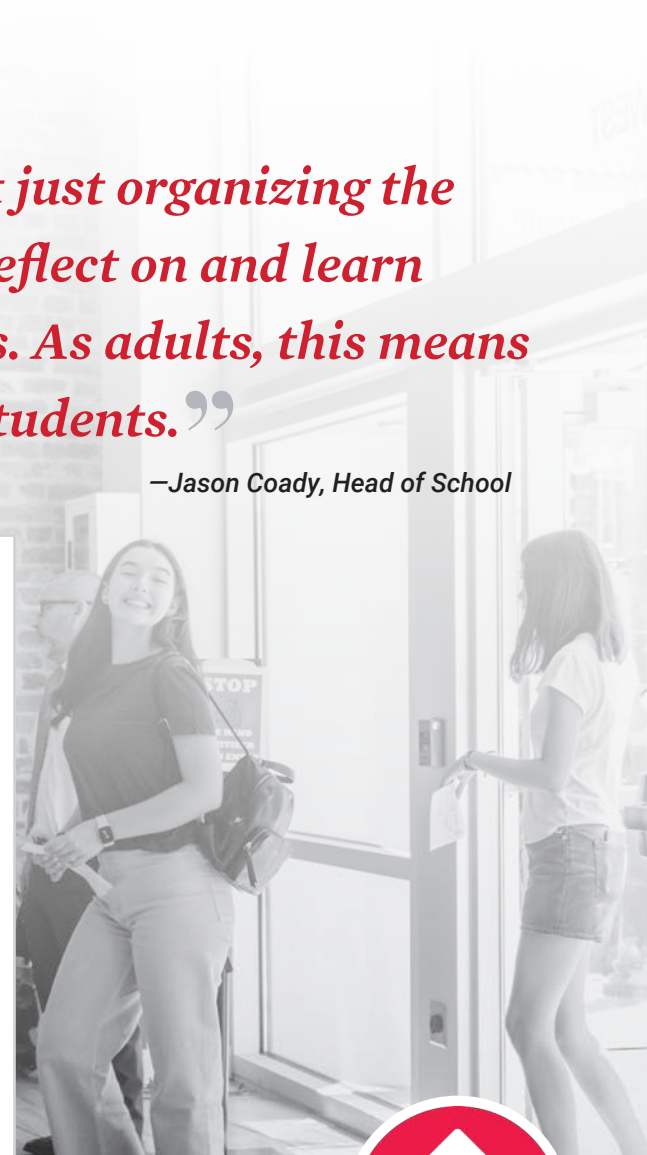
—Jason Coady, Head of School

OUR NEW TECH HAVEN

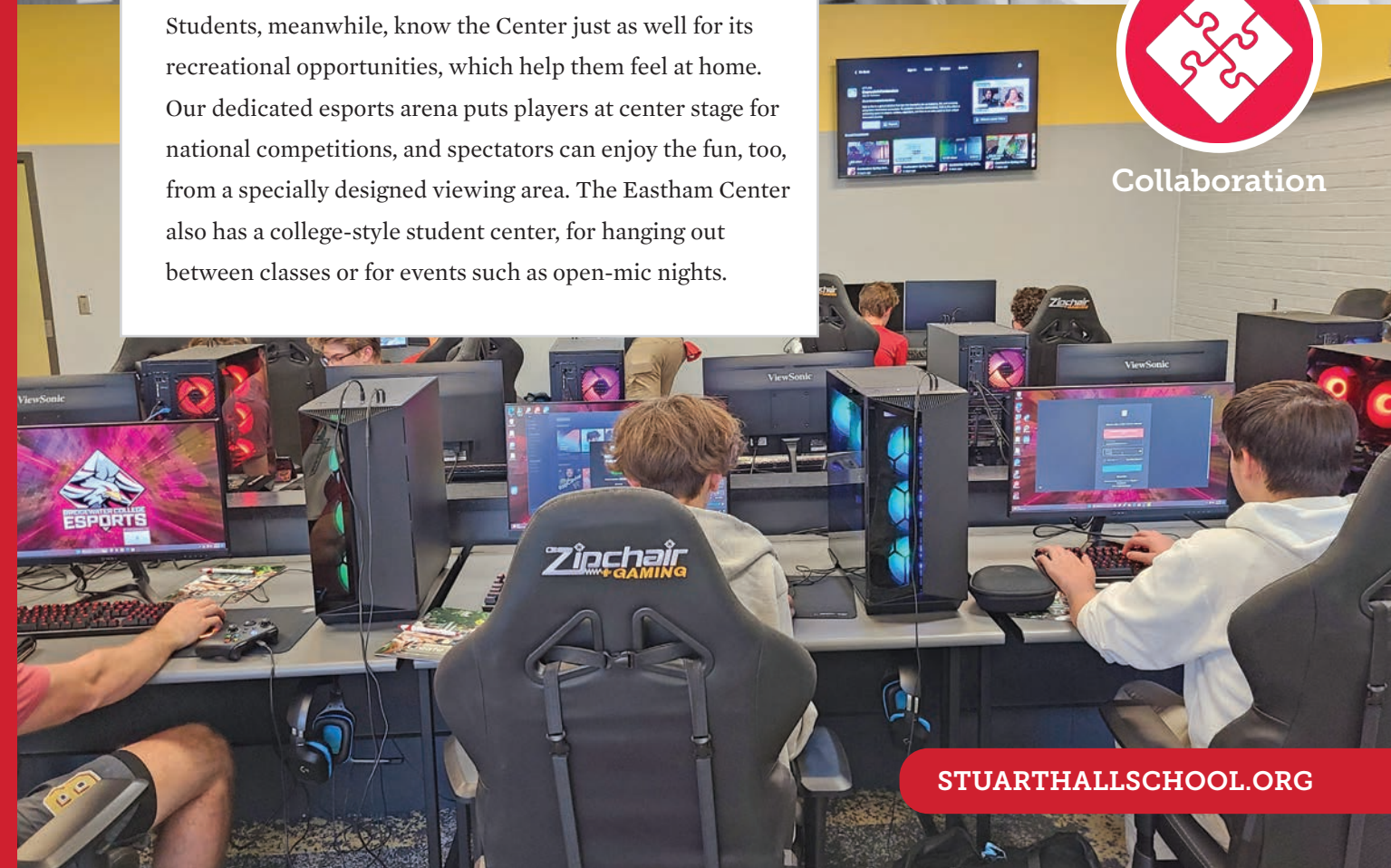
The Eastham Center houses some of the most wide-ranging and sophisticated virtual-reality, recording, editing, and computing facilities available at the high school level anywhere in the United States.

Our faculty rely on the Center, which opened in 2020, for its learning spaces, such as multi-use classrooms, audio-visual studios, and a teaching kitchen. Collaboration is central to the Eastham Center — both in person, through its flexible physical spaces, and virtually, thanks to technology that connects our students with other parts of the world.

Students, meanwhile, know the Center just as well for its recreational opportunities, which help them feel at home. Our dedicated esports arena puts players at center stage for national competitions, and spectators can enjoy the fun, too, from a specially designed viewing area. The Eastham Center also has a college-style student center, for hanging out between classes or for events such as open-mic nights.



Collaboration



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“The thing I like about art at Stuart Hall is there are no limits, no boundaries.”

—David N. '23

SILVER LINE THEATRE EXCHANGE

Through our partnership with Silver Line Theatre Exchange, a local organization, Stuart Hall students can train in theatre through coaching, classes, and performances. Teachers are professional actors whose classes range from Classical and Contemporary Scene Study to Improv Movement and Stage Combat.



Creativity

Upward WITH THE ARTS

Arts at STU help our students develop self-confidence, perseverance, and analytical skills. Each of these enhances a teenager's sense of belonging at Stuart Hall and transfers into all areas of college, career, and life.

Stuart Hall graduates regularly head to the nation's premier art and design schools, such as RISD, SCAD, and Pratt. Our amazing art faculty members help students develop their individual talents and assemble winning portfolios for college consideration.

We are part of an extraordinary artistic community in Staunton, allowing us to partner with local theatre, art, and music organizations, including the internationally renowned American Shakespeare Center and its Blackfriars Playhouse.

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BREAK OUT AND BUILD UP

Our Co-Curricular Program invites students to discover and explore interests outside their comfort zone without the pressure of grades. Here is a partial list of the activities we offer our students, rotating each trimester:

- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Creative Writing
- ◆ Cross Country
- ◆ Disc Sports
- ◆ Esports
- ◆ Fencing
- ◆ French Pastry Making
- ◆ Golf
- ◆ Moot Court
- ◆ Outdoor Education
- ◆ Paper Modeling
- ◆ Playwrighting
- ◆ Qigong/Taiji
- ◆ Rock Band
- ◆ Soccer
- ◆ Tennis
- ◆ Volleyball
- ◆ Weightlifting
- ◆ Woodworking
- ◆ Yoga



Empowering INDIVIDUALS

Our learning support specialist works with all students to maximize their study skills proficiency, and with teachers to empower them to reach students of all learning styles, including English as a Second Language support.

For students who need specialized support for a diagnosed learning difference, our integrated support program offers personalized options for extra services or accommodations, such as scheduled one-on-one time with our Director of Learning Support, for an additional fee.

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Communication

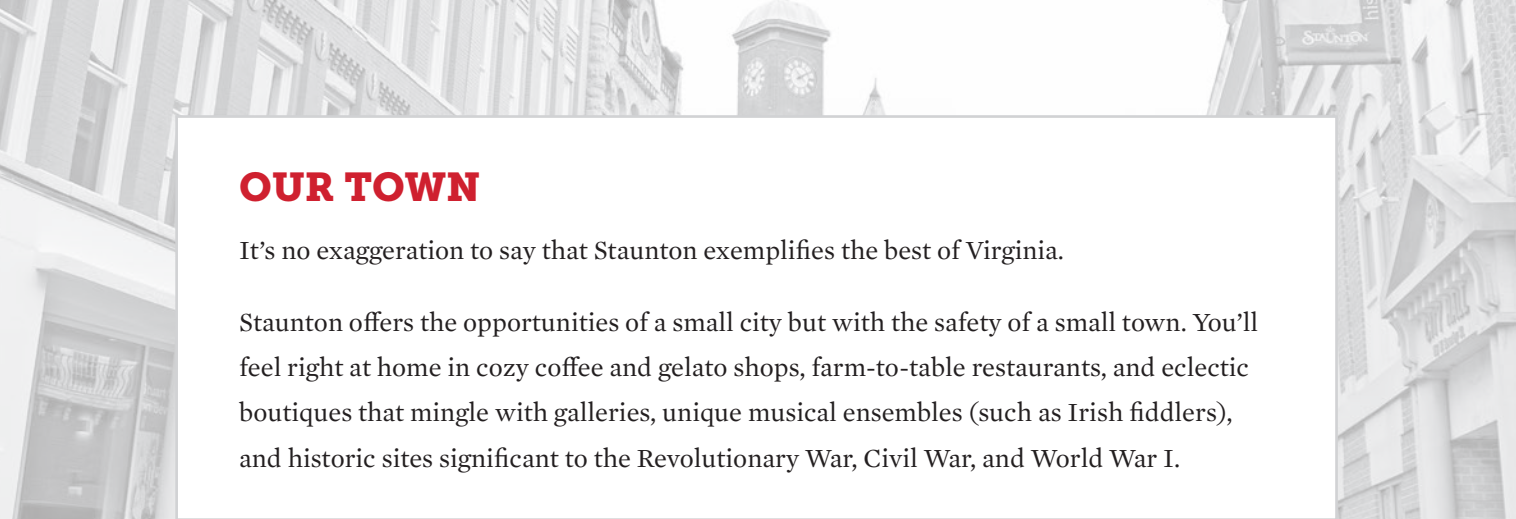
You belong IN STAUNTON

Combine Stuart Hall’s academic freedom with its downtown location in a region teeming with national parks, and the possibilities are endless.

- ◆ Perform market research for the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library for statistics class. (Staunton is the birthplace of the nation’s 28th president.)
- ◆ Host a debate among City Council candidates through civics class.
- ◆ Help the Sustainability Club research and “re-wild” part of the campus grounds.
- ◆ Design and implement after-school programming for local elementary students.

Our campus is nestled between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Allegheny Mountains, giving us myriad opportunities to explore and learn outdoors.

Closer to home, we know our neighbors in Staunton, a town of about 25,000 people. We partner with local businesses on ways to make learning practical, and our six historic districts enable students literally to walk the paths of American history.



OUR TOWN

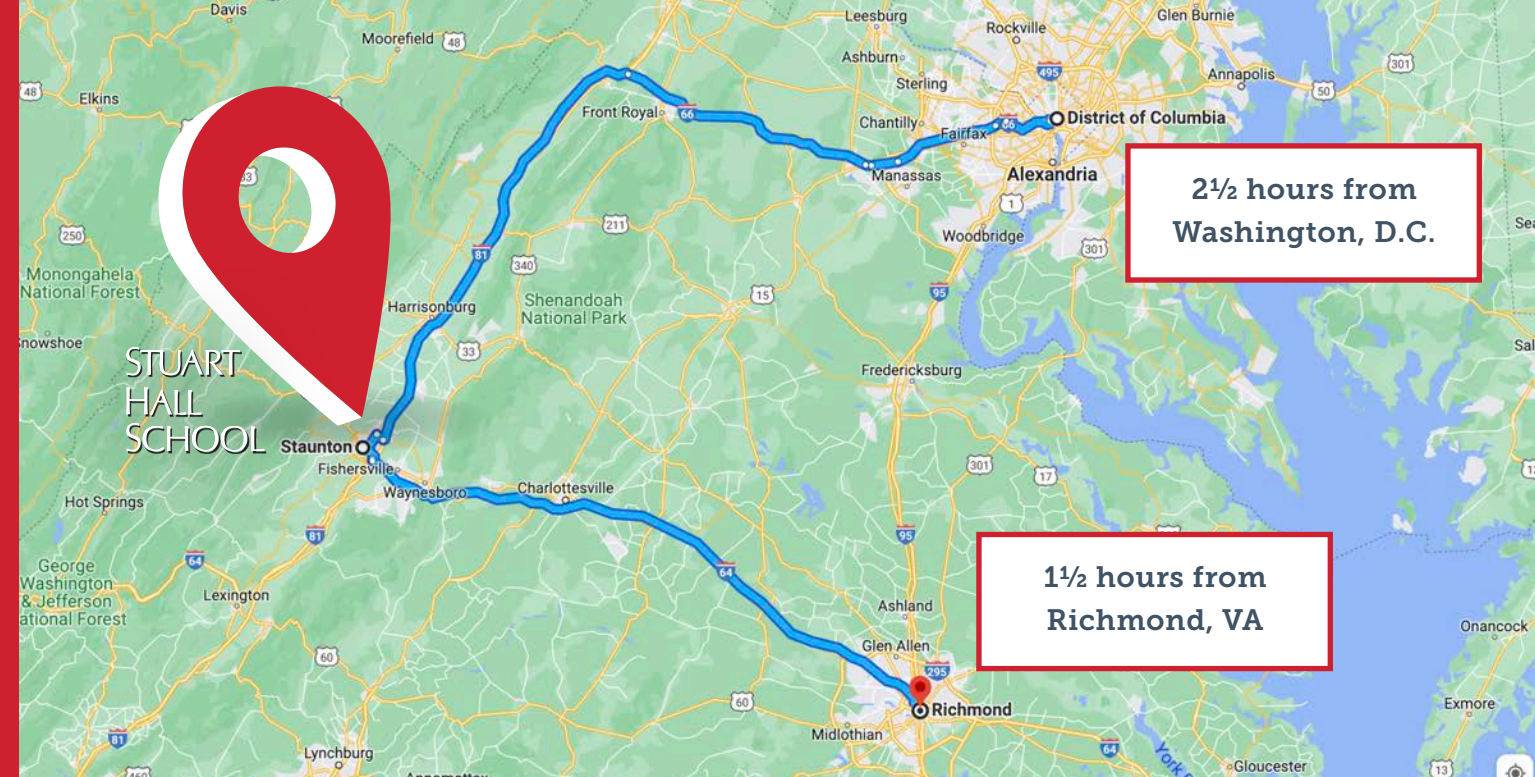
It’s no exaggeration to say that Staunton exemplifies the best of Virginia.

Staunton offers the opportunities of a small city but with the safety of a small town. You’ll feel right at home in cozy coffee and gelato shops, farm-to-table restaurants, and eclectic boutiques that mingle with galleries, unique musical ensembles (such as Irish fiddlers), and historic sites significant to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and World War I.

“Real-life projects with real businesses can take a kid from ‘I hate math’ to ‘I’d better learn some math!’”

—Maria Nava: Data Science, Statistics, Computer Science





“Stuart Hall’s small class sizes and lack of cliques builds a genuine sense of community across age groups and classes. Students are recognized as individuals of value instead of representatives of whatever group they appear to belong to.”

—Micaela B. '11
U.S. Coast Guard Academy '15



Citizenship

FROM THE *World* TO CAMPUS

Stuart Hall is a microcosm of the world. Among our boarding students, half come from throughout the United States, and half come from abroad. These students interact daily with companions from right down the street: our day students, who commute from throughout the Shenandoah Valley and quickly become friends with their classmates from far-flung locations.

The relationships that result are deep and meaningful, with boarding students regularly sharing meals, weekend activities, and even school breaks with local families.

Helping build these bonds are our involved faculty and encouraging peers, who inspire an environment that supports and celebrates teenagers for the unique and authentic people they are.

At Stuart Hall, you never need to fit into a mold in order to fit in.



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ONCE A DRAGON, ALWAYS A DRAGON

A student's connection to Stuart Hall begins at enrollment, and it extends over a lifetime. In our community, you will always feel seen, supported, accepted, and loved — even after graduation!

In fact, through activities such as Young Alumni Panels, Alumni Council, and Alumni Weekend, there are lots of opportunities not only to feel that love but also to carry it to others. We are grateful for the lifelong friendships that our Stuart Hall community sustains.



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