MISSION
Cascades Academy’s mission is to deliver meaningful, challenging, and experiential education to inspire lifelong learners who are socially responsible individuals ready for a diverse and changing world.

ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS
Accreditations: Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS), Cognia
Memberships: Independent Schools Experiential Education Network (ISEEN), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Mastery Transcript Consortium

SCHOOL HISTORY
Cascades Academy is an independent PK-12 day school. The school opened in September 2003 to address the need for an independent college preparatory school in Central Oregon. Enrollment has grown from an initial 61 students to its current student population of 245. The Upper School has 54 students in grades 9-12 and a 7:1 student-faculty ratio. Due to the small size of the classes, Cascades Academy does not rank its students.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & BELONGING
Cascades Academy seeks to create a safe, nurturing community that honors everyone’s unique selves, embraces the diverse perspectives and backgrounds of others, and promotes social responsibility both within the school and beyond.

CURRICULUM
Cascades Academy balances a challenging, college-preparatory curriculum with meaningful experiences outside of the classroom, including required professional internships, service learning, fine arts classes, travel (both domestically and internationally), and outdoor education. An integrated studies approach is applied to humanities courses as well as other subject areas, allowing Upper School students to make strong connections between subjects and their own lives.

The Upper School program includes class trips outside of the school and provides students with opportunities for internships in the local community. The goal of the Cascades Academy Upper School program is to successfully prepare students for the years ahead of them, both in college and beyond. Cascades Academy strives to create empathetic leaders, lifelong learners, critical, independent thinkers, and socially conscious individuals.

Cascades Academy proudly distinguishes itself by offering rigorous experiential curriculum that fosters critical thinking and hands-on learning. Students who choose to take AP exams consistently achieve top national scores. Cascades Academy is a Mastery Transcript Consortium sending school for the class of 2027.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
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* 3 Credits = Full Year Course

GRADING
A  93-100%
A-  90-92%
B+  87-89%
B   83-86%
B-  80-82%
C+  77-79%
C   73-76%
C-  70-72%
D+  67-69%
D   63-66%
D-  60-62%
F   Below 60%

Head of School: Julie Amberg
Upper School Head: Lauren Kelley
Upper School Enrollment: 54

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2023-2024 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE
Ignite Curiosity, Learn By Doing, Foster Belonging, Empower Individuality, Embrace Challenge, Share Joyfulness
IMPACT PROGRAMS

Impact Programs are four year-long courses anchored in developing student purpose. The program is the context through which the Upper School teaches social emotional learning and builds the character and integrity skills core to the portrait of a graduate.

SELF 101 & DIGITAL LITERACY
In the first year, students explore what it means to be an empowered, self-directed, self-aware student in the Upper School. In addition, students engage in the Digital Literacy course with the goal of enabling them to critically consume and analyze information.

COMMUNITY 101
Community 101 is a program designed to support sophomores in becoming engaged, socially-concerned, and responsible citizens. The class identifies social issues of concern, and through research, fundraising, and communication with an appropriate organization, ultimately awards organizations of their choice grant money to further their work.

TRAVELING SCHOOL
Twice a year the Cascades Academy Upper School travels to places directly related to different subject areas in their curriculum in order to learn experientially. Trips around the Pacific Northwest serve to teach students about our local region, including topics related to the social sciences, literature, writing, art, and science. Trips further away, such as Central America support not only these subjects but also complement the Spanish language program. Community connections and service learning are also prominent parts of this program.

HONORS PROJECT PROGRAM
The Honors Project is a program which provides any student in the Cascades Academy Upper School the chance to increase their academic challenge by creating a project based on a topic of interest. The topic chosen is directly related to a core course and mentored by the teacher of that course. When the Honors Project is successfully completed, the student receives an honors designation on their grade report and transcript.

MASTERY PROJECT
Every junior participates in a required eight-month (October – May) internship with a local organization to learn new skills from community-based experts. Students choose the internship based on personal or professional interest, working an average of two hours each week. Recent internships include journalism, healthcare, river restoration, architecture, and airplane mechanics.

LEGACY PROJECT
In their final year, students complete the Legacy Project, a service-oriented project that leaves a tangible benefit to the school community. Students work as a class to create their project, detail a timeline of the different tasks to be completed, choose mentors to help them through the process, draw up a business plan if fundraising or sales are involved, and design a culminating presentation that clearly displays the process of this project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CREATES ENGAGED LEARNERS
As a school that believes students ought not be siloed from the world — nor should the world be deprived of the power of young people — Cascades Academy students are meaningfully engaged with their community. Each Wednesday afternoon, the student body is off campus for Expeditions, six-week interdisciplinary programs taught in partnership with local experts and partners. Students learn about issues affecting their surrounding communities and actively participate in their response. Expeditions include areas like the Local Food Economy, International Culinary Arts, and Outdoor Stewardship & Recreation.
Since our first graduating class of 2005, Cascades Academy has had 75 graduates; 100% who applied were accepted to college. Alumni have been accepted at:

Albertson College
American University
Bard College
Benedictine College
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston University
California Polytechnic State University
Calvin University
Carroll College
Case Western University
Central Washington University
Chapman University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colby-Sawyer College
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Cornish School of Art
DePaul University
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
The Evergreen State College
George Fox University
Grinnell College
Humboldt State University
College of Idaho
John Cabot University
Kenyon College
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Loyola Marymount University
Lynchburg College
McDaniel University
Menlo College
Middlebury College
Montana State University
Naropa University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Colorado University
Oberlin College and Conservancy
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Oregon State University - Cascades
Oregon State University - Honors College
Pace University
Pacific Northwest College of Art
Pacific University
Portland State University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Santa Clara University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Southern Oregon State
Southern Utah University
Swarthmore College
University, St. John's College
St. Mary's College of California
Trinity College (Dublin)
Trinity University
University of Arizona
University of California Davis
University of California San Diego
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of Hawaii-Manoa
University of Idaho
University of Kansas
University of Michigan
University of Montana
University of Oregon
University of Oregon-Robert D. Clark Honors College
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rochester and Conservancy
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Texas-Austin
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Victoria, B.C.
University of Washington - Honors Program
University of Wyoming
Warran Wilson University
Washington State University
Westminster College
Whitman College
Willamette University
Williams College
Whitworth College
Xavier University