

Union Catholic

HIGH SCHOOL



UNION CATHOLIC ACADEMICS

SETTING THE PACE

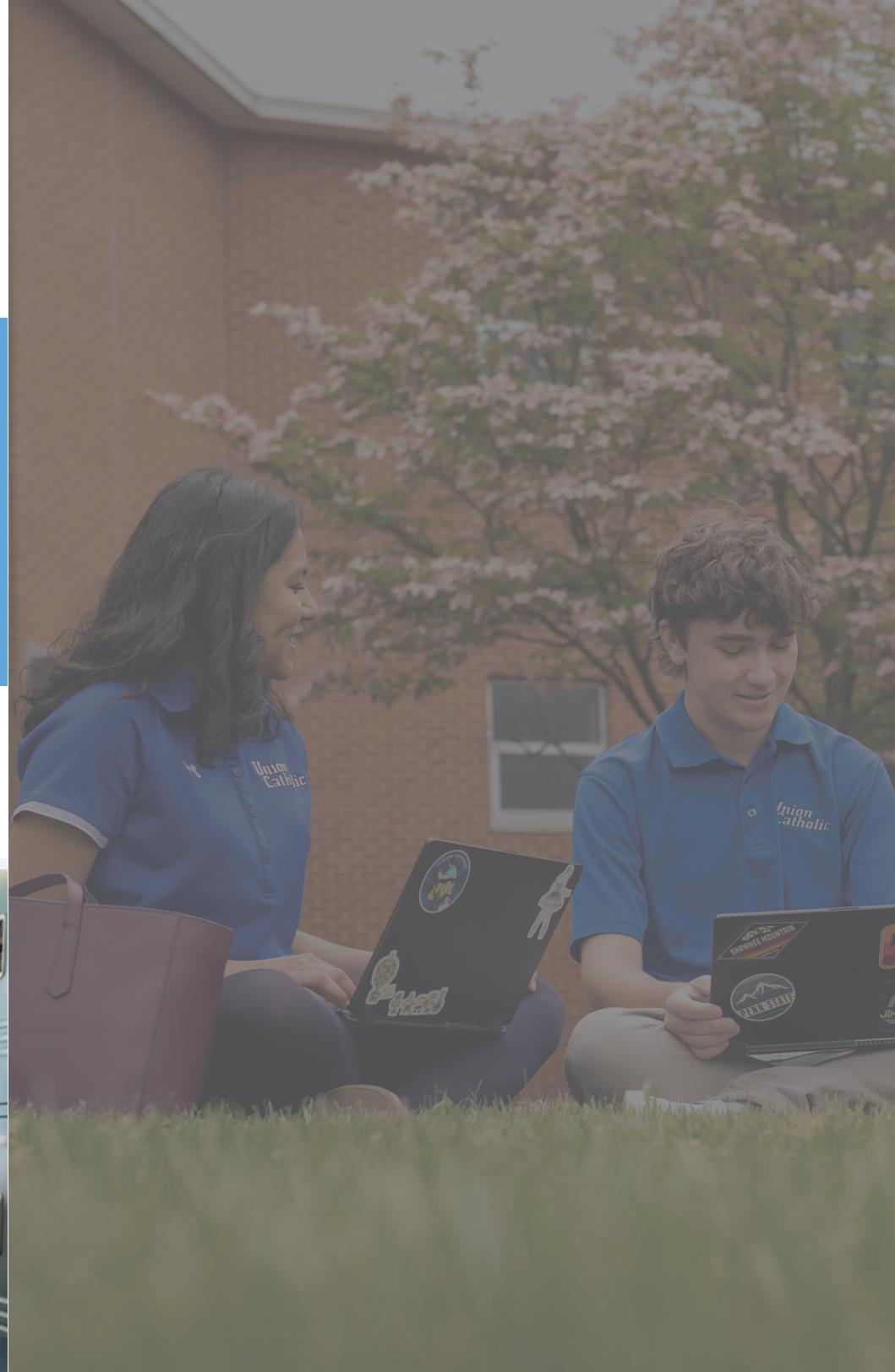
FOR YOUR FUTURE AND BEYOND

GREAT MINDS DON'T ALL THINK ALIKE

At UC, there's no such thing as a one-size-fits-all learning environment. Instead, every student embarks on an individual journey that's both challenging and rewarding.

UC students are the catalysts of their own learning, as teachers employ Universal Design Learning (UDL) to allow students to both set the pace and the course of their learning through engagement in topics of their own interest, both in and out of the classroom.

At Union Catholic, we don't just keep the pace, we set it; for the real, spiritual and virtual worlds.





STUDENTS REACH HIGHER WITH LEVELS OF LEARNING

Union Catholic High School recognizes and values each student as an individual learner. As such, our curriculum is arranged into six different learning levels that set us apart from other schools and encourages individual strengths to yield success from our Freshman Foundations Program for students who require added academic support to our Distinguished Scholars where students can earn college credits while still in high school.

Students are never “locked” into a specific learning level; rather, throughout a student’s high school career he/she can move between levels based on academic performance. High achievement in one level provides the potential for students to meet the prerequisites for a more challenging learning level the following academic year.

Our collaboration with Virtual High School provides the opportunity for students to take non-traditional courses such as Veterinary Medicine, Screenwriting and Latin, to name a few of the hundreds of possibilities!

UNION CATHOLIC GRADUATES ENJOY A 100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RATE!

WE GIVE YOUR CHILD THE RIGHT START.

The Freshman Foundations Program at Union Catholic High School was created to help academically struggling students, and those with an IEP or ISP learning classifications, build a strong skills foundation so they can succeed in high school and continue on to college.

- Limited to 30 freshman with a maximum of 15 students per class for individualized support
- Emphasis on strengthening “the basics”, as well as organizational, writing and study skills
- Comfortable learning pace, adapted curriculum materials, and regular skills assessments
- One dedicated school counselor assigned to Freshman Foundations students from Freshman through Senior Year
- Not a “forever” program – after freshman year, students can advance to higher level classes based on performance and teacher recommendation

Our Freshman Foundations Program gives students an inspiring school environment and the jump-start he/she needs to perform well and add college to a list of future accomplishments.



WE ‘DISTINGUISH’ OURSELVES FROM OTHER PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS

Union Catholic’s Distinguished Scholars Program is designed to challenge students with superior academic credentials. With accelerated level courses and an enriched, comprehensive curriculum, the program is a unique opportunity for students who have consistently scored at the top percentiles on standardized tests and have a strong academic record from 7th and 8th grades.

Beyond core classes, UC offers progressive elective courses at the Honors and Accelerated levels such as:

- *International Relations*
- *Developmental Psychology*
- *Organic and Biochemistry*
- *Computer Networking*
- *Philosophy*
- *Engineering*
- *Graphic Design*
- *Studio Art*
- *Digital Journalism*
- *Investing in the 21st Century*
- *Business and Personal Finance*
- *Criminology*
- *Law*
- *Digital Film*

Students in our Distinguished Scholars Program grow in our value-centered environment as they successfully balance a strong academic program with activities, athletics, leadership positions and community service.

UC IS ALWAYS AHEAD OF THE CURVE

Since the beginning of the millennium, Union Catholic has been recognized throughout the state of New Jersey as a pioneering Catholic High School, providing innovative and creative educational solutions while anticipating the quickly and ever-changing needs and expectations of the 21st century High School.



With a caring learning environment, our Catholic tradition enables our diverse student population to discover their individual gifts. With programs such as blended learning, flipped classroom and virtual high school, we not only challenge the minds of our students but we develop their unique talents and foster academic success.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY:

The UC Virtual Library places more than 16,000 sources of data at students' fingertips, making it easy to study and have fun to learn. At UC, students stay engaged.



This easy-to-use, cloud-based learning management system (LMS) brings together the digital tools that teachers and students use most often. It integrates seamlessly with hundreds of apps, making it easy to study and learn on all devices, anytime, anywhere.



This modern video communications tool includes a cloud based platform for audio and video conferencing, chat and webinars, making it easy to teach and learn on all devices, any time, anywhere.



The Synergy ParentVUE and StudentVUE portals provide secure, private, web and mobile access to student information, including current and historical grades and attendance data. Parents have one login and students have a separate login. The open grade book feature enables students and parents to monitor performance on individual tasks, including homework, quizzes, tests and labs, throughout the marking period.



The UC School Counseling Department has introduced NAVIANCE to the Union Catholic community. A comprehensive college & career planning solution, Naviance optimizes student success and connects what students do in the classroom to their future life goals. In addition to scholarship searches, students research colleges and careers based on their individual strengths, skills, and interests.



The Virtual High School partnership allows UC students to choose from over 250 online courses.

*Dual Enrollment: Fairleigh Dickinson University
All of UC's Advanced Placement courses are available for dual-enrollment (high school and college credit) through Fairleigh Dickinson University's Middle College Program. Students who complete these courses successfully can transfer credit to the college of their choice.*



*Dual Enrollment: St. Thomas Aquinas College
Our arrangement with St. Thomas Aquinas College enables honor level students to study English 101 and 102 for high school and college credit.*



AT UC, WE INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Graduates of Union Catholic will thrive in the real, spiritual and virtual worlds. As a result of a quality education in a faith-based environment, students are provided the tools they need to succeed in college and beyond.

Academically, UC is committed to a life-long learning process and recognizes the need to also educate our students in communication, collaboration, and innovation alike. Students will utilize analytical, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.



Through having lived out our core values of community, compassion, honesty, respect and responsibility our graduates will be able to maintain a moral compass for making future decisions. This will also allow them to respond to the challenge of becoming all God calls them to be and be able to fully commit to helping those in need while making a positive difference in the world.

At UC our students develop their own special talents, gifts and abilities allowing them to be productive citizens and encourage others to be the same. We enable students go out into the world as stewards of God's creation, demonstrate global responsibility and respect diverse views and beliefs.



THE UC SPIRIT OF SUPPORT!

Every student is uniquely important. UC makes it our mission to provide individual support for each and every one of our students. With the leadership in our School Counseling Department and Peer Tutoring Program we are able to offer the following:

- Comprehensive College Advising
- College and Career related field trips
- On-campus College Fair
- Academic, Personal and Career Counseling
- Social, Emotional and Academic Assemblies
- Naviance Planning, support and guidance
- Peer Tutoring before, during and after school.

Union Catholic prioritizes anytime, anywhere education with forward thinking classrooms and curriculum that prepare students for the 21st century. Going beyond the walls of the traditional classroom, students are invited to become global learners and prepare for their future!

A FORWARD THINKING EDUCATION

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