



# INNOVATORS FIND PASSIONS AND RUN WITH THEM

## THE GATEWAY HONORS DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Highlighting the SRDS commitments to the love of learning and intellectual risk-taking, our Gateway Honors Diploma Program offers select students the opportunity to explore their academic passions on a deeper level. Through professional field experience and faculty mentorship, this advanced study program culminates in a strong portfolio of accomplishments.

### WHO

Upper School students may choose a Gateway Honors Diploma track at the end of 9th grade and in 10th grade. (This program is not required for all students.)

### WHEN

Between 10th and 12th grade, students complete required coursework, extra-curricular activities, field experience and presentation development. As early as the spring of 11th grade, students complete their projects so they can showcase to colleges such as Northwestern, Notre Dame, Princeton and NYU.

### WHAT

Working with faculty and field mentors, students undertake career-focused academic coursework and experiential learning centered around a research question of their choice within a diploma track and pathway. By their senior year, students share and defend their research and findings at an exposition event.

### WHY

Students complete a Gateway Honors Diploma because their passions motivate them. They want to explore and express their career-based interests and feel ready for the rigor and challenge this program offers.

### WHERE

Students complete coursework at SRDS and field experience on site.

## DIPLOMA TRACKS

### ARTS DIPLOMA

Visual Arts, Music, Theater

### HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT DIPLOMA

Humanities, Global Citizenship,  
Civic Engagement

### INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DIPLOMA

STEAM, Medical, Entrepreneurship



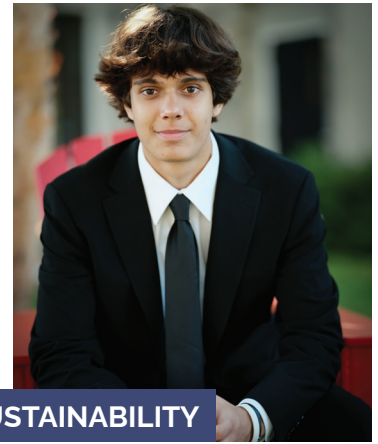
Pre-K 3 to Grade 12  
Saddle River, NJ • 201-327-4050

LEARN MORE AT [WWW.SADDLERIVERDAY.ORG/GATEWAYDIPLOMAS](http://WWW.SADDLERIVERDAY.ORG/GATEWAYDIPLOMAS)



### Stacey Explores Artistic Expression

Stacey Pak '25 is devoted to expressing human emotion through her art. She is developing a series of mixed media visual art pieces, each of which will be inspired by a single emotion. Her work is centered around the research question, "How can you convey a person's feelings through visual art?" She plans to enter her work into exhibition at a studio space or a college gallery.



### MAX INVESTED IN SUSTAINABILITY

Maximilian Rathod '24 wanted to make a positive impact on the environment. After research that included a Harvard course on the impact of regulations on climate change and interviews with an investment banker and the CEO of India Climate Collaborative, he invested in five sustainable companies. His portfolio outperformed the S&P 500.

Max is now attending Villanova Business School.

# CHALLENGING THEMSELVES IN EVERY WAY



### FAITH CODES TO SAVE LIVES

Faith Williamson '25 has computer programmed a design tool for the PCR testing process as she investigates employing technology to reduce the impact of infectious disease. Faith also plays for the SRDS varsity girls basketball team, a nine-time Bergen County champion.

### DAVID GOT DOWN TO BUSINESS

DAVID HAN '24 RESEARCHED, OPENED AND GREW HIS OWN SMALL BUSINESS, LEARNING HOW TO INCORPORATE HIS LLC AND FILE TAXES.

David now attends Babson College.



### RECENT GATEWAY HONORS DIPLOMA RESEARCH PROPOSALS

#### Medical

*To what extent does plastic affect human health in the medical industry, and how can we change to using bioplastics?*

#### STEAM

*How can we best design infrastructure for the common good?*

#### Civic Engagement

*How can we improve our democratic and economic systems?*

#### Humanities

*How does music impact brain function in autistic individuals?*