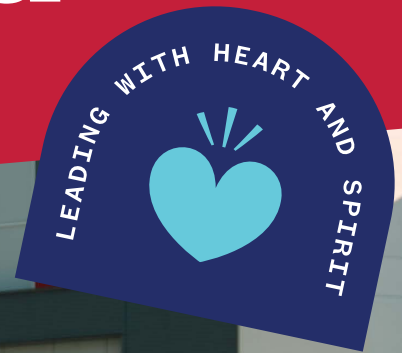


Lead, Learn, and Succeed

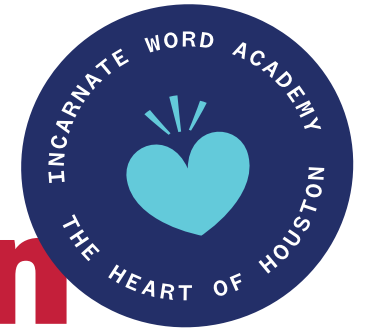


INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

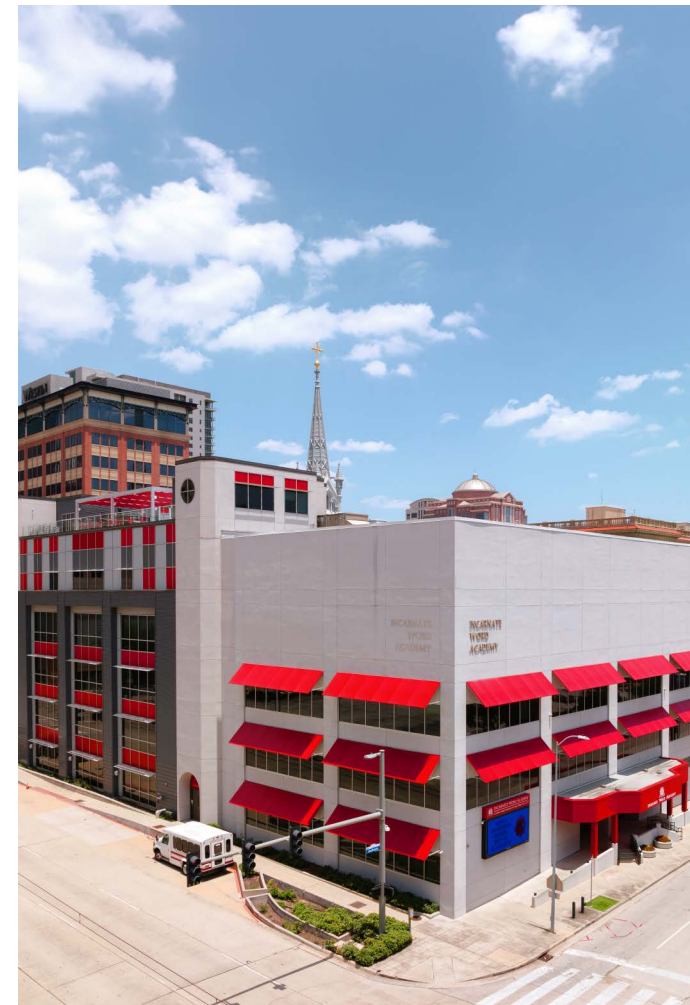


DISCOVER

The Heart of Houston



Incarnate Word Academy was founded in 1873 by a group of trailblazing Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament from France.



The women answered a call to provide a rigorous, well-balanced education emphasizing Gospel values in the heart of Houston, at 609 Crawford Street. With that mission, IWA became Houston's first Catholic school, and the Sisters' innovative spirit defines our school's DNA to this day.

AT INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY, WE PREPARE STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND GIVE EVERY STUDENT A CHANCE TO FIND HER GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL AND PASSION.

Our accomplished faculty take an interest in student success. Our curriculum offers strong college prep courses, as well as engaging programs in subjects such as Engineering, Forensic Science, Robotics, and World Languages to spark students' minds. Our Young Leaders Program empowers students to lead and serve in their community.

IWA graduates excel in colleges throughout the United States and abroad and join a 150-year legacy of alumnae affecting positive change in the world.

18

AP Courses

4

Dual Credit
Courses

5

Endorsements



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9

Sports

BASKETBALL
CROSS COUNTRY | GOLF
SOCCER | SOFTBALL
SWIMMING | TENNIS
TRACK AND FIELD
VOLLEYBALL



6

Arts

FINE ARTS | IMPACT DANCE
YEARBOOK | CHOIR | BAND
THEATRE



The Heart of Leadership



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For students to be successful in a rapidly changing world, they need to be confident communicators and collaborators. Our Young Leaders Program empowers each student at IWA to become authentic, bold servant leaders.

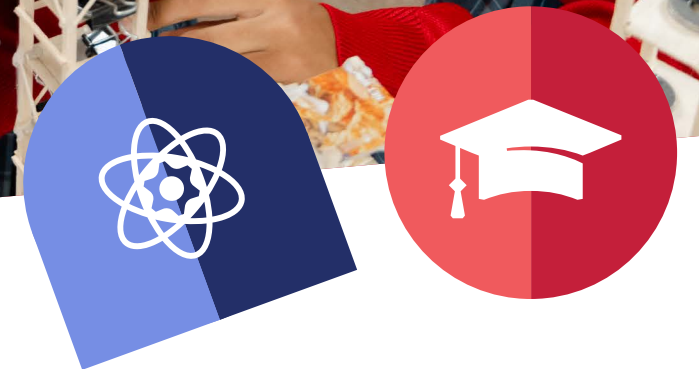
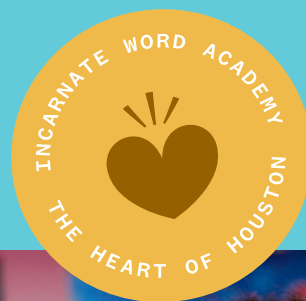
The program combines innovative, project-based classes with co-curricular opportunities that allow students to practice and develop a variety of leadership skills. Throughout their four years, in a series of Leadership courses, students learn about the heart and character of a true leader, as well as the basics of finance and business, to develop the qualities and skills for a life of leadership. They even launch a start-up that showcases the skills they have learned such as public speaking, self-advocacy, and collaboration.

As the first high school in the nation to offer the AP Capstone in Leadership, our students grow as independent thinkers while understanding other perspectives.

The Young Leaders Program celebrates student leadership endeavors through two special honors that students can earn before graduation. These honors encourage students to pursue their interests, develop their talents, and make a positive difference in their communities. Students who achieve these honors are doing more than building their resumes—they are participating in meaningful activities and reflecting thoughtfully on their leadership journey.

STUDENTS MASTER LEADERSHIP SKILLS THROUGH CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY.

The Heart of STEM and Academics



Stroll down hallways at “The 609” on any day to find forensics students cracking a “crime” scene, anatomy and biology students dissecting crawfish, engineering students programming robots, computer science students creating websites, or physics students practicing magic tricks via Newton’s Law.

Hands-on, exciting classes are one reason that more than half of IWA graduates pursue STEM majors in colleges. As Physics teacher Dr. Daponte says, “Here at IWA, we don’t talk about science; we DO science!”

THE CONFIDENCE AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED HERE PROMPT STUDENTS TO PUSH THEMSELVES INTO MAJORS AND CAREERS THEY NEVER IMAGINED BEFORE IWA.

Likewise, our core subjects like English, History, and World Languages promote lively hands-on learning.

To encourage rigor and even reduce college costs, we offer 18 AP courses, five endorsements, and four Dual Credit courses.

In 2023 and 2024, IWA earned the AP Honor Roll Platinum Recognition and the AP Access Award.

The Heart of Creativity



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Exposure to the arts is critical to the development of each student. From award-winning Fine Arts, Impact Dance, Yearbook, and Choir, Band, and Theatre, IWA's robust arts offerings have existed since the school's earliest years.

THE ARTS NOT ONLY HELP STUDENTS DISCOVER THEIR GOD-GIVEN TALENTS, THEY ARE A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS CAN EXPRESS THEMSELVES, FIND JOY, APPRECIATE DIVERSITY, AND PRACTICE COLLABORATION.

Many IWA arts programs are enriched by participation with our "brother" schools. Students from Strake Jesuit and St. Thomas High School can be seen on stage in Falcon Theatre productions. Our Choir shares seasonal concerts with St. Thomas High School's Choir, our students participate in the St. Thomas High School Band, and our Impact Dance team lights up halftime at St. Thomas High School football games.

The Heart of Champions



IWA's athletics program teaches students to be champions on and off the field.

With nine different sports, athletics provides a great way to meet new friends, develop skills, become a leader, and build grit and resilience. Some of our players go on to compete at the next level, and all of our athletes learn how to incorporate wellness and good sportsmanship into their lives.

To provide our athletes with top-notch facilities, and in light of our downtown location, our programs share resources with Rice University, the University of Houston, St. Thomas High School, and Hermann Park Golf Course. Court sports, such as volleyball and basketball, are played in our state-of-the-art gymnasium.

- BASKETBALL** | IWA
- CROSS COUNTRY** | St. Thomas High School
- GOLF** | Hermann Park Golf Course
- SOCCER** | Rice Recreation Field
- SOFTBALL** | Diez Park
- SWIMMING** | University of Houston Natatorium
- TENNIS** | MacGregor Park
- TRACK AND FIELD** | St. Thomas High School
- VOLLEYBALL** | IWA

In addition to school sports, many of our students participate in the **cheerleading** program at St. Thomas High School.

The Heart of Spirituality



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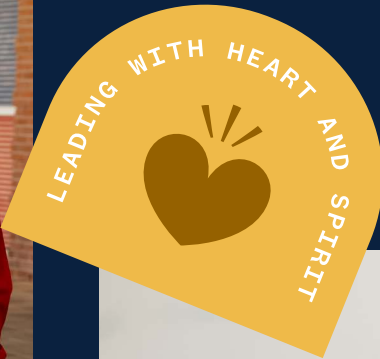
Our student-led campus ministry team is guided by our campus minister, but leadership also comes straight from the students. From planning retreats to coordinating mission trips, prayer services, and all-school events, students are in the driver's seat in living out their faith.

Students grow together as a class on retreats each year and develop leadership and character skills through our Service Learning Program. Students can earn up to 75 service hours through campus ministry projects.

Theology classes, taken each year, encourage students to learn about their faith and to embrace incarnational spirituality. The four-year curriculum includes study in scripture, sacramental theology, Catholic social teaching, world religions, morality, and faith formation.

IWA WELCOMES STUDENTS OF ALL FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERY STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN LITURGIES, RETREATS, AND PRAYER SERVICES, AS WELL AS SHARING BELIEFS TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING.

The Heart of College Prep



IWA’s College Counseling Department gets to the heart of the college application process by focusing on the “3 Ps”—passion, purpose, and a plan.

Students work one-on-one with a college counselor throughout their four years to make purposeful course selections and extracurricular decisions.

Students develop academic records and resumes that reflect their unique journeys as learners and leaders. The college counseling program affords opportunities for students to visit colleges, meet with admissions representatives, attend summer programs, and apply for scholarships. Most importantly, Incarnate Word Academy empowers students to lead the way to finding

their right college fit, including the best financial fit. Our class of 2024 closed out the year with a school record of \$15.5 million in scholarships for 70 students.

THROUGH THIS INDIVIDUALIZED FOUR-YEAR PROCESS, STUDENTS DISCOVER THEIR STRENGTHS AND INTERESTS, WHICH HELPS THEM LEARN MORE ABOUT THEMSELVES, THEIR GIFTS, AND WHICH COLLEGES WILL BEST LAUNCH THEM ON THEIR NEXT STEP OF EDUCATION AND CAREERS.

The Heart of Sisterhood

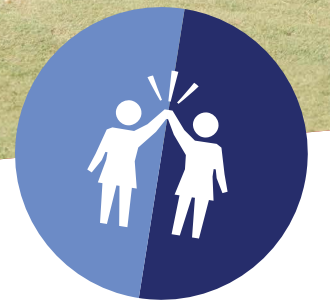


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Sisterhood is not a marketing phrase at IWA, it's a lived experience.
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The sisterhood here is real... it builds confidence and optimism...these girls will be at my wedding!
”



“Students give each other pep talks as we walk the hall before tests. This environment builds confidence, and so you think, ‘I don't know if I can do this, but I am going to try!’”

SISTERHOOD IS THE REAL DEAL AT IWA.

That bond of sisterhood is forged through intentional activities throughout the year: Falcon Families that unite students from all four grades during Spirit Week, Student Council projects, school-sponsored dances, and celebrations and assemblies each fall and spring.

IWA alumnae stay connected to one another and to the Academy. They gather for annual get-togethers and join events with alums from the other Catholic high schools. Alumnae return to campus to speak at College Day and Career Day, giving back to the school and teachers who played a role in their success. And of course, they return to “The 609” to relive memories of their high school years.

The Heart of Houston



Our downtown location at 609 Crawford offers quick access to the George R. Brown Convention Center for unique educational experiences and field trips, the nearby Theater District to see performing arts, and even the occasional picnic or science experiment at Discovery Green.

At Incarnate Word Academy, students enjoy all the amenities of a vibrant downtown location in the 4th-largest city in the United States.

SIX REASONS IWA'S DOWNTOWN ADDRESS IS AN IDEAL HIGH SCHOOL DESTINATION:

- 1 Close proximity to the Central Business District and Texas Medical Center to allow for daytime opportunities to attend your daughter's special moments;
- 2 Use of HOV lanes when traveling freeways;
- 3 Built-in commute time for quality conversations with your daughter;
- 4 Convenient drop-off and pick-up, accessible from every major roadway;
- 5 Downtown destinations that function as an extension of our campus;
- 6 Perfectly placed for after-school family outings to baseball games, a show at the Hobby Center, or a family dinner at Houston's best restaurants.



MISSION

Incarnate Word Academy provides young women with a Catholic college preparatory education, helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus, the Incarnate Word, and live according to His values.

We employ our three cornerstones of academics, values, and spirituality to educate young women in preparation for college and to assist each of them in growing in her relationship with Jesus, the Incarnate Word. Our dedicated faculty inspires our students to work hard, be creative, and continue learning outside of the curriculum. Our diverse student body cares for and supports each other on their journey through high school, making friendships that last a lifetime.

DON'T MISS A BEAT

Apply Today!



Discover how you can thrive at Incarnate Word Academy. Apply today, schedule a tour, or join us for Open House. Register at incarnateword.org/admissions.

For questions or more information, please email admissions@incarnateword.org.

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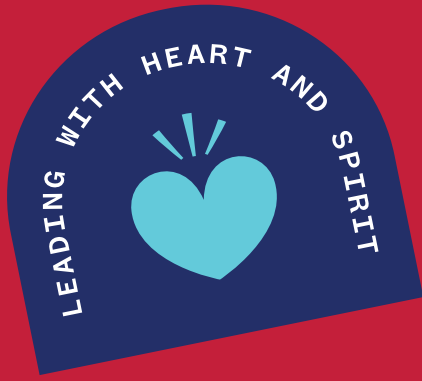
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