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MAHONEY '67
HONORS ACADEMY

In an increasingly competitive college admissions market, Stepinac's rigorous Honors Academy Program opens the door to the most prestigious colleges and universities. Define your future with a Stepinac education.



Renzo Apsarton '26 Academy of Engineering

» Through the Engineering Honors Academy, I explored a range of engineering disciplines, an experience that helped me discover where my interests and strengths aligned and ultimately shaped the path I chose to pursue in college. My favorite classes were University Calculus and Engineering Honors because my teachers challenged me to think critically and solve complex problems. One of the most rewarding experiences was my senior Capstone project, where I researched, designed, and created Kinetic Energy Harvesting Tiles. It gave me the opportunity to apply three years of learning to a real-world engineering challenge. **The Academy's rigorous, project-based education made me a stronger student, a more competitive college applicant, and ultimately led me to Northeastern University. It prepared me to thrive in Northeastern's experiential learning environment.** The Honors Academy didn't just prepare me for college—it laid the foundation for my future.



Ryan Connors '27 Academy of Economics & Finance

» I chose the Finance & Economics Honors Academy to explore future fields of work that I am interested in. This academy has given me opportunities to prepare professional presentations, improve my public speaking, and earn Bloomberg certification. **One particularly impactful project was the Internal Assessment (IA) in my business management class, where I analyzed a real-world company, Walt Disney Co., and examined how their financials were influenced by recent challenges, such as the wildfires.** Looking ahead, I'm excited to take College Accounting because I'm interested in pursuing accounting or investment banking. This dual enrollment course at Stepinac will provide college credit and preparation for college at my top choices of Notre Dame, Villanova, and Duke.



Oisin Stack '28 Academy of Law

» I set out, from a young age, with a dream to be a lawyer. Coming to Stepinac, was seemingly a “no brainer” and to apply to the Law Honors Academy. It was the only place for me to achieve my dream. Our project-based learning helps me to develop my research and writing skills, challenges me to be academically stronger, and gives me a greater understanding of the world when collaborating with others. **I found that the combination of challenge and course substance of my classes has set me up for my career.** The most desirable aspect of the Law Academy would be the appeal of learning, and understanding not only my rights as a citizen, but also the different facets, and intricacies of laws and legal writings from professors with experience working in the legal field. I know I will be prepared for collegiate programs in political science, international relations, and pre-law at my top choices of Princeton, Georgetown, Duke, Cambridge, and Oxford.



Ebinoseta Ifidon '29 Academy of Health Sciences

» I've always been curious about how the human body works. Seeing the impact my parent makes as a healthcare professional inspired me to pursue a career in medicine so I can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. This interest is what drew me to Stepinac's Health Sciences Honors Academy. **I have the opportunity to learn through advanced technology like the Anatomage Table and life-size patient simulator while also gaining real-world experience through Stepinac's partnerships with Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and New York Medical College.** I'm excited to take Epidemiology and Microbiology to deepen my understanding of how diseases develop, spread, and impact people. These experiences will help build the knowledge and skills needed for a future in medicine. I chose Stepinac because it combines academic challenge, hands-on learning, and a supportive community. It's the kind of environment that will help me grow both as a student and as a person.

College Research In junior year, all academy students participate in an academic research symposium. They study an issue of local, national, or global concern and present their findings to a panel of academicians and industry professionals. Recent topics included Food Insecurity, Infrastructure, Climate Change, Water Contamination, and Assistive Technology Innovation.

“ **A primary goal of the Honors Academy is to empower students to see the relationship between their academy studies and their application to the real world.**

FRANK PORTANOVA

Vice Principal for Curriculum and Academic Studies

STEPINAC'S HONORS ACADEMY

— the first-of-its-kind in the region — is a three-year personalized small learning program, designed to expose high achieving students in our honors program to advanced study in academic disciplines leading to potential careers. Honors students with a cumulative average of 90% or higher in their freshman year must apply for acceptance with parental knowledge and support.

“Our Honors Academy will help foster the development of skills that the honors students need to become globally competitive at the college level and beyond,” Paul Carty, Principal.

It is our goal to use this program to help students discern their interest in potential course of study at the university level. Students invited into The Honors Academy will select one of the following academies. This is just a sample of courses offered:



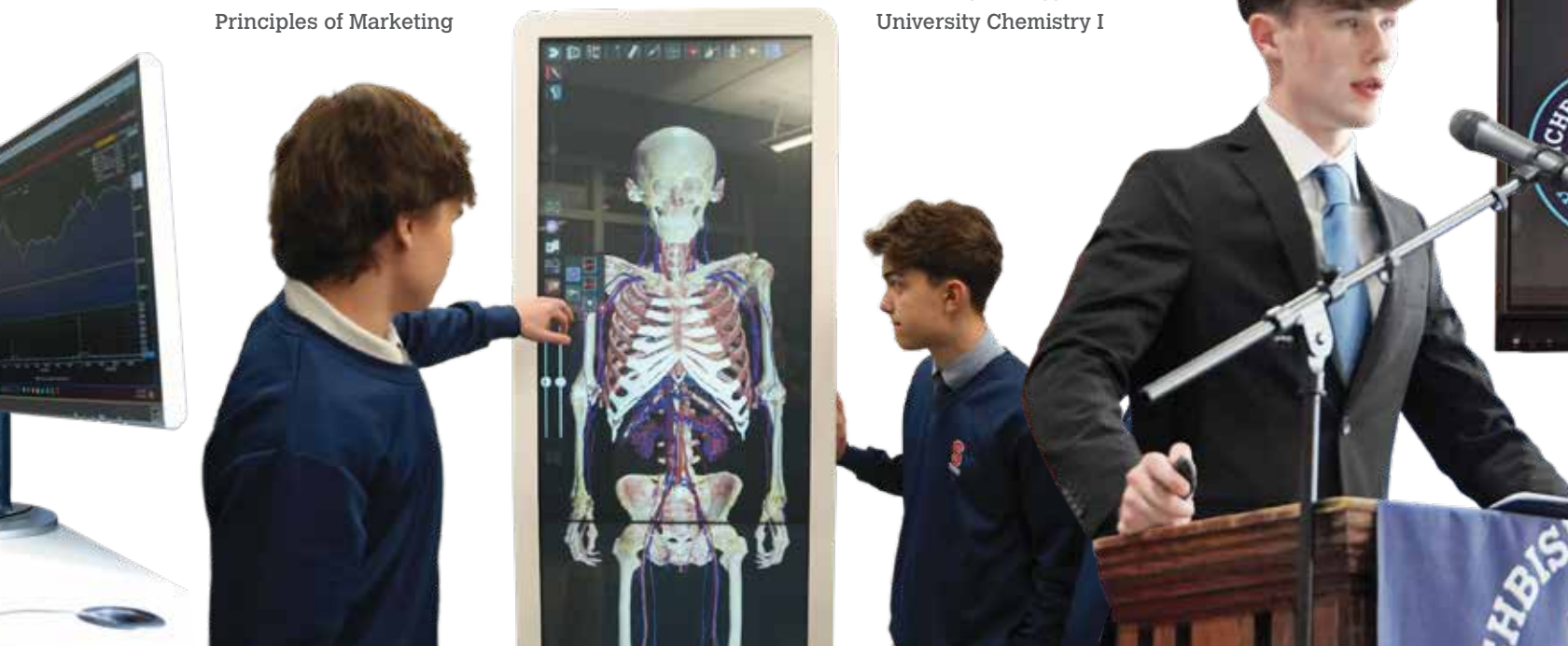
College Preparation The goal of The Honors Academy is to better prepare students for their college major by providing a curriculum based on undergraduate university core courses in each of the chosen concentrations. Through this concentration, students will develop and use complex algorithms to explore the major theories and principles associated with each discipline. Through this focus, students will see the relationship between their academy studies and their application to the real world.

» ECONOMICS & FINANCE

Applied Statistics
 Behavioral Science of Business
 Bloomberg Financial Market Concepts Certification
 Business Management
 College Accounting
 Decentralized Finance
 Finance: Corporate, Personal, Global
 Finance Research
 Foundations of Entrepreneurship
 Investment Banking
 Macroeconomics
 Microeconomics
 Principles of Marketing

» HEALTH SCIENCES (MEDICINE)

Applied Statistics
 Advanced Patient Care
 Anatomy & Physiology
 Behavioral Neuroscience
 Biochemistry
 Bioethics
 Epidemiology
 Genetics
 Microbiology
 Science Research
 Thermodynamics
 University Biology I
 University Chemistry I



Real World Experience The Honors Academy culminates with an internship and a final capstone research project with presentation. All students are assigned a faculty member as well as an outside industry expert in the fields of Engineering, Health Sciences, Finance & Economics, and Law. Through these relationships students will have maximum exposure to numerous resources including work-based learning.

» LAW

American Government & Politics
Business Law
Constitutional Law
Criminal Procedure
Introduction to Public Policy
Legal Reading
Legal Research
Legal Writing
Lawyering Seminar
Tort Law

» ENGINEERING

Architecture (3D Modeling)
Computer Automated Design (CAD)
Computer Programming I & II
(MatLab, Python, JAVA, Javascript)
College Physics I & II
Engineering Research
Principles of Engineering I & II
Project Management & Design
Thermodynamics
University Calculus I & II



College Success Upon completion of the three year program, students will receive a special distinction on their diplomas to indicate graduation from The Honors Academy. In an increasingly competitive college admissions market, it is important that Stepinac continues on its path of innovative learning to ensure students remain highly competitive and prepared at the post-secondary level.



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