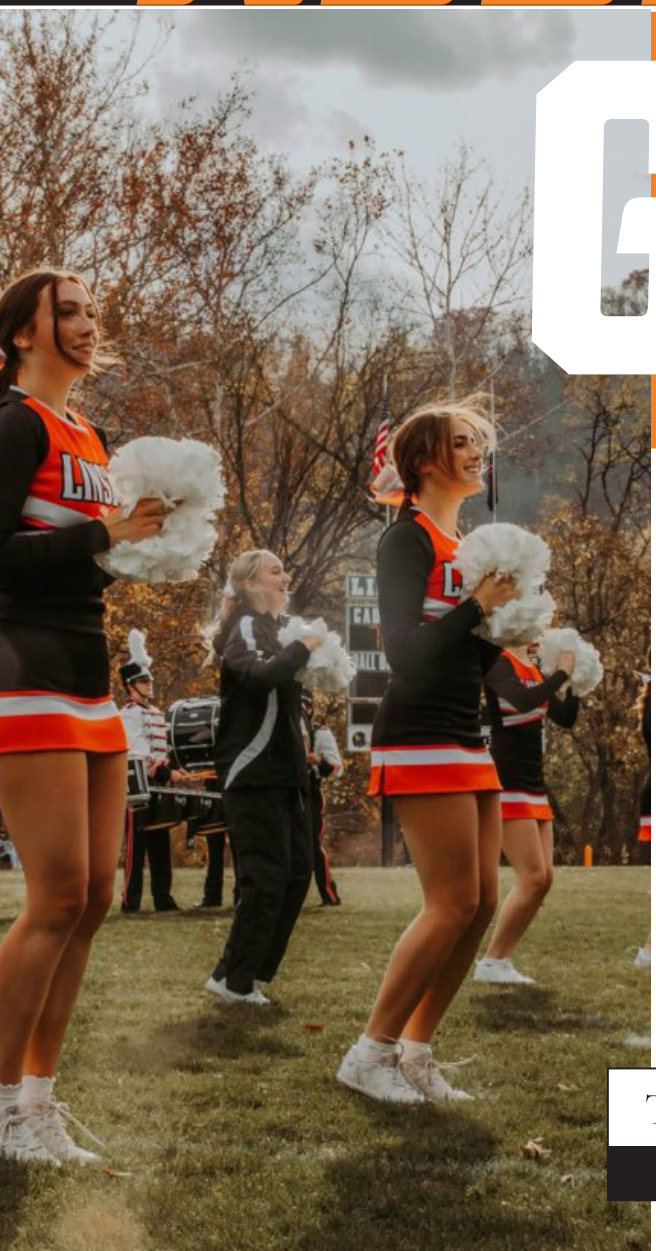
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The Linsly School

KEEP GOING.



DO WHAT YOU CAN, WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, WHERE YOU ARE.

—Theodore Roosevelt



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LEARN LEAD LIVE



Welcome to Linsly

The Linsly School is the oldest college preparatory school west of the Allegheny Mountains. Located in Wheeling, West Virginia, Linsly is an independent day and boarding school.



Our Mission

The Linsly School promotes academic excellence, inspires lifelong learning, develops future leaders, and emphasizes character development.



Linsly By The Numbers

1814 FOUNDED | ENROLLMENT **417**

GRADES **5-12** | FACULTY **74**

11 AP COURSES

STUDENTS FROM **24** COUNTRIES & **7** U.S. STATES

$5M IN FINANCIAL AID

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE **10** | **25** FACULTY RESIDING ON CAMPUS | **4** DORMITORIES

FACULTY TO STUDENT RATIO **1:6**

100% FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RATE

DRIVING DISTANCES

Pittsburgh, PA	1 HOUR
Morgantown, WV	1.5 HOURS
Columbus, OH	2 HOURS
Cleveland, OH	2.5 HOURS
Washington, D.C.	5 HOURS



Leadership Opportunities

The James F. Companion Leadership Institute The James F. Companion Leadership Institute is a new program for all Linsly Upper School students which offers a four-year curriculum in a seminar and workshop format. The program is named in honor of Mr. James F. Companion, who has provided legal services to Linsly for more than 40 years, and is financially supported by members of his family and friends. The curriculum develops leadership skills to prepare students for a life of success and significance while also equipping them to be impactful and productive members of a college or university setting. Seminars and workshops are taught by Linsly instructors, but also frequently utilize guest speakers, and help students better understand how their actions, habits, and mindset will influence their success when learning, collaborating, leading, and interacting with people of diverse backgrounds.

Prefect System The prefect system is a form of student government and leadership. It is comprised of outstanding seniors and a limited number of exceptional juniors. The prefect system is active in every phase of life at Linsly. Prefects assist new students in their adjustment to Linsly, and they act as liaisons between students and faculty. Prefects serve in this way as an extension of the faculty and administration. Through regular meetings with the administration and faculty, they help plan social and educational activities for the school.

National Honor Society Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a high school student. Selection for membership is based on outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities. To be eligible for membership, students must be a member of a second semester tenth grade, eleventh grade, or twelfth grade class and must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester.

Middle School Leadership Council (MSLC) The Middle School Leadership Council is an active student group within the middle school who works closely with the Middle School Dean to guide the student body of Linsly's core values of citizenship, respect, integrity, courage, responsibility, and perseverance. This group is the primary student leadership group in the Middle School and it is comprised of 8th graders who have demonstrated scholarship and character and have been inducted into Linsly's chapter of NJHS. Members must model Linsly's core values consistently throughout the school year.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Membership in local chapters is an honor bestowed upon a middle school student. Selection for membership is based on outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship.

Resident Assistant (RA) Each dormitory has a group of selected individuals whom, in the consensus of the dorm heads, exemplify what it means to be a boarding student at Linsly. The role of the RA is to be a resource for both new and returning students, as well as to help foster a strong sense of community within their halls and the on campus community as a whole.

Athletics

UPPER SCHOOL — GRADES 9-10-11-12

	GIRLS	BOYS
Fall	CHEERLEADING CROSS COUNTRY GOLF SOCCER VOLLEYBALL	CROSS COUNTRY FOOTBALL GOLF SOCCER
Winter	BASKETBALL BOWLING CHEERLEADING HOCKEY SWIMMING	BASKETBALL BOWLING HOCKEY SWIMMING WRESTLING
Spring	SOFTBALL TENNIS TRACK	BASEBALL LACROSSE TENNIS TRACK

MIDDLE SCHOOL — GRADES 5-6-7-8

	GIRLS	BOYS
Fall	CROSS COUNTRY 7 8 SOCCER 5 6 7 8 VOLLEYBALL 7 8 GOLF 7 8	CROSS COUNTRY 7 8 FOOTBALL 5 6 7 8 SOCCER 5 6 7 8 GOLF 7 8
Winter	BASKETBALL 5 6 7 8 HOCKEY 6 7 8 SWIMMING 5 6 7 8	BASKETBALL 5 6 7 8 HOCKEY 6 7 8 SWIMMING 5 6 7 8 WRESTLING 6 7 8
Spring	TRACK 6 7 8	TRACK 6 7 8





Arts

- Advanced Art
- Art Appreciation
- Ballet
- Ceramics
- Chorus
- Marching Band
- Music Appreciation
- Orchestra
- School Plays
- Stage Band
- Studio Art
- Theater Arts
- Theater, Dance, Speech







Unique To Linsly

Head of School's Performance List (HPL)
To earn HPL, students must excel in the following areas:

Citizenship - Maintain a positive attitude and contribute to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Respect - Act kind, accept differences, and exhibit empathy.

Integrity - Complete your work, be honest, and trustworthy.

Courage - Remain confident in one's abilities, ask questions, and communicate openly.

Responsibility - Maintain focus, organization, complete assignments and tasks as assigned, adhere to deadlines, and submit quality work.

Perseverance - Give your best effort, be persistent, and show a willingness to grow from mistakes.

Advisee Program Each student is assigned an advisor with whom they meet daily to discuss goals and other issues related to a student's Linsly experience.

Senior Research Essay The writing process at Linsly culminates in the senior research project in which students independently research a contemporary topic of interest and prepare a thorough thesis as a means of engaging that topic.

Extravaganza The Linsly Extravaganza is an annual tradition that dates back more than 80 years! This all school variety show takes place at the historic downtown Wheeling Capitol Theatre and involves every student and faculty member in the school.

No Cut / No Quit Comprehensive in nature, the Linsly experience extends well beyond the requirements of the classroom. Linsly encourages students to develop their physical skills and realize individual interests through a well-managed program of athletics and extracurricular activities. Linsly's no cut/no quit policy ensures a spot for all students on athletic teams and requires them to honor their commitments. A respect for competition and sportsmanship, an appreciation for sound physical health, and a willingness to persevere through challenges are values promoted throughout Linsly's athletic program.

Middle School STEAM All Linsly Middle School students participate in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) experience that focuses on interdisciplinary project-based and collaborative learning. The STEAM curriculum introduces real-world scenarios and develops critical thinking, communication, and problem solving skills.

College Counseling

The college counseling process at Linsly is a comprehensive program that focuses on the college search, financial aid, scholarships, testing, and the college application and selection process.

Each year, 100% of Linsly seniors are accepted and matriculate to four-year colleges and universities. Recent Linsly graduates attend prestigious schools all over the country, including: American, Boston University, Brown University, Clemson University, Dickinson College, Elon University, Georgetown University, High Point University, Marietta College, Miami University, New York University, Northwestern University, Swarthmore College, University of Southern California, Vanderbilt University, and the College of William and Mary.

Finding the best college or university to match each individual student's needs and interests is the ambition of the college counseling office. Mrs. Penny Cunningham, the Director of College Counseling, conducts a comprehensive program with students throughout their upper school careers. She advises them on the college search process, financial aid, testing, and the college application and selection process.

In addition to individual meetings with students and parents, a major part of our college admissions assistance is college counseling which is done in conjunction with the Naviance Family Connection program. This web-based program allows students to research colleges and scholarships, practice for standardized testing, and experience a personality assessment that ties to an extensive career listing and much more. Students receive login information for the Naviance program beginning in freshman year and begin meeting with Mrs. Cunningham on a more regular basis at that time. The college counseling process is also an important aspect of The James F. Companion Leadership Institute curriculum. This is a terrific opportunity for seniors to work in small groups on specific college-related topics, to have hands-on work time for college applications, and to ask any questions about the process. Overall, the college search and selection process at Linsly is very personalized. The combination of Mrs. Cunningham, the Linsly faculty, the Naviance Program and The James F. Companion Leadership Institute empowers students with the understanding of their academic and personal priorities when selecting an institution of higher learning.



Travel Opportunities

Learning extends beyond the classroom at Linsly, with many opportunities for students to travel domestically and internationally. Middle School students enjoy trips that are part of a cross-curricular program allowing an immersive educational experience, including: 5th and 6th grade day trip to Pittsburgh Museum in the spring; 5th grade trip to Gettysburg, PA; 6th grade day trip to Phipps Conservatory in the fall; 7th grade overnight spring trip to Cincinnati, OH; and 8th grade overnight spring trip to Washington, D.C. These trips are part of Linsly's Experiential Outdoor Program (EOP) that uses hands-on activities to illustrate the individual's development of self-esteem, trust and teamwork. Through our World Language Department, students also have an opportunity to travel abroad to many countries throughout Europe, including trips to Italy, Greece, France, Germany, and more.

Meet Lindsay Lenz



CLASS OF 2020

Lindsay graduated Summa Cum Laude from West Virginia University with a degree in Psychology. She went on to earn her Master of Science in Industrial Relations and Human Resources from WVU's John Chambers College of Business and Economics.

"My education at Linsly truly has been my foundation as I have pursued higher education. My 7 years there gave me so much! I learned time management, organization, study skills and gained lifelong friendships. Linsly taught me how to properly take notes, annotate, communicate with teachers professionally and manage extracurricular activities with a full academic course load. While most of my peers needed time to adjust to rigorous college academics, I knew exactly what to do. I utilized my teachers for extra help often at Linsly and they always took the time to give it to me. I carried this through my college career which allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of the course content in addition to developing great relationships with professors. I will carry the lessons Linsly taught me for the rest of my education and into my career."

Meet Benton Nanners



CLASS OF 2014

Benton graduated Magna Cum Laude from West Virginia University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. He went on to earn his Doctor of Medicine (MD) from WVU in 2022 before completing his residency in Anesthesiology at WVU Medicine, where he served as Chief Resident during his final year. He is currently an Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowship at WVU Medicine.

"I can confidently say that I would not be where I am today without The Linsly School. I spent eight years as a Linsly Lifer, and what makes it a truly special place is its individualized educational approach–one that extends beyond the classroom to developing young leaders. This comprehensive philosophy begins in the classroom and carries over to the athletic fields, interpersonal skills, and leadership opportunities. From my undergraduate years to medical school and now residency, I have continually relied on the fundamental building blocks Linsly instilled in me. I feel a deep sense of gratitude to the institution that provided me with so much."



Watch Our Welcome Video

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Admissions

Our admissions staff is dedicated to helping incoming students navigate the admissions process. We look forward to helping you take the next step in helping your child blossom into his or her full potential at Linsly.

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Visit our Alumni Network page for other notable alumni, upcoming events, get Linsly gear & more.

Parent Testimonials

"Changing schools is never an easy decision. As a parent, you have so many worries - education, socialization, emotional well-being, etc. As a family we have been very impressed with multiple things. First, Linsly is a community. The staff and the families at the school have been very supportive with our transition. Our son has been challenged academically and feels supported socially. He is involved in clubs, in sports, and in the band. We could not be happier for him and his progress as well as his happiness."

~ Leslie Adamsky, 6th and 10th grade Linsly parent

"Our daughter has been attending The Linsly School for the past three years. Our experience has been overwhelmingly positive. The school's commitment to excellent academic programs is evident in the way they challenge and inspire their students. The academic curriculum at Linsly is both rigorous and engaging, providing a solid foundation for future success. The teachers are not only knowledgeable but also passionate about their subjects, which translates into a stimulating learning environment. Overall, we are grateful for the educational opportunities and personal growth our daughter has experienced at Linsly."

~ Brad and Leigh Ann Scherich, 6th and recent graduate parents

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