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Unsourced material may be challenged and removed.Find sources: "Waldron Mercy Academy" – news · newspapers · books · scholar · JSTOR (July 2021) (Learn how and when to remove this message) Waldron Mercy AcademyAddress513 Montgomery AveMerion Station, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania 19066United StatesInformationTypePrivateMottoUnited in Mercy; Educated in Excellence; Empowered to ServeReligious affiliation(s)Roman CatholicEstablished1923PrincipalJacquelinë CocciaFaculty47.6 FTEsGradesK-8GenderCoeducationalEnrollment412 [1]Student to teacher ratio7.4:1Campus typeSuburbanAthletics conferenceCAL (Catholic Athletic Conference)CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)MascotTigerRivalGwynedd Mercy AcademyTuition$17,850AffiliationSisters of MercyWebsitewww.waldronmercy.orgWaldron Mercy Academy is a private K-8 Catholic elementary school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and located in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in Merion, Pennsylvania. The school is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and has twice won National Blue Ribbon School recognition (in 2001 and 2009) from the United States Department of Education. In 1861, Sister Mary Patricia Waldron, who was 26 at the time, and ten Sisters of Mercy landed in Philadelphia where many of the Sisters became ill, Waldron bought an eight-acre retreat in Merion for their recovery. In 1885, the adjoining Morgan Estate was purchased. The 13-room stone house became St. Anne Convent, and the farmhouse held the Village School for the local farm children.[citation needed] The Sisters of Mercy began Mater Misericordiae, an academy for young ladies and boys under 12 years of age, in 1885. In 1923, the male boarding students moved to a new school on the property—Waldron Academy for Boys.[2] By 1946 the boarders had gone, and Waldron Academy was an all-boys school taught by the Sisters of Mercy. Lay faculty and staff joined in the 1950s, and soon after Waldron added a preschool and a co-educational Montessori program. In September 1987 Waldron Academy for Boys and Merion Mercy Academy for Girls (lower school) merged and reopened as Waldron Mercy Academy, a Catholic co-educational school from pre-kindergarten to grade eight. Waldron Mercy Child Care, a year-round program for children ages three months to four years, was added to the school 15 years later.[citation needed] In 2015, the Academy came under public scrutiny for firing of a teacher who is in a same-sex marriage because the school board of directors and the Sisters of Mercy decided that its Catholic identity would be in jeopardy.[3] Margie Winters, the school's director of religious education, was dismissed from the Academy after a parent reported her directly to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for marrying her female partner in a civil marriage ceremony in 2007. Winters had informed school administrators when she was hired, and was told to not discuss the matter in school, which she says she abided by. A parent subsequently reported the fact that she had married directly to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In response, the principal asked her to resign. Winters declined to do so, and the school decided not to renew her contract.[4] Many teachers and parents in the school community disagreed with the decision and voiced their support for the teacher,[5] with several expressing anger and concern. Principal Nell Stetser said that "many of us accept life choices that contradict current Church teachings, but to continue as a Catholic school, Waldron Mercy must comply with those teachings." But she called urgently for "an open and honest discussion about this and other divisive issues at the intersection of our society and our Church." The Huffington Post said that the Archbishop of Philadelphia Charles Chaput had ignored such a call. Instead, Chaput had praised the "character and common sense [of school administrators] at a moment when both seem to be uncommon."[6][7][8] In September 2015 Winters was invited to a reception held at the White House with President Barack Obama to welcome Pope Francis on his visit to the U.S.[9] In 2016 a team of three boys in fourth grade won the Toshiba ExploraVision competition's region 2 competition. In 2015 a team of three third grade girls won the national competition.[10] Waldron has participated in the Toshiba ExploraVision competition for 12 years, winning multiple honors including national, regional, and honorable mentions for the last four years. In 2001 and 2009, Waldron Mercy Academy was named a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.[11][12] This is the highest honor bestowed on a US school.[13][14] Philip Aloysius Hart, U.S. Senator from Michigan (D) from 1959 until 1976.[15] Bill Kuharich, former vice president of player personnel, Kansas City Chiefs.[16] M. Night Shyamalan, director, The Sixth Sense.[17] Brian Tierney, former CEO and publisher, The Philadelphia Inquirer.[18] Rob McElhenney, American actor, screenwriter and producer. ^ "Search for Private Schools - School Detail for WALDRON MERCY ACADEMY". ^ "Sisters of Mercy of the Americas". www.amchs.org. Archived from the original on September 24, 2016. Retrieved September 23, 2016. ^ "Firing of teacher in same-sex marriage roils Catholic school". Archived from the original on October 15, 2015. Retrieved October 26, 2018. ^ Desmond, Joan Frawley (July 21, 2015). "A Catholic Mother Reflects on Furor Over Philly Teacher in Same-Sex Marriage". 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DataClassroom Dress CodeFormalUniform information can be found on the WMA Web site.Admission DeadlineNone / RollingYearly Tuition Cost$1,605View national tuition avg.Tuition Notes$18,575 – grades 1 to 8 $18,425 – full day Montessori and traditional preschool, pre-k, and kindergartenAcceptance RateAdmissions DirectorSuzanne GallagherAdmissions AssociateAshley Robinson Total Sports Offered11 sportsSportsBaseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track and Field, VolleyballTotal ExtracurricularsTotal Extra-curric.16 extracurricularsExtracurricularsExtra-curric.Full-day early childhood class for three-year-olds, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grades one through eight, full-day Montessori for students, three to six yearsChild care available for children from three months to three yearsAverage class size: 16Student/Staff ratio: 8:1Advanced degrees: 60% percent of facultySetting: 35-acre suburban campus, just outside PhiladelphiaAccreditation: Middle States AssociationHonors: Recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2001, 2009, and 2020 by the U.S. Department of Education; Middle States Association Program of Distinction in Service LearningCo-curriculars: Test-taking, student and research skillsExtracurriculars: Vocal and performing arts, three-season athletic program, forensics, study skills, after school clubs and activitiesFounded in 1923; co-educational, since 1987Sample of notable school alumni/alumnae:Rob McElhenney '91 - Rob McElhenney, is best known as the lead actor, creator, developer, and executive producer of the show, “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia." After graduating from Waldron Mercy, McElhenney attended St. Joseph’s Preparatory School.M. Night Shyamalan '84 - M. Night Shyamalan's work as a filmmaker and screenwriter is world-renowned for such films as “Signs,” “The Happening,” “Unbreakable” and the Academy Award-nominated “The Sixth Sense.” After graduating from WMA, he attended The Episcopal Academy and New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts. His first movie, Wide Awake, was partially filmed on campus!Source: Verified school update How much does Waldron Mercy Academy cost?Waldron Mercy Academy's tuition is approximately $1,605 for private students. What is the acceptance rate of Waldron Mercy Academy?The acceptance rate of Waldron Mercy Academy is 85%, which is higher than the national average of 81%. Who are famous alumni from Waldron Mercy Academy?Waldron Mercy Academy famous alumni include: Rob McElhenney '91 and M. Night Shyamalan '84. What sports does Waldron Mercy Academy offer?Waldron Mercy Academy offers 11 interscholastic sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track and Field and Volleyball. What is Waldron Mercy Academy's ranking? When is the application deadline for Waldron Mercy Academy?The application deadline for Waldron Mercy Academy is rolling (applications are reviewed as they are received year-round). Karen McGinley Advancement & Enrollment Services Coordinator kmcginley@waldronmercy.org 610-664-9847 x 148 SUMMER MUSIC LESSON AND NEXT YEAR 2019-2020 LESSON REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN Register by July 31st Learn More / Register SUMMER READING IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE LIBRARY WEBSITE Click here to visit STATIONERY LISTS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE QUICKLINKS TAB OR: Click here to visit FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN Register Now SUMMER MUSIC LESSON AND NEXT YEAR 2019-2020 LESSON REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN Register by July 31st Learn More / Register SUMMER READING IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE LIBRARY WEBSITE Click here to visit STATIONERY LISTS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE QUICKLINKS TAB OR: Click here to visit FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN Register Now Founded by the Sisters of Mercy and conducted in partnership with lay faculty, Waldron Mercy is a Catholic co-educational school serving students aged three years old through grade eight. Grounded in the rich history of Merion Mercy Academy for Girls and Waldron Academy for Boys, Waldron Mercy Acade... Read more SUMMER MUSIC LESSON AND NEXT YEAR 2019-2020 LESSON REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN Register by July 31st Learn More / Register SUMMER READING IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE LIBRARY WEBSITE Click here to visit STATIONERY LISTS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE QUICKLINKS TAB OR: Click here to visit FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN Register Now Waldron Mercy is a full-day, co-ed Catholic School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy for students in preschool through 8th grade. WMA is located less than 10 miles outside of Center City, Philadelphia, and our diverse student body hails from 56 different zip codes. Why choose Waldron for your child? At Waldron Mercy Academy, students imagine, explore, discover, and learn. They are invested in their own education and are driven to succeed. With a focus on Mercy Core values, integrity, and social responsibility, WMA students are encouraged to explore their passions, engage in service to others, and develop a deep sense of empathy and understanding. WMA was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2001, 2009 and 2020. Additionally, WMA is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools and received the country’s first and only Program of Distinction in Service Learning from Middle States in 2017. What is your teaching or educational philosophy?At Waldron Mercy Academy, our interdisciplinary approach allows our students to strengthen their knowledge and skills by incorporating all subjects, from writing in history and science, to technology in service and religious education. Our specialized curriculum is just one of the many steps we take to educate the whole child and make sure each student is prepared for what comes next. Our students are recognizable by their confidence in themselves, because they have been guided and encouraged to learn, to lead and to soar. When they graduate, every student excels in high school, higher education and in the world that awaits them. What is your mission statement?Waldron Mercy Academy, a Catholic School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, is a diverse, faith community rooted in the gospel values of mercy and justice. We are a school where the joy of discovery inspires serious study, social responsibility, and strong faith. Enrollment385 Keywords: Preschool, PreKindergarten, Montessori, Co-Curriculars, Athletics, Theatre, Forensics, National Junior Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Service Learning, Local Outreach, Digital Citizenship, STEELS/STEM Why choose Waldron for your child? At Waldron Mercy Academy, students imagine, explore, discover, and learn. They are invested in their own education and are driven to succeed. Scientists, teachers, doctors, designers, filmmakers, lawyers, digital media wizards – our alumni are proof that students graduate from Waldron Mercy Academy as inspired, determined, and caring individuals eager to take on life's challenges. Our youngest alumni are the most recent examples of an almost century long tradition of quality education in action. These students move on to high school and college ready to take on the world. Want to learn more? Hear why parents like you chose to give their children a Waldron Mercy education. Hear how our alumni use their Mercy Mindset throughout their lives. Attended Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School"Waldron Mercy undoubtedly provided the essential skills allowing me to easily adapt to the high school environment. The rigorous academics and supportive faculty equipped me with knowledge of perseverance, determination, and confidence vital to continuing my schooling in new and unfamiliar setting. In particular, Waldron challenged me in math, and enabled me to be placed, as a first-year student, in Honors Algebra 2, and as a current sophomore, I will begin an Honors Precalculus course. Waldron emphasizes the push necessary for its scholars to accomplish difficult tasks and combat individual weaknesses. Not only has Waldron educated its students on endurance and the importance of maintaining effective studying habits, but the wide variety of extracurriculars also taught the importance of being a well-rounded individual. Waldron encourages a busy schedule including music, the arts, and sports to ensure its students have abundant opportunities in their high school future. In high school, I joined several programs mirroring the activities I experienced at Waldron that fostered an understanding of discipline, time management, and the value of working as a team. The countless lessons I learned at Waldron from my Montessori to eighth grade year will carry me through the rest of my high school career and beyond."Attended St. Joseph's Preparatory School"The biggest thing WMA prepared me for in high school was the material they teach. The concepts of eighth grade math were essentially identical to my Honors Algebra I class in freshman year. WMA did a very good job of helping me understand the concepts of the subject so that I could take it to another level in high school."Attended William Penn Charter School"Without a doubt, Waldron Mercy prepared me for high school and beyond. Not only was I prepared for regular classes, but I was also prepared for advanced classes. As a freshman, I was placed in Advanced Geometry, and currently as a sophomore, I am doing very well in Advanced Chemistry and Advanced Algebra II. The rigorous academics at Waldron developed my study habits and stamina, and it also set high standards within my life for which I continue to strive. I was pushed not only to be good, but also to be excellent. That is something I continue to cherish to this day. I was nurtured with so much love and care that Waldron will always have a warm spot in my heart. My kindergarten to eighth grade education at Waldron was a wonderful, enriching experience."Attended William Penn Charter School"Waldron Mercy Academy provided me with the right criteria and knowledge to get me ready for high school. WMA teachers taught how to write papers really well, which prepared me for writing in high school. The organizational skills I learned made it easier to do work in high school. When I came to Waldron in the third grade, math was one of my worst subjects. By the time I graduated, it was one of my best!"Attended St. Joseph's Preparatory School"WMA instilled me with many essential skills and teachings necessary to succeed in high school. As I began my time at Saint Joseph's Prep, I felt as if I was prepared beyond what many of my peers were. I was taught not only how to be a great student at Waldron but also a great athlete, leader, and friend, which have all been helpful to my growth in high school. Specifically, WMA prepared me with levels of experience in Math, English, and Spanish that were identical to the teachings I found in my freshman year, allowing me to take honors and AP classes. This high level of care for the student body at Waldron leaves a long-lasting impact on anybody who attends, and they will be sure to carry those talents given at Waldron into their years of high school and beyond."Attended LaSalle College High School"Waldron Mercy Academy is uncontested in its ability to educate the whole person. My time at La Salle College High School has been far from herculean, thanks to the faculty and staff at WMA. In retrospect, the experiences and education which I obtained throughout my tenure at WMA will undoubtedly remain within me for the rest of my life. I am sure that Waldron Mercy Academy will be a vanguard in education for years to come."Attended Merion Mercy Academy"WMA prepared me for the high school experience extremely well including the study skills and the tests we received, which were not easy. It challenged your thinking outside the box. Getting help for reading while attending Waldron truly helped and, once I went to high school, the grammar was all review. I knew the answer to certain questions with no trouble. Lastly, the mathematics department and science department at WMA are such great resources in being useful in the upper grade levels. Without learning the information I did, I do not think I would be the student that I am today." 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