

School and the Community

Ravenscroft School is an independent, co-educational college preparatory day school enrolling 1236 students, pre-kindergarten through grade 12, in the 2009-2010 school year. Founded in 1862 by members of Christ Episcopal Church, Ravenscroft School continued under their auspices until 1966 when it became non-sectarian. Current enrollment in the Upper School is 446, with a faculty of 69, seventy percent of whom hold advanced degrees, including seven with doctorates.

Drawing its students primarily from Raleigh and surrounding communities, Ravenscroft School is located in the capital city of North Carolina. With Chapel Hill and Durham, Raleigh is a vital part of the Research Triangle, a world center for technology and research. The talented and well-educated work force of both the Research Triangle Park and the colleges/universities of the three cities provide the area with rich academic and cultural resources.

Named a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education in 2003, Ravenscroft School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). It is a member of the Cum Laude Society, the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS), the Educational Records Bureau (ERB), the National Association of Principals of Schools for Girls (NAPSG), the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE), the College Board, and the National and Southern Associations for College Admission Counseling (NACAC/SACAC).

Honors/Recognitions

Notable awards for the Classes of 2008 and 2009 include two music scholarships, 12 athletic scholarships, three full academic scholarships, an Army Reserve Officers Training Scholarship (University of Rochester), a Naval Reserve Officers Training Scholarship (University of Florida), an appointment to the United States Military Academy, an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, an English Speaking Union Secondary School Exchange Scholarship (Dollar, Scotland), one national scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Program and 29 Presidential Volunteer Service Awards. In the Classes of 2008 and 2009, six students were selected to attend the Governor's School of North Carolina. In the Class of 2008 there were 15 A.P. Scholars, nine A.P. Scholar with Honor Awards, and 28 A.P. Scholar with Distinction Awards, two of whom were designated National A.P. Scholars. (For the Class of 2009, A.P. Scholar Award data was unavailable at the time of printing.) In the Class of 2008, there were three National Merit Finalists, two Semifinalists, and 13 Commended Students. In the Class of 2009, there were four National Merit Finalists, 12 Commended Students, and one Finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

Graduation Requirements

To receive a diploma from Ravenscroft, a student must earn 22 specified credits in Grades 9 - 12.

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Units</u> |
|----------------|--|--------------------|---|
| English | 4 ½ (including Composition) | Foreign Language | 2 (Spanish, French, Latin- must complete level 3) |
| Mathematics | 4 (one credit beyond Algebra II) | | |
| Social Studies | 3 (World History, American History, Economics, Government) | Fine Arts | 1 |
| Science | 3 (including Biology and Chemistry) | Physical Education | 1 |
| | | Other Electives | 3 ½ |

Each Upper School student is also required to complete an annual minimum of 20 hours of service to the community.

Weighted Grade Point Averages and Class Rank

Grade point averages are determined on a four-point scale, with grades for Honors and Advanced Placement courses weighted one full point. Semester grades on all courses are used to calculate the cumulative GPA. Only grades earned at Ravenscroft are used in computing grade point averages. GPAs are calculated using the following scale:

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Quality Points</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Quality Points</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| A+ | (99-100) 4.33 | C+ | (84-85) 2.33 |
| A | (95-98) 4.00 | C | (80-83) 2.00 |
| A- | (93-94) 3.67 | C- | (78-79) 1.67 |
| B+ | (91-92) 3.33 | D+ | (76-77) 1.33 |
| B | (88-90) 3.00 | D | (72-75) 1.00 |
| B- | (86-87) 2.67 | D- | (70-71) 0.67 |
| | | F | (69 and below) 0.00 |

Ravenscroft uses quintiles to compare students. Since Ravenscroft is a college preparatory school where students typically score above the national average on standardized tests, class rank is not viewed as a significant measure of a student's performance.

Grade Point Distribution for the Class of 2010

Quintiles are based on cumulative Ravenscroft GPAs through the end of the junior year. *In evaluating the distribution for the 117 students in the Class of 2010, please note that generally no student with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 is eligible to re-enroll.*

| <u>Quintile</u> | <u>Range</u> | <u>Mean</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 st | 4.98 – 4.19 | 4.47 |
| 2 nd | 4.18 – 3.83 | 4.00 |
| 3 rd | 3.82 – 3.33 | 3.63 |
| 4 th | 3.32 – 2.86 | 3.11 |
| 5 th | 2.85 – 1.85 | 2.50 |

Advanced Placement Scores: 2009

For the 2008-2009 school year, 240 students took 474 Advanced Placement exams. Scores were three or better on 402 exams (85%).

| | <u>5</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Total Exams</u> |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Art - Drawing | | | 4 | 4 | | 8 |
| Art – 2D Design | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Art History | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Biology | 12 | 15 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 49 |
| Calculus AB | 20 | 8 | 5 | | | 33 |
| Calculus BC | 6 | 2 | | | | 8 |
| Chemistry | 13 | 3 | 2 | | | 18 |
| Comparative Gov't./Politics | 3 | 2 | | 6 | 1 | 12 |
| Computer A | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | 9 |
| English Lang. & Composition | 3 | 6 | 6 | 1 | | 16 |
| English Lit. and Composition | 5 | 10 | 3 | | | 18 |
| Environmental Science | 4 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 35 |
| European History | 15 | 13 | 7 | | | 35 |
| French Language | | 1 | 2 | | | 4 |
| French Literature | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Latin Literature | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 |
| Macroeconomics | 6 | 9 | 3 | 1 | | 19 |
| Microeconomics | 3 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 20 |
| Music Theory | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Physics B | 8 | 6 | 1 | | | 15 |
| Physics C – E & M | 1 | 2 | | | | 3 |
| Physics C – Mech | 2 | 1 | | | | 3 |
| Psychology | 11 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 37 |
| Spanish Language | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 13 |
| Statistics | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| U.S. Govt./Politics | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | | 15 |
| U.S. History | 19 | 23 | 11 | 4 | | 57 |
| World History | 9 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 15 |
| TOTALS | 153 | 154 | 95 | 52 | 20 | 474 |

SAT Data

The Class of 2008 with 93 students achieved an SAT average of 1271 (Critical Reading and Math) or 1919 (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing). The Class of 2009 with 113 students achieved an SAT average of 1256 (Critical Reading and Math) or 1892 (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing).

Range of SAT I Scores for Middle 50%

| <u>Class of 2009</u> | | | <u>Class of 2010 (as of 8/09)</u> | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| <u>Critical Reading</u> | <u>Math</u> | <u>Writing</u> | <u>Critical Reading</u> | <u>Math</u> | <u>Writing</u> |
| 550 - 670 | 570 - 700 | 570 - 690 | 560 - 690 | 560 - 690 | 570-680 |

Previous Graduates

Typically, one hundred percent of the graduates pursue their education beyond the secondary level. The members of the classes of 2008 and 2009 were accepted at the following institutions (multiple acceptances in parentheses):

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| Academy of Art University | Ithaca College | University of Colorado at Boulder |
| Allegheny College | King's College London | University of Connecticut |
| American University (3) | Lees-McRae College | University of Dallas |
| Appalachian State University (31) | Lehigh University (2) | University of Delaware |
| Arizona State University (2) | Louisiana State University (3) | University of Denver |
| Auburn University (9) | Lynchburg College (2) | University of Florida (2) |
| Averett University | Marshall University (2) | University of Georgia (13) |
| Barton College (3) | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | University of Illinois (3) |
| Belmont University (2) | McGill University | University of Kentucky (3) |
| Berry College | Mercer University | University of Maryland, Baltimore County |
| Boston College | Meredith College (12) | University of Maryland, Baltimore County |
| Boston University (9) | Miami University, Oxford (2) | University of Massachusetts (2) |
| Bowling Green State University | Michigan State University | University of Miami (5) |
| Bucknell University (2) | Middle Tennessee State University | University of Michigan (2) |
| Campbell University (3) | Montreat College | University of Mississippi (7) |
| Carnegie Mellon University (5) | Mount Olive College | University of North Carolina at Asheville (2) |
| Case Western Reserve University (2) | New York University (4) | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (40) |
| Clarkson University | North Carolina A&T State University (2) | University of North Carolina at Charlotte (18) |
| Clemson University (26) | North Carolina Central University (3) | University of North Carolina at Greensboro (8) |
| Colby-Sawyer College | North Carolina State University (52) | University of North Carolina at Pembroke |
| College of Charleston (8) | Northwestern University (2) | University of North Carolina at Wilmington (37) |
| College of William and Mary (2) | Oberlin College (2) | University of North Carolina School of the Arts |
| College of Wooster | Oglethorpe University (3) | University of Notre Dame |
| Colorado School of Mines | Ohio University (2) | University of Pennsylvania |
| Columbia University (2) | Oklahoma State University | University of Pittsburgh (3) |
| Converse College | Old Dominion University | University of Richmond (5) |
| Cornell University (3) | Oxford College of Emory University (5) | University of Rochester (2) |
| Curry College | Pace University, Pleasantville-Briarcliff | University of San Diego |
| Dartmouth College | Peace College | University of San Francisco |
| Davidson College (4) | Pennsylvania State University (3) | University of South Carolina (39) |
| Denison University (2) | Pepperdine University | University of Southern California |
| DePauw University | Philadelphia University (2) | University of Tampa |
| Dickinson College (2) | Princeton University | University of Tennessee (3) |
| Drexel University (5) | Queen's University, Ontario | University of Texas (2) |
| Duke University (8) | Queens University (2) | University of Vermont |
| Durham Technical Community College | Radford University | University of Virginia (3) |
| East Carolina University (38) | Randolph College | University of Washington |
| East Tennessee State University | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2) | University of Western Ontario |
| Eckerd College | Rhodes College (2) | University of Wisconsin |
| Elon University (21) | Rice University | Valparaiso University |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-FL | Roanoke College (2) | Vanderbilt University (5) |
| Emerson College | Rochester Institute of Technology | Villanova University |
| Emmanuel College | Salem College | Virginia Commonwealth University |
| Emory University (5) | Savannah College of Art and Design (3) | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (18) |
| Florida State University (6) | Schiller International University, Germany | Wake Forest University (12) |
| Furman University (10) | Sewanee: The University of the South (2) | Washington and Jefferson College |
| George Washington University (3) | Southern Methodist University (2) | Washington and Lee University (2) |
| Georgia Institute of Technology (7) | St. Andrews Presbyterian College | Washington College |
| Georgia State University | Stanford University | Washington University in St. Louis (5) |
| Greensboro College (2) | SUNY Oswego | Wellesley College |
| Guilford College (7) | Syracuse University (2) | Wesleyan University (2) |
| Hamilton College - NY | Temple University | West Virginia University (4) |
| Hampden-Sydney College (8) | Texas A&M University | Western Carolina University (5) |
| Harvard University (3) | Tulane University (10) | Williams College |
| Haverford College | United States Military Academy | Wingate University (4) |
| High Point University (3) | United States Naval Academy | Winston-Salem State University (2) |
| Hollins University | University at Buffalo, SUNY | Wofford College (5) |
| Indiana University (3) | University of Alabama (4) | Yale University |
| Indiana University - Purdue Univ. Indianapolis | University of Central Florida (2) | |