As a college preparatory school, Harrisburg Academy is well-known for devoting extensive resources to its Upper School students for their college preparation, selection, and application process. The process is incredibly personal — students and their families have access to the services of our full-time director of college counseling, a vast library of college materials, Naviance (an online tool that provides valuable information), and one-on-one SAT/ACT test-prep help. The college counseling process begins during our students’ 8th grade year and continues until they are accepted at the respective college of their choice five years later.

The college acceptance pool grows increasingly competitive each year; however, our students apply to, are accepted to, and attend the most prestigious universities in the world. We are proud to acknowledge that 100 percent of Academy students go on to pursue higher education at domestic and international colleges and universities. And of this group, over the past 17 years (as long as we have been tracking this data), nearly 50 percent of all Harrisburg Academy seniors chose to attend a Most Competitive or Highly Competitive school, the highest tier of schools nationwide. The Academy proudly presents its full 17-year list of acceptances to these select domestic universities.

KEY:
- College Name - (# of students accepted)
- No number signifies one acceptance
- #1 ranked Ivy League and Most Competitive schools are in bold
- #2 ranked Highly Competitive schools are in regular text
- Exclusive non-ranked “Special” music conservatories and art schools noted with *

Alleghehny College – 7
Amherst College – 2
American University – 23
Barnard College – 6
Bates College – 4
Beloit College – 4
Bennington College – 3
Bentley College
Berklee School of Music* – 2
Boston College
Boston College – 12
Bowdoin College – 4
Brandeis University – 3
Brown University – 2
Bryant College
Bryn Mawr College – 8
Bucknell University – 4
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University – 10
Case Western Reserve University – 4
Central College
Clark University – 4
Clemson University
Colby College – 4
Colgate University – 2
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Columbia University
Columbia University / Barnard College
Columbia University / List College
Cornell University – 5
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University – 7
Dickinson College – 18
Duke University – 3
Eastman School of Music, Univ of Rochester*
Elon University – 4
Emerson College – 2
Emory University – 7
Eugene Lang New School, NYC
Fordham University – 9
Franklin & Marshall College – 21
Furman University – 6
George Washington University – 13
Georgetown University – 5
Georgia Institute of Technology – 2
Gettysburg College – 16
Grinnell College
Hamilton College – 4
Harvard University
Haverford College – 2
Hendrix College – 2
Johns Hopkins University – 5
Juniata College – 12
Kenyon College – 7
Kettering University
Lafayette College – 16
Lehigh University – 9
Loyola University of New Orleans – 2
Maryland Institute College of Art* – 8
Mount Holyoke College – 5
Muhlenberg College – 6
New College of Florida
New York University – 8
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University – 3
Oberlin College – 2
Ohio State University
Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University*
Pepperdine University – 2
Princeton University
Reed College, OR
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – 5
Rhode Island School of Design* – 2
Rhodes College
Rollins College – 2
Rose Hulman Institute
Rutgers University – 5
Skidmore College – 2
Smith College – 2
Southern Methodist University
St. John’s College, Annapolis
St. Lawrence University – 2
St. Mary’s College of Maryland – 2
State University of New York, College at Geneseo
State University of New York, Stony Brook – 2
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Swarthmore College – 2
Syracuse University – 8
Texas A&M University
Trinity College, CT
Tufts University – 2
Tulane University – 9
Union College, NY – 6
University of California at Davis – 2
University of Chicago – 3
University of Florida
University of Illinois, Urbana – 4
University of Maryland, College Park – 5
University of Miami
University of Michigan – 6
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Pennsylvania – 7
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh – 51
University of Richmond – 8
University of Rochester – 20
University of Southern California – 3
University of the Arts*
University of Virginia – 5
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University – 2
Vassar University – 2
Villanova University – 12
Virginia Polytechnic Institute – 2
Wake Forest University – 3
Washington University St. Louis
Washington and Lee University
Wellesley College – 2
Wesleyan University – 2
Wheaton College – 2
Whitman College – 2
Worcester Polytechnic Institute – 5
Yale University

WHAT THE RANKINGS MEAN: These rankings are determined annually by “Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges,” an industry-standard tool for comparing the selectivity of colleges and universities. Barron’s ranks all colleges and universities on a scale comprised of seven levels of selectivity, based on difficulty of acceptance and strength of accepted-student SAT scores (the higher a school is rated, the more difficult it is for a student to gain acceptance). Barron’s scale is as follows, beginning with the top classification: Most Competitive, Highly Competitive, Very Competitive, Competitive, Less Competitive, Non-Competitive, and Special (including exclusive music conservatories and art schools).