



# Visitation School

2020 | 2021 School Profile

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*Non Scholae, Sed Vitae: Not for School, but for Life*

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## MISSION

*Visitation School provides an excellent education within a Catholic environment permeated by Salesian Spirituality and the living tradition of the Visitation Sisters.*

## SCHOOL

Visitation's Upper School (9-12) currently enrolls 307 students. Students come from the greater Twin Cities area and are of various religions, ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds. The class of 2021 has 83 members, all of whom plan to attend a four-year college or university.

Our school was founded in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1873 by the Visitation Sisters of Holy Mary, who traveled up the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri, to open a school for girls in the growing state of Minnesota. Now located in the St. Paul suburb of Mendota Heights, our school traces its roots to the Original American Visitation School, which opened in 1799 in Georgetown, and the Visitation Sisters' first monastery established in Annecy, France, in 1610. Today we occupy a beautiful, 65-acre, suburban campus that serves students in preschool through grade 12. Visitation has a co-ed Montessori preschool through grade 5. Our all-girls Middle and Upper Schools offer young women a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, renowned fine arts offerings, celebrated athletic programs and a nationally recognized robotics program.

## VISITATION HONORS and AWARDS

- In 2019, Visitation's robotics team competed at the FIRST Robotics World Championships, winning the prestigious Engineering Inspiration Award at the regional competition to earn their spot. The team finished 15th out of 70 teams at Worlds.
- Visitation's theater company earned 35 Spotlight Awards during their 2018-19 season from the prestigious Hennepin Theater Spotlight Education program, including outstanding achievement in overall production, outstanding technical crew, outstanding costume crew, and outstanding performances in both lead and featured roles.
- In 2018-2019, student-athletes made state appearances in swimming & diving, cross country, golf, hockey, Nordic skiing and softball. In 2019, the swim/dive team won their seventh consecutive MN Class A state championship.
- The Visitation mock trial team qualified for the state tournament in 2018, 2019 and 2020. Visitation students earned two top awards including All State Witness and All State Lawyer.
- Twelve students were honored for 28 works of art or writing at the 2019 Minnesota Scholastic Art Competition. Five students advanced to the National Scholastic Art Competition.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### English (4 credits required)

Introduction to Literary Genres  
World Literature  
Literature and Composition of the US  
British Literature and Humanities  
AP Literature & Composition  
Social Justice Through Literature  
Composition Skills  
The Dystopian Vision, Great Nonfiction  
Myths, Legends and Folklore

### Social Studies (3 credits required)

World History, AP European History  
US History, AP US History  
US Gov/Econ and Global Issues  
AP US Government  
Crime and Justice\*\*  
Psychology, Sociology  
Women and Society, World Cultures

### World Language (3 credits required)

Chinese I through AP  
French I through AP  
Spanish I through AP

### Mathematics (3 credits required)

Freshman Algebra  
Geometry, Honors Geometry  
Algebra II, Honors Algebra II  
Math Analysis, Honors Math Analysis  
Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
Computer Graphics  
Computer Programming Topics

### Science (3 credits required)

Physical Science, Honors Physical Science  
Biology, Honors Biology, AP Biology  
Chemistry, Honors Chemistry  
Physics, Honors Physics  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Genetics, Astronomy  
AP Environmental Science  
Introduction to Engineering

### Physical Education (1 credit required)

### Health (.5 credit required)

### Fine & Performing Arts (1 credit required)

Drawing, Honors Drawing  
Painting, Honors Painting  
Pottery, Honors Pottery  
Mixed Media, Printmaking  
Digital Art and Photography  
Classical Ballet, Theater  
Bel Canto, Honors Chamber Choir  
Concert Band, Honors Concert Band, Jazz Band\*\*  
Orchestra

### Religion (4 credits required)

Intro to Sacred Scripture/Christology  
The Paschal Mystery/Ecclesiology  
Ethical and Moral Issues/World Religions  
Salesian Leadership and Ministry

**Honors and AP Level classes are noted as such on transcript.**

**\*\*Courses on transcript marked "@ STA" indicates classes taken at Saint Thomas Academy, a neighboring college preparatory military academy for boys.**

## Advanced Placement

Visitation offers 12 Advanced Placement courses. Admission to AP courses is competitive and requires department permission. Students may take only 3 AP courses per year unless granted special exception to take 4.

In 2019-2020, 166 students were enrolled in AP courses; students took 333 exams and 86% of the scores were 3, 4 or 5.

## Community Service

Given Visitation's commitment to volunteerism, students devote a minimum of 34 hours to community service and also complete a two-week senior service project.

## Accreditation

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)

## Organizational Memberships

NAIS, ACCIS, NACAC, MACAC, MAIS, College Board and National Coalition of Girls' Schools

## Reporting Disciplinary Action

Visitation School does not volunteer information to colleges about disciplinary actions best handled within the walls of our school. We will report egregious violations of our student code of conduct or of any threat to the safety of the community.

## Visitation School Grading Scale

Letter Grade	% Range	Regular Grade Point	Honors Grade Point	AP Grade Point
A	93-100	4	4.4	4.8
A-	90-92	3.7	4.1	4.4
B+	87-89	3.3	3.6	4
B	83-86	3	3.3	3.6
B-	80-82	2.7	3	3.2
C+	77-79	2.3	2.5	2.8
C	73-76	2	2.2	2.4
C-	70-72	1.7	1.9	2
D+	67-69	1.3	1.4	1.6
D	64-66	1	1.1	1.2
D-	60-63	0.7	0.8	0.8
F	0-59	0	0	0
I	0	0	0	0
P	0	0	0	0

*Visitation has a universal grade scale for all classes, awarding additional weight for Honors and Advanced Placement classes.*

### Grade Point Distribution: Class of 2021 (Six Semesters)

Because of the small size and strong performances of our graduating students, we do not provide class rank beyond the quartile measure. Even students in our fourth quartile perform well at competitive colleges.

**Quartile 1:** 4.27 - 4.09  
**Quartile 2:** 4.08 - 3.87

**Quartile 3:** 3.86 - 3.57  
**Quartile 4:** 3.56 - 2.50

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## IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATES

### SPRING SEMESTER 2020

- Visitation transitioned to distance learning on March 23rd and completed the school year using distance learning. We did not give final exams in the spring, but otherwise, completed our planned spring semester.
- The Upper School had a mix of synchronous and asynchronous learning throughout the spring, with all classes meeting at least once a week over Google Meet.
- Students continued to earn letter grades for their work. Teachers gave assessments and maintained the rigor of our academic program as much as possible.

### FALL SEMESTER 2020

- Visitation started the school year with all students in the building for in-person learning every day. Using masks and social distancing, we have been able to deliver our college-prep curriculum through in-person instruction.
  - A very small percentage of our students have chosen to do distance learning and they tune in daily through Zoom meetings. It is 100% synchronous for these students.
  - The Upper School has maintained its typical daily schedule and the length of instruction has not changed.
  - Visitation has plans in place to easily transition to a hybrid model that would be 100% synchronous and a distance learning model that would also be 100% synchronous.
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### STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION | CLASSES 2018 - 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>ACT</b>	28.1	27.5	27.7
<b>SAT</b>	EBRW 630—720 M 620—730 C 1295	EBRW 730-770 M 670-780 C 1466	EBRW 610-710 M 570-690 C 1290

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#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT AWARDS

AP Scholar	16	19	15
With Honors	5	11	7
With Distinction	16	11	7
National AP Scholar	3	3	0

#### NATIONAL MERIT

Finalist	1	2	1
Commended	6	2	2

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# 2016 - 2020 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION

Colleges in **bold** are schools at which Visitation graduates are enrolled.

Adelphi University	DePaul University	<b>Luther College</b>	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	University of Minnesota, Rochester
<b>American University</b>	<b>DePauw University</b>	Macalester College	Spelman College	<b>University of Minnesota, Twin Cities</b>
Arizona State University	DeSales University	Marian University	St. Anselm College	University of Missouri
Assumption University	Dickinson College	<b>Marist College</b>	<b>St. Catherine University</b>	University of Montana
<b>Auburn University</b>	<b>Drake University</b>	<b>Marquette University</b>	St. Cloud State University	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Augsburg College	Drexel University	McGill University	St. Edward's University	University of New Hampshire
Augustana College	<b>Duke University</b>	<b>Metropolitan CC- Kansas City</b>	St. Joseph's University	<b>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</b>
Babson College	<b>Eckerd College</b>	<b>Miami University, Ohio</b>	<b>St. Louis University</b>	University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Bard College	Elmhurst College	Michigan Tech. University	<b>St. Mary's College</b>	<b>University of North Dakota</b>
Bates College	Elon University	Millikin University	St. Mary's College of CA	<b>University of Northern Iowa</b>
Baylor University	Emerson College	Milwaukee Institute of Art	<b>St. Mary's University of MN</b>	University of Northwestern
Becker College	<b>Emory University</b>	<b>Minneapolis Coll of Art &amp; Design</b>	<b>St. Michael's College</b>	<b>University of Notre Dame</b>
Belmont Abbey College	Fairfield University	Minnesota State University, Mankato	<b>St. Norbert College</b>	<b>University of Oregon</b>
Belmont University	Finlandia University	<b>Montana State University, Bozeman</b>	<b>St. Olaf College</b>	<b>University of Portland</b>
Beloit College	Florida Atlantic University	Mount St. Mary's University, MD	<b>Stanford University</b>	<b>University of Puget Sound</b>
Benedictine College	Florida Gulf Coast University	<b>The New School (Parsons Coll of Design)</b>	Stevenson University	<b>University of San Diego</b>
Bennington College	Florida Southern College	<b>New York University, Shanghai</b>	<b>Stonehill College</b>	University of San Francisco
<b>Bentley University</b>	<b>Fordham University</b>	<b>North Dakota State University</b>	Syracuse University	<b>University of South Dakota</b>
Bethany Lutheran College	Franciscan Univ. of Steubenville	Northeastern University	<b>Temple University</b>	University of South Florida
<b>Bethel University</b>	Furman University	<b>Northern Michigan University</b>	Texas A& M University	<b>University of Southern California</b>
<b>Boston College</b>	<b>George Washington University</b>	Northwestern College	<b>Texas Christian University</b>	University of Southern Maine
Boston University	<b>Georgetown University</b>	<b>Northwestern University</b>	<b>Trinity College (CT)</b>	<b>University of St. Thomas</b>
<b>Bowdoin College</b>	<b>Gettysburg College</b>	<b>Nova Southeastern University</b>	Trinity University (TX)	<b>University of Tampa</b>
Bradley University	<b>Gonzaga University</b>	<b>Oberlin College</b>	<b>Tufts University</b>	<b>University of Tennessee</b>
Brown University	Grinnell College	Occidental College	<b>Union College</b>	<b>University of Texas, Austin</b>
Bryn Mawr College	<b>Gustavus Adolphus College</b>	The Ohio State University	<b>United States Naval Academy</b>	University of Utah
<b>Butler University</b>	Hamilton College	Ohio Wesleyan University	<b>University of Alabama</b>	<b>University of Vermont</b>
CA Lutheran University	<b>Hamline University</b>	Pace University, New York City	University of Arkansas	<b>University of Virginia</b>
<b>Carleton College</b>	Haverford College	Pennsylvania State University	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b>	University of Washington
Carroll University (WI)	<b>Hawaii Pacific University</b>	Pepperdine University	University of California, Davis	<b>University of Winnipeg</b>
Carthage College	High Point University	<b>Princeton University</b>	<b>University of California, Irvine</b>	<b>University of WI, Eau Claire</b>
Case Western Reserve	Hillsdale College	<b>Providence College</b>	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>	University of WI, La Crosse
<b>Catholic University of America</b>	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Purdue University	University of California, Riverside	<b>University of WI, Madison</b>
Centre College	Hofstra University	Queen Mary University London	University of California, San Diego	University of WI, Milwaukee
<b>Champlain College</b>	Howard University	Reed College	University of California, Santa Barbara	University of WI, River Falls
<b>Chapman University</b>	<b>Illinois Wesleyan University</b>	Quinnipiac University	University of California, Santa Cruz	University of WI, Stevens Point
Clark University	<b>Indiana University, Bloomington</b>	Regis University	<b>University of Chicago</b>	<b>University of WI, Stout</b>
<b>Clemson University</b>	<b>Inver Hills Community College</b>	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Cincinnati	University of WI, Superior
Coe College	<b>Iowa State University</b>	Rhodes College	<b>University of Colorado, Boulder</b>	Vanderbilt University
<b>Colby College</b>	<b>Ithaca College</b>	Ripon College	University of Colorado, Denver	Vassar College
Colgate University	John Carroll University	Rochester Institute of Technology	<b>University of Connecticut</b>	<b>Villanova University</b>
<b>College of Charleston</b>	Juniata College	<b>Rockhurst University</b>	<b>University of Dallas</b>	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
<b>College of St. Benedict</b>	Kalamazoo College	<b>Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech.</b>	University of Dayton	<b>Viterbo University</b>
College of St. Scholastica	Kenyon College	Royal Holloway London	<b>University of Denver</b>	Wartburg College
<b>College of the Holy Cross</b>	<b>Kings College London</b>	Rutgers University	<b>University of Illinois</b>	Washington University in St. Louis
<b>College of William &amp; Mary</b>	Knox College	Salve Regina University	<b>University of Iowa</b>	Wesleyan University
<b>College of Wooster</b>	<b>LaSalle University</b>	San Diego State University	<b>University of Kansas</b>	Whitman College
Colorado College	Lake Forest College	San Francisco State University	University of Maine	Willamette University
Colorado State University	Lawrence University	<b>Santa Clara University</b>	<b>University of Mary</b>	<b>Williams College</b>
Columbia College, Chicago	Lewis & Clark College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Maryland	Winona State University
<b>Concordia College, Moorhead</b>	Lewis University	<b>Savannah College of Art and Design</b>	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Wittenberg University
Connecticut College	LIM College	<b>Scripps College</b>	University of Massachusetts, Boston	<b>Worcester Polytechnic Institute</b>
Cornell College	<b>Loyola Marymount University</b>	Seattle University	<b>University of Miami</b>	<b>Xavier University</b>
<b>Cornell University</b>	<b>Loyola University, Chicago</b>	Seton Hall University	<b>University of Michigan</b>	<b>Yale University</b>
<b>Creighton University</b>	Loyola University, Maryland	Skidmore College	<b>University of Minnesota, Duluth</b>	
Denison University	Loyola University, New Orleans	<b>South Dakota State University</b>	<b>University of Minnesota, Morris</b>	