



Bishop Seabury Academy
The High School Experience

A close-up photograph of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a black graduation cap and gown. She is smiling with her eyes closed, and her hand is visible, resting on her chest. She is wearing a purple stole and a pearl bracelet. The background is blurred, showing other graduates and an American flag.

Forging the future

We help shape **confident and resilient students** so they can make their unique mark on this world.

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A place to thrive

Bishop Seabury Academy is unique in Lawrence as a dedicated college-preparatory school that promotes personal growth and strong bonds between students and with teachers that last well beyond graduation.

The BSA curriculum and programs are designed to maximize student growth in academics, individual character, and leadership. Small class sizes, individualized attention to students, faculty mentorship, and a tailored approach to college counseling result in comparatively higher test scores, desired college matriculations, and an impressive level of scholarship offers.

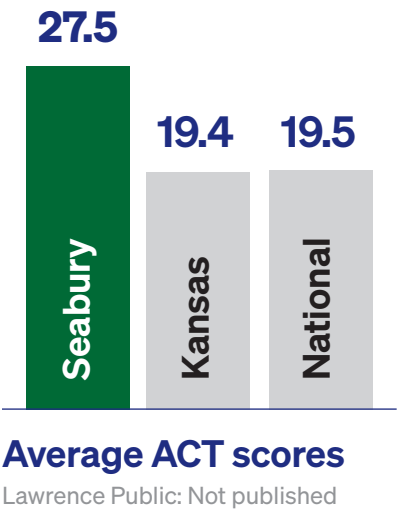
Students thrive in a diverse and enthusiastic culture that promotes independence, resilience, and confidence. The array of leadership opportunities and the tradition of inclusive activities motivate students to explore their potential and become fully actualized young adults who stand out and step up.





Academic scores

Based on historical scores for standardized testing, our graduates outpace Lawrence, state, and national averages:

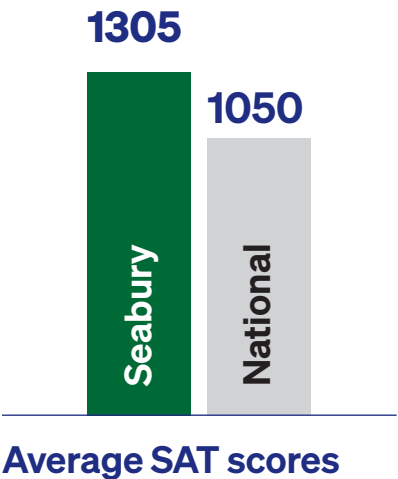


PSAT Junior College Readiness Benchmarks 2023

93% of Seabury juniors met Reading/Writing benchmarks compared to 61% nationally

73% of Seabury juniors met Mathematics benchmark compared to 38% nationally

67% of Seabury juniors met both benchmarks compared to 36% nationally



Advanced Placement Exams

In 2024, 23 students completed 38 AP exams in nine subjects

83% of those students scored 3 or higher





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College counseling

As a college-preparatory school, Bishop Seabury Academy has a dedicated and experienced full-time college counselor, providing a very different experience from the average high school experience. Local public schools do not provide focused 1:1 college counseling, and students and families are largely responsible for understanding and navigating the college application process on their own.

At BSA college counseling follows a 4-year cycle:

- **9th and 10th grades:** Mr. Patterson schedules semesterly college planning discussions, PSAT practice sessions,

enrichment opportunities, and optional preliminary meetings with individual students as requested.

- **11th grade:** Students receive consistent guidance from Mr. Patterson, prepare for the October PSAT/NMSQT, attend with parents the January College Planning Night, schedule individual college planning meetings, develop personal statements, and take the ACT and SAT exams.
- **12th grade:** Mr. Patterson meets regularly with seniors and provides individualized guidance to students and families as they navigate the college, scholarship, and financial aid application processes.

A student is more likely to achieve their highest potential if they can find a college that is a good fit for their particular interests, needs, values, and personal character. There is no one-size-fits-all approach, and no single “perfect college” for any students.

Mr. Patterson has consistently guided students to success at private colleges and state universities, liberal arts colleges, STEM institutes, art academies, and major research universities.



College Matriculations

The 27 students in the Class of 2024 together received **142 acceptances to 84 different colleges** coast-to-coast.

Scholarships

In our Class of 2024, **23 of the 27 graduates received one or more merit-based scholarships and collectively earned over \$8.4 million dollars in scholarship and grant offers.** That's an average of more than \$300,000 in merit-based scholarship and grant offers per student.

“Mr. Patterson is always eager to help. His assistance to the whole college process, his willingness to contact the colleges on student behalf, and his knowledge of the various available resources makes the process easier and a lot less stressful for the students/parents.”

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A culture of enthusiasm and tradition



On their last day of classes, our seniors speak to the student body about their favorite memories at Bishop Seabury Academy, such as the senior trip to Florida, their camaraderie in the Senior Lounge, the anticipation for Headmaster's Holiday, the Winter Formal, their trip to cut down a Christmas tree with Dr. Schawang, and the pride and privileges that come with being the eldest students at the school.

Graduation and Stepping Up is a powerful and emotional experience. Walking the line and embracing fellow students and teachers in front of the community is the capstone moment of seven years of tight bonds, memorable antics, and inspiring growth. At Seabury, seniors have a chance to stand out and be singular. They are known and valued and finally celebrated for this achievement.





“Seabury alters the way you approach life. It helped me to think creatively and decisively and understand what my role in a community might be.”

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The Upper School academic experience

The Upper School program offers an unparalleled academic experience that is exuberant, playful, rigorous, and engaging. As a college-preparatory school, BSA provides a strong education in core academic subjects with a variety of substantial elective opportunities.

Optimal class sizes allow for close student-mentor relationships with teachers who are highly experienced, passionate, and committed to the personal success of every individual student. Many students pursue independent course options with teachers, tailored to that individual's interests.

Bishop Seabury Academy also offers the Independent Explorations Project (IExP),

an opportunity for motivated students to create a tailored academic experience with focused coursework in a specific discipline, mentorship with an expert in the relevant field, off-campus research, and project-based learning.

The BSA Community Service Program encourages students to become active members of their community, discover the lasting, positive impact they can have on society, and acquire valuable life skills and knowledge. High School students are required to submit a minimum of 120 service hours before graduation, and seniors develop and perform a service project to improve the Seabury or greater Lawrence community.

"Mrs. Truman and I . . . hope and believe we
have contributed to the welfare of this nation
and to the peace of the world."

— HARRY TRUMAN





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Leadership opportunities

As part of the Seabury mission to develop confident and resilient world citizens, students have many opportunities to develop leadership skills and compete with the most ambitious students in the region.

The Seabury culture stresses personal initiative and responsibility, and students take leadership roles in social, academic, and extracurricular contexts. Upper School students have the opportunity to run for student senate, and a small group of seniors are elected to the role of Prefect, an honored position where students can exercise their skills as ambassadors and stewards of the school community.

Seabury students are well known for their confidence and strong communication

skills and are consistently elected to leadership roles at **Model U.N.**, the **Youth Civic Leadership Institute**, and **Boys & Girls State**. BSA students have been a dominating force at the **Washburn Leadership competition**, the **Kansas Civic Games**, **Academic World Quest**, and the national **History Day** competition. Students have had the honor of presenting in Washington, D.C. at the Smithsonian and other venues.

Bishop Seabury Academy is well known for bringing local, state, and national political figures into the classroom, and students have opportunities to shadow officials such as state governors and representatives.

BSA has also been an active participant in the American Exchange Program, a national domestic exchange program that allows high school students around the country to experience the cultural and political landscape in different regions in the United States.



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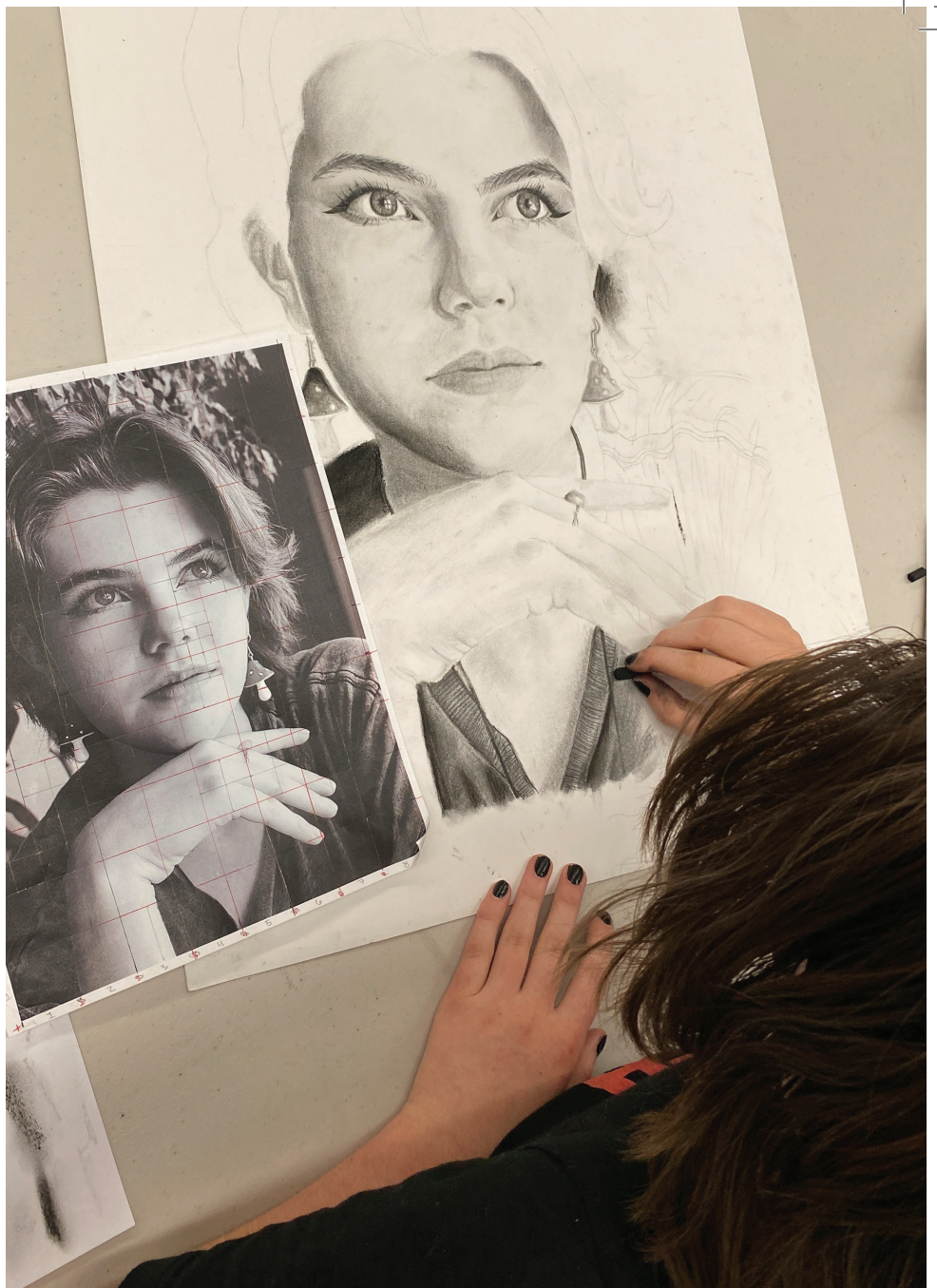
Athletics, arts, and activities

Bishop Seabury Academy has robust athletics and speech & debate programs that have collected regional and state titles annually. Seabury also boasts a complement of three high school theater productions annually, an award-winning music program, and a strong visual arts curriculum.

A defining premise of Seabury athletics and the arts is inclusivity. Unlike large public schools that restrict participation to a select group of students, Seabury activities are open to all students so they can discover their potential. We do not succeed by cutting students—we succeed by helping all students to be their best.

“The Seabury Upper School experience made all the difference. Both our kids attended Seabury from 6th grade through high school graduation. The growth in leadership and academics they gained from the opportunities and interactions with their Upper School teachers completely transformed them both.”

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Mission

Bishop Seabury Academy offers a college-preparatory education in a diverse and enthusiastic learning community, promoting academic excellence and moral development while empowering students to explore their potential and to become engaged citizens of the world.