



Become a Belle!

St. Mary's Academy  
Educating Young Women Since 1889

Virtual Visit  
Fall 2020

# Welcome

**Carla Cotton, Director of Admissions**



Why  
SMA  
?



# Academic Program







# Academic Program

Rigorous college prep courses  
focused on developing  
**21st Century Learning Skills:**

- Critical Thinking
  - Creative Thinking
  - Collaborating
  - Communicating
- **13:1** student to teacher ratio
  - **10** Honors & **10** AP Courses
  - Comprehensive **distance learning** program
  - Teacher & peer-sponsored **academic tutoring** or **study groups** offered



**Each year, our graduates are accepted to top universities across the country.** Click on the map below to see the list!



# Career Path Programs

Arts  
Engineering  
Health Careers





# The Arts

## Experiential Learning

- virtual live chats with industry professionals
- field trips for visual and media arts classes
- live Spring production
- partnership with Heidi Duckler Dance
- annual art show
- dance and choir performances
- AP offerings in Studio Art & Art History



## Courses

Students choose one track as a focus to prepare for a major in college

- **Media Arts**- for students that are interested in new media like film, computer animation, digital journalism
- **Performing Arts**- for students that are interested in dance, singing, and acting
- **Visual Arts**- for students that are interested in traditional arts







# Engineering

## Math and Science

- SMA Engineering teaches Belles how math and science can solve societal problems
- SMA Engineering prepares students for college

## A Shortage of US Engineers

SMA Engineering shows Belles that engineering can be a dynamic and rewarding career.

## Women of Distinction

SMA Engineering inspires Belles to change the world.



## A Three Prong Approach

- Project based learning
- Industry interaction
- Academic preparation for college

## Course Offerings

- College prep curriculum in math and science
- Introduction to Engineering Design
- Principles of Engineering
- Computer Science Principles

## Extracurricular Activities

- Career mentoring
- Robotics team
- Professional seminars





# Health Careers

## Project Based Learning

- Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science curriculum



## Clinical Experience

- Hospital visits to Providence Little Company of Mary for seminars and shadowing experience
- 140 hours of clinical-based community service

## Course Offerings

- Principles of Biomedical Science
- Health Care Ethics
- Cultural Diversity in Health Care
- Human Body Systems Honors





# Student Life & Athletics





# Student Life

## Traditions & Sisterhood

- Earning the class tie!
- Big & Little Sisters
- Sophomore Showcase
- Junior Unity Celebration
- Senior Tie “Returning”
- Campus holiday celebrations
- Belles & Beaux Winter Formal Dance
- Spirit rallies



**YOU create your experience at SMA!**



## Student Clubs

Proposed & maintained by students based on their interests. Open to all Belles!

**Weekly online activities!**







# Athletics at SMA

## Sports Offered

- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Track & Field



Isre'al Conerly, SMA Red Tie '19/NYU Track & Field

## Where to find information

- [www.smabelles.org](http://www.smabelles.org)
- Follow us on Instagram!  
[@smabellesathletics](https://www.instagram.com/smabellesathletics)

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## ST. MARYS ACADEMY



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 CAMINO REAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

San Sport 2018-2019

## ST. MARYS ACADEMY



C.I.F. PLAYOFFS

San Sport 2018-2019

# Admissions Process

Carla Cotton, Director of Admissions



# The 3 A's of SMA Admissions

## **ATTEND** Pre-Admission Virtual Events

- Admissions Workshop-10/24
- Open House-10/29 or 11/19

## **ADHERE** to early bird deadlines

- December 15: Early Bird Deadline (No app fee!)
- January 7: First Round Deadline (\$75 app fee)
- Must apply by 1/7/21 to be considered for first round admission, scholarship, & need based financial assistance!

## **APPLY** online by completing steps 1-5 !

- Visit [www.smabelles.org](http://www.smabelles.org) and proceed to the Admissions page to create an account and complete all steps of the online SMA application.
- **Tuition & standard fees information**





# Onward Scholars Program

**Michele Rice, Program Director**





# Onward Scholars Program Components

## Scholarship

- 75% tuition renewable each of 4 years at SMA
- \$2,000 stipend over 4 years for academic enrichment

## Mentoring

- 4 year curriculum focusing on life skills, academic support, college preparation, career exploration, social emotional learning, leadership development, & community service.

Click here for a list of activities!

## Apply online!

For easy access to the OSP application, visit [www.onwardscholars.org](http://www.onwardscholars.org) via the admissions section of the SMA website.



# Q & A



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# Contact Information

For more information regarding the SMA & Onward Scholars admissions process, please contact:

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