

Be Yourself HERE

NOE PERRY-GREENE

- Member of the Dance Ensemble and actor in three recent plays
- Taking three honors classes: French, Physics, and Geometry
- Member of the Ukulele Club and Community Service Club
- Hopes to work in cognitive science someday



WILLISTON
NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL

THE MOMENT YOU STEP ON CAMPUS, YOU'LL FEEL IT.

Williston is more than a school, it's a community—a caring fellowship of teachers, advisors, coaches, and classmates—who make sure you'll feel at home from day one. We excel at helping students explore their passions (or discover new ones) with that just-right mix of support, challenge, and inspiration. In our classrooms, on our playing fields, and in our dorms, we inspire students to live with purpose, passion, and integrity. Because at Williston, what matters is not just what you'll accomplish as a student, but who you will become as a person.

STUDENTS SHARE IN 7 WORDS OR
FEWER WHY THEY

LOVE IT HERE



“The many new
friendships I’ve made.”

—MATTHEW MORENO



“The engaging classes.”

—ELLIE WOLFE



“Living among your
best friends.”

—PENN CANCRO



“Great academics and
extracurriculars.”

—PRAGHYA RAJA



“The hellos and hugs
and debates!”

—GLEDE WANG



“The amazing faculty
and coaches.”

—SARAH MARKEY



“The food.”

—BEN NORMANDIN



“A chance to take
the lead.”

—JAMIE O'MALLEY

make lasting FRIENDS

PUNN PHENTRAKUL AND MAURA HOLDEN

- Best friends and roommates since ninth grade
- Both proctors in Memorial Hall
- Both athletes and international mentors
- Punn is from Bangkok, Thailand, and Maura is from Hingham, Massachusetts

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS

- Punn: “The dorm, where I have many memories with my friends.”
- Maura: “Galbraith field when the sun is setting because Mt. Tom is all lit up.”

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

- Punn: Community Service Club
- Maura: Admission Tour Guide

LEADING THE WAY

- Punn: “As a proctor, I’ve listened when dormmates tell me their problems. I feel honored that they trust me and believe in me.”
- Maura: “Giving tours has helped me come out of my shell and talk to adults and peers in a more comfortable way. Williston has given me the confidence I had been searching for.”

“We’ve been roommates for four years and every year we get closer.”

—Punn Phentrakul

LEARN FROM PUNN AND MAURA

The common room in Memorial Hall has been the epicenter for activities. It’s there that Punn and her friends put their phones away (except to take pics) and do things like make bowls of ramen noodles after study hall. Maura and her friends are on a card-playing kick right now. They both love to watch movies and goof around. “It’s super fun,” said Punn.

WHAT STUDENTS LOVE ABOUT BOARDING

ADULTS WHO SUPPORT YOU

“Ms. Marsland made sure I enjoyed every day at Williston. She was the first person to encourage my leadership ability.”

—Chris Espinal

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

“Having a dorm parent gives you someone you can talk to and help you whenever you need it.”

—Destiny Nwafor

A BEAUTIFUL DORM

“The dorm is a very special place on campus for me, and I have always had a sense of community and sisterhood in it.”

—Kassandra Orcutt

A SAFE PLACE TO MAKE A LEAP

“I think I tried more new activities in my first few months at Williston than I did during my years at my elementary and middle schools combined.”

—Jack Phelan



explore and **DISCOVER**

“The classes at Williston can be quite challenging. But teachers are always looking out for you and helping you succeed.”

—Benning Johnson

QUICK FACTS

- From Quechee, Vermont
- Member of the water polo and swimming and diving teams
- Lives in John Hazen White House

FIND HIM ON CAMPUS...

“...early on Sunday mornings in the dining hall. Looking over Williston Pond is so relaxing, and it’s a great place to get ahead on some work.”

TEAM EFFORT

“The thing I love about the Williston swimming and diving team is how loudly everyone cheers! It makes every meet super fun.”

HELP IS ALL AROUND YOU

“The teachers always go above and beyond and it makes the Williston community feel very supportive and helps students balance all aspects of being a Wildcat.”

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

“My favorite class is Physics. It may just be me, but I love learning how things work and why. Every day we are up, working in the back of the room on a lab or a project that gives us a better understanding of the world.”

LEARN FROM BENNING

Let’s face it: the first year of high school has the potential to be incredibly overwhelming. Thankfully, Williston supports Benning and his classmates in this foundational year. The themes of the Williston’s C.O.R.E. Ninth Grade Program are Curiosity, Organization, Reflection, and Empathy.



BUILD A FOUNDATION

“It has been great to be challenged in the classroom, involved in campus life, and make meaningful relationships with students and faculty.”
—Emma Prouty

“At Williston, I have seen myself grow as an independent and outgoing person, taking advantage of the endless opportunities that are available to all students.”
—Sabrina Liew

“Even with only a semester behind my daughter, I recognize changes. I see an intellectual sparkle in her. We see her talking about current world events and how much she enjoys her World Civilization class and teacher. The vibrant atmosphere is real and she really has called school a ‘home.’”
—Parent of a ninth grader

engage with IDEAS

“With study hall every day, I’ve learned how to manage my time more efficiently.” —Brandon Barrett

LEARN FROM BRANDON

Brandon isn’t afraid of a challenge, because he knows Williston’s got his back. From his teammates and classmates to his advisor and dorm parents, he always has someone to turn to for guidance, motivation, or just a good laugh.

QUICK FACTS

- From Lake Worth, Florida
- Taking Honors Chemistry, French III, and AP US Government and Politics
- Member of the varsity hockey team
- Admission Tour Guide
- Lives in Ford Hall

CHALLENGING & REWARDING

“I really like AP US Government and Politics because learning about the background of American government is not only really interesting, it also helps me have smarter conversations.”

ON THE ICE

“Having a team that likes you and supports you is really important. Plus, I like to play hockey and I can play it as much as I want here.”

HIS DREAM

“I want to go to a strong academic college, where I can also play hockey.” To that end, Brandon is making plans to take these classes: AP Calculus or AP Statistics, AP English, and an AP science class.

ACADEMIC PURSUITS

THE SKY’S THE LIMIT

“There are always harder classes to take and new fields of study to explore, making learning enjoyable and limitless.”

—Soma Mizobuchi

SMALL CLASSES, BIG RESULTS

“The small class sizes have given me the opportunity to be more active and engaged.”

—Anabelle Farnham

HELP IS ALL AROUND YOU

“The Math, Writing, and Science Centers are all great tools a student can use for support.”

—Benning Johnson

IN-DEPTH, REAL-WORLD STUDY

“I decided to take a Williston Scholars class to get out of my comfort zone. I wanted to analyze data that was not from a textbook to familiarize myself with what statistics will be like in a professional, research setting.” —Sarah Andrews



find a sense of **PLACE**

“Theater has changed my life for the better and is the place I feel most at home.”

—Nina Renkert

LEARN FROM NINA

Nina is not only an active participant in numerous arts classes and activities, she also started a new club at Williston, Girls Supporting Girls. The club “works to empower girls to be their best selves and helps to promote healthy and positive connections. I am really excited about all the ways I can impact my community in this way.”



QUICK FACTS

- From Norfolk, Connecticut
- Proctor in Wold House
- Dance Ensemble member
- Cast member in *The Laramie Project*

FIND HER ON CAMPUS...

“...in the theater. There’s so much power in the potential of a stage. It provides a space where stories flourish and hearts and minds can be changed through conversation between actor and audience member.”

CREATIVITY AT WORK

“I love the freedom found in singing and dancing; they both allow me to take a step back and breathe on a stressful day.”

HELP IS ALL AROUND YOU

“When I have struggles I will absolutely seek out my advisor, who is always open to talking. We have worked together since my freshman year in theater and she has encouraged me in all aspects of my life.”

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Initially nervous about adding a challenging course to her already-full schedule, Nina now has no regrets. “In the end, taking AP US Government and Politics is making me a better citizen and will help me become a more engaged participant in our democracy.”



CREATE, CREATE, CREATE

CHOREOGRAPHY

“I love choreographing. Williston gave me the chance to explore that passion.” —Jamie O’Malley

CREATIVE WRITING

“At Williston, I found a love of writing. I took journalism, where I wrote for *The Willistonian*. I also was a guest blogger for a website called *Women’s Hockey Life*, which was so much fun.” —Marielle McHale

STUDIO ART

“With all the advanced and professional equipment available, I began to push myself to experience other areas of art, such as sculpture and digital design.” —Emily Wu

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

“I enjoyed doing Tech Theater because I got to try something I’ve never done before—and loved it.” —Nick Stauder

dive into your PASSION

“All of the teams that I am on at Williston have truly become family to me.” —Maddy Cardaci

QUICK FACTS

- From Westminister, Massachusetts
- 3-sport athlete: hockey, field hockey, and lacrosse
- Proctor in Wold House

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS?

“The rink. It’s where I can let one of my biggest passions in my life shine. It’s where I can be myself and have fun. It’s where I laugh my hardest, work the toughest, and strive to be the greatest. It’s where I can spend time with my 20 best friends.”

A TRUE COMMUNITY

“Williston feels more like home every day.”

DORM LIFE

“You’ll love the dorm vibe: the snowball fights after study hall, spikeball on the quad outside the dorm, the support from a teacher, advisor, or coach.”

A CAMPUS TO PLAY ON

“I love to go rollerblading with my friends or go to Reed and listen to music and draw with my friends.”

LEARN FROM MADDY

Maddy Cardaci is really busy. As a team leader, she practices her sport—a lot! She also carries a full slate of challenging classes. “When I am stressed out or anxious or overwhelmed about absolutely anything there are always people there to help. I turn to my coaches and my advisor.”

DID WE MENTION WE HAVE CLUBS? HERE ARE JUST A FEW YOU CAN JOIN:

- Activism Club
- Baseball Analytics Club
- Black Student Union
- Boys to Men
- Chess Club
- Classics Club
- Community Service Club
- Designers Club
- Film Club
- Girls Supporting Girls
- Grillin’ and Chillin’
- Gender & Sexuality Alliance
- Investment Club
- *Janus* (literary magazine)
- Math Team
- Model UN
- Mountain Biking Club
- Multicultural Student Union
- Nutracats
- Open Discussion Club
- Political Awareness Club
- Spanish Club
- Spike Ball Club
- Spoken Word Poetry Club
- Sunday Soccer on Sawyer
- The Jewish Club
- *The Log* (yearbook)
- The Pond Hockey Club
- *The Willistonian* (student newspaper)
- Wildest Cats
- Williston Arts Club
- Williston Wild Chords & Teller Chorus
- WillyLive (student news station)

look toward the **FUTURE**

“What I loved about being a boarding student was having the privilege to live and meet with my teachers at almost any time of the day.”

—Destiny Nwafor



QUICK FACTS

- Cornell University
- Member of several Big Red dance ensembles
- Involved with the National Society of Black Engineers

MAKING THE CHOICE

“I had a rewarding experience working with the Williston College Counseling Office. I wouldn’t be at my current school without my counselor, Mrs. McDowell.”

ARRIVING PREPARED

“Williston prepared me for college by making me think critically in my classes and helping me balance extracurricular activities with my workload.”

EMBRACING THE FUTURE

“My dream is to help provide opportunities and open pathways for underprivileged students.”

LEARN FROM DESTINY

“Williston gave me the opportunity and safe space to pursue avenues that I was once too shy to consider pursuing. Here it was open, free, and I saw no reason to deny trying out the performing arts in a more serious setting than what I had been previously exposed to.”



PREPARING FOR COLLEGE—AND BEYOND

“Between the faculty, coaches, and college counseling resources at Williston, the college process was great. Everyone was there with me along the way, making sure everything was done correctly and that I was zeroing in on the school that was right for me.”

—Jayden Marshall, Columbia University

“I learned how to reach out to the people in my life—my coaches, my advisors, my teachers. That’s a lesson I took to college and beyond.”

—Nate Gordon Kenyon College

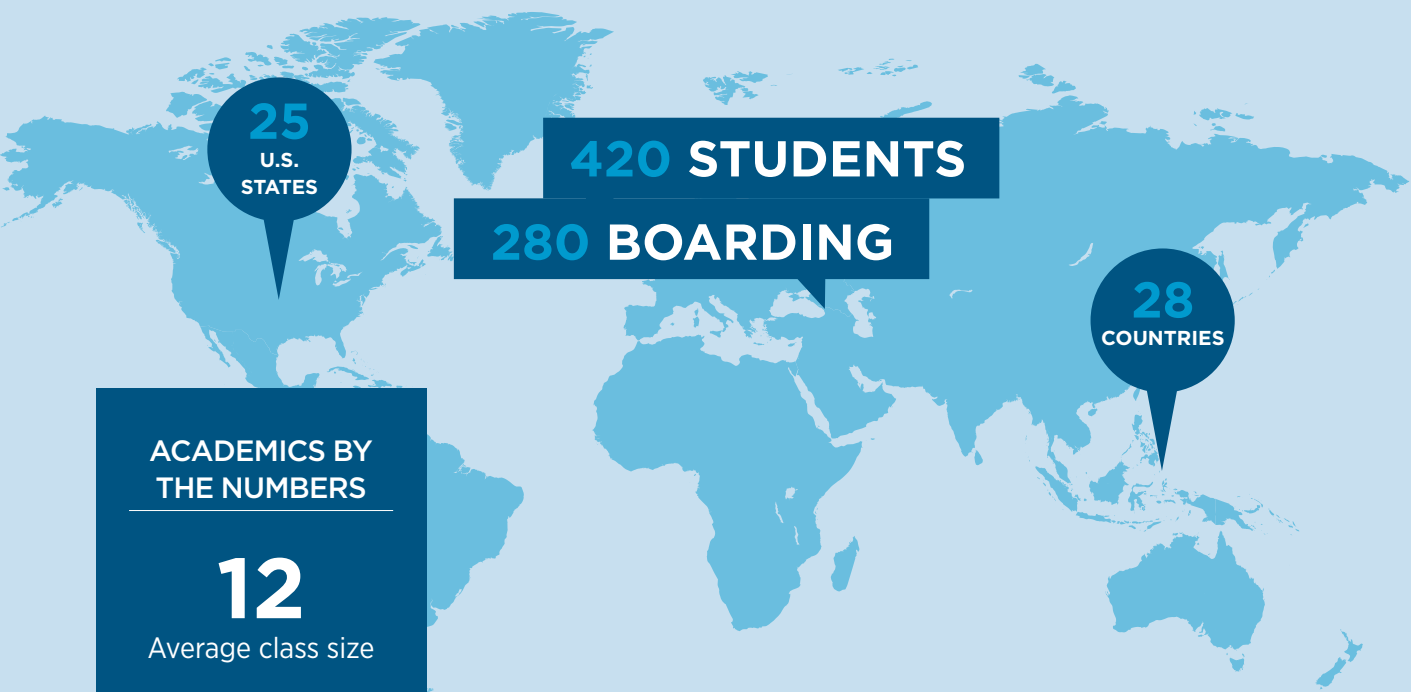
“During my college process, I was supported by college counseling, my advisor, and the English department. Everything went smoothly, and I was accepted into my top six choices. What is generally characterized as a daunting experience was seamless for me because of Williston’s outstanding support.”

—Sarah Markey, Yale University

“I had a great experience with the college process. My college counselor, was also my advisor and coach, so he knew me well. All the college counselors are great listeners. They take the time to get to know you and what you are looking for in a school, and through this they can help you find the right fit.”

—Rosie Crooker, Union College

THE WILLILIST



“There are always harder classes to take and cool new fields of study to explore, which makes learning here fun and limitless.” —Soma Mizobuchi

ACADEMICS BY THE NUMBERS

12
Average class size

159
Courses offered

53
Designated Honors or AP classes

6:1
Advisor to student ratio

98
Faculty members

76%
with advanced degrees

OUR AP AND HONORS CLASSES

ENGLISH AP English Language 11 AP English Literature 12 Honors Williston Scholars English Honors Writers' Workshop	LANGUAGE Honors Chinese IV AP Chinese Language: Culture and Literacy Honors French II Honors French III Honors French V AP French Language Honors Latin II Honors Latin III Honors Latin IV AP Latin Honors Spanish II Honors Spanish III Honors Spanish V AP Spanish Language Honors Williston Scholars Language
HISTORY AND GLOBAL STUDIES AP Comparative Government AP European History AP Macroeconomics AP Microeconomics AP United States Government and Politics AP United States History AP World History Honors Williston Scholars History and Global Studies	

MATHEMATICS Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors Precalculus Honors Discrete Mathematics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC and Multivariable Calculus AP Computer Science AP Computer Science Principles AP Statistics Honors Williston Scholars Mathematics	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics I AP Physics II AP Physics C AP Psychology Honors Williston Scholars Science
SCIENCE Honors Physics Honors Chemistry Honors Biology	VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS AP Music Theory AP Studio Art Honors Williston Scholars Visual Arts Honors Williston Scholars Performing Arts

THAT’S A WILLISTON CLASS?!

Yup! Williston students can choose from dozens of cool electives. Here are just a few recent courses.

APP PROGRAMMING
Using a cloud-based tool supported by MIT, students learn to program mobile apps, and make their own creative apps and games.

ASTRONOMY: STELLAR
In this out-of-this-world class, students learn about the optics of telescopes, consider black holes, and ponder the very origins of the universe.

FORENSIC SCIENCE
Drawing on physics, chemistry, and biology, students do hands-on labs to analyze fictitious crime scene data—and draw conclusions through DNA fingerprinting, handwriting analysis, and more.

EXISTENTIALISM
In this seminar-style class, students explore one of the most important philosophical and literary movements of the 20th century.

PLAYWRITING & SCREENWRITING
Students learn to write dialogue, invent characters, develop a monologue, and write their own 10-minute play or short film script.

3-D PRINTING & COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN
Students 3D modeling software, then bring designs to life using 3D printers, CNC machines, and laser cutters.

SIGNATURE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

WILLISTON SCHOLARS

The Williston Scholars program allows honors students to pursue their individual academic and creative passions through a trimester of directed project work. Students engage in research projects they choose, under the close mentorship and instruction of a faculty member, and are guided through the steps of project development, research, implementation, and presentation. Participation is by application. Students with exemplary projects are eligible for special recognition and departmental honors.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Writers' Workshop is an honors level two-trimester class where students gain insight into the creative process of writing fiction and nonfiction and engage with accomplished authors. Six prominent authors read from their work, speak about the creative process, and then teach a master class on the craft of writing.

ARTS CONCENTRATION

Students who are engaged in the arts at a deep level, participating in both curricular and co-curricular components, may be recognized for completing a Williston Arts Concentration. Students work closely with arts faculty mentors to develop a program of study that includes a variety of arts practices and experiences.

HUMANITIES CONCENTRATION

The Departments of English and History and Global Studies offer a Humanities Concentration to celebrate and encourage those students who have a demonstrated passion for the humanities. This concentration is intended for students who want to exceed the requirements in both departments by investing extra time, effort, and energy. In order to fulfill this concentration, students must complete three additional electives,

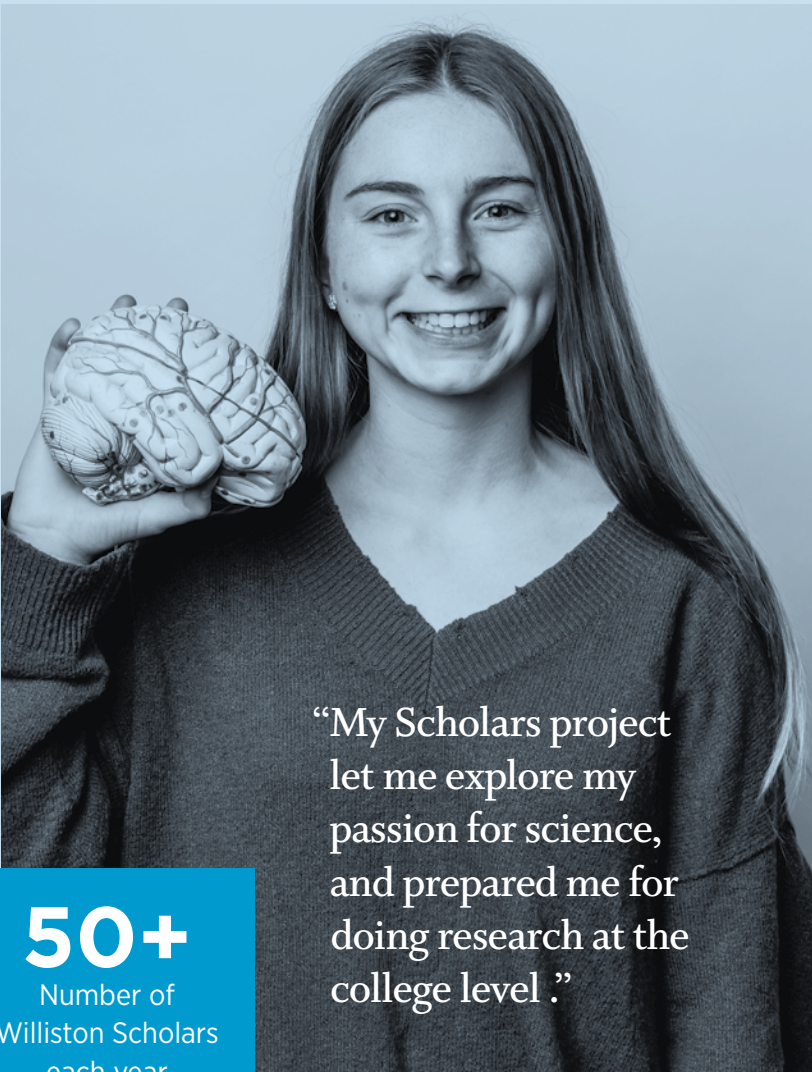
a Williston Scholars course in either department, and additional extracurricular work.

LANGUAGE CONCENTRATION

Students interested in languages are able to pursue a concentration in language. This is intended for students who have gone beyond requirements in exploring a world language. Students may elect to dig deeply into one language or explore several, in the classroom, through extracurriculars, and through off-campus activities.

STEM CONCENTRATION

Students with a passion for STEM may pursue a concentration in this area. To earn a concentration, students must complete a Williston Scholars class in either science or math, and must engage in extracurricular activities, such as participating in the Math Team or Science Olympiad, tutoring in the Math or Science Resource Center, volunteering for the Whitaker-Bement Girls in Math Competition, completing an independent internship, or participating in the Robotics afternoon program.



“My Scholars project let me explore my passion for science, and prepared me for doing research at the college level.”

50+
Number of
Williston Scholars
each year

CENTER OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Williston's Center for Academic Success is a constellation of support that provides students at every level with the resources, instruction, and academic support they need to succeed. We offer levels of support for every kind of learner, ranging from drop-in writing and math centers to a structured Academic Strategies Tutorial and supported evening study hall. Housed in Clapp Library, the Center for Academic Success helps support and challenge students to reach their full potential.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Williston offers significant leadership development through its senior leadership positions, including proctors, admission interns, and international mentors. Leaders are chosen through an application process and those selected (roughly 100 each year) undergo leadership training monthly on topics such as emotional health, conflict resolution, goal-setting, problem-solving, and communicating.

ROBOTICS AND STEM

Students may participate in an extensive program of computer science and engineering courses in Williston's math department. Entry level courses are available in circuitry, app programming, and robotics. More experienced students may pursue intermediate and advanced classes or opt into AP Computer Science Principles or AP Computer Science Courses. A competitive VEX robotics team is also offered as part of the afternoon program.



Art classes, including
Directing, Architecture,
and AP Studio

COLLEGE AND BEYOND

207
Early-decision
and early-action
offers last year

475+
Offers of
admission
last year

33
Students
accepted to
Ivy League
schools in the
last five years

51
Students going
on to play at the
Division 1, 2, and
3 level last year

139
Students
accepted to
NESCAC
schools in the
last five years

A SAMPLING OF COLLEGE
MATRICULATION 2017-22

- Amherst College (3)
- Babson College (4)
- Bates College (5)
- Bentley University (7)
- Boston College (5)
- Boston University (15)
- Bowdoin College (6)
- Brown University (4)
- Bucknell University (2)
- Colby College (5)
- Columbia University (6)
- Connecticut College (7)
- Cornell University (5)
- Dartmouth College (3)
- Dickinson College (4)
- Georgetown University (2)
- Gettysburg College (5)
- Hamilton College (6)
- Harvard University (2)
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges (3)
- Ithaca College (2)
- Kenyon College (4)
- Lehigh University (4)
- Middlebury College (5)
- New York University (10)
- Northeastern University (23)
- Princeton University (2)
- Providence College (5)
- Rochester Institute of Technology (4)
- Skidmore College (14)
- St. Lawrence University (9)
- Stanford University (2)
- Syracuse University (18)
- Trinity College (12)
- Tufts University (6)
- Union College (7)
- United States Military Academy at West Point (2)
- University of Chicago (2)
- University of Massachusetts (Amherst) (16)
- University of Pennsylvania (6)
- University of Richmond (3)
- University of Southern California (3)
- Wesleyan University (5)
- Williams College (4)
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)
- Yale University (3)



“I love how Williston
feels like a family. It is
like my second home.”

—*JiHee Liu*

JIHEE LIU

- From Tokyo, Japan
- Member of the varsity squash and JV soccer teams
- Admission Tour Guide
- Lives in John Hazen White House