

## WILMINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

# COLLEGE SUCCESS



#### **OUR MISSION**

Wilmington Christian Academy, as a ministry of Grace Baptist Church, exists to assist parents in teaching students to glorify Jesus Christ in the pursuit of spiritual, academic, physical, and social excellence.

# GROWING FAITH



Believing that genuine and comprehensive education is grounded in the truth of God's revelation, biblical truth is naturally and purposefully integrated into the Academy's challenging academic program, extracurricular activities and student life opportunities. Students are introduced to faith in Christ and encouraged to explore and adopt a biblical worldview by personal interaction with teachers and participation in Bible classes, chapel services, spiritual emphasis initiatives, school retreats and mission endeavors.

#### INSPIRING INTELLECT



The Academy's academic program challenges students to maximize their God-given intellectual abilities as they prepare for success in the next phase of their education. From basic college prep courses to Advanced Placement and college credit offerings, students are equipped to acquire knowledge, think critically and communicate effectively. Teachers employ a variety of instructional methods combined with current technology to provide our students with an exceptional education.

# DEVELOPING CHARACTER



American society is rapidly abandoning biblical values. While many young people navigate our eroding culture with minimal guidance, students at Wilmington Christian benefit from an environment that fosters character development and promotes servant-leadership. Whether learning in the classroom, practicing on a ball field, performing in the arts or serving others in the community, Academy students are influenced to embrace a lifestyle that honors the Lord and impacts others for eternity.

#### CURRICULUM

Through the Academy's honors, college prep, general & resource programs, WCA provides one of the most comprehensive academic programs in the Wilmington area. In particular, the college prep and honors programs thoroughly prepare students for college admission and academic success at the post-secondary level.

#### **ENGLISH**

Advanced English I Advanced English II Advanced English III Advanced English IV AP Language AP Literature Public Speaking

#### **SCIENCE**

Advanced Physical Science General & Advanced Biology General Chemistry Advanced Chemistry Advanced Anatomy Advanced Physics

#### **MATH**

General & Advanced Algebra I General & Advanced Algebra II Advanced Pre-Calculus AP Calculus General & Advanced Geometry Advanced Statistics/Probability

#### HISTORY/SOCIOLOGY

Advanced Civics Advanced Geography Advanced World History Advanced U. S. History Contemporary World Views Advanced Economics

#### LANGUAGE

Spanish I Spanish II Spanish III

#### BIBLE

Patterns of Christian Living New Testament Epistles The Early Church Behold Your God Proverbs Old Testament Survey

#### PE

Health Physical Education

#### **ELECTIVES**

**Academic Strategies** 

**Basic Photography CLEP Courses** Competitive Speech Concert Band **Contemporary Issues Creative Writing** Drama Duo-lingo Engineering Design Foundations of Info Tech Handbell Ensemble Health Science Journalism/Newspaper Medical Terminology Performance Choir **Pharmacy Tech** Physical Education II Projects in Game Design School Yearbook Strength & Conditioning Studio Art **Teacher Cadet Program** 

RESOURCE PROGRAM is Individually designed to address learning disabilities.

#### COURSES OF STUDY

#### **GENERAL PROGRAM**

Meets and exceeds accepted high school graduation requirements .

# COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM Meets and exceeds the UNC

system requirements.

#### HONORS PROGRAM

Builds on the College Prep program by requiring additional classes and a 3.67 GPA or higher.

#### CREDIT HOURS BY PROGRAM

GENERAL PROGRAM	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS PROGRAM
2.5	2.5	2.5
4	4	4
0	2	3
1	1	1
3.5	4.5	4.5
3	4	5
3	4	4
11	6	4
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#### ACADEMIC ADVISING

WCA's academic advising staff forms a knowledgeable and effective team to prepare our high school students and parents for college success.



Craig Tucker Secondary Principal



Wendy Rohm Career & College Counselor



Melody Neal Registrar

#### SERVICES

High school orientation Course selection & GPA counseling Academic counseling Career day opportunities Career counseling College selection process College entrance requirements
College entrance testing
College application process
Financial aid opportunities and procedures
ACT Preparation

#### **ACCREDITATION**

North Carolina Christian School Association North American Christian School Accrediting Agency Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools National Council for Private School Accreditation

### **GRADING SCALE & GPA EQUIVALENTS**

	GRADE	GENERAL	HONORS	AP/CC
A+	98-100	4.00	4.50	5.50
Α	93-97	4.00	4.50	5.50
A-	90-92	3.67	4.17	5.17
B+	87-89	3.33	3.83	5.83
В	83-86	3.00	3.50	4.50
B-	80-82	2.67	3.17	4.17
C+	77-79	2.33	2.83	3.83
С	73-76	2.00	2.50	3.50
C-	70-72	1.67	2.17	3.17
D+	67-69	1.33	1.83	2.83
D	63-66	1.00	1.50	2.50
D-	60-62	0.67	1.17	2.17
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### COLLEGE TESTS

PSAT 10 The PSAT is a required test for all WCA Sophomores and helps identify areas for improvement in preparation for college entrance exams.

PSAT/NMSQT 11 The primary purpose of this test is to give students the opportunity to qualify as National Merit Scholars. In the fall of their Junior year, exceptionally high scores qualify students for consideration in the NMS program. An added benefit is exposure to other scholarship programs.

American College Test (ACT) As a requirement for graduation, all juniors at WCA must take the ACT (American College Test), which is the most widely used college entrance test in the United States. WCA's average composite scores exceed state and national average scores. WCA is a ACT national test site. – ACT School code #344-352

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Virtually all colleges in the U.S. accept both ACT and SAT scores; therefore, we do not require students to take the SAT. Some students may benefit by taking both tests. Resources are available for those students selecting to take the SAT.

#### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

With a college acceptance rate of 93%, WCA alumni have successfully completed advanced degrees in many fields such as ministry, medicine, law, business, education, journalism, law enforcement, technology and engineering at schools across the country.

#### **CHRISTIAN**

**Baylor University** Bob Jones University Campbell University Colorado Christian Crown College The King's College Liberty University The Master's University Pensacola Christian College Piedmont International University Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Southern Wesleyan University St. Leo University Toccoa Falls Bible College

## PRIVATE

The Citadel Charleston Southern Univ. Clemson University Converse College Duke University Elon College Erskine College **Furman University** Garner Webb University Lee University Long Island University Meredith College Montreat College Mt. Olive College Palm Beach Atlantic University Regent University Savannah School of Art & Design Tulane University Wake Forest Univ.

Our graduates frequently secure college scholarships for academic and athletic achievement

#### STATE

Appalachian State Univ. Clemson University Colorado State University East Carolina University Florida State University Middle Tennessee State University North Carolina Central Univ. North Carolina State University Old Dominion University Purdue University San Diego State Univ. Texas A&M University of Tennessee UNC Asheville UNC Chapel Hill **UNC** Charlotte UNC Greensboro **UNC** Pembroke **UNC** Wilmington US Air Force Academy **US Military Academy US Naval Academy** Virginia Military Institute

Wingate University

#### EARN COLLEGE CREDITS

WCA offers students the opportunity to get a head start on earning college credit while still in high school through the following options:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) These courses prepare students to take the national AP exams administered by the College Board. College credits are awarded based on the AP test scores. Admission into an AP course is based on grades and teacher recommendation.

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM (Colorado Christian University) WCA instructors teach these courses on campus. Grades earned and courses taken in this program appear on the student's high school and college transcripts.

DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS Admission into dual enrollment courses requires an application process including additional entrance and/or placement testing. Additional fees associated with these programs must be paid by the student. Grades earned and courses taken in these programs appear only on the student's college transcript. No high school credit is earned.

PATHWAYS (Cape Fear Community College) Classes offered for this option are available to Juniors and Seniors who are at least 16 years old and meet enrollment requirements. Students will apply through the WCA college & Career services, and their application will be processed based on academic performance and maturity level. WCA has chosen to offer the following CFCC dual enrollment courses for college credit: Music Appreciation, World Civilizations I, American Government, Statistical Methods I, Precalculus/Algebra.

**STUDENT SELECTED** (Various Colleges) WCA facilitates online dual enrollment through other colleges and universities with the approval of the administration. Additional fees will be required.

THE COLLEGE BOARD'S CLEP PROGRAM is an independent study option offering high school students an opportunity to earn college credits before high school graduation. Each college participating in the CLEP program are allowed to determine the classes and minimal accepted scores. WCA has chosen to offer the following 8 courses accepted by UNCW for college credit: Western Civilization I, Principles of Microeconomics, US History I, Western Civilization II, Information Systems & Computer Applications, Introduction to Psychology, American Government and Introduction to Sociology.

#### COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING

After graduation, students are encouraged to take subject placement tests at the college they will attend. WCA students taking these tests have scored well enough to waive freshman level courses and be placed in more advanced classes.



#### STUDENT TESTIMONIES



ZACH JUDSON
WCA Class of 2010
LTJG US NAVY, H-60S Pilot
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
BS Mechanical Engineering
Minor in Mathematics

WCA did more than prepare me academically, it prepared me mentally and emotionally. So many young adults graduate, go to college, and most want to experience the "social scene." WCA helped to instill in me the fortitude to say "no". The teachings and doctrines taught gave me a desire to achieve more, be a better human, and always serve the Lord.



STEPHEN TALLEY
WCA Class of 2011
UNC Wilmington 2014
BA Mathematics and BS in Statistics
Pharmaceutical Business/Data Analyst

I was definitely more prepared than most going into college. In some cases I think I actually learned certain material in greater detail at WCA than I did during the first year of college, particularly regarding the writing-intensive subjects. The teachers at WCA were the biggest reason why I felt prepared: they're good people, and they're always willing to dedicate the time and effort to help you understand the material.

#### STUDENT TESTIMONIES



CHRIS KARRAS
WCA Class of 2016
UNC Chapel Hill
Major in Business Administration
Minor in Public Policy

The academics at WCA thoroughly prepared me for those at the college level. I learned valuable time management skills, test-taking skills, and organizational skills from WCA that have propelled me to academic success on the next level. The courses I took at WCA all represented academic excellence. Overall WCA represents a desire to compete with excellence, whether in the classroom, on the court, or on the field. The spiritual emphasis provided at WCA has guided me throughout my life and will continue to do so.



CAROLINE FOUNTAIN
WCA Class of 2017
Campbell University
Major in Biochemistry/Pre-medicine
Minor in Spanish

Responsibility, teamwork, and compassion are promoted through various organizations like student government, honor society and endless service projects. WCA provides ample opportunity to get involved and thrive in our local community. I have to say the spiritual preparation is the most important facet WCA instilled in me. I came to know Christ as a sophomore as a result of a teacher sitting down and explaining to me that salvation is a relationship with the Savior rather than just head-knowledge about the Scriptures.