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OMMUNITY... with a mission to

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set our eyes UPWARD ...to pursue CHRIST in all things.

To provide a distinctively classical and unwaveringly Christian education,

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### TINCTIVELY CLASSICAL

### THE STAGES OF CLASSICAL EDUCATION

#### ven Method–An Extraordinary Education

assical methodology of using the Trivium (Grammar, Dialectic, and Rhetoric) lizes on the natural development of a child to present ideas and skills in a way onors their frame at three stages. All subjects—math, literature, language, history, e, Bible, philosophy, music, art, athletics—become integrated parts of a whole to earners with the tools to be well-versed, thinking, articulate communicators of a ariety of information in light of Scripture. For a child to speak a clear answer and r place in the big picture is to add a voice to the Great Conversation.



### E SENIOR GRAND TOUR TRIP...

8-day educational capstone trip through Greece and Italy, which is a culmination r journey through a Christ-centered classical education. A one-credit, weekly class their junior year prepares them for this trip of a lifetime as they make presenta-



#### **GRAMMAR** [K-6th]

Does it seem like your young child (K-6th grade) has a knack for memory and a love for discovery?

- Songs and Chants
- Movement
- Collecting
- Captivating Stories
- Fine Arts & Music
- Feasts & Celebrations
- Interactive Field Trips
- Recitations
- Exploration
- Guided Discovery



#### DIALECTIC [7th-9th]

Does your middle schooler like to question ideas, make connections, and express their opinions?

- Discovery-based Science
- Discussion-based Learning
- Logic Development
- Poise in Public Speaking
- Others-centered Service
- Character Through Sports
- Independent Learning Skills
- Various Elective & Activity Choices

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#### RHETORIC [10th-12th] Is your high schooler eager to achieve independence and find their own voice?

- Growth in Wisdom
- Collaborative Seminars
- The Grand Tour to Greece & Italy
- Junior & Senior Thesis
  Presentations
- Junior & Senior Soirée Events
- Etiquette & Protocol
- Servant Leadership
  Opportunities
- Mentoring

Rockbridge is intentional about developing Christian character first and has challenged our children to be lifelong learners of the things of God. Education through the Trivium provides intellectual stimulation and teaches them to be critical thinkers.

> We praise God that He brought us to this school.

> > Rockbridge Academy Parent

### TINCTIVELY GRAMMAR (K-6)

#### ing a Strong Foundation of Knowledge and Faith

children possess an acute ability to observe and remember new things, which allows to pick up language early and quickly. In the grammar stage, K-6th grades, we teach ir proclivity to memorize the facts (or grammar) of English, but also the grammar of science, and history by using chants and songs and movement.

nts thrive as they find inspiration and fulfillment in working toward discovering their iven potential. From the earliest years, students learn how to attend with focused ng, work with diligence to the glory of God, respect their teachers and their fellow nts, and obey cheerfully.

#### Rockbridge Extended Day— Before and After Care

More and more, hard-working families are needing to have both parents in the workforce. In order to make Rockbridge Academy feasible for families, we offer an extended day program, before and after school.

The program is an extension of our mission and offers supervision with active play, recreation, and home-work help as needed.

"I have stored up your word in my **heart** 

that I might not sin

against you."

Psalm 119;11



ie and life-long friendships are built inside and outside of class.

Kindergarten Teddy Bear Tea Party. Lessons in etiquette, manners, and honoring one another start with our youngest students. A foundation of prayer. Every homeroom begins each day in prayer.

# ngage in the joy of learning...

### TINCTIVELY DIALECTIC (7th-9th)

#### and Discussion Cultivate Understanding

he foundation of knowledge is established, students will naturally move to the evel of applying logic in the Dialectic stage. The proven classical method capitalizes ir natural inclination to question ideas and make arguments.

ocratic method empowers students to dive into the text, and debate and defend a Christian world view, exercising their minds, and challenging their thoughts. sion, critical thinking, and logical analysis among the diverse perspectives of their ates helps them understand and think with greater depth about the world in which ve. Our goal is to teach in such a way that students stand in awe of the wonder of eated order and, as a result, love and worship the Creator.

I really enjoy the class discussions. and I think that my opininos and contributions matter: it helps me to grow in understanding the material at a deeper level.

Rockbridge Academy 8th Grade Student

Our middle schoolers ranked #1 in the State Science Olympiad for 4 years in a row in their division. Our graduates pursue technical degrees at MIT, Carnegie Mellon, USNA, Johns Hopkins, Georgia Tech, U of MD, West Point, and more.

Rockbridte Academy SCIOLY

and Variety Shows take place in e years for students in 7th-12th offering opportunities in the

Our students actively engage in service through the Interact Club or Service Time or through our mentoring program. Upper Poise, confidence, and joy in the art of public speaking doesn't happen in a day. It's an integral part of our curriculum that starts

Schedule a tour and learn more about how students from a classical Christian school excel in literature and the humanities AND







### **FINCTIVELY RHETORIC (10th-12th)**

#### e. Deepen. Transform.

on sees beyond preparing students for college or a job. In this final stage of the we seek to help students grow deeper in their faith and own their walk with God. It to help them develop an integrated and biblical moral intuition and thereby see mation in their own lives and make an impact in the world around them.

pose of a classical Christian education at Rockbridge Academy is to teach stuow to think within a Christian world view, to take every thought captive to Christ, become life-long disciples of Christ who think clearly and listen carefully.



of our upper school teachers have advanced degrees. Our teachers are passionate about their subject matter and are called to share this love with their students.



assod learning through acking questions, listoning, and interacting takes maturity and respect

### **PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE**



"Please pray for my ability to

independently stay strong in my faith at college, but also to reach out beyond my comfort zone into the community. Please pray for growth in discernment and the ability to make hard decisions...for God to reveal His will...and clear direction to serve Him after

A Recent Graduate

college..."



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Rockbridge Academy Alumna



Some of the colleges where recent graduates have been accepted:

Auburn University Boston College Carnegie Mellon Clemson University Cornell University Covenant College Elon University Emory University George Washington Univ Georgia Tech Gordon College Hillsdale College James Madison University Johns Hopkins University MD Institute College of Art MIT Northeastern University Northwestern University University of Notre Dame Purdue University Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. US Air Force Academy US Military Academy US Naval Academy University of the Arts University of Virgina Vanderbilt University Villanova University (Honors)

#### Glory of God and for the Building of His Kingdom

eve that participation in the arts can be a means of thinking God's thoughts after of that training students to not only observe and appreciate the fine arts but also of contribute to them is a worthy academic pursuit. Thus, we do not consider our s classes to be "extra-curricular," but believe that they play an essential role in the for of our students.















NING 1st Grade: Learning to see lines and convert what they see to shapes 3rd Grade: Integrating Greek history studies with art through Greek urn project 5th Grade: Fur textures, nuances of shading, while studying Bruegel 6th Grade: After Sisley—introduction to oil pastels 7th Grade: After Da Vinci—drapery study in graphite 10th Grade: Orchid study 12th Grade: Still life in acrylics

"Art has tremendous power to shape culture

### MUSIC

#### "Come, Let Us Sing for Joy" Psalm 95

At Rockbridge Academy, music is not only a subject for study, but a gift to students. Even if they do not go on to play an instrument or join upper school choirs, music appreciation can provide them with a lifetime of enjoyment and refreshment for their spirits.

- Rockbridge Academy Singers (4th-6th)
- Rockbridge Academy Chorale (7th-9th) and Kantorei (10th-12th)
- Suzuki Strings Begins in 1st Grade
- Scots Orchestra (4th-8th)
- Rockbridge Academy Orchestra (9th-12th)

The most important goal in our music classes is to equip students to become skillful, joyful, worshipers of our Lord.





### ILETICS

#### essons on and off the Field

nt's involvement in athletics is a privilege, a responsibility, and an important part educational experience at Rockbridge Academy. While winning is valued, the ng emphasis is on building Christian character and instilling a lifelong love of and physical activity. Sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play, and the value of hard e life lessons that are learned on the field and within a unified team.



LE SCHOOL:

Country se (Girls) ball HIGH SCHOOL: Soccer Cross Country Lacrosse (Girls) Basketball



Sports forced me to come face to face with my weaknesses and failures in situations that also provided me with a team that was much more important than myself to rely on.

Rockbridge Academy Alumnus





## **BY THE NUMBERS**

513 Average SAT score for the class of 2019

る。乱 Student:Teacher ratio in upper school

28% PSAT/NMSQT.

For National Merit scholars and commended students. The national average is 3%.

59%

Rockbridge 🔁 upper school

Pizza slices 🍾 💽 consumed by Rockbridge students last year at school

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Bible verses memorized through the

Contact us today to schedule a tour. **Come see classical Christian education in action!** 

\$159,044 Average college scholarship offered PER student to the class of 2017



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