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ENROLLMENT

Approximately

385

students are enrolled
in Upper School

ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIP

- Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS)
- Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
- National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- Southern Association of College Admission Counseling (SACAC)
- Council on Educational Standards & Accountability (CESA)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Cognia (formerly AdancedEd)

UPPER SCHOOL

PROFILE 2023-2024

THE FIRST ACADEMY is a Christ-centered college preparatory school serving over 1,300 Central Florida students from Nursery School through 12th grade. Since its opening in 1987, TFA has continued to grow the academic, fine arts, athletic, and faith-based programs that have elevated its students to the highest levels of achievement and helped them develop the strength of character that leads young men and women to serve their own communities and across the globe.

ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

ACADEMICS

The First Academy boasts a 100% college acceptance rate for its graduating seniors, who have received over \$90 million in scholarship offers since 2007. TFA students at every grade level consistently score well above the state and national average on standardized tests. For nearly a decade, more than half of TFA seventh-grade students have qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) for the academically accomplished. The First Academy has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished Program and has been named to the prestigious list of Blue Ribbon Schools (top 1% of schools in the nation).

FINE ARTS

The First Academy has a rich and growing Fine Arts community where students are involved in band, choir, visual arts, and theatre. The Marching Royals placed in the Top Ten of IA Bands, earning Superior ratings at each competition and First Place in Class. TFA's Upper School Theatre program received 11 nominations for the 2022-2023 Dr. Phillips Applause Awards for their production of *Shrek: The Musical*. TFA's Thespian Troupe 5165 received Superior Tech & Overall Superior for their One Act *The 39 Steps, Even More Abridged* at the Florida District V Thespian Festival. Students also received various individual awards regionally and at the state competition level including Best in Show Costume Design (District V Festival) and Outstanding Stage Manager (Applause Awards). TFA's visual arts is a college prep program with students who have earned over a million dollars in scholarships to art colleges all over the world for art careers. Our programs include 2D and 3D/Ceramics disciplines and also features 3D printers, one of a kind Raku firing, street painting, and mural events on campus and in the community. Students have achieved high awards, including multiple Best in Shows, in competitive exhibits both local and statewide. Student art has been chosen for the Congressional Art Competition with artwork displayed in congressional offices in Tallahassee and Washington DC. The Digital Media Production program has received recognition from the Florida Scholastic Press Association and Columbia Scholastic Press Association for their 2023 Legacy Yearbook and weekly Raw Footage TV production program.

ATHLETICS

TFA Athletics has been a cornerstone of success in Central Florida, earning 6 citrus league championships, 113 district titles, 43 regional titles, 67 individual state titles, and 20 team state championships. Most recently, The First Academy won the 2020-2021 Class 3A Floyd E. Lay Sunshine Cup which is given to one school that earns the most points based on their postseason finishes in all sports. The First Academy offers 23 interscholastic sports and is home to two world-class athletic facilities, the Payne Stewart Athletic Complex and the Cramer Family Field House.

GRADE POINT AVG. DISTRIBUTION

CLASS OF 2024 FOR GRADES 9-11

| Weighted GPA | Number | % of |
|----------------|--------|------|
| 5.0 and higher | 20 | 25% |
| 4.0-4.99 | 58 | 61% |
| 3.0-3.99 | 14 | 14% |
| Total students | 92 | |

The First Academy is a Christ-centered college preparatory school whose mission is to prepare children for life as Christian leaders who choose character before career, wisdom beyond scholarship, service before self, and participation as a way of life.

CLASS OF 2023

81

SENIOR GRADUATES
IN THE CLASS OF 2023

\$5.5

MILLION EARNED IN
SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

15k

HOURS OF MISSION TRIPS AND
COMMUNITY SERVICE

90%

OF SENIORS WERE PART
OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
IN ART, ATHLETICS, OR LEADERSHIP

12

ROYAL SCHOLARS

25

HUMANITIES SCHOLARS

22

AP SCHOLARS

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

The First Academy has four Honor Roll distinctions based on all credit courses for each nine-week period.

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Head of School's List | GPA of 5.0 and up |
| Principal's Honor Roll | GPA of 4.75 - 4.999999 |
| Collegiate Honor Roll | GPA of 4.5 - 4.749999 |
| Honor Roll | GPA of 4.00 - 4.499999 |

Royal Scholars: The Royal Scholars are students who have completed at least 10 Advanced Placement (AP) /Dual Enrollment courses and 13 Honors courses with grades no less than 80% in those courses.

Humanities Scholars: Humanities Scholars are students who have completed high level courses in the Fine Arts, Social Sciences, and world language. Humanities Scholars must maintain an 85% or higher in Honors courses; 80% or achieve a 3 or higher on Advanced Placement exams.

- 4+ Social Science Credits (at least 1 AP)
- 3+ World Languages (at least 1 Honors)
- 2+ Fine Arts

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The academic year is divided into two semesters, each approximately 18 weeks in length. Grades are reported at nine-week intervals.

ENGLISH

English 9
English 9 Honors**
English 10
English 10 Honors**
English 11
English 11 Honors**
English 12 Honors**
AP English Language**
AP English Literature**

SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology Honors**
Biology
Biology Honors**
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors**

Health Science Anatomy & Physiology Honors**
Marine Science Honors**
Physics Honors**
AP Biology**
AP Chemistry**
AP Computer Science A**
AP Computer Science Principles**
AP Environmental Science**
AP Physics**
AP Physics II**

CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Apologetics
Biblical Formation & Financial Stewardship
Foundations of Theology
World Religions

SOCIAL SCIENCE

American Govt. Honors**
American History Honors**
Economics Honors**
World History Honors**

World Geography Honors**
AP Government & Politics**
AP Human Geography**
AP Psychology**
AP U. S. History**
AP World History**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Athletic Performance I, II, & III
Personal Fitness+
Varsity Sports Conditioning

MATH

Algebra I
Algebra I Honors**
Algebra II
Algebra II Honors**
Calculus Honors**
Geometry
Geometry Honors**
Math for College Algebra
Probability & Statistics
Pre-Calculus

Pre-Calculus Honors**
AP Calculus AB & BC**
AP Statistics**

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish I & II
Spanish II, III & IV Honors**
Latin I & II
Latin III & Latin IV Honors**
Mandarin I & II
Mandarin II Honors**
Mandarin III Honors**
AP Chinese Language & Culture**
AP Latin**
AP Spanish Language & Culture**

ELECTIVES

2D Art Design+
2D Portfolio Development+
3D Art Design+
Band I & II
Band III & IV Honors**
Care & Prevention of Athletic Injury

Ceramics I & II
Ceramics III & IV Honors**
Chorus I & II
Chorus III**
Classical Mythology
Constitutional Law
Debate
Drawing & Painting I & II
Early Childhood Development
Guitar
Introduction to Media Production
Jazz Band
Media Production I
Media Production II & III Honors
Media Production IV Honors
Public Speaking
Special Needs Development
Stagecraft
Test Prep
AP Studio Art 2D**
AP Studio Art 3D**
AP Studio Art Drawing**

+ ½-year credit course
** weighted course
AP Advanced Placement Course

SAT & ACT SCORE RANGES

MID RANGE - CLASS OF 2023

ACT 22-28

SAT 1100-1220

*Class of 2024 is continuing to take tests throughout the school year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

MINIMUM 25 CREDITS

100 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| English..... | 4.0 | World Languages..... | 2.0 |
| Math..... | 4.0 | Physical Education..... | 1.0 |
| Science*..... | 3.0 | Elective Credits..... | 4.5 |
| Social Studies*..... | 3.0 | Fine Arts..... | 1.0 |
| Christian Studies..... | 3.0 | | |

*3 or 4 Credits in this academic discipline are required.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2019-2023

AdventHealth University
Alabama A&M University
Albright College
American Academy of Dramatic Arts (New York)
American University
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University (Main Campus)
Arkansas State University (Main Campus)
Asbury University
Auburn University
Ave Maria University
Azusa Pacific University
Babson College
Bard College
Barry University
Baylor University
Beacon College
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Bethune-Cookman University
Boston College
Boston University
Broward College
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Butler University
Caldwell University
California Baptist University
California College of the Arts
Carson-Newman University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Central Michigan University
Centre College
Chapman University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Columbia College
Columbia University
Concordia University (Chicago)
Covenant College
Dartmouth College

Davenport University
Daytona State College
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
East Tennessee State University
East Texas Baptist University
Eckerd College
Edward Waters University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)
Emerson College
Emory University
Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School
Fairmont State University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Memorial University
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Full Sail University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
George Brown College
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Ghent University
Grand Canyon University
Grand Valley State University
Hampton University
Harding University
Harvard University
Hawai'i Pacific University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Howard University
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Jacksonville State University
Jacksonville University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)
Kent State University
Keystone College
King's College
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Lake-Sumter State College
Lawrence University
Lee University
Lehigh University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University
Lipscomb University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lycoming College
Lynn University
Marist College
Mars Hill University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Mercer University
Methodist University
Miami University (Oxford)
Michigan State University
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Milligan University
Mississippi College
Mississippi State University
Monmouth College
Montclair State University
Montreat College
Moody Bible Institute
Morehouse College
Muhlenberg College
New College of Florida
New Mexico State University (Main Campus)
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
Notre Dame College
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio University (Main Campus)
Ontario College of Art and Design University
Orange Coast College
Pace University (New York City)
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Parsons School of Design at The New School
Penn State University (Brandywine)
Penn State University (University Park)
Penn State University (World Campus)
Pepperdine University
Piedmont University
Polk State College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University (Main Campus)
Queens University of Charlotte
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Rider University
Rollins College
Rosemont College
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Rutgers University (Newark)

Saint Leo University
Salve Regina University
Samford University
Santa Fe College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Visual Arts
Seminole State College of Florida
Shenandoah University
Shorter University
Southeastern University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. Petersburg College
St. John's University (New York)
St. Thomas University
State College of Florida (Manatee-Sarasota)
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
SUNY at New Paltz
SUNY University at Buffalo
Syracuse University
Tabor College
Tallahassee Community College
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Tech University
The College of William and Mary
The New School
The Ohio State University (Main Campus)
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
The University of Texas at Arlington
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of West Florida
Thomas Jefferson University
Thomas University
Tri-County Technical College
Trinity College of Florida
United States Naval Academy
University of Akron Main Campus
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Davis)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Los Angeles)
University of California (Riverside)
University of California (San Diego)
University of California (Santa Barbara)
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Massachusetts (Boston)
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri (Columbia)
University of Missouri (Kansas City)
University of Montevallo
University of Nebraska at Kearney
University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)
University of New Mexico (Main Campus)
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of South Carolina (Upstate)
University of South Florida (Main Campus)
University of South Florida (Sarasota-Manatee)
University of South Florida (St. Petersburg)
University of Southern California
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (Main Campus)
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Valdosta State University
Valencia College
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Warner University
Washington University in St. Louis
Webber International University
Webster University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Wheaton College
Williams College
Wingate University
Yale University
Young Harris College