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#### THE KNOX SCHOOL

Make friends from Beijing and Barcelona and everywhere in between. Seize special opportunities—both academic and extracurricular—from riding to rowing to robotics. Most important, explore a world full of new possibilities. This is your chance to discover all that you can achieve, the person you can become, and what your future can hold. It's all within reach here at Knox.



## PERSONAL LEARNING

Knox is a school that feels like a family, a place where you will be surrounded by people who know and care about you.

"It's not just the

HANDFUL OF KIDS IN MY CLASS THAT I KNOW WELL. ACROSS THIS CAMPUS, EVERY TEACHER KNOWS EVERY STUDENT."

PATRICK BARRY, CHAIR, VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS **SMALL CLASSES** Classes at Knox typically have a maximum size of just 12 students—and many are even smaller. This intimate scale makes for instruction that's interactive and in tune with your individual interests and needs.

**CUSTOMIZE YOUR CURRICULUM** Would you like to explore economics, philosophy and strength training? Or double up on science, art or English? Or perhaps design your own research project? We will give you the opportunities and the flexibility to do so.

**EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT** At Knox, every educator from teachers and coaches to dorm parents and administrators—has one goal: to help you succeed. It's your responsibility to do the work, but it's ours to guide and support you in every way possible as you meet the challenges ahead.



MAKE YOUR EDUCATION INDIVIDUAL AND EXCEPTIONAL.

### It's All About Growth

For so many students and alumni over generations, Knox has proved to be a place of transformation. Young people find and build new talents here. They take the kind of risks it takes to really learn. As a result, they grow in ability and independence, in self-knowledge and self-confidence. THE KNOX SCHOOL



## EXTRAORDINARY ADVERTURES

As you enter the Knox campus, one of the first sights that greets you are paddocks to one side and our historic horseshoe-shaped stable to the other. You might also see a few of our resident four-legged friends grazing nearby.

The Knox equestrian program, which dates to 1914, offers options ranging from coursework in Equine Science to high-level competition. And it's just one of many exceptional opportunities that can bring an added dimension to your Knox education.

# **ACADEMICS**

Motivated students and inspired teachers. High expectations and solid support. At Knox, these are the ingredients that come together to make a powerful learning experience.

#### "WE'RE NOT TEACHING

TO A STANDARDIZED TEST. INSTEAD, WE ARE FOCUSED ON MEANINGFUL, ENGAGING CONTENT AND BUILDING THE SKILLS MOST ESSENTIAL TO OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS."

DANIEL DONAHUE, HISTORY INSTRUCTOR **WRITING EXCELLENCE** From sixth grade through upper school and from English and history to the sciences, Knox focuses strongly on writing. The goal is to equip students to write with clarity and confidence, whether the assignment is a poetry essay or lab report. Our Graduate Capstone Project provides a yearlong intensive introduction to developing a solid, original, college-level research paper.

**STEM STRENGTH** If you are fascinated by technology and love to invent and explore, our growing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program is for you. Choose courses such as Engineering and Electronics. Take Intro to Robotics and take part in inter-school competitions. Try out the CAD software in our well-equipped STEM lab and see where your curiosity leads.

**PREVIEWING COLLEGE** One way Knox prepares you for college is by using many of the same teaching approaches you will find at the college level. Teachers guide students toward sophisticated thinking and substantive dialogue, often focusing on the same texts and content found in first- and second-year undergraduate coursework.



### Hands-On

Because our classes are small, Knox teachers have the flexibility to shape lessons driven by students' curiosity, whether the topic is black holes, presidential politics or projects in engineering. They also focus on hands-on learning: building and sailing cardboard boats in the harbor for a physics competition, experiencing the art and science of keeping bees, finding novel applications of 3-D printing—after first building a 3-D printer.

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"WHEN YOU WALK ACROSS THE LAWN AFTER MORNING MEETING AND LOOK DOWN THE HILL TO THE WATER THROUGH THE AUTUMN TREES, YOU REALIZE AGAIN YOU ARE IN AN AMAZING PLACE." JOHN ETTORE, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

# BESIDE THE SHORE

It would be hard to imagine a more striking site for a school: 32 green and beautiful acres sloping from hilltop playing fields to the shoreline of Stony Brook Harbor. Even more impressive, the campus is just a mile from the Long Island Sound and 50 miles from New York City.

During free time, our students enjoy not only going to the movies, the mall and our local beaches, but also many weekend trips. They take in the beauty and unique culture of the Hamptons and the wonders of Manhattan, from world-class museums to theater, shopping, and simply exploring.

# FOR EVERYONE

"WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS IN EVERYTHING THEY DO. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO START A PHILANTHROPY CLUB OR SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB, OR TRY A NEW TWIST ON AN OLD TRADITION, WE SAY, 'GREAT. RUN WITH IT!'"

CAITLYN ADAMS, ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR





TRY THINGS YOU'VE NEVER ATTEMPTED. ACHIEVE THINGS YOU WOULD NEVER EXPECT.





"The key word is *opportunity*. Every student can join a team or get a part in the play or have a leadership role. Our son accomplished so much at Knox he would never have even tried at

ANOTHER SCHOOL." Brett Pastuch, parent



## Being a "Knoxie"

Knox is a small school with a big sense of spirit—and many cherished traditions. At graduation we gather on the waterfront lawn by historic Houghton Hall. During the month of December, we celebrate the Knox traditions of senior singing, middle school gingerbread houses, and all the upper school students visiting the Head of School's house for lunch. All year long, half of our students and teachers who make up the Red Team compete fiercely with the other half, designated White, culminating in the spectacle of Gym Night. The result is a feeling of pride and unity. As we say, "Once a Knoxie, always a Knoxie!"

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### Signature Programs

**REFLECTION/PROJECTION** A special program, focused on students' personal and academic growth, that augments Knox's regular advising program. Three times each year, every student meets with a mentor (a senior administrative staff member) to set goals and evaluate their progress against goals established previously. Through the process, students build self-understanding and acquire the tools for ongoing personal development.

**GRADUATE CAPSTONE PROJECT** A yearlong project guiding students through the step-by-step process of writing an original, college-level research paper—from developing the topic through final revisions. This invaluable experience is available not just to select high-achieving students, but to every Knox senior or post graduate student.

**THE POST GRADUATE YEAR** Providing the opportunity for an extra year of personal and academic growth, helping students prepare for success in the college admissions process and in college-level studies. Like all our offerings, the Knox PG Program allows extensive flexibility in meeting each student's individual needs.

**THE EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM** A five-day-per-week program designed for riders of all ability levels, with strong individualized support for those looking to compete. The Phebe T. Phillips Byrne '68 Equestrian Center features 25 stalls, a newly renovated outdoor ring with sprinklers, a covered track with sand and rubber footing, a turnout field, and a full jump course. Students who wish to bring their own horses may board them at the center.

**CREW** A strong and growing team for boys and girls, attracting rowers nationally and internationally for sculling, sweeping, sprint races and head races in singles, doubles and fours. Knox crew offers the opportunity to train year-round, participate in high-level competition, and row in the beautiful waters of Stony Brook Harbor, launching directly from our waterfront campus.



#### KNOX AT A GLANCE

**PROFILE**  $\rightarrow$  A nonsectarian day and boarding school for boys and girls, grades 6-12 with a Post Graduate year.

**FOUNDING**  $\rightarrow$  1904, by educational leader Mary Alice Knox.

**SCHOOL MOTTO** → Semper Ad Lucem, Always Toward the Light.

**CORE VALUES** → Integrity, Kindness, Courage, Respect, Responsibility, Scholarship.

**ACADEMICS**  $\rightarrow$  A balanced college preparatory curriculum featuring 14 Advanced Placement courses; an honors option in most upper school courses; study in French, Spanish, and Chinese; and flexibility in personalizing the program of study. BOOST, an academic support program, provides individualized assistance in the areas of Language, Mathematics, and Organization and Development.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** >> An immersive program reflecting best practices in the field, with instruction offered at five levels.

**THE ARTS**  $\rightarrow$  A broad range of offerings including studio art, media arts, and photography; theatre and dance; and chamber, vocal and world music.

**ATHLETICS** >> Ample opportunity for student-athletes at every level, with interscholastic and intramural teams in baseball, basketball, bowling, crew, cross-country, fencing, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball, as well as yoga and fitness classes.

**RESIDENTIAL LIVING**  $\rightarrow$  A variety of intimately scaled dormitories accommodate students, who are grouped by age, and dorm parents. The main dining room is in Houghton Hall, once a Georgian mansion, now on the National Register of Historic Places.

**COLLEGE COUNSELING**  $\rightarrow$  A highly individualized process beginning in the sophomore year and supporting each student in gaining admission to a college or university representing an excellent personal fit.

MASSACHUSETTS NEW YORK THE SCHOOL'S LOCATION IN BOSTON ST. JAMES, NY, ON THE NORTH CONNECTICUT SHORE OF LONG ISLAND, IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY CAR FROM ACROSS NEW YORK CITY PENNSYLVANIA LONG ISLAND THE GREATER NEW YORK CITY REGION, FROM JFK AND LAGUARDIA ST. JAMES, NY PHILADELPHIA AIRPORTS, AND FROM THE FERRY NEW JERSEY CONNECTING BRIDGEPORT, CT, AND PORT JEFFERSON, NY (8 MILES WASHINGTON. DC FROM CAMPUS). ATLANTIC OCEAN



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