A photograph of two male students in a chemistry laboratory. The student on the left is wearing a maroon hoodie with a white logo and blue safety goggles, looking down at a piece of equipment. The student on the right is wearing a grey zip-up hoodie and clear safety goggles, looking towards the camera. In the background, another student is visible working at a lab bench. The text 'YOUR GUIDE TO WHEATON ACADEMY' is overlaid in large white letters on the right side of the image.

# YOUR GUIDE TO WHEATON ACADEMY

The International  
Program

WHEATON ACADEMY IS A 2019 RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD





660

Student Body

Wheaton Academy is characterized by high academic standards, a mature student culture, opportunities for leadership, a beautiful 50-acre college-style campus, and expansive facilities. We offer a traditional college preparatory curriculum, an innovative January term, and comprehensive co-curricular programs. Wheaton Academy is uniquely located in the beautiful, safe, western suburbs of Chicago while conveniently accessible to a wide range of metropolitan cultural experiences.

11:1

Student Teacher  
Ratio

18

Average  
Class Size

21

AP Courses

9%

International  
Students

6%

Chinese  
Students

A Blue Ribbon is **the highest award a school in the U.S. can receive**. It is awarded by the Department of Education.

15%

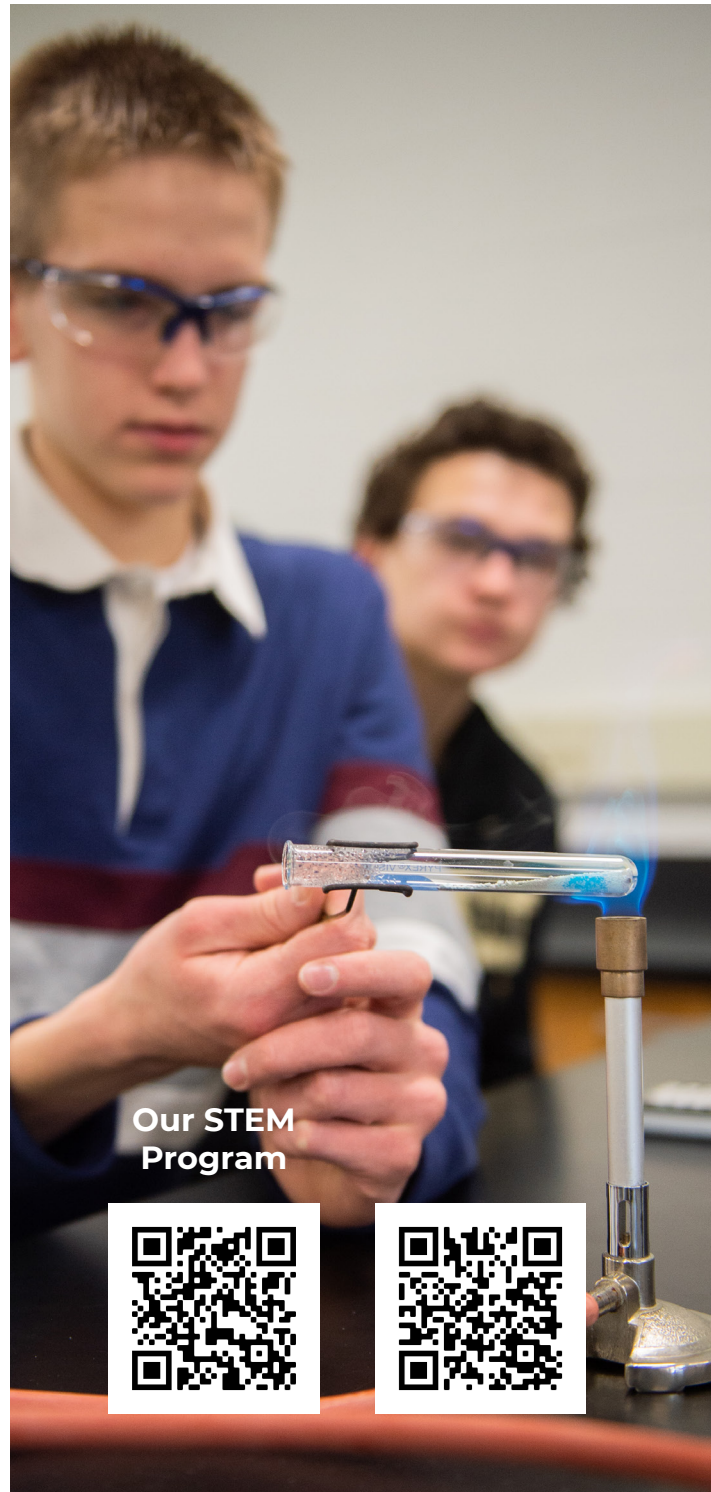
In order to apply for the award, a school's students must score in the **top 15% of the state's test scores**.



Blue Ribbon Schools are recognized for **curriculum, co-curriculars, culture, community engagement, and the diversity of students served**.

# RIGOROUS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS HELP YOU REACH YOUR GOALS

**Y**ou are going somewhere. You have a goal in mind and we can help you achieve your goal. At Wheaton Academy, we challenge every student to maximize their intellectual potential. We offer challenging classes that will place you in your unique learning zone as well as extensive university advising services, including college admissions seminars, letters of recommendation, standardized test preparation, essay assistance, university visits, and 1-on-1 consultations with a college counselor.



Our STEM Program

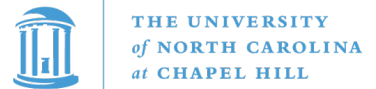


# \$6,427,795

Total amount of college scholarships received by the Wheaton Academy Class of 2019



Our graduates are prepared for college because of our academically rigorous programs, opportunities for co-curricular activities and clubs, and outlets for community engagement. Wheaton Academy students have been accepted into some of the most prestigious colleges in the United States. This list is a snapshot of where Wheaton Academy students have been accepted over the last five years.



Explore  
Chicago



# ALL THE EXCITEMENT OF THE CITY

## CHICAGO IN A NUTSHELL

**Education:** University of Chicago,  
Northwestern University

**Museums:** Field Museum, Chicago  
Art Institute, Museum of Science  
and Industry

**Sports:** Wrigley Field (The Cubs),  
Soldier Field (The Bears)

**Landmarks:** Cloudgate (The Bean),  
Willis Tower, Magnificent Mile,  
Navy Pier

**C**hicago is an epicenter of American culture, education, business, and sports.

At Wheaton Academy, students are under an hour away from respected and elite institutions such as the **University of Chicago**. On excursions to the downtown Chicago, students can experience the city-scape from the top of the third-tallest building in the Western Hemisphere, visit some of America's largest museums, and cheer for the Cubs during baseball games at **Wrigley Field**.



# FROM THE SAFETY OF THE SUBURBS






**W**heaton Academy is located in the beautiful western suburbs of Chicago while conveniently accessible to a wide range of metropolitan cultural experiences.

Safety on campus is our number 1 priority. Our doors are locked during class time and students have an access card to campus buildings. Also, the entire campus is monitored with a new security camera system. We are grateful that we have never had a student security emergency on campus.



## CAMPUS FACILITIES

### ACADEMIC FACILITIES

-  50-Acre College-Style Campus
-  Library
-  Maker Space
-  Film Studio
-  Fine Arts Center

### ATHLETIC FACILITIES

-  Turf Football and Soccer Fields
-  Basketball Courts
-  Baseball Field
-  Softball Field
-  Tennis Courts
-  Weight Room



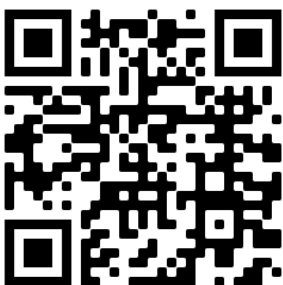
# FINE ARTS

**W**e've launched professional actors, musicians, and artists into their careers. You could be next.

At Wheaton Academy, you'll have opportunities to hone your creative gifts in dance, acting, music, and visual & media art.

Our biggest annual Fine Arts event is the Spring Musical. In the last 7 years, Academy Theatre musicals have sold more than 25,000 tickets. That is enough tickets to overflow the United Center! During musical season, the whole school mobilizes as a team to produce a spectacular, jaw-dropping performance. From our incredible cast of actors and pit-orchestra musicians, to the teams of students who work behind the scenes to oversee costumes, set construction, tech, props, and hair & makeup—it takes a village. The annual musical provides unique opportunities for all our students to build and grow their gifts and abilities in music, dance, acting, art, and other technical skills.

- > **Lead actors in motion pictures & TV shows**
- > **Grammy award-winning musicians & producers**
- > **National best-selling authors**
- > **Performers on Broadway's Touring Companies**
- > **News anchors**
- > **Recording artists with albums appearing on Billboard's top ten charts**
- > **Graduates of prestigious Fine Arts programs such as Juilliard, Penn State, Indiana University, and University of Michigan**



**9 Visual Art Courses**



**7 Medial Art Courses**



**4 Dance Courses**





6 Instrumental Ensembles



6 Vocal Ensembles



5 Annual Theatre Performances



30 Annual Student-Produced Episodes of WAtv



**“WHEATON ACADEMY ATHLETICS  
STRIVES TO BUILD STUDENT ATHLETES  
THROUGH COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE,  
AND PROCESS-ORIENTED RESULTS.  
COACHES MODEL HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH COMPETITION, AND THEY INVITE  
THEIR ATHLETES TO STRIVE FOR  
EXCELLENCE WHILE ALSO BUILDING LIFE-  
TRANSFORMING RELATIONSHIPS.”**

**BRAD THORNTON**

**BRAD COACHES VARSITY FOOTBALL AND SERVES AS  
THE VICE PRINCIPAL FOR INSTRUCTION**

Watch  
Athletics  
Video



# ON THE FIELD AT WHEATON ACADEMY

## WHEN WE BRING IT, WE BRING IT ALL.

**W**e are fierce competitors and we love to win.  
We teach our athletes to strive for excellence  
on the field.

**Our varsity sports teams include...**

 **Basketball**

 **Baseball**

 **Cross Country**

 **Football**

 **Golf**

 **Lacrosse**

 **Soccer**

 **Tennis**

 **Track & Field**

 **Wrestling**

 **Volleyball**



**WHEATON ACADEMY IS A MEMBER OF THE IHSA AND  
THE METRO SUBURBAN CONFERENCE.  
SINCE 1980, THE WARRIORS HAVE BROUGHT HOME  
THIS IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

**137**

Conference  
Championships

**63**

Regional  
Championships

**27**

Sectional  
Championships

**9**

Super-Sectional  
Championships

**5**

State  
Championships



••• At an event organized by Project LEAD Local, students donated and packed 5,000+ cans for delivery and distribution at Neighborhood Food Pantry in West Chicago.

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**W**e believe that our students have an incredible ability to influence one another and the world. On our Project LEAD teams, students are empowered to lead our campus by facilitating events, service projects, and global initiatives for our entire student body.

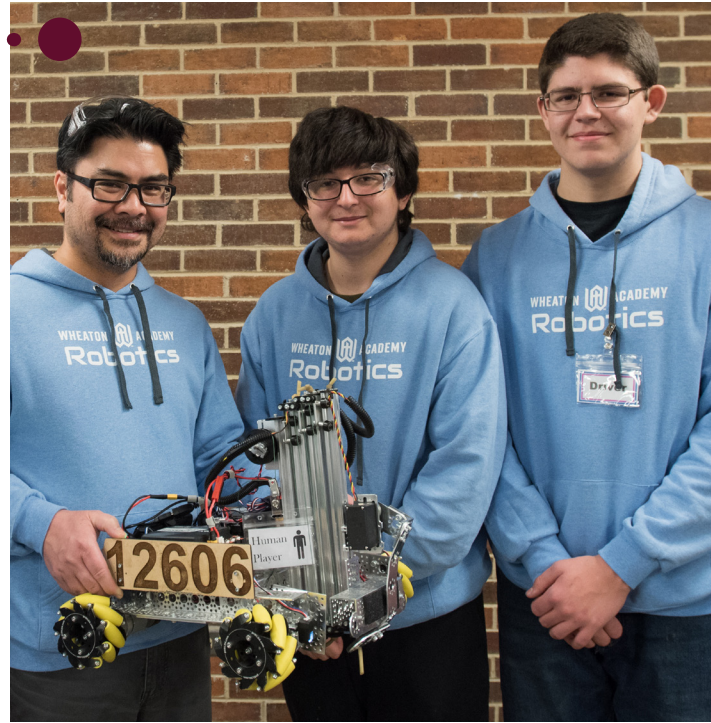
### Teams include...

- CROSS CULTURAL:** Student-leaders welcome, integrate, and collaborate with the international students on our campus to bring current events in front of our student body.
- GLOBAL:** Student-leaders help lead international service trips over Winterim.
- LOCAL:** Student-leaders facilitate our school's key local service events
- PROJECT IX:** Student-leaders build mentoring relationships with freshmen.
- STUDENT COUNCIL:** Students lead our school in Homecoming Week, Christmas Soirée, Sock Hop, and other student life events.

# 75%

of the senior class served on LEAD teams in 2019

Students compete in tournaments on our highly ranked Robotics team.



## CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

With over 2,200 spots for 660 students, Wheaton Academy is one of the few high schools in America that has more than a 3:1 co-curricular ratio.

**Our co-curricular groups include...**

- > **Badminton Club**
- > **Choirs and Instrumental Ensembles**
- > **Environmental Club**
- > **Gaming Club**
- > **Math Team**
- > **Mock Trial**
- > **National Honor Society**
- > **Science Bowl**
- > **Robotics Team**
- > **Ultimate Frisbee Club**



**What is Homecoming?**



**What is Winterim?**



























**2,200**

Co-Curricular Spots

# HOMESTAY

## WHAT MAKES WHEATON ACADEMY DIFFERENT?

- > **Trustworthy host families recruited and trained by the school**
  - > Host families are from the school community (parents, teachers, alumni, etc)
  - > Background check and fingerprinting
- > **Personalized guidance from international student support staff**
- > **Frequent and direct communication with parents**
- > **After school tutoring support**
- > **Emotional Counseling Support**
- > **24/7 Emergency support staff**
- > **International student activities**
  - > Spring break trip
  - > Excursions to downtown Chicago
  - > Monthly shopping trips
  - > Weekly international student community dinner

	Dorm	Host Family	Homestay Boarding
Low student-to-adult ratio; Individualized care for each student			
Individualized supervision and guidance after school hours and during leisure			
Faster adaptation to US culture through experiencing life with an American family			
Faster language acquisition in an immersive, native English environment			
Professional support team			
Frequent school outings for international student community			
Seamless communication and integration between school life and home life			
Structured academic support after school			



Watch  
Homestay  
Video



# TWO WAYS TO PREPARE



## READING AND WRITING CLASS (ONLINE)

### WHAT IS IT?

Wheaton Academy's Reading and Writing Class is a classical, discussion-based online English class designed to help international students rapidly improve their comprehensive English skills through reading and discussing classic novels that have influenced Western education. Students will learn to:

- > Develop understanding and usage of English grammar
- > Improve fluency in conversational English
- > Expand English vocabulary
- > Develop inferential and critical comprehensive reading skills
- > Explore Western culture, colloquialisms, and idioms
- > Prepare for American high school English requirements

Students will also practice persuasive essay writing while reading their literature. Students will consider both sides of an issue for a character in the book and will be guided with step-by-step instructions on how to craft the essay, including:

- > Generating ideas in outline format
- > Turning the ideas into sentences and paragraphs
- > Adding various schemes and tropes to enhance the beauty of the writing

### WHO IS IT FOR?

- > Intermediate English students (ITEP: 3.5-5.0; TOEFL: 60-85; TOEFL JR 700-835)
- > Students who want to improve English reading, writing, and speaking skills
- > Students planning to study abroad who need to develop a strong language foundation

### WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF BOOKS WE WILL READ?

- > Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
- > The Secret Garden
- > To Kill a Mockingbird
- > Robinson Crusoe
- > Hatchet

For inquiries or questions about applying, please email [jbrannon@waglobalnetwork.org](mailto:jbrannon@waglobalnetwork.org)





# SUMMER ENGLISH INSTITUTE



## The Best Preparation for Success Studying in America!

WA Global Network's Summer English Institute (SEI) is a premier summer experience for students ages 12-17. Students who attend SEI leave with fond memories of being challenged to improve their English and critical thinking skills as well as a better understanding of western culture. They leave with many important life skills learned and life-long relationships made. Over the past 10 years, over 1,100 students from over 20 countries have been a part of the life-transforming, unforgettable SEI experience!

## WHAT IS SEI?

SEI is a unique experience modeled after Wheaton Academy's rigorous academics and college readiness skills. Students improve in academic vocabulary and English conversation and build their confidence in relationships with teachers and peers. SEI also provides active learning travel experiences in the United States visiting museums, highly selective colleges and famous sites.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Student safety at SEI is our #1 priority. SEI has a full-time nurse on site at all times and students have easy and close access to adults for any need 24/7. We count it both a privilege and an important responsibility to treat students with the utmost care and respect while providing a top quality safe and nurturing environment.

## HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS

Our staff truly cares about each and every student and loves getting to know students and challenging them to improve. Every employee is not only equipped with the training for their role, but are also a role model for students to imitate. All employees are carefully screened and interviewed to ensure only the most qualified and trustworthy people are working with SEI students.

## PREPARATION FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION

SEI includes both English Core and English Elective classes. Core English classes focus on reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Elective English classes continue to work on improving English skills while focusing on a wide range of topics. After class, SEI provides exciting group outings for students to pick from including exercise or group games led by counselors, shopping trips, and more.

\*Exact dates to be announced later this spring.

Contact [mail@waglobalnetwork.org](mailto:mail@waglobalnetwork.org) for more information.

**Learn  
about SEI**



# TAKE THE NEXT STEP

## SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Start your application at

[WAGLOBALNETWORK.ORG/APPLY](https://waglobalnetwork.org/apply)

- Submit application
- Application form
- Passport copy
- Transcripts (past 2 years)
- ITEP or TOEFL test score

## PAY APPLICATION FEE

\$375 USD

[WAGLOBALNETWORK.ORG/PAY](https://waglobalnetwork.org/pay)

## SCHEDULE VIDEO INTERVIEW

Inquire

Apply



**“MY TEACHERS, MY HOST FAMILY, AND THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT AT WHEATON ACADEMY ALL HAD A HUGE IMPACT ON MY ACADEMIC LIFE AND PUSHED ME TO PURSUE EXCELLENCE. I DISCOVERED MY POTENTIAL THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AND INTERACTIONS WITH TEACHERS AND FRIENDS.”**

**ZOE XU, CLASS OF 2019**