



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

Established 1936

2020-2021 School Profile





SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
Dr. Denise Aloma, Principal
Dr. Robert Mulder, Assistant Principal
Dr. Suzy Prieto, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Margie Scott, Assistant Principal

ADVISORY COUNCIL
Mr. Robert Biasotti, Dean
Mr. Bernie Farrell, Dean
Mr. Adam Matthews, Guidance & Admissions Director
Mr. George Smith, Athletic Director
Mrs. Lisa Zielinski, Dean

MISSION

Respectful of each person's self-worth,
St. Thomas Aquinas High School seeks to develop each student's
God-given talents in a safe and caring atmosphere of sharing and challenge.

VISION

St. Thomas Aquinas High School, a four-year, college preparatory school, educates young men and women according to the traditions of the Catholic faith. The school seeks to develop each student's God-given talents in a safe and caring atmosphere of sharing and challenge. Through a comprehensive program of Catholic teachings, quality education, and personal development, St. Thomas offers to its students religious experiences, academic challenges, innovative approaches, athletic programs, social and cultural opportunities, and service to others.

The entire program focuses on the individual student, made in the image and likeness of God, who receives attention, affirmation, and challenge

HIGHLIGHTS

- Roman Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory school operated by the Archdiocese of Miami.
- Accredited by AdvancEd (formerly Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).
- AdvancEd STEM Accreditation, first in Broward County.
- Membership in the National Catholic Educational Association, Florida Catholic Conference, Broward County Non-Public School Association, and the College Board.
- 2020-21 enrollment 2,001, grades 9-12.
- Current students from more than 150 Catholic, private, and public schools, 46 Catholic parishes in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties.
- Class of 2020 matriculation to higher education: 99%.
- Academic calendar: 180 teaching days, 2 semesters, four terms, six classes per day, 50 minute classes, and elective courses before and after school through an Enrichment program.

FACULTY

121 Faculty Members

Number of teachers
holding advanced degrees

78

Average years of
STA teaching experience

10



Number of faculty
who are STA Alumni

29

Student to teacher ratio

16:1

COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH

Composition Dual Enrollment
Composition & Literature Dual Enrollment
English I, English I Honors
English II, English II Honors
English III, English III Honors
English IV, English IV Honors
Yearbook Journalism I, II, III, IV Honors
Mass Communication/
Creative Writing Honors

FINE ARTS

Forensics I, II, III, IV Honors
Advanced Band I, II, III, IV Honors
Aquinas Chamber Singers Honors I, II, III, IV
Chorus Honors
Jazz Ensemble I, II, III, IV Honors
Classical Guitar I, II, III, IV Honors
Theater Appreciation Honors I, II, III, IV
Acting I, II, III, IV Honors
Art 2D & 3D Honors
Film Studies Honors I, II, III, IV
Dance Choreography I, II, III, IV Honors
Dance Techniques I, II, III, IV Honors
Percussion Ensemble I, II Honors
Pottery Honors
Public Speaking Honors
Band Corps I, II, III, IV Honors
Digital Photography I, II Honors
Marching Band Honors I, II, III, IV
Musical Theater Honors
Technical Theater I, II, III Honors

GRAPHIC ARTS

Animation Design I, II Honors
Computer Graphic Arts Honors
Film Production I, II, III, IV Honors
Graphic Design/Newspaper
I, II, III, IV Honors

SOCIAL SCIENCE

World Cultural Geography Honors
World History, World History Honors
American History,
American History Honors
Psychology Honors
Economics, Economics Honors
American Government,
American Government Honors
Leadership Development I, II, III, IV Honors
Pre-law Honors I, II

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I, Algebra I Honors
Geometry, Geometry Honors
Algebra II, Algebra II Honors
College Algebra
Math for College Readiness
Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Honors,
Pre-Calculus: Trigonometry and
Analytic Geometry Dual Enrollment
Calculus Honors,
Calculus I Dual Enrollment,
Calculus III Dual Enrollment
Statistics Honors
Differential Equations Dual Enrollment

WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish I
Spanish for Speakers II, III Honors
Spanish II
Spanish III, Spanish III Honors
Spanish IV Honors
Latin Prose Honors
Latin Poetry Honors
French I, II French I, II, III, IV Honors
Italian I, II, Italian I, II, III, IV Honors

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Personal Fitness
Health
Dance Fitness

SCIENCE

Biology I, Biology I Honors
Anatomy & Physiology,
Anatomy & Physiology Honors
Marine Biology, Marine Biology Honors,
Marine Biology Dual Enrollment
Chemistry I, Chemistry I Honors
Chemistry II Honors
Ecology, Dual Enrollment
Environmental Science,
Environmental Science Honors
Human Anatomy &
Physiology I, II Dual Enrollment
Physics, Physics Honors
Pre-med I, II Honors
Genetics Honors
Robotics I, II, III, IV Honors
Independent Research I, II, III, IV Honors
Zoology Honors

THEOLOGY

Global Studies I, II, Global Studies I, II Honors
Philosophy I, II, Philosophy I, II Honors
Philosophy II Honors Dual Enrollment
Sociology, Sociology I Honors
Ethics, Ethics Honors, Ethics Honors
Dual Enrollment
World Religions, World Religions Honors,
World Religions Dual Enrollment
Multi-Cultural Studies,
Multi-Cultural Studies Honors
Multi-Cultural Studies Dual Enrollment

GRADING SCALE

A=90-100 **B=80-89** **C=70-79** **D=60-69**

St. Thomas Aquinas High School includes all courses in computing the GPA. Weighted courses reflect challenging academic requirements. The strong academic program, the demanding system of grading, and the competitive nature of the students comprise significant factors necessary in evaluating students' records.

St. Thomas Aquinas High School does not rank students.

BLACKBOARD



Teacher instruction and student learning platform

CLEAR TOUCH



Primary source of classroom display and collaboration

GOOGLE



Partnering to provide integrated technology in classrooms

NAVIANCE



Student portal for college application submissions

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Mathematics



Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics

English



English Literature
& Composition
English Language
& Composition

Science



Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Environmental Science
Physics 1
Physics C: Mechanics
Physics C: Magnetism
& Electricity

Social Studies



Comparative
Government & Politics
European History
Human Geography
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Psychology
United States
Government & Politics
United States History
World History: Modern

World Languages



French Language
& Culture
Spanish Language
& Culture
Spanish Literature &
Culture

Fine Arts



Art History
Music Theory
Studio Art 2D
Studio Art 3D
Studio Art Drawing

All students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course must take the Advanced Placement exam.

SFA

Advanced Placement Testing May 2020

22

National Scholars

103

Scholars with Distinction

52

Scholars with Honors

131

Scholars



718

students sat for

1,807

AP exams

72% scored 3 or higher

3 - 513 - 29%

4 - 463 - 26%

5 - 309 - 17%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 2020 -2021

24.5 Credits



4

English



3

Science



2

Elective



0.5

Personal Fitness



4

Mathematics



3

Social Studies



1

Fine Art



0.5

Online Course
(with Administrative approval)



4

Theology



2

World Languages



0.5

Health



100

Service Hours

GRADUATION ACADEMIC HONORS

The **Valedictorian and Salutatorian** are the students with the highest and next highest GPA determined at the end of the third marking period of Senior year. The following criteria will determine these awards:

- highest weighted cumulative average;
- completion of all credit requirements;
- all courses taken at STA, all transferred middle school grades with appropriate FLDOE number, grades from Early Bird and Enrichment courses, and all administratively approved FLVS grades;
- eligible students must have been in attendance at St. Thomas Aquinas High School from the beginning of the Sophomore year and remain enrolled three (3) consecutive years; and
- exemplary disciplinary record.

The distinction of **Summa cum Laude** will be bestowed on students with a weighted G.P.A. of 5.0 or higher, at the end of the third quarter grading period of the Senior year (7.5 semesters). All courses taken at STA, all transferred middle school grades with appropriate FLDOE number, grades from Early Bird and Enrichment courses, and all Administratively approved FLVS grades will determine Summa honors.

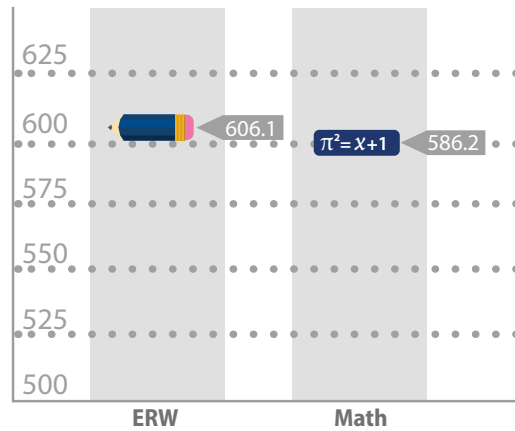


TESTING PROFILE

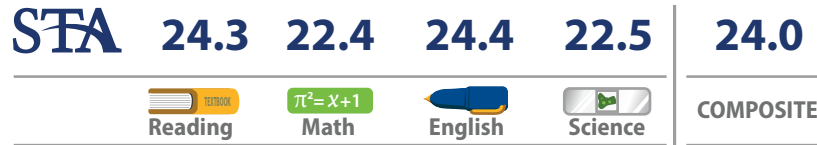
The Class of 2020 achieved the following mean SAT scores as reflected by the highest attained score of each student:

STA
Class of 2020

SAT Testing Profile



The Class of 2020 achieved the following mean ACT scores as reflected by the highest attained score of each student:



CEEB/SAT/ACT - 100475 • St. Thomas Aquinas High School • SAT Test Site Code: 10-205

NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Class of 2020

6

16

17

National Merit Finalists

National Merit Commended

National Hispanic Scholars



College Board

CLASS OF 2020 ACCOLADES



Miami Herald Silver Knights

Winners:
Business
Science

Honorable Mention:
Digital Media
Drama
English
Journalism
Music
World Languages



142,561 Service Hours

ATHLETICS
STATE CHAMPIONS FOOTBALL
40TH
Consecutive Broward County Major Sports Award

HONOR SOCIETIES & CLUBS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

National Honor Society
Art Honor Society
English Honor Society
French Honor Society
Italian Honor Society
Mu Alpha Theta (Math)
Quill & Scroll (Journalism)
Rho Kappa Honor Society (Social Studies)
Science Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society
Technical Honor Society
Thespian Honor Society (Acting)
Tri-M Honor Society (Music)

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Aquinas Kindness
Art Club
Best Buddies International
Broward Surfrider Youth Club
Cailini
Campus Ministry
C.A.R.E.
Chess Club
Crossroads (Music Ministry)
French Club
Friends of St. Francis Assisi
Future Health Care Professionals
Interact
Italian Club
Marching Band/Twirlers/Color Guard

Marine Biology Club
Military Affairs Club
Mock Trial
Model United Nations
National Speech & Debate Association
Photography Club
Raider Review (Digital Newspaper)
Raiders for Life
Recycling Corps
Silver Knights
Spanish Club
STEM
Thespians (Acting)
VERITAS (Yearbook)

STEM PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Anatomage

The Anatomage table is touch sensitive technology, that projects full-length views of a human cadaver and its muscular, skeletal, nervous, digestive and pulmonary systems. The table assembles 2,000 3D images to show layers and slices of various tissues. Students can view a cross-section of a muscle, organ or other structure. Among the Anatomage software are images of a liver distended by cancer, an ACL knee injury, an ectopic pregnancy, a stab wound, and a stent placed in an artery. Students can trace the flow of blood from the heart into the lungs. The table can even teach veterinary science, with images of animals like a dog, a cat, a parrot, a tortoise, even a squirrel-like Australian creature called a sugar glider.



Robotics

Boys' and girls' teams design, build, and drive robots in FIRST Robotics Competitions (FTC & FRC). Robotics is the ultimate program that incorporates all aspects of STEM. Robotics courses are offered as well as participation in club activities.



Virtual Reality (VR)

The VR program immerses students in a three-dimensional world. "Experiences" dissect a mushroom or a pig, measure the Doppler effect of a train, follow a bat through a cave with echolocation, assemble a circuit board, step inside a beating human heart to examine the chambers, or mix volatile chemicals.

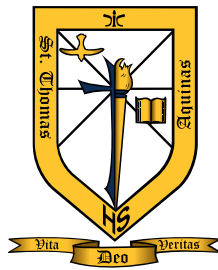


COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2016-2020

Adelphi University
Adrian College
Alabama A & M University
Alabama State University
Albany State University
Albion College
Albright College
Alfred University
Allegheny College
Alma College
American University
Amherst College
Anderson University
Andrew College
Appalachian State University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Arkansas State University - Main Campus
Asa College - Miami Campus
Assumption University
Auburn University
Augustana College
Augustana University
Aurora University
Ave Maria University
Averett University
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Ball State University
Bard College
Barnard College
Barry University
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Bethune-Cookman University
Binghamton University
Birmingham Southern College
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brenau University
Brevard College
Bridgewater College
Brigham Young University - Provo
Broward College
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
Butler University
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Caldwell University
California Institute of Technology
California Lutheran University
California State University
Calvin University
Campbell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Central Alabama Community College
Central Connecticut State University
Central Oregon Community College
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Champlain College
Chapman University
Chatham University
Chattanooga State Community College
Christopher Newport University
Cincinnati Christian University
Clafin University
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Art
Coastal Carolina University
Coker College
Colgate University
College of Central Florida
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University, Fort Collins
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University in the City of New York
Concordia University, Montreal
Concordia University, Chicago
Connecticut College
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
Cornell University
Cornell University
Creighton University
CUNY
Curry College
Dalhousie University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Daytona State College
Denison University
DePaul University
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Doane University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Earlham College
East Carolina University
Eastern Illinois University
Eastern Kentucky University
Eckerd College
Elmhurst University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach
Emerson College
Emmanuel College, Boston
Emory & Henry College
Emory University
ESADE Business School
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Technology
FIDM - Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, LA
Finger Lakes Community College
Finlandia University
Fisk University
Flagler College-St Augustine
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Keys Community College
Florida Memorial University
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida Southern College
Florida SouthWestern State College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fort Valley State University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin and Marshall College
Franklin Pierce University
Frostburg State University
Full Sail University
Furman University
Gannon University
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology - Main Campus
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Gordon College
Grand Valley State University
Greensboro College
Grove City College
Hamilton College
Hamline University
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Hanover College
Harvard College
Hawaii Pacific University
Heidelberg University
High Point University
Hillsborough Community College
Hobart William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Hollins University
Holy Cross College
Hope College
Howard University
Hult International Business School
Huntingdon College
IED Madrid
Illinois Institute of Technology
Independence Community College
Indian River State College
Indiana Institute of Technology
Indiana University, Bloomington
Institut Quimic de Saria
Iona College
Ithaca College
Jacksonville State University
Jacksonville University
Jacobs School of Music
James Cook University
James Madison University
Jefferson
John Cabot University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University, North Miami
Juniata College
Kean University
Keio University Mita
Kennesaw State University
Kenyon College
King's College London
La Salle University
Lafayette College
LaGrange College
Lake Forest College
Lasell University
Lawrence Technological University
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Life University
LIM College
Limestone College
Lincoln University
Lindenwood University
Long Island University
Los Angeles College of Music
Los Angeles Valley College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
Maine Maritime Academy
Manchester University
Manhattan College
Manhattan School of Music
Manhattanville College
Marion Military Institute
Marist College
Marquette University
Mars Hill University
Marshall University
Mary Baldwin University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Marymount University
Maryville College
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
McDaniel College
McGill University
McMaster University
Mercer University
Mercy College
Mercyhurst University
Merrimack College
Methodist University
Miami Dade College - All Campuses
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Middle Georgia State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury College
Millikin University
Mississippi State University
Missouri State University
Missouri Valley College
Molloy College
Monmouth College
Montclair State University
Montgomery College
Moravian College
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Mary's University, Maryland
Murray State University
Nazareth College

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2016-2020 (CONT.)

New College of Florida
New Jersey City University
New Mexico Military Institute
New World School of the Arts
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Newbury College
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
North Park University
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern State University of Louisiana
Northwestern University
Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Oakland University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oglethorpe University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University - Main Campus
Ohio University - Main Campus
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University - Main Campus
Oral Roberts University
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Palm Beach State College
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Piedmont College
Point Park University
Polk State College
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University - Main Campus
Queens University of Charlotte
Quinnipiac University
Regis College
Reinhardt University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rider University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rocky Mountain College
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Ryerson University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Saint Mary's College of California
Saint Michael's College
Saint Vincent College
Salem International University
Salve Regina University
Samford University
San Antonio College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Fe College
Santa Monica College
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Savannah State University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seattle University
Seminole State College of Florida
Seton Hall University
Seton Hill University
Sewanee, The University of the South
Simmons University
Simpson College
Smith College
Sophia University
South Dakota State University
South Florida State College
South Georgia State College, Douglas
Southeastern University
Southern Adventist University
Southern Connecticut State University
Southern Methodist University
Southern New Hampshire University
Spelman College
Spring Hill College
St. Lawrence University
St. Olaf College
St. Thomas University
St. Bonaventure University
St. Francis College
St. John's University
St. Thomas University, Canada
St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University
Stanford University
State University of New York at New Paltz
Stetson University
Stevenson University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University, State University of New York
Suffolk University
SUNY at Purchase College
SUNY Maritime College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Syracuse University
Tallahassee Community College
Temple University
Tennessee State University
Texas A&M University, College Station
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
The American University of Paris
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina
The College of Wooster
The King's College
The New School
The Oberlin Conservatory of Music
The University of Akron Main Campus
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Edinburg
The University of Findlay
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas, Tyler
The University of West Florida
Thomas More University
Tiffin University
Trinity College Dublin
Troy University
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Tusculum University
Tuskegee University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Military Academy Prep School - Army
United States Naval Academy
United States Naval Academy Prep School
Universidad Antonio de Nebrija
Universidad Peruana De Ciencias Aplicadas
Universita Bocconi
Universitat Ramon Llull, La Salle
University at Albany, SUNY
University at Buffalo, State University of New York
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of California
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati - Main Campus
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Connecticut at Stamford
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hartford
University of Hawaii at Hilo
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Louisville
University of Lynchburg
University of Maine
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Montana
University of Montevallo
University of Mount Olive
University of Mount Union
University of Nebraska at Omaha
University of Nebraska
University of New England
University of New Hampshire - Main Campus
University of New Haven
University of New Orleans
University of North Carolina
University of North Carolina
University of North Carolina
University of North Georgia
University of North Texas at Dallas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma - Norman Campus
University of Ottawa
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Campus
University of Portland
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Scranton
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Southern Mississippi
University of St. Andrews
University of Tampa
University of the Sciences
University of Toledo
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia - Main Campus
University of Washington, Seattle
University of Windsor
University of Wisconsin
University of Wyoming
Valdosta State University
Valencia College
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Virginia State University
Virginia Union University
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Warner University
Wartburg College
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington College
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Webb Institute
Wellesley College
Wesleyan College
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Western Connecticut State University
Western Kentucky University
Western Michigan University
Westminster College, UT
Wheaton College, Massachusetts
Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University
William and Mary
Williams College
Wingate University
Winthrop University
Wittenberg University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Wright State University - Main Campus
Xavier University
Yale University
York College
York University
Young Harris College
Youngstown State University



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