

# Private Boarding School - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Phelps School is dedicated to a personalized education for the boy who seeks success academically, personally, and socially. Our first obligation is to create a caring, sensitive climate which emphasizes the positive in every situation. The student's educational program is planned in terms of his individual capacity, ability, needs and interests. This philosophy of dedication to the total development of each boy is accentuated by the disciplined atmosphere, small classes, and daily tutorial support.

Located just 22 miles west of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, our safe, 75-acre campus houses 110 students. Our diverse population includes students from 10 US states and 20 different countries. Academics are emphasized by our caring and dedicated faculty members, small classes, afternoon tutorials, and evening study programs. The English as a Second Language program (ESL) addresses the needs of and provides support for our international students. The boarding school's academic program is balanced by an interscholastic athletic program which affords every student an opportunity to participate on a sports team.

# **Academic and Sport Facilities**

The main buildings are clustered along a ridge of high ground with playing fields on either side. Small homelike dormitories reinforce the relaxed family atmosphere which is one of Phelps' main features. Classrooms, dormitories and the dining hall are all just a short walk from each other. On the campus, soccer and lacrosse fields, four all-weather tennis courts, a track and outdoor basketball and volleyball courts provide opportunities for both organized and informal sports. During Winter, the basketball court, wrestling room and the excellent and well equipped fitness center in the gymnasium are always busy.

### **Dormitories and School Residences**

Boys of similar ages and interests are generally housed together, and dormitories are comfortable and relaxed, with senior leadership provided by house parents who also serve on the teaching faculty. The direction and personal attention supplied by teachers during the day is

carried over into life in the dorms, and the positive bond that develops between a house parent and a student is a significant factor in each student's experience at The Phelps School.

## **Starting Dates:**

Estimated Start Date: Early September Estimated End Date: June

### **Rocketry Program**

Phelps boys also have a very competitive rocketry program, that has qualified for the NASA SLI program. Out of their participation for this program, they have had a number of boys who were offered scholarship monies from colleges to enroll in their rocket science programs. The AAP is a new program that is for 11th and 12th grade boys who show the desire to be challenged by more rigorous academics. The AAP Program will help students who wish to prepare for specific college majors by differentiating the instructional program to match their interests and objectives. The differentiated program of study may include any of the following: Advanced Placement (AP) courses, online coursework, classes at local community colleges, seminars at local colleges and institutions, and independent study classes.

### **Other Services Offered:**

- Academic progress reports
- Airport transfer service
- Assistance in acquiring books and material
- Help with holiday accommodation
- Orientation service upon arrival

# **School Facts**

Student Population All Boys School

Number of Students

110 (30% international)

Grades 7-12 PG

Teacher/Student Ratio 1:5

Average Class Size

ESL Programs Yes

IB Programs

Offer Diploma Yes

School Uniform No

Campus Size 75 Acres Religious Affiliation

Foreign Languages

Spanish

Arts

- Ceramics
- Music
- Photography
- Studio Art

## **AP Courses**

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- English Language and Composition
- Environmental Science
- Psychology
- Spanish Language

- Statistics
- US Government and Politics
- US History
- World History

#### Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Wrestling

Extracurricular Activities & Clubs

# University Acceptance Rate: 100%

# **Closest International and Local Airports:**

Philadelphia International Airport, JFK International Airport, Newark International Airport

- Drama
- Fitness
- Garden
- Music
- Photography
- Rocket
- Web Design
- Ceramics
- Choir
- Yearbook
- Bowling
- National Honors Society
- Studio Art
- Film Appreciation