

ASHLEY HALL

FOUNDED 1909

THE

Boarding Program



WELCOME TO

The Boarding Program

A treasured tradition with a proud legacy, the Boarding Program at Ashley Hall welcomes Upper School girls. Set against the backdrop of Charleston, one of America's most historic and beautiful cities, Ashley Hall's educational program is shaping the female leaders of the next generation.



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Why Boarding at Ashley Hall

Rigging a sail and measuring wind speed. Working alongside medical professionals in a scientific laboratory. Conducting in-depth research and partnering with local experts to enrich the local community. These are just some of the hands-on learning opportunities open to Ashley Hall girls.

With a close-knit campus and limitless opportunities to engage with the surrounding area, students build meaningful and lasting partnerships within the community, including the Medical University of South Carolina, the South Carolina Aquarium, the Gibbes Museum of Art, the College of Charleston, the Lowcountry Maritime Society, the American College of the Building Arts, the Ronald McDonald House, among others. In glimpsing the many ways in which they can connect and contribute, Ashley Hall students embrace their role as active citizens.

From its founding by Mary Vardrine McBee in 1909, Ashley Hall has remained faithful to its original mission: To produce educated women who are independent, ethically responsible, and prepared to meet the challenges of society with confidence. This mission is realized in everything we do, from campus traditions to our innovative curricula and teaching philosophy. It inspires both faculty and students to engage in a vitally enriching educational community that is supportive, collaborative, and intentionally tailored to the way girls learn best.



Ashley Hall at a Glance

Ashley Hall's beautiful campus is located in historic Charleston, South Carolina, one of the most friendly and safest cities in the U.S. It is also one of the most popular, having recently been named the number one travel destination in the U.S. by *Conde Naste Traveler* for ten years in a row and *Travel + Leisure's* best city in the U.S. for the eighth consecutive year. *Architectural Digest* has designated Ashley Hall as South Carolina's most beautiful private school.



Residing in the Elizabeth Rivers Lewine '54 House, a renovated historic mansion just across the street from the main campus in the heart of downtown Charleston, Boarding Program students are immersed in the full Ashley Hall experience, a rich blending of a classical education innovated for the 21st century learner and oriented to meeting the intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of each student in every phase of development. The Boarding Program combines the comfort of living in a home environment with the added dimension of intercultural interactions and dialogues with fellow students.

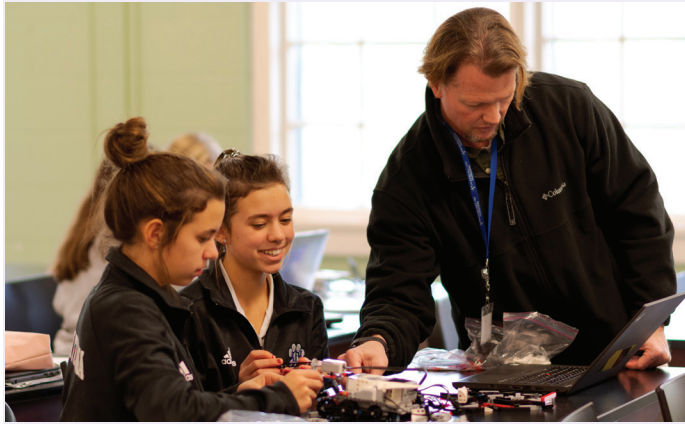
Ashley Hall's downtown Charleston location is close to cultural and historical sites, shopping, and restaurants that provide a variety of weekend activities. Ashley Hall fosters strong community partnerships with The Medical University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston, both located only a few blocks from campus. Glittering on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, the Lowcountry coastal landscape offers an abundance of maritime forests, marshes, beaches, and rivers primed for exploration with purpose.





Students studying at Ashley Hall are better prepared to matriculate into universities because of the critical thinking and problem-solving skills taught in discussion-based humanities courses with a focus on primary sources and the hands-on learning gained in research-based science, mathematics, and technology courses.

Ashley Hall is committed to individualized attention toward and integration of its boarding students with the wider school body. A limited number of Boarding Program students are accepted to the school each year.



Ashley Hall's interdisciplinary curriculum connects humanities and the arts to the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields with innovative programming, aligning the great thinking of the past with the challenges of the future.

Extra-curricular activities, including athletics and arts opportunities, build a well-rounded girl who values her strengths and confidently accepts challenges.



Members of the Class of 2020 were accepted by 83 of the country's most prestigious colleges and universities, garnering \$2 million in merit scholarships.

Ashley Hall College Acceptance List Class of 2020

The **42** outstanding young women of this year's graduating class were accepted by **83** of the country's most prestigious colleges and universities, garnering **\$2 million** in merit scholarships.

The Ashley Hall community is proud of all they have accomplished!

Graduates attend the colleges and universities in bold.

The University of Alabama (9)

American University
The American University of Paris
Appalachian State University (2)
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
Auburn University (2)
Boston College (3)
Boston University
Brandeis University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis (2)
University of California, Irvine (3)
University of California, Los Angeles (2)
University of California, San Diego (5)
University of California, Santa Barbara (4)
University of California, Santa Cruz (2)
College of Charleston (10)
University of Chicago
The Citadel
Clemson University (12)
University of Colorado, Boulder (2)
Colorado State University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College (2)
University of Denver (2)
DePaul University
Drexel University (2)

Emory University
Flagler College
Florida State University
University of Florida
Fordham University (3)
Furman University (4)
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology (3)
University of Georgia (4)
University of Hawaii at Manoa (2)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University, Chicago
University of Michigan (2)
University of Mississippi (3)
University of New England
New York University
The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (3)
Northeastern University
Occidental College
Ohio State University
University of Pittsburgh
Pomona College

University of Portland
Purdue University
University of Rochester
Rollins College (2)
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Smith College
University of South Carolina (11)
Southern Methodist University
University of St. Andrews
Syracuse University
University of Tennessee (3)
Texas Christian University
Tulane University (2)
Union College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
University of Virginia (4)
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Washington
Wesleyan University
College of William & Mary
University of Wisconsin–Madison (2)
Wofford College (5)



Curriculum Overview

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Courses	26 Credits Total
English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
History (U.S. and 2 others)	3 Credits
Foreign Language (For international students, English may be counted as a foreign language)	3 Credits
Laboratory Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics	3 Credits
Physical Education/Health	1 Credit
Arts	1 Credit
Electives	5 Credits
Service	2 Credits

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Biology
Calculus AB
Chemistry
Computer Science Principles
English Language (required for all juniors)
Macroeconomics
Statistics
Studio Art
U.S. Government and Politics
U.S. History (required of all juniors)
*Ashley Hall allows students to sit for any AP exams of their choosing.

ADDITIONAL CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

Junior Internship: In the spring semester of junior year, each student chooses a topic of interest and secures an off-campus mentor and internship.

Senior Thesis: A semester-long research project based on three subject areas. The project culminates in a research paper and an oral presentation in which students present their research findings to their faculty mentors.

Senior Project: Students must apply for course consideration. The year-long course is research based, culminating in a final research paper and presentation.

Offshore Leadership Program: An experiential and interdisciplinary course of study culminating in a ten-day open water voyage in which students work as crew members aboard a tall ship in the Atlantic Ocean and develop teamwork and leadership skills.

English as a Second Language (ESL) course: This class offers foundational support to foster acquisition of the English language for non-native English-speaking students. The course has a strong focus on improving English to strengthen individual alignment to the Ashley Hall curriculum.

Community Partnerships: Students partner with many local organizations, including the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), the College of Charleston, and the South Carolina Aquarium, among others. From conducting research and supporting philanthropic causes to participating in internships and special programs (including the Summer Neuroscience Institute) students create close ties to the local community.

International Travel Opportunities: Faculty-led domestic and international optional travel programs offer transformative experiences that allow girls to gain an understanding of cultures and perspectives. Ashley Hall's new shared Italian campus, Palazzo Leti, is located in Spoleto, Italy and offers a home away from home in a restored 16th century property with a Renaissance garden.

College Counseling: College Counseling helps each girl to find a college compatible with her goals and abilities. From ninth grade, students are offered unlimited one-on-one meetings and the chance to meet with upwards of 50 college representatives on campus. As juniors, all girls meet regularly with the Director of College Counseling, who works individually with students on applications, essays, and scholarships.

Student Engagement: Students benefit from a robust offering of extracurricular activities, including the Investment Group and the National Honor Society, that allow each girl to pursue her passions. Students also have the option to create new groups inspired by their interests. The Big Sister-Little Sister program builds relationships among different grade levels, and the Society of International Sisters (SIS) promotes integration and friendship between international students and the community. Boarding Program students have dedicated seats on the Student and Honor Councils.

BOARDING RESIDENCE SPOTLIGHT:

The Elizabeth Rivers Lewine '54 House for Global Studies

179 Rutledge Avenue | Constructed 1876 | Renovated Fall 2016

BY BETSY KIRKLAND CAHILL '79, CHAIR OF PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF CHARLESTON BOARD
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The Elizabeth Rivers Lewine '54 House for Global Studies, or simply the “Elizabeth House,” is an exceptionally lovely Italianate mansion opened in 2014 after a renovation that was both respectful of the house’s architectural integrity and creative in its use of space. The fourteen-foot ceilings were impeccably restored, the nine exquisite fireplaces retain their ornate decoration, now repaired and cleaned, and the restored piazza overlooks a simple boxwood garden.

The Elizabeth House is not a dormant architectural showpiece. Rather, it houses a flourishing Boarding Program that advances the School’s goal of providing its students with truly global perspectives. The architects, Evans & Schmidt of Charleston, designed practical modern spaces that coexist with this beauty and make the boarding program possible. Today, girls living at the Elizabeth House enjoy the spacious dorm rooms upstairs.

Some classes are held in the dining room, where Ashley Hall girls sit around an oversized Harkness™ table – the hallmark of the discussion-based, student-led classroom model that allows Upper School students to hone their debating and critical thinking skills. The Elizabeth House at 179 Rutledge Avenue is another salutary melding of architecture and program, form and function.



APPLY TO

The Boarding Program at Ashley Hall

VISIT ASHLEYHALL.ORG/ADMISSION FOR A COMPLETE VIRTUAL ASHLEY HALL EXPERIENCE!

There you will find full application instructions. The online application contains questions for parents and students and helps the Admission Team learn more about your family. The fee to submit the application is \$80.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION:

- 1) Official school transcript for the past three years
- 2) Recommendation from current English/Social Studies teacher
- 3) Recommendation from current Math/Science teacher
- 4) Recommendation from School Administrator
- 5) Additional letter of recommendation from a coach/mentor/camp counselor:
specifically someone who can comment on likelihood to thrive in a boarding environment
- 6) Standardized test results for domestic boarders: ISEE, SAT, SSAT, ACT
Standardized test results for international boarders: TOEFL, TOEFL Jr., SSAT, IELTS, SLEP, ITEP, PSAT, ISEE, Duolingo
- 7) Age verification (birth certificate, passport)
- 8) Bank Certificate (international applicants)

ADDITIONAL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION

- 1) Student interview (in person or via Zoom)
- 2) Parent interview for domestic applicants (in person or via Zoom)
- 3) Campus tour if available
- 4) Shadow day for student (if possible) with potential overnight stay in Elizabeth House

We evaluate each individual applicant based on her own merit and weigh all parts of the application (testing results, teacher recommendations, etc.) equally. Therefore, minimum test scores are just one part of the application and are evaluated each year based on that group of applicants. One of the most important aspects of our admission process is a personal interview.

BOARDING TUITION & FEES

Domestic Students

Grades 9–12.....\$61,900
(does not include health insurance)

International Students

Grades 7–12.....\$63,900
(includes required student health insurance)

FEES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Tuition insurance (see website)
- Books for classes
- Uniforms
- Optional school travel programs
- Optional athletic equipment fees
- Optional music lesson fees



We can't wait to meet you! For more information on the Ashley Hall Boarding Program, please contact Director of Strategic Enrollment Management **Sara Stephenson** at stephensons@ashleyhall.org



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