

# BERGEN COUNTY ACADEMIES

## Academy for Culinary Arts and Hospitality Administration

CEEB Code 310451

### CLASS of 2016 PROFILE

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### School and Community

A model for innovation and reform in the 21st century, the Academy for Culinary Arts and Hospitality Administration (ACAHA) is part of the Bergen County Academies (BCA), located in a multicultural suburban community within 5 miles of New York City. Students are accepted from across the county and commute up to twenty miles to a diverse public magnet school of choice with an enrollment of 1,050 students. BCA features career-focused academies operating as a cohesive unit to provide a dynamic, specialized, student-centered environment. Applicants from seventy towns in Bergen County are selected through a rigorous admissions process that considers middle school grades, standardized test scores, interviews, as well as assessments in writing and math. BCA has an extended school day from 8:00 am until 4:10 pm. Underclassmen, grades 9–11, devote Wednesday mornings to interdisciplinary projects and independent research. The faculty has many years of experience as instructors and industry leaders.

### Curriculum

ACAHA's curriculum is college preparatory which includes a strong core curriculum that balances culinary arts, hospitality management courses studied simultaneously with a synergy of rigorous academic requirements in mathematics, humanities, world language, and the arts. Students train in a sophisticated culinary facility that rivals many professional restaurant sites. The curriculum includes foundations of hospitality and restaurant management. The course of study leads to certification from the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation, which can lead to hospitality scholarship opportunities.

Electives in AP Micro and Macro Economics are emphasized. Transdisciplinary class-wide projects develop teamwork, communication, presentation skills, prompting a multi-dimensional approach to learning. All students complete core areas, complemented by required units in creative cultural arts, humanities, physical education, health, projects, and also choose electives each trimester. All academic courses are taught at the honors level or above.

### ACT / SAT COMBINED TEST RESULTS

Test	State	Nation	ACAHA
ACT	23.2	21.0	31
SAT	1520	1490	2031

### SAT Score Summary – Class of 2015 – ACAHA

Critical Reading 1 Perfect Score Average: 660	Math 1 Perfect Score Average: 705	Writing 1 Perfect Score Average: 666
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### BCA Highlights

- A highly competitive, diverse public magnet high school which typically accepts 250 of the over 1500 students who apply
- Named a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education
- Named a Model School in the Arts by the N.J. Department of Education
- Home of a 2015 Gold Medal Winner of the International Math Olympiad.
- Home of the 2013 Winner of the International Biology Olympiad.
- Home of Two 2014 National Intel Science Talent Search Finalists
- Ranked #5 in the Nation on the list of America's Top High Schools by Newsweek
- Ranked #1 in New Jersey, #2 in the Northeast and #15 in the Nation on the list of Top High Schools by The Daily Beast
- Member of the National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools (NCSSS)

### Advanced Placement Courses

AP Art History	AP Computer Science	AP Physics C
AP Biology	AP Macro Economics	AP Psychology
AP Calculus AB, BC	AP Micro Economics	AP Statistics
AP Chemistry	AP Music Theory	AP Studio Art

### International Baccalaureate Courses

IB Environmental Systems	IB Literature	IB Spanish
IB History	IB Math	IB French

*In May 2015, 269 students took a total of 635 IB exams (5.39 average) and 493 students took a total of 904 AP exams (4.26 average).*

*A note about International Baccalaureate courses: Students may choose to challenge themselves by taking IB courses, even though the Academy for Culinary Arts and Hospitality Administration does not offer the opportunity to earn an IB Diploma.*

*Due to the number of core course requirements, even the most ambitious students may have limited access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses.*

### Graduation Requirements

The requirements of ACAHA exceed state graduation requirements.

Culinary Arts Focus .....	4 years	Biology .....	1 year
Mathematics .....	4 years	Chemistry .....	1 year
English .....	4 years	Creative/Cultural Arts .....	1 year
Phys. Ed./Health .....	4 years	Physics .....	1 year
Social Studies .....	3 years	Senior Internship .....	1 year
World Language .....	3 years	Community Service ....	40 hours
Technology .....	2 years		

### ACAHA Accolades

National Restaurant Association ProStart Competition – Hospitality Management – 1st Place (States), 7th place (National)  
 NJ Restaurant Assn Chairman's Scholarship Award  
 NJ Restaurant Assn Industry Leader's Scholarship Award  
 ACAHA student showcased on the Food Network show "Chopped"  
 SkillsUSA State Competition – 33 medals (7 Gold, 18 Silver, 8 Bronze)  
 NJ SkillsUSA Gold Medalist – Culinary Arts  
 SkillsUSA – NJ State President, Parliamentarian (2 students)  
 Healing Meals Community Service Project for pediatric cancer patients and their families at Hackensack Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital  
 Chopped winner

### Full Year - All Day Senior Internships

All of our seniors devote Wednesdays to a yearlong individualized internship experience. Students receive (9) academic credits for this supervised graduation requirement. Over two hundred employers offer experiential learning opportunities in research centers, hospitals, universities, non-profit organizations, government agencies, major corporations and large and small businesses in the NY/NJ metropolitan area.

### Grading System

Students are NOT RANKED because of the selectivity of the admissions process. Grade point averages are calculated yearly based on the final grade attained in each course. Cumulative GPA is an unweighted calculation which includes academic courses only. 4.0 is the highest possible GPA. Each trimester students who achieve an A in each of their courses are distinguished by being named to the Academy High Honor Roll which is the school's highest academic honor.

### Grade Key

A = 4.00 B+ = 3.33 C+ = 2.33 D+ = 1.33 P = Pass  
 A- = 3.80 B = 3.00 C = 2.00 D = 1.00 I = Incomplete  
 B- = 2.80 C- = 1.80 F = 0.00 W = Withdrew

### ACAHA Grade Frequency Distribution

GPA Ranges	Frequency
4.000 - 3.900	13%
3.899 - 3.800	6%
3.799 - 3.700	6%
3.699 - 3.600	31%
3.599 - below	44%

### ACAHA • College Acceptances and Enrollment • Class of 2015

#### Accepted (A) Matriculated (M)

	A	M		A	M		A	M
Babson College	1		Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	1		The University of Scranton	1	1
Bentley University	1	1	Lehigh University	1		University of California, Berkeley	1	
Boston College	2		Loyola University Maryland	1		University of California, Los Angeles	1	
Boston University	4		McGill University	1		University of California, San Diego	1	
Bryant University	1		Millikin University	1		University of Connecticut	1	
Caldwell University	1	1	Montclair State University	2		University of Edinburgh	1	1
Carnegie Mellon University	1		New York University	4	2	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1	
College of William and Mary	1	1	Northeastern University	7	1	University of Massachusetts	2	
Columbia University	1		Oklahoma City University	1		University of Miami	1	1
Cornell University	8	4	Point Park University	1		University of Michigan	3	
Dickinson College	1		Princeton University	2	2	University of Pennsylvania	1	1
Drexel University	1		Royal Holloway, University of London	1		University of Southern California	1	
Durham University	1		Rutgers, The State University of NJ	13		University of Vermont	1	
Elon University	1		Stanford University	1		Villanova University	3	
Emory University	1		State University of New York at Albany	1		Virginia Tech	1	
Fairleigh Dickinson University	1	1	Stevens Institute of Technology	1				
Fordham University	6		Stony Brook University	1				
Georgia Institute of Technology	1		The College of Saint Rose	1				
Johnson & Wales University (RI)	1		The Pennsylvania State University	4	1			
King's College London	1		The University of NC at Chapel Hill	1				

102 Acceptances for 18 Students