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# WELCOME TO NORTH CEDAR ACADEMY

A SMALL, PERSONAL SCHOOL,  
WITH A BIG SCHOOL CURRICULUM



**96**  
acre campus



NCA's unique partnership with the **University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire** allows 11th and 12th grade high school students to **earn up to 60 credits** at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire - Barron County campus located near NCA.



Students benefit from a **multi-national and multi-cultural community** of students, adults, and **NCA partners** around the world.

**SAT and SSAT test center**

# NORTH CEDAR ACADEMY AT A GLANCE...



**14,000**

THE POPULATION OF RUSK COUNTY



NCA students and teachers create an academic and social environment where everyone learns from and respects one another.

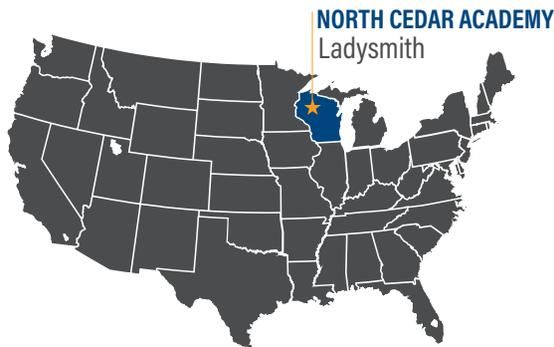


**26km**

Parks,  
Wooded Trails

# LADYSMITH, WISCONSIN

A BEAUTIFUL, SAFE LOCATION...



Ladysmith is a picturesque midwestern village; a destination for visitors who want to get away from their busy lives in the city and enjoy the rustic surroundings of northwoods beauty. The area is popular with outdoor enthusiasts, and is full of the rich history of the early pioneer days of fortune seekers hoping to build their American dream through mining, logging and railroads.

 <b>14,000</b> Population	 <b>96 ACRES</b> Flambeau River
 <b>26 km</b> Parks and Trails	 <b>1</b> Hour
 Flambeau River	 Low Crime Rate

Rusk County has 14,000 people and is situated along the scenic Flambeau River, which flows directly behind North Cedar Academy. The city's quiet riverside parks provide opportunity for recreation and relaxation. Ladysmith is a safe community with an exceptionally low crime rate and nearby city police and county sheriff's departments. Marshfield Medical Center-Ladysmith, a regional full-service hospital, is two minutes from North Cedar Academy.

Ladysmith's historic downtown includes a Mexican restaurant, a Chinese restaurant, and many other local cafés and restaurants popular among North Cedar Academy students. Walmart, which sells pharmacy, clothing and grocery items, is within walking distance of the school, and students can shop there whenever they have free time. The village of Ladysmith also has ice cream shops, a theatre, bowling, mini golf, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, a skate park, and a beautiful beach on the Flambeau River.

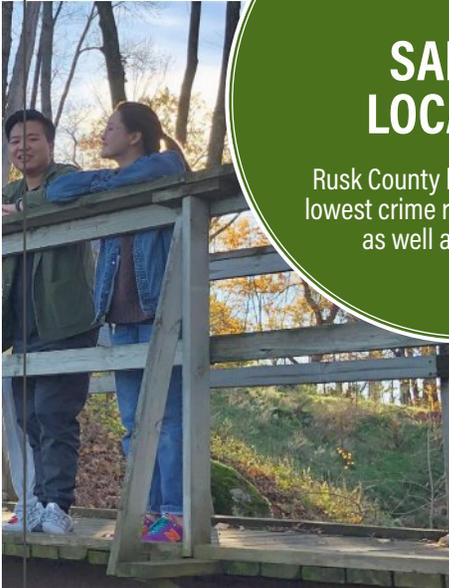


# LOCATED ALONG THE SCENIC FLAMBEAU RIVER



## SAFEST LOCATION

Rusk County boasts one of the  
lowest crime rates in Wisconsin  
as well as the nation



# HARLEY

## CLASS OF 2019

**CAMPUS:** UWEC-BC  
**HOMETOWN:** HANOI, VIETNAM  
**FUN FACT:** HARLEY'S SISTER IS STUDYING IN FINLAND. HARLEY ROCKED HER SAT SCORES WITH AN 800 IN MATH AND 780 IN ENGLISH!

When Harley decided she wanted to study abroad, she found North Cedar Academy's small class sizes attractive. "I knew the teachers would individually focus on students, so we should be well taken care of here," Harley said.

Coming from the bustling city of Hanoi and living in the quiet small town of Ladysmith was a big transition.

"It's definitely a new thing for me. Hanoi, where I'm from, is a big city and you see people everywhere and buildings and cars and it just never stops," Harley said. "Here, everything's just so quiet. It's calming and peaceful, sometimes it's too quiet, but you get used to it. It brings a different vibe. In the city, people are always so busy. Here, life is just slowed down a little bit, and that's kind of nice."

The quiet is good for studying, and among Harley's favorites is English class.

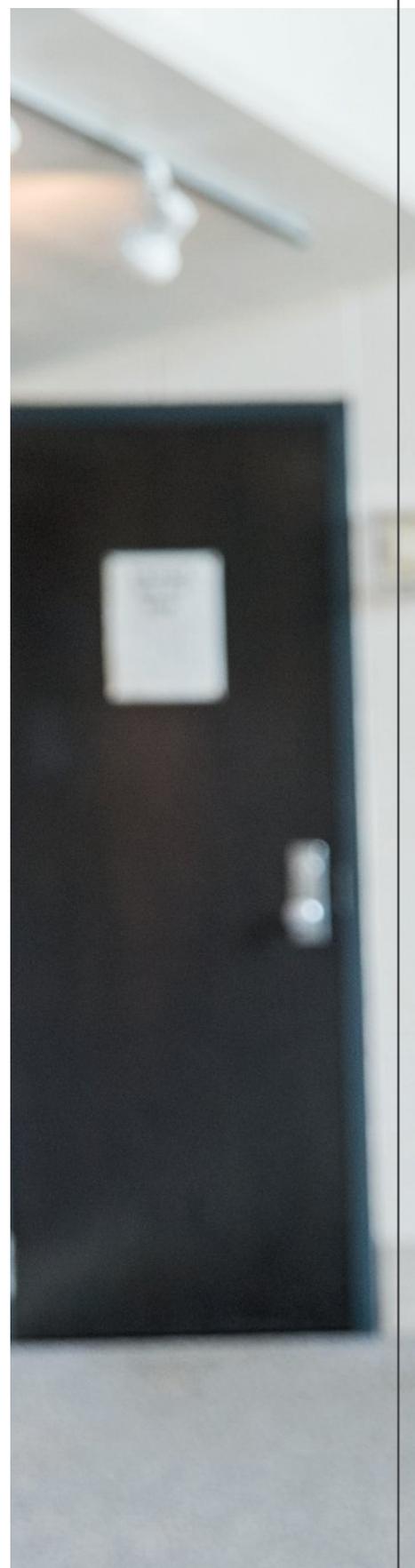
### On North Cedar Academy:

"The thing I cherish the most is that I get to meet a lot of amazing people. Before coming here, I'd never thought that I would meet someone from Latvia or Jamaica. It's just so nice to meet people from other countries; it really opened up my mind. And I think because it's a very small community, it's very easy to get to know people."

### On being far from home:

"When I first came here, I was kind of afraid that I couldn't make friends because I was kind of shy. But it's kind of nice because everybody else— most international kids and some domestic kids too—are also far from home. And everyone's just so friendly; there's nothing to be afraid of."

"I play the piano. I was in the band last year, which was very fun."



**"I LIKE ALL OF THE CLASSES. THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 10 KIDS AT MOST, AND IT FEELS VERY INTIMATE. WE GET TO KNOW THE TEACHERS ON A MORE PERSONAL LEVEL, SO I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD THING."**



# THE BLUGOLD GUARANTEED TRANSFER PROGRAM

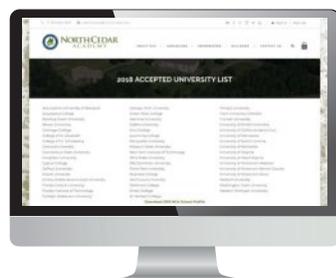
NCA's unique partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire allows 11th and 12th grade students to earn up to 60 credits at the UW-Eau Claire-Barron County campus located near NCA. Students who choose to complete 54 credit hours (2 years of study) can earn their Associate of Arts and Sciences (AAS) degree from UWEC-BC along with their NCA high school diploma.

The Blugold Guaranteed Transfer Program also provides students enrolled in the program guaranteed admission to the **University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire**, currently ranked as the **5th best small, public liberal arts university** in the midwest. To qualify, **students must earn at least 30 university credit hours** in two years and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. These credits are also guaranteed to transfer to any four-year University of Wisconsin campus, including **UW-Madison**, which is currently ranked in the **top 20 of ALL public universities in America**. Most universities in the U.S. will accept the credits as well.

Over **90 percent** of students enrolled in the **UWEC-BC program** complete the requirements.

In 2021, most students earned guaranteed admission into UW-Madison and UWEC, as well as many other UW campuses. NCA students also were accepted into prestigious universities including the University of Virginia, Brown University, the University of Minnesota, the University of California-Santa Cruz, The Ohio State University, Trent University (Canada), the Georgia Institute of Technology, and many others.

See our list of university acceptances



Students taking required courses at UWEC-BC receive both high school and university credit simultaneously. Students who wish to enter the program must be enrolled at NCA for at least one semester prior to entering the Blugold Guaranteed Transfer Program. Some exceptions are made for truly exceptional students who wish to enter the program immediately in Grade 11.

NCA's partnership with UWEC allows our students to reside at a small, safe, and nurturing boarding school environment while also having the incredible opportunity of a university curriculum available to them.

While many private boarding schools in the U.S. offer AP credit or an IB curriculum, *only North Cedar Academy allows students to earn actual university credits on a beautiful midwestern university campus.*





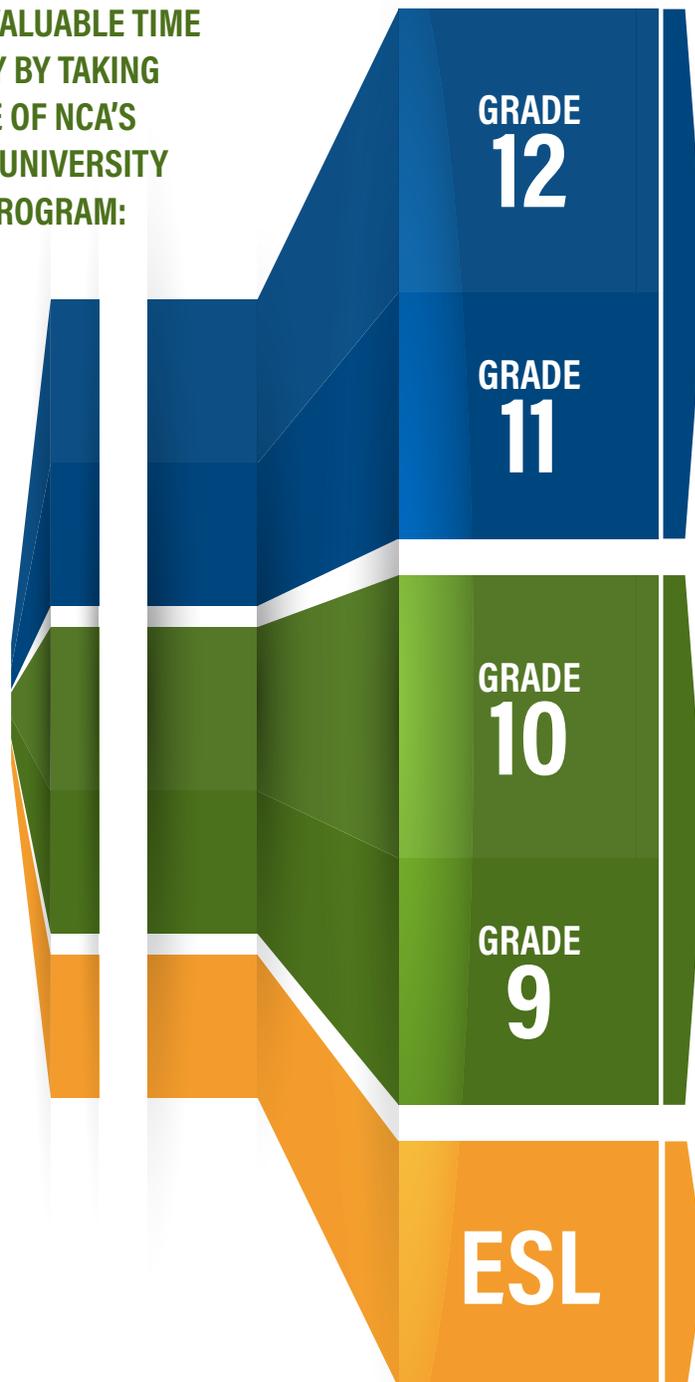
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# EARLY UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

**YOU SAVE VALUABLE TIME AND MONEY BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NCA'S EXCLUSIVE UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PROGRAM:**

**NORTH CEDAR ACADEMY**



University of Wisconsin  
**Eau Claire** | **Barron COUNTY**

11th and 12th grade NCA students can be co-enrolled into the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire - Barron County, and earn as many as 60 university credits and an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree. North Cedar Academy will pay for up to 30 university credits.

Students will receive a transcript from the UWEC-BC for credits earned, which are transferable to other colleges and universities.

Qualified students are guaranteed admission into the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire or the University of Minnesota - Duluth, and are guaranteed transfer of credits to any University of Wisconsin campus, or University of Minnesota campus, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, or the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, two of the top public universities in America.

Grades 9 and 10 are formative years where you adjust to campus life, make friends, join clubs, explore the region and develop study routines. Here you begin a personal development journey that includes arts, humanities, lifetime sports and service to the community.

For students who are still transitioning to stronger English skills, NCA offers Intensive ESL sessions from four weeks to a full year or more.

# COURSEWORK

## NORTH CEDAR ACADEMY COURSES TYPICALLY INCLUDE\*:

ART	SCIENCE
Drawing	Astronomy
Painting	Biology
Graphic Design	Botany
Ceramics	Chemistry
Introduction to the Fundamentals of 2D and 3D Art	Genetics
<b>ENGLISH/LITERATURE</b>	Geology
Advanced Composition	Physics
American Literature	AP Biology
Literature and the Human Experience	AP Environmental Science
Public Speaking	AP Chemistry
Classical Mythology	<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>
English I	Broadfield Psychology
English II	Chinese Thoughts
<b>ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE</b>	United States History
ESL I	Geography
ESL II	World History
ESL III	AP United States Government and Politics
ESL English	<b>WORLD LANGUAGES</b>
ESL World History	Chinese I
ESL US History	Chinese II
<b>HEALTH AND WELLNESS</b>	Chinese III
Health	Chinese Poetry
Fitness for Life	Chinese Drama
<b>MATH</b>	Spanish I
Algebra	Spanish II
Geometry	Spanish III
Precalculus	
College Math Concepts	
AP Calculus AB	
AP Statistics	
<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>	
Beginning Band	
Instrumental Ensemble	
Concert Choir	
Music Appreciation I	
Music Appreciation II	
Piano I	
Piano II	
Theater Arts	
World Music	

As a result of our partnership with UWEC, NCA students choose from Freshman and Sophomore courses at UWEC-BC. Below is a sample of courses NCA students have taken in the past year:

<b>MUS 001:</b>	Beginning Piano
<b>HES 046:</b>	Lifetime Activity: Yoga
<b>MAT 091:</b>	Elementary Algebra
<b>LEC 100:</b>	First Year Seminar
<b>ART 101:</b>	Introduction to Drawing
<b>BIO 101:</b>	Concepts of Biology
<b>BUS 101:</b>	Introduction to Business
<b>ENG 101:</b>	College Writing and Critical Reading
<b>FRE 101:</b>	First Semester French
<b>HIS 101:</b>	History of the United States: From the Era of the Columbian Exchange to the Era of the Civil War
<b>SOC 101:</b>	Introduction to Sociology
<b>ENG 102:</b>	Critical Writing, Reading, and Research
<b>CTA 103:</b>	Introduction to Public Speaking
<b>POL 104:</b>	American Government and Politics
<b>MAT 105:</b>	Introduction to College Algebra
<b>MAT 108:</b>	Quantitative Reasoning
<b>MAT 110:</b>	College Algebra
<b>MAT 113:</b>	Trigonometry
<b>HIS 127:</b>	The World in the Twentieth Century
<b>CHE 145:</b>	General Chemistry
<b>BIO 162:</b>	General Botany
<b>GEO 170:</b>	Disasters – Living on the Edge
<b>POL 175:</b>	International Politics
<b>GSW 203:</b>	Women in Popular Culture
<b>MAT 221:</b>	Calculus and Analytical Geometry I
<b>HES 223:</b>	First Aid for Emergencies
<b>POL 231:</b>	Sex, Power, and Public Policy
<b>ART 290:</b>	Women in the Arts

A full list of UW-Eau Claire-Barron County course offerings can be found at: <https://barron.uwec.edu/academics/courses-registration/>.

\*Course offerings may vary from year to year.

# GABRIELLE

**CLASS OF 2020**

- CAMPUS:** UWEC-BC AND NORTH CEDAR ACADEMY
- HOMETOWN:** EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
- FUN FACT:** GABRIELLE PLANTED MUCH OF THE GARDEN FROM WHICH FRESH FOOD IS HARVESTED FOR USE IN THE NCA CAFE.

When Gabrielle's closest friend said she was planning to attend North Cedar Academy, Gabrielle jumped at the chance to have the experience of going to a smaller school focused on academics. She also felt like connections were harder to make at her former school, which was much larger. Now, she counts among her closest friends students from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Ethiopia and other places around the world.

"This school completely opened me up socially," Gabrielle said. "Meeting everyone from around the world is just so fantastic."

Living with her classmates, attending classes, and participating in extracurricular activities with them several times a week creates a special bond unique to a small boarding school.

"You're with these people 24/7, and if you have a problem, you just go next door," Gabrielle said. "I'm friends with everybody, because you can get so close to everyone. A friendship that would normally take months can happen in a couple of days, because you just do so much together."

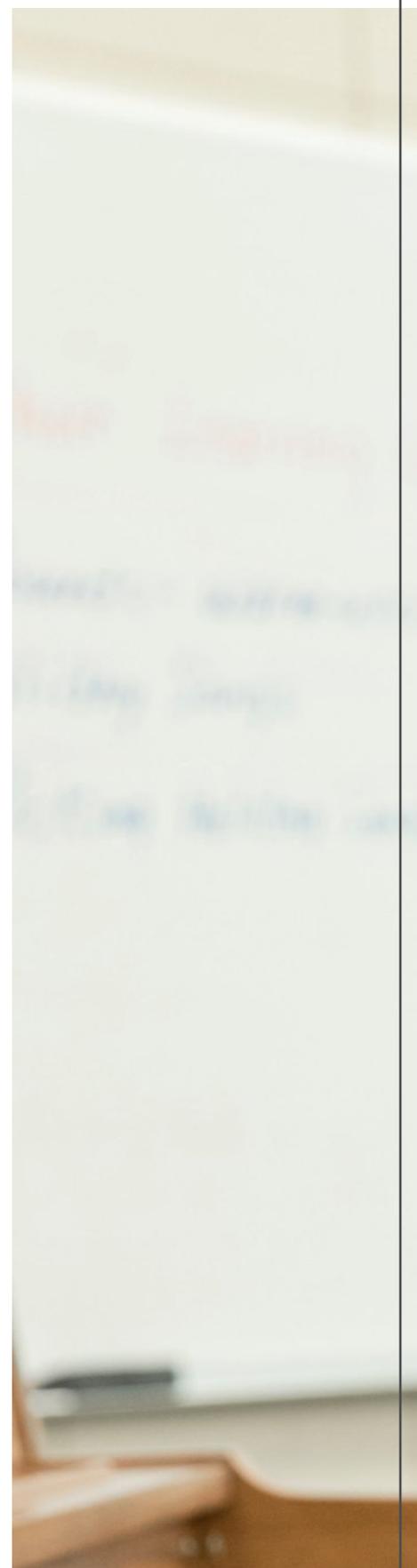
**Planned career course:**

"Environmental science. My dormitory room has like 15 plants in there, it's like a little greenhouse. I just love working with plants."

**Favorite class:**

"I really like my advanced composition class because I love writing, I have a really nice teacher, and she has us write about current events. At UWEC, I'm also taking a class called 'Sex, Power and Public Policy,' which is a women's study class, and I'm really interested in politics."

"Last year my favorite teacher was Dr. Williams. She was a fantastic teacher and got me even more interested in science than I already was. Through different activities, she taught me more about nature. She helped me to have two green thumbs where once I had just one."



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I EXPRESS MYSELF.  
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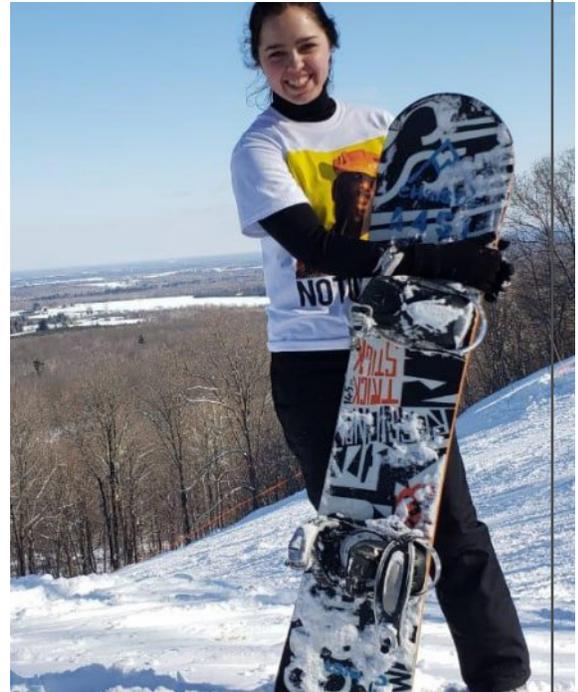


# SPORTS

North Cedar Academy offers intramural athletic activities after school, engaging our students in active and fun physical activities through every season. The natural surroundings of the Ladysmith area provide opportunities particular to a northern Wisconsin school, including kayaking on the beautiful Flambeau River and cross-country skiing through gentle snow-covered forests. All of the activities are open to girls and boys.

A few of the athletic opportunities\* we offer:

 <p>Badminton</p>	 <p>Basketball</p>	 <p>Cross-Country Running</p>
 <p>Cross-Country Skiing</p>	 <p>Downhill Skiing</p>	 <p>Kayaking</p>
 <p>Swimming</p>	 <p>Tennis</p>	 <p>Yoga</p>



\*Additional sports activities are offered through UWEC.



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# GEDION

## CLASS OF 2019

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**CAMPUS:** UWEC-BC  
**HOMETOWN:** ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** CALCULUS AND ANALYTICAL GEOMETRY

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Gedion was in sixth grade in his hometown of Addis Ababa when he noticed his science teacher's computer. Whenever Gedion scored well on a test, his teacher let him use it.

"He'd give me his laptop and I just wanted to figure it out, and that's how it started," he said. "I just wanted to know about them. By nature, I don't like it when I cannot figure something out. When I got into high school, I started learning computer science and programming."

**The most surprising thing about America:**  
"Air conditioning. It's ironic for me that in my country if I'm cold, I go into the house. It's the opposite here, because you have conditioned air. Now, it's just a common thing for me, but that was the first surprise."

**On Ladysmith:**  
"It's not a big city—it's a quiet and calm place, and it's a good feeling, just being in nature and all the colors in the trees. It's a peaceful place—basically, what I would call the perfect place for a school."

**On North Cedar Academy:**

"NCA is a small school, which creates a community—I would say a family, because everybody knows everybody else, and that's a good thing. And teachers know students well. Here, students are not just a name. Teachers know a lot of things—where you're from, they know what to expect from you, and they know which areas you need help. It's a friendly environment."

**Biggest influence:**

"My dad. He is a hard, hard worker, and he's always focused. He knows where he's going, and he has this vision, that if he wants to get something, he's going to get it. That's what I like from him. I'm a firm believer that hard work is going to pay off, and I learned that from him."

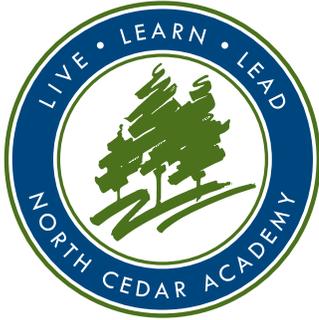
**What I do for fun:**

"I don't know—I'm not a fun guy. I like basketball, but for me, that's serious."



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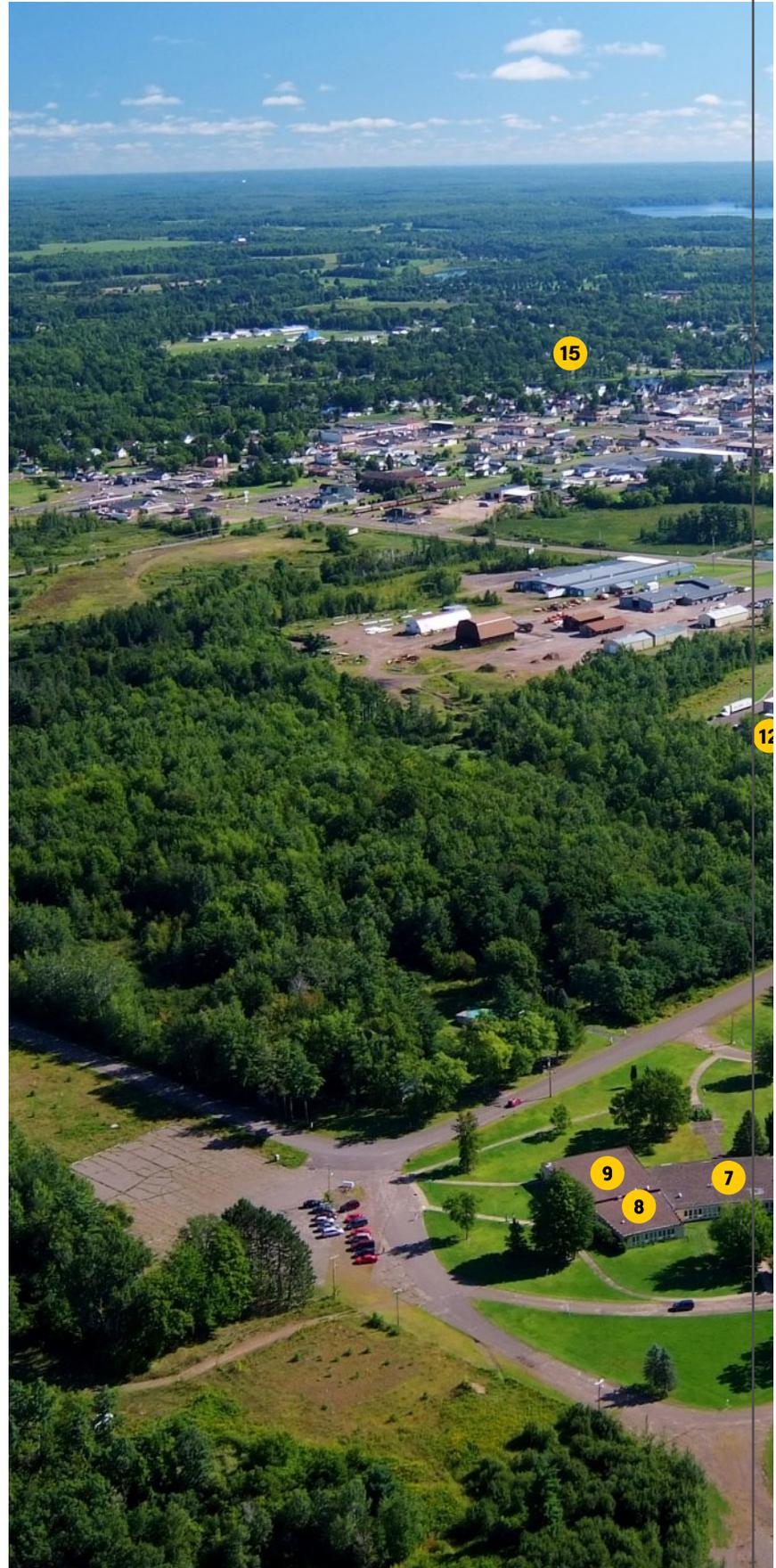


# NORTH CEDAR ACADEMY

## AREA MAP

- 1 GIRL'S DORMITORY
- 2 BOY'S DORMITORY
- 3 FLAMBEAU RIVER
- 4 CAFE
- 5 CLASSROOMS
- 6 FITNESS CENTER
- 7 AUDITORIUM
- 8 ADMINISTRATION
- 9 STUDENT CENTER/LIBRARY
- 10 HOSPITAL
- 11 HOTEL
- 12 SHOPPING CENTER
- 13 HOTEL
- 14 CITY OF LADYMITH
- 15 MEMORIAL PARK

96 ACRE CAMPUS WITH FORESTED  
TRAILS FOR NATURE WALKS,  
BIKING AND SKIING.





# AZZURRA

CLASS OF 2022

<b>CAMPUS:</b>	NORTH CEDAR ACADEMY
<b>HOMETOWN:</b>	OLBIA, ITALY
<b>FUN FACT:</b>	I WATCH SURGERY VIDEOS IN MY FREE TIME. I GUESS THERE'S NOT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT AND 16 SEASONS OF GREY'S ANATOMY!

**"I decided to do an exchange year to acquire a new perspective of the world and prove that I can be myself wherever.**

I've always been into singing, dancing and acting. However, when I had to pick my classes, I chose to stick to basic ones. I decided to focus on improving my English, taking every English class that was available during the second semester.

However, I joined the community choir as soon as I got the opportunity to. I'm really enjoying it so far, the people are nice and the songs are all from musicals I know. We'll perform in a few weeks, wish me luck!

I remember that when I first arrived (I got here in October while everyone else had already been here for at least one month) the first thing I had to do was pick the subjects I was going to study for the next three months. I really like languages so I added Spanish and English right away. I also got to take a lot of science classes, like chemistry, physics, biology and trigonometry.

**I can definitely see a difference between the Italian and the American educational system. I feel like teachers here are really interested in you learning all the information. They are patient and willing to help you in every step.**

Our Resident Advisors are always there for us. Sometimes we really make them go crazy, but at the end of the day we all know they are there to guarantee our safety and wellness.

I am so proud to say that I was the cheerleading captain for a few months. I wasn't really sure of what was going to come out of this student-run ECA, but the result was surprisingly good. I invented a nice choreography with the help of my co-captain and friend Pauline and our performance turned out better than anyone could expect from 6 teenagers.

One of the people who I'm most happy to have met is my English teacher. At first I couldn't imagine that we would have gotten along so well that I would have spent not only Christmas break, but also Spring break with her and her family. She is more than a teacher for me, and for many other kids at NCA. She has also been a mother figure while I'm so far from my family back in Italy. I will never forget you, thank you, J.

Some of the people that I've met here are going to be in my heart forever. I already know that I'm going to see some of them again. The majority, however, are people that I will never get to spend time with again. I find it so special and beautiful that our life paths intertwined for one year, I will never forget any of them."

**During her Senior Year at NCA, Azzura challenged herself in ways that no NCA student has ever done in the past. Azzura completed 9 full credit courses at NCA in grade 12, and finished all 9 classes with an "A" average for a perfect 4.0 GPA. This is a rare feat indeed (to take 9 classes and to earn a 4.0)! Well done Azzura!**





**"EVERYONE SAYS  
THAT IN WISCONSIN  
EVERYONE IS SO NICE  
AND, FOR THE TIME  
THAT I'VE BEEN HERE,  
I FOUND THAT TO BE  
TRUE. I SUPPOSE THAT  
UNDER ALL THE SNOW,  
WISCONSIN HAS A  
WARM HEART."**

# STUDENT LIFE

## LIVING IN THE DORMITORY

The dormitory at North Cedar Academy is designed to be a home away from home, staffed with responsible resident assistants who maintain an after-hours study structure. They also provide a support system for students, lending an ear or helping them find the resources they need. The dormitory is a comfortable place to connect and play games like pool, air hockey or table tennis with friends in common areas, or to practice musical instruments and catch up on school projects. The dormitory is equipped with the amenities of home, such as laundry facilities and a kitchenette with refrigerator, microwaves, toaster oven, and rice cookers.

In the cafeteria, students will enjoy daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner of both American and international fare prepared by professional chefs and a fresh salad bar that's always available during meal time.

## ROLLING ADMISSIONS

NCA utilizes a rolling admission policy, and includes a student population of both American and international students, offering a rich cultural experience. Many students from abroad come to North Cedar Academy, and we pair roommates from different countries to offer a mutually beneficial cultural experience. The academy has been home to students from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam, among many other nations.





**45,000**  
sq. ft. Dormitory



# LIMA

## CLASS OF 2019

**CAMPUS:** UWEC-BC  
**HOMETOWN:** KABUL, AFGHANISTAN  
**FUN FACT:** LIMA DOESN'T LIKE MOVIES BUT LOVES TO LISTEN TO MUSIC.

Lima's school in Kabul, Afghanistan was open sporadically at best—that wasn't acceptable to Lima, who plans to enter pre-med studies and eventually become an obstetrician.

"I am trying to save lives," Lima said. "Being a mom is a special thing, and we see mothers lose their lives because of small issues or problems. We don't have that many female doctors especially in villages, and we lost lots of women because of that."

While it was difficult for her parents to send her to school so far away, they've always supported Lima's academic success and were delighted when Lima received a scholarship. Since Lima enrolled in North Cedar Academy, she has learned English, started taking university courses full time, and participates extensively in extracurricular volunteer and leadership activities, knowing it will aid her future.

"I just thought if I can do something, not just for Afghanistan, but for every country—I want to do that."

#### **On her academic success:**

"You may think I was unlucky being born female in Afghanistan. However, I have seen this as a blessing knowing that I am now safe and have the opportunity to study in America. I was also lucky that my parents supported my academics in every way."

#### **On living at North Cedar Academy:**

"I really love being here. I feel so safe, and I like to know different people from different

countries. They're so nice, every one of them. I love to communicate and to know about their culture, I really love to share my culture with them too."

#### **Extracurricular activities:**

- TA tutor for a UWEC-BC history professor
- Volunteer at the college library help desk
- Toad House art gallery volunteer
- Marshfield Medical Center-Ladysmith emergency room volunteer
- Student council, both at North Cedar Academy and UWEC-BC
- Executive Director for ABC (Association of Branch Campuses (formerly Student Governance Council)
- Member of the UWC Academic Policy Committee of the UWC Senate

#### **Why she joined student council:**

"I love to talk, I love to speak up, everyone says that I'm kind of bossy. Even at home, my mom says I'm a little bossy. I love to share my opinions and my ideas with people. I'm trying to help them, trying to solve the problems that we have."

#### **Her favorite class:**

"I love all of my teachers, but I think I enjoy science classes a lot, and especially math class. When I find out any solution to the question, for me it's a big deal."

#### **On learning English:**

"In the beginning, I knew nothing about English. I started from A, B, C, D, E."





**"I LOVE THE BEAUTY  
THAT THIS PLACE HAS.  
WHENEVER I OPEN  
THE WINDOW, IT'S  
JUST SO FRESH HERE,  
AND THE RIVER IS SO  
BEAUTIFUL. I TOOK  
LOTS OF PICTURES.  
I REALLY LOVE THE  
COMMUNITY, TOO.  
WHEN I WENT TO  
WALMART, EVERYONE  
KNOWS ME AND WE  
TALK. I THINK HALF  
OF THE PEOPLE IN  
WISCONSIN KNOW ME!"**

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Every weekend, North Cedar Academy offers group outings including bowling, ice-cream shops, mini-golf, movies, amusement parks, or malls, as well as educational and local cultural excursions such as university tours. Church services are available every Sunday, but not required. We also arrange trips to the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul) and Eau Claire.

Extracurricular activities\* may include athletic activities as well as clubs such as:

 ACT/SAT Prep	 Badminton/ Tennis	 Basketball	 Board Game Club	 Bowling
 Chess Club	 Chinese Culture Club	 Gaming Club	 Indoor Soccer	 Jazz Band
 Kayaking	 Movie Critique	 Painting	 Publishing	 Theatre
 Volleyball	 Web Design	 Weight Lifting	 Wellness	 Yoga

\*Students in grades 11 and 12 have a wide variety of club offerings through UWEC.





# NATE ARNOLD

## ACADEMIC DEAN AND SOCIAL STUDIES INSTRUCTOR

- EDUCATION:** JUDSON UNIVERSITY, ELGIN, ILLINOIS
- FUN FACT:** MR. ARNOLD JUST RAN HIS FIRST MARATHON! HE AND HIS WIFE OF EIGHT YEARS HAVE THREE CHILDREN, AND THEY RESIDE IN EAU CLAIRE.
- ANOTHER FUN FACT:** MR. ARNOLD MET MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE SOVIET UNION, AT A CAMPUS EVENT IN COLLEGE.

Mr. Arnold initially pursued graphic design as a career, but quickly realized his passion was for people, not a cubicle.

"I am a third-generation educator," Mr. Arnold said. "My grandmother taught French, my grandfather taught band, my aunt is a reading specialist, and my mom taught 20 years in a Christian school. I married a teacher as well. Education runs through my blood."

He teaches Social Studies at North Cedar Academy, and has done so since the school began. He endeavors to teach history in a dynamic and relevant fashion, teaching life lessons along the way.

"I think what most people think about history is that it's dead, irrelevant, and has no life," Mr. Arnold said. "My goal is to correct that misconception. I find history incredibly alive, meaningful, and relevant, and I love being able to make that a reality for students."

### What everyone should know:

"All the giants of history: Nelson Mandela, Abraham Lincoln, Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King Jr., and the values they preached. The way they lived their lives—always serving, always focused on others. Living out ideals greater than themselves. I believe

everyone should get to know them and look to emulate them as best they can."

### On teaching:

"A teacher is so much more than one who imparts knowledge, gives assessments, and ensures that students achieve curricular goals. I care much more that my students grow personally and become their best—whatever that looks like. I want to help grow next-generation leaders."

### On physical activities:

"Wellness is integral and essential to us at North Cedar Academy. We insist that our students have a well-rounded education. Toward that end, we provide engaging and enriching clubs and sports throughout the year."

### On teaching at a small campus:

"The relationships are stronger, I feel. At a large school with over 2,000 students, interactions are limited and tend to lack depth. I really enjoy working in an environment where that's not the case. I find that students and teachers both thrive in an environment where substantive, quality interactions take place. North Cedar Academy is that place."





# YUAN WANG-HILL

## CHINESE LANGUAGE & LITERATURE INSTRUCTOR

- EDUCATION:** PEKING UNIVERSITY, UW-LA CROSSE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
- FUN FACT:** MRS. WANG-HILL HAS TRAVELED BACK TO BEIJING MORE THAN A DOZEN TIMES WITH HER DAUGHTER, A FRESHMAN IN UNIVERSITY.
- ANOTHER FUN FACT:** MY FAVORITE SUBJECT TO TEACH IS CHINESE OPERA BECAUSE IT IS SO BEAUTIFUL AND FUN!

Growing up in Beijing, Yuan Wang-Hill hoped to study classical Chinese literature at Peking University, but the program was very popular and difficult to enter. Instead, her father encouraged her to study English.

"I was a poor student in English, I have to say. I would sneak out and sit in the Chinese literature classes."

But Mrs. Wang-Hill eventually became proficient, teaching foreign adults to learn Chinese. An American friend encouraged her to teach in the states, and she did, at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. After receiving her graduate education in Chinese Language and Literature, Mrs. Wang-Hill taught Chinese at the University of Minnesota.

Mrs. Wang-Hill then brought her teaching skills and love for Chinese literature to the students at North Cedar Academy, where she offers beginning Chinese to new speakers and literature/culture classes to native or advanced Chinese speakers.

"I'm so fortunate to be able to have grown up in a city that I love, and to come to this country that I also deeply love," Mrs. Wang-Hill said. "I really feel the people are wonderful!"

### On teaching North Cedar Academy students:

"I have to say they're brilliant. I really feel they're thinking so deeply. I feel very excited just coming to class and talking about Confucius and Chinese thought—the way the students understand is very practical. They're the ones bringing me here every day—they give me a sense of purpose. They make me feel hopeful."

### On her profession as a teacher:

"I worked at a travel company before coming to NCA. This experience made me know most clearly that I love the classroom the best."

### On Chinese poetry:

"I'm a native speaker of Chinese, and I'm still always awed and fascinated by the grand, magnificent depth and beauty of expression. It's almost too profound a beauty."

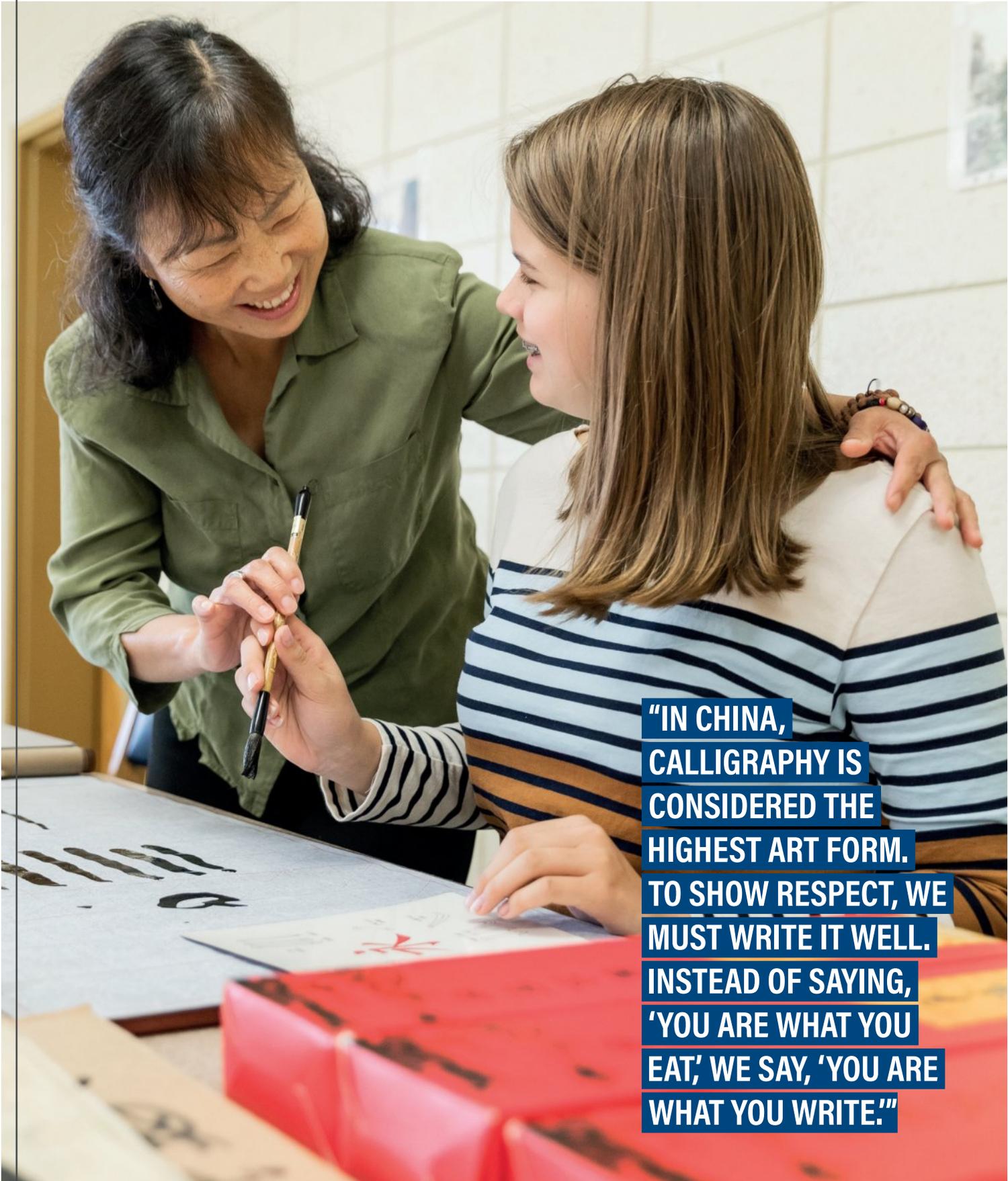
### Favorite advice from Confucius:

"If you know something, admit you know it. If you don't know, admit it. This is being honest—being straightforward with yourself is the strongest knowledge."

### On what she misses about Beijing

"I loved Beijing even before I came to this country, but you know your hometown better when you're away—its deep history is inside me. Also, it's hard for me to find good food—I can't find it here."





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CONSIDERED THE  
HIGHEST ART FORM.  
TO SHOW RESPECT, WE  
MUST WRITE IT WELL.  
INSTEAD OF SAYING,  
'YOU ARE WHAT YOU  
EAT,' WE SAY, 'YOU ARE  
WHAT YOU WRITE.'"**

# LILA LI

**HOMETOWN:**

BEIJING, CHINA

**FUN FACT:**

A FUN FACT ABOUT ME IS THAT I LOVE VEGETABLE CONGEE! IT IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE DISHES. CONGEE IS SORT OF A RICE PORRIDGE AND IT IS NOT TOO TASTY ALONE, BUT GREAT WITH VEGETABLES ADDED!

**INTEREST:**

ANYTHING ABOUT OBSTETRICS!

**Tell us a little about why you chose to attend NCA:**

"The main reason why I decided to choose to attend NCA is that NCA not only provides high school courses but also provides students with a unique opportunity to take university courses. I can explore more of my academic interests in the university courses at UWEC.

Other than the unique opportunity to earn university credits, NCA also is in a place with beautiful scenery and I think it is a great place to study. The little village of Ladysmith is neither too large or too small. While there are fun things to do on weekends, it is also a peaceful and quiet area for my school. The most important thing is that the teachers of NCA are all so nice. We are like a big family full of love."

**What are your thoughts on the NCA / University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Early Pathway Program:**

"The Early University Pathway program at NCA is exactly what I hoped for! My faculty members are all so nice and I feel very comfortable with them. Sonya, our counselor, is amazing! I go to her with all my questions and concerns, and she always helped me solve them and provide me with information about them.

I am taking 5 university classes this semester and every one of my teachers is amazing! I have also made some really great friends at UWEC! We have chemistry together. I was a bit nervous during my first class because I did not know

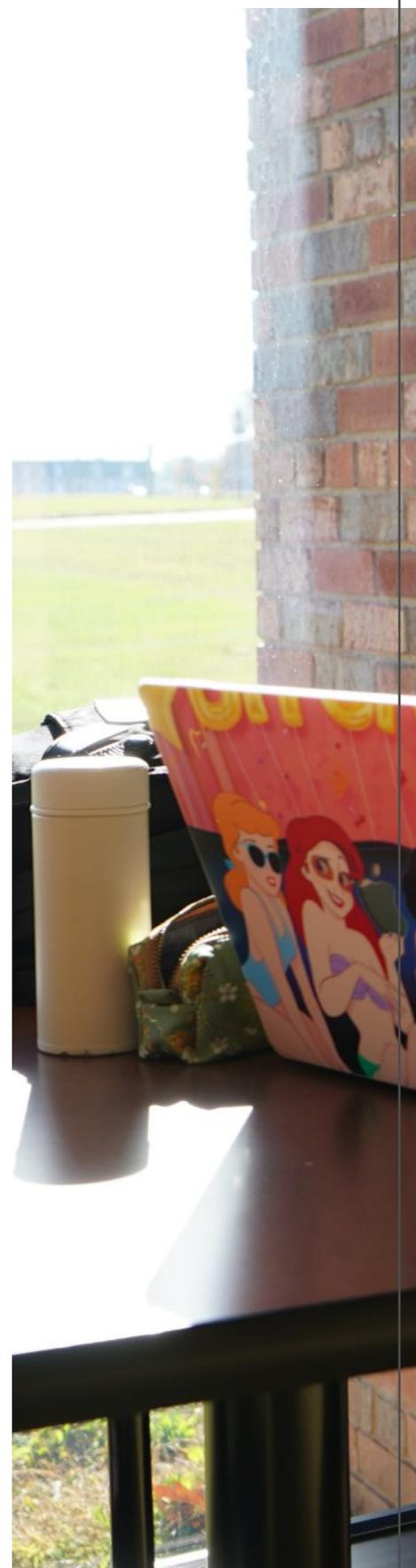
anybody there, and our chemistry teacher, Abbey who is also super nice, told us to form a group and introduce ourselves. And I was just sitting there hoping this would end soon, but then she joined our group. And that's how I know her. She is just the sweetest! Now we are a group in chemistry lecture and lab partners in the chemistry lab.

It's hard to choose the best part of being in the pathway program, but if I can choose it would be the opportunity to learn more things, the opportunity to experience college life earlier, and the opportunity to study in more demanding courses.

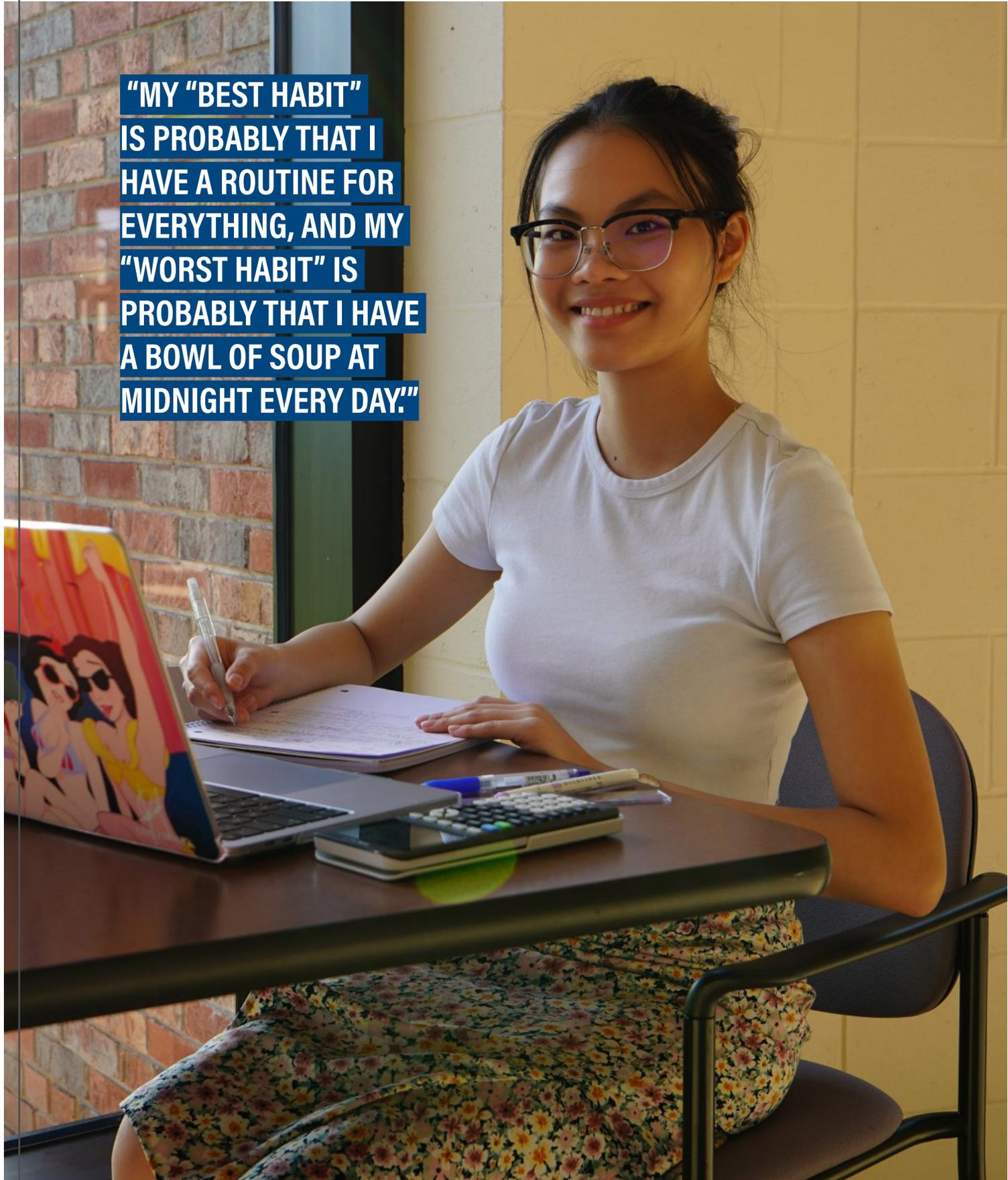
**If someone asked you about NCA, what might you share with them?:**

"If someone asked me if they should attend NCA, I would tell them that you will be friends with everyone in the school, your classmates, RAs, and teachers. Even though now I go to UW every morning, on Thursdays when we leave later than usual, I will always stop by and say hi to Ms. Lucia, my Spanish teacher last year, who bakes us little things and make us little gift bags for every Chilean holiday.

I would also tell them that it will be very cold in the Winter so bring warm clothes! But that also means that you get to see snow for months, my hometown never snows so that was a fun activity to sled in the snow."



**"MY "BEST HABIT"  
IS PROBABLY THAT I  
HAVE A ROUTINE FOR  
EVERYTHING, AND MY  
"WORST HABIT" IS  
PROBABLY THAT I HAVE  
A BOWL OF SOUP AT  
MIDNIGHT EVERY DAY."**



# AFFORDING AN NCA EDUCATION

The independent school community considers North Cedar Academy “The Best Value in American Boarding Schools,” and, in fact, our tuition is in the lower 20% of all independent boarding schools. We keep tuition as low as possible, and we make merit and need-based financial aid available to all applicants. While our funds for financial aid are limited, our program is generous. We’re committed to helping to make your education affordable, and more often than not, we are able to do so.

Financial assistance at North Cedar Academy takes the form of scholarships (typically merit-based and/or need-based).

Students who receive merit-based scholarships must meet benchmarks during their education, which may include earning a certain GPA, behavioral standards, and participation in activities or as a leader in a student organization. Need-based financial assistance is determined using the guidelines of SSS (<https://www.solutionsbysss.com/>) used by many of the nation’s finest independent schools and carries merit requirements as well.

While it is expected that financial assistance will continue throughout a student’s time at NCA, awards are made for one year only and a new financial aid application must be completed each year. NCA pays a minimum of one year of the university tuition for students enrolled in the Blugold Guaranteed Transfer Program at the UW-Eau Claire-Barron County campus.

Questions related to merit scholarships or financial assistance should be directed to the NCA Office of Admission and Financial Aid.

## Scholarship and Financial Aid Quick Facts:

- ✓ More than 70% of NCA students receive either merit or need-based financial assistance.
- ✓ Over \$1,500,000 (USD) in financial assistance was offered to students in 2021-2022.
- ✓ The average financial assistance offer for 2021-2022 was more than \$20,000 (USD).
- ✓ Financial Aid is available on a rolling basis. Apply early for financial assistance.

# APPLYING TO NCA

## GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION



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**Website:** [www.northcedar.net](http://www.northcedar.net)

**Contact Information:**

Admissions Department  
[admissions@northcedar.net](mailto:admissions@northcedar.net)

### Online Application Steps:

1. Please visit [www.northcedar.net/apply](http://www.northcedar.net/apply) to complete your application -> Apply to NCA
2. Apply using the Standard Application Online (SAO)
3. Please remember to include two teacher recommendations (one from an English teacher, one from any other teacher), your complete transcripts from the previous two years, a student essay and parent statement, and a copy of your passport with your application.
4. Once you complete your application, the admissions team will contact you via email to schedule an in-person or Skype interview.
5. Once your application and interview are complete, the admissions team will review your application and make a timely admission decision within two weeks.

**Application fee:** \$50

Directly following acceptance and payment of initial deposit, students will receive their I-20 information via email. Students will be instructed on how to schedule and complete their visa interview.



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