



THIS SCHOOL
WILL THE INDIAN SPRINGS EXPERIENCE,
IN 7 DECLARATIONS
CHANGE
YOUR LIFE

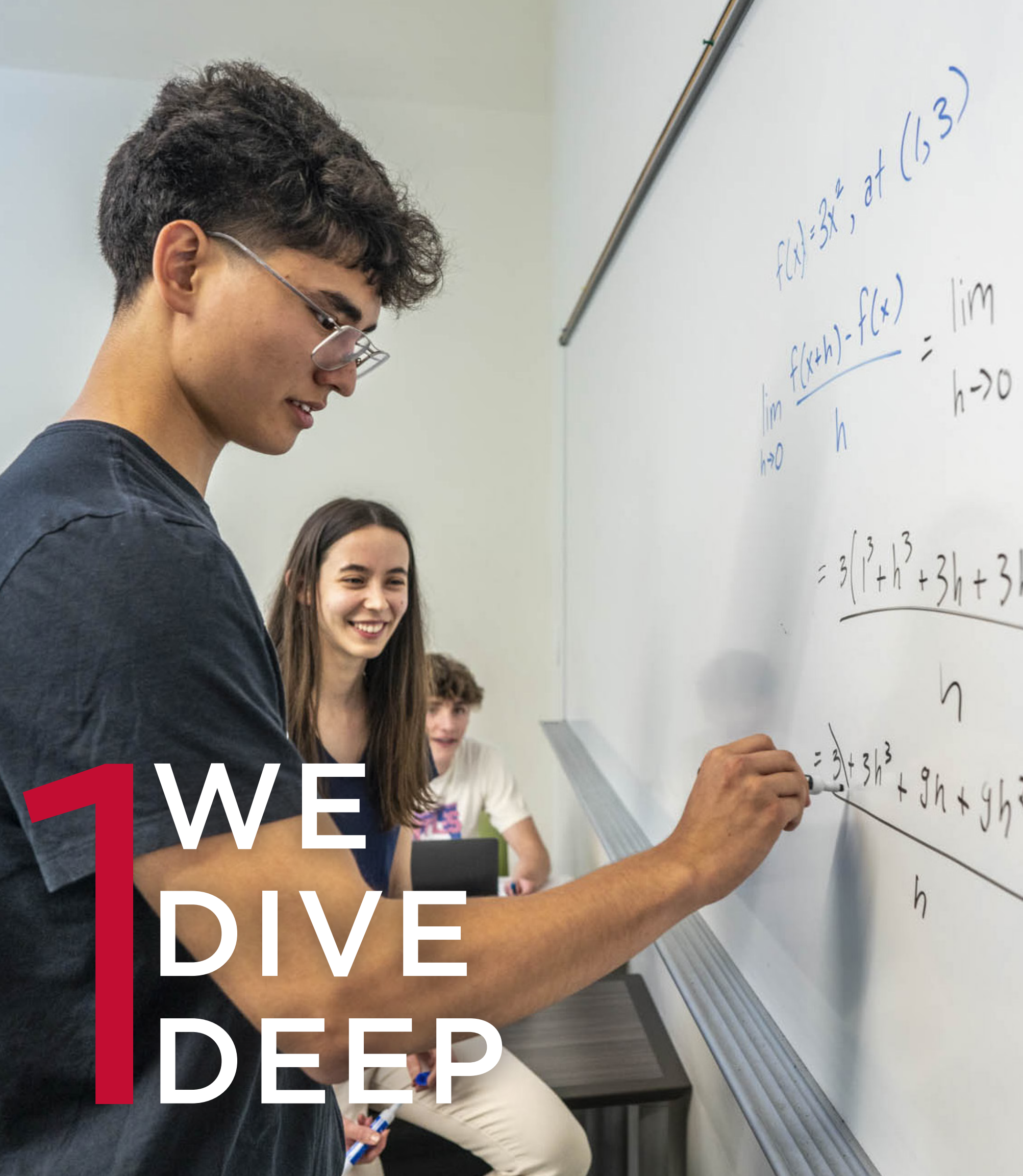


SPRINGS IS DIFFERENT

**You can feel it
when you come
to campus (and
we hope you will!).**

Springs is like a village where the people are generous and grounded and welcoming. There's a buzz of excited conversation, bursts of unbridled laughter, birdsong. There's a lake, a town hall, a makerspace. You feel that you're part of an ongoing collaboration to build a singular—and singularly inspiring—community. The Springs experience will change the way you see the world, expand your sense of what's possible, and give you the will and the skills to walk a bold path.





1 WE
DIVE
DEEP

“We push students—and teachers!—to come up with new ideas and think outside the box. Then, we test those ideas against our experience, to see what works. As a result, we make original, exciting connections and discoveries.”

DR. RENEE CHOW
ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

Our academic program is designed for students who want to get “out of the shallows and into the depths,”

as our founding Head of School was fond of saying. We’re energized by ideas, inspired by new perspectives, eager to wrestle with the big questions. We offer 18 AP courses, but to us they’re a foundation, not a pinnacle. Students can choose from a broad range of specialized electives. Many students design a term-long Independent Study with a faculty mentor (recent topics: relativity and modern physics; interpreting the Deaf world; forest fire reconnaissance). The majority of our students have schedules that are unique to them. The results are eye-opening, mind-bending, and genuinely transformative.

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STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO

130

COURSES

18

AP OFFERINGS

8

NATIONAL MERIT
FINALISTS IN 2022

20+

INDEPENDENT
STUDIES PER YEAR

325

DAY AND BOARDING STUDENTS
FROM 9 STATES AND 12 COUNTRIES
IN GRADES 8-12



“Springs is like a big cheerleading squad. I’ve become more confident, more ready to pursue my passions. I’ve learned to be unapologetically myself.”

LUCY, SENIOR



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WE SHAPE THE COMMUNITY WE LOVE

One of our core values is the idea of participatory citizenship.

In practice, it means that our student government—mayors, commissioners, and representatives—oversees a significant budget, handles many student judiciary matters, and sets the tone for the school. Our weekly Town Hall Meeting, led by students and attended by everyone on campus, is a treasured ritual and a forum for student expression. When you come to Springs, we want you to get involved; and your contribution matters.

“Students have a lot of agency to build the Springs community. The school trusts the student government to make important decisions. That’s one reason why I got involved in it. You learn how to carry yourself in all kinds of settings, how to work together to build something everyone can believe in. You learn how to live in the world.”

ANDY, SENIOR

WE
SAY
YES

It makes sense that our motto is *Learning through Living*:

We’re a collection of fantastically unique individuals, united by a love of learning and an exuberance for living. From across the country and around the world, we create a community where everyone has the freedom to grow and change and flourish. When faced with a choice of playing it safe and staying in our comfort zone or saying “yes” and taking a leap of faith, we are a community that says yes.



4 OUR CAMPUS IS MAGICAL

350
ACRES

16
MILES SOUTH
OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

NEARLY
60
MILES OF HIKING TRAILS
ON OUR CAMPUS AND IN
OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK



We live where we learn—and where we learn is kind of amazing.

Our buildings are designed to work with the landscape. Every classroom is open to the environment. We have our own lake, and we're steps away from Alabama's largest state park. You can conduct biological research in the forest and stream; you can canoe in the lake between classes; you can grow fresh produce in the organic garden. This is an education that's immersed in the world.

"I have friends all over campus. I hang out with boarding friends on weekends or at night, and I have friends in theater and choir and from classes, and they all overlap. It's easy to build connections between different parts of your life."

SOFIA, SENIOR

OUR CAMPUS IS GLOBAL



Thanks to our lively boarding program,

our community includes voices from Seoul and Savannah, Berlin and Brooklyn, as well as a wide range of neighborhoods in and around Alabama. Together, boarding and day students discover all that our neighborhood and our city have to offer: biking and fishing in Oak Mountain State Park, Birmingham's amazing food scene,

the Birmingham Museum of Art, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. In and out of class, conversations get deeper, ideas get more expansive, and you're always on the verge of learning something new.



A SAMPLE OF STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Asian Culture Club
- Black Student Caucus
- Christianity Club
- Debate Team
- Drone Club
- Feminine Affinity Club
- Fishing Club
- Gender-Sexuality Alliance
- Interfaith Club
- Jewish Cultural Club
- Junior United Nations
- The Khalas* (yearbook)
- Math Club
- The Mire* (literary journal)
- Mock Trial
- Muslim Association
- Outdoors Club
- Poetry Out Loud
- Robotics Club
- Science Olympiad
- Speech and Debate
- Sustainability Club
- Swancappella
- The Woodward Post* (newspaper)

VARSITY ATHLETIC TEAMS

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball

“I’ve become more open-minded at Springs—more willing to try something new. That’s what happens when you’re around people who are doing so many interesting things. You see your friends branch out, and you think ‘I want to do that too.’”

EVIE, SOPHOMORE

OPPORTUNITY IS EVERYWHERE

We want our students to lead balanced lives.

That’s one reason we offer a metric ton of opportunities—in athletics, arts, service, and more—for students to explore new interests, stretch themselves, go beyond their expectations. Part of the joy of being here is feeling a widening sense of possibility. Students can design an independent study on a topic of interest, from chess to debate, from fishing to drones. Or they can form a band in our Contemporary Music class, working under the tutelage of a professional sound engineer. There’s no shame in trying something new; in fact we celebrate the attempt, no matter where it leads.

50+

STUDENT-RUN CLUBS

20

SPORTS TEAMS

450

SEATS IN STATE-OF-THE-ART CONCERT HALL

100+

STUDENTS IN CHOIR

10+

PLAYS PRODUCED EVERY YEAR

6

RECENT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SOCCER, SWIMMING, AND TENNIS

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DEVELOPMENT DAYS WHEN, IN LIEU OF ACADEMIC CLASSES, STUDENTS ENGAGE IN SERVICE LEARNING, ON AND OFF CAMPUS



“We want you to leave Springs with your own education in hand. We want you to have had the experience of taking ownership of your success. That’s what allows you to go to college—and into adult life—with a sense of purpose and motivation.”

WILLIAM BELSER '80
CHAIR, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING



RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

- Amherst College
- Auburn University
- Birmingham Southern College
- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Columbia University
- Davidson College
- Denison University
- Emory University
- Georgia Tech
- Johns Hopkins University
- MIT
- Oberlin College
- Oxford University
- Pitzer College
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University
- University of Alabama
- University of Chicago
- University of Oxford
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Richmond
- University of Southern California
- University of Virginia
- Wake Forest University
- Wesleyan University
- Yale University

A FEW FASCINATING ALUMNI

- Daniel Alarcón '95:** Author, journalist, MacArthur Fellow
- John Badham '57:** Film director
- Mark Gitenstein '64:** U.S. Ambassador to the European Union
- John Green '95:** Printz Award winner and *New York Times* best-selling author
- Preston Haskell '56:** Founder of the Haskell Company—global leader in green design and building construction
- Elaine Luria '93:** Virginia Congresswoman, U.S. Navy veteran
- Hanelle Culpepper Meier '88:** Filmmaker, twice nominated for NAACP Image Award
- Sipiwe Moyo '01:** Actress, *Orange Is the New Black*
- David Oh '87:** Flight director, Mars Curiosity Rover
- Mona Singh '85:** Professor of Computer Science, Lewis-Sigler Institute of Integrative Genomics, Princeton University
- Shazi Visram '95:** Founder, Happy Family Brands
- Russell Williams '73:** Chief architect, Adobe Photoshop

Our graduates make their own way in the world.

They’re confident and compassionate, independent-minded and community-oriented. They attend colleges and universities that align with their values and meet their ambitions. They approach new situations with curiosity and optimism. They find creative ways to solve intractable problems. They make original, substantive contributions to organizations and communities around the world. Plus, they’re great company: they ask great questions, they listen closely, and they are happy for others when they experience success. And they understand the value of their lifelong membership in the broader family of Springs alumni.

WE GO FARTHER

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PRIVATE SCHOOL
IN ALABAMA

MOTTO:

**LEARNING
THROUGH
LIVING**

AVERAGE ACT:

31

AVERAGE SAT:


1432

27%

OF STUDENTS
RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

\$1.7 MILLION

IN FINANCIAL AID
AWARDED EVERY YEAR



“We’re looking for families who appreciate the value of education—and for students who embrace challenge, want to participate in building a community, and love the process of learning.”

TAYLOR DOCKING

Director of Enrollment Management

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CHANGED ME.
I WOULDN'T HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO GET
THIS EXPERIENCE
ANYWHERE ELSE.”

REZI, JUNIOR



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