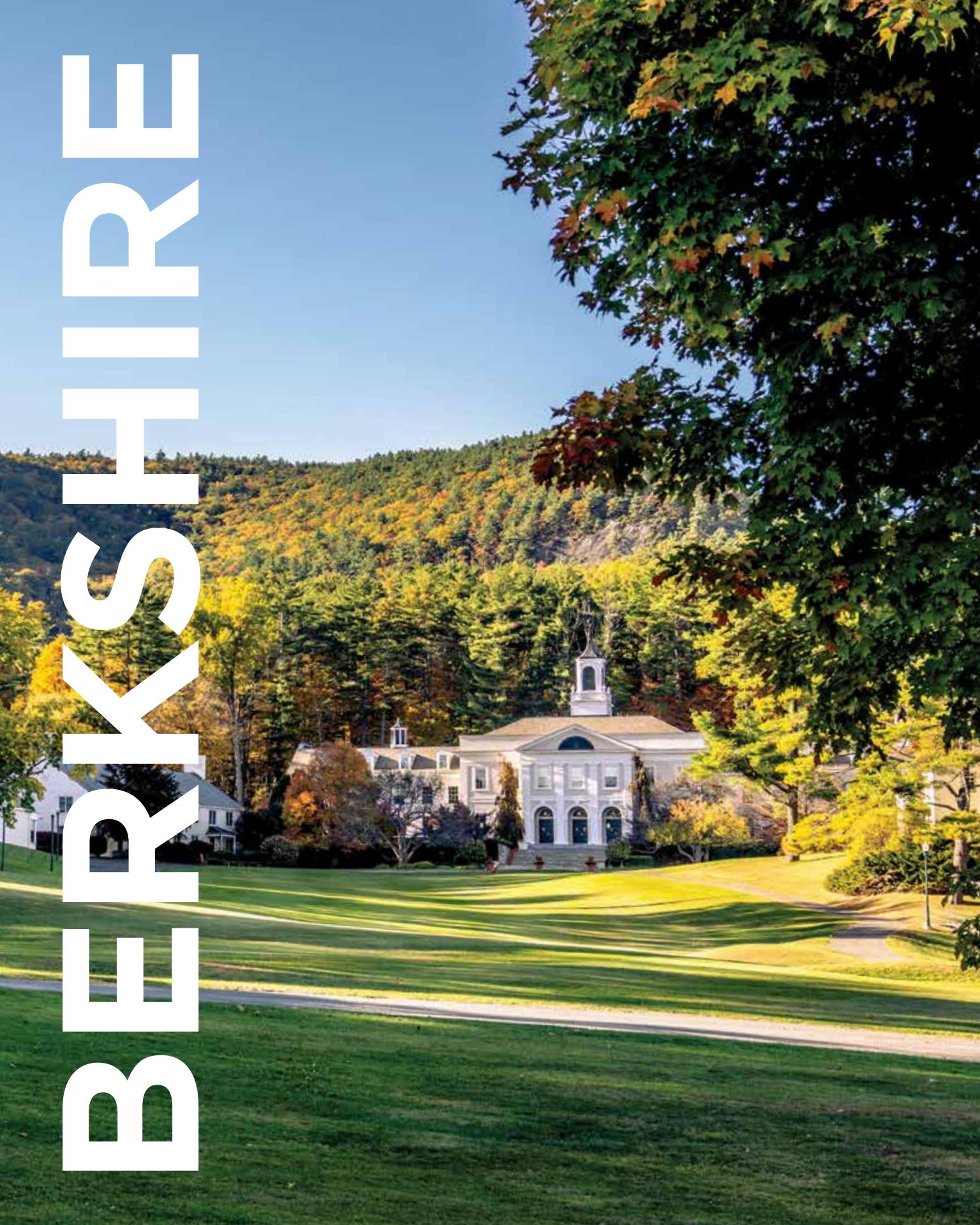


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PRO VITA NON

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**Learning, not just for school but for life.**

**MISSION:** With the Mountain as inspiration and our motto as the promise—Learning, not just for school but for life—Berkshire School creates an inclusive community where students are known well, provides an empowering educational experience, and prepares students for lives of purpose.





## Your journey starts here.

Founded in 1907, we're nestled on a 400-acre campus in the heart of the Berkshires. We're both worldly and a world like no other, with classrooms and dorms backing up to the base of Mount Everett, surrounded by stunning beauty (with New York City and Boston just a couple of hours away).

You can always come back to Berkshire, and you'll leave forever changed.

## Meet Our Head of School



In the mornings, Head of School Pieter Mulder greets students as they begin their academic day.

### Lifelong Experience

Head of School since 2013, Pieter Mulder grew up in Williamstown, Mass., and earned his B.A. from Williams College in American studies with minors in architecture and environmental science, and his M.A.L.S. from Wesleyan University in mathematics with a concentration in creative writing. He has taught at The American School in Switzerland; Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., where he also served as assistant dean of faculty; and the Met Center High School in Providence, R.I., an innovative Big Picture public high school funded by the Gates Foundation. He began his Berkshire career as the dean of academic affairs in 2005 and has served as a member of the senior administrative team since then. In 2010, he was appointed director of college counseling, overseeing a college counseling program in which the percentage of Berkshire graduates earning acceptances to the most selective colleges and universities increased to nearly 90%. He enjoys running the Appalachian Trail just above Berkshire's campus and welcomes all students for a game of chess in his office.



Pieter lives on campus with his wife, Lucia. A graduate of Yale University, Lucia is a member of Berkshire's communications and marketing department. They have two children, Phoebe '22 and Will '26.

**It is my great honor and privilege to lead Berkshire School, and I could not be prouder of the community and culture our students and adults create together here. At Berkshire, we strive to instill the values, critical skills, initiative, and confidence that will ensure our students' success in school and beyond.**

In the following pages, we will introduce you to Berkshire's unique opportunities and Signature Programs, which encourage our students to continually reimagine their horizons, to take risks, to discover and pursue lifelong passions, to lead and serve others, and to distinguish themselves in an increasingly competitive college process.

Students and families choose a Berkshire education for an exceptional academic experience that is authentic, relevant, and forward-thinking; for a commitment to character development that is embedded in all aspects of student life; for our strong college and university outcomes; and because we intentionally prepare students for success. Students are encouraged to learn in the words of our School motto: *Pro Vita Non Pro Schola Discimus*, "Learning, not just for school but for life."

At the core of our work with young people is knowing them well. We take great pride in knowing each student and their journey from their first days on campus to their walk across the commencement stage. Our talented and dedicated faculty serve as teachers, coaches, and advisors, understanding students through each of these lenses, and inspiring their curiosity, their character, and their commitment to reaching their full potential every day.

Upon leaving Berkshire, our graduates are agile and creative problem solvers, able to communicate effectively and persuasively, think and reason critically, collaborate with others, and understand the importance of making safe, mature decisions. They join a loyal network of nearly 7,000 alumni from more than 64 countries and 50 states, who are leaders in their professional and personal communities. They are, and will be, Bears forever, with a powerful connection to fellow alumni all over the world.

I invite you to visit our campus to see firsthand the extraordinary learning environment, to experience the power of our school culture, and to meet the people who make up this community we all call home.

Yours for Berkshire,



Pieter Mulder P'22,'26  
Head of School



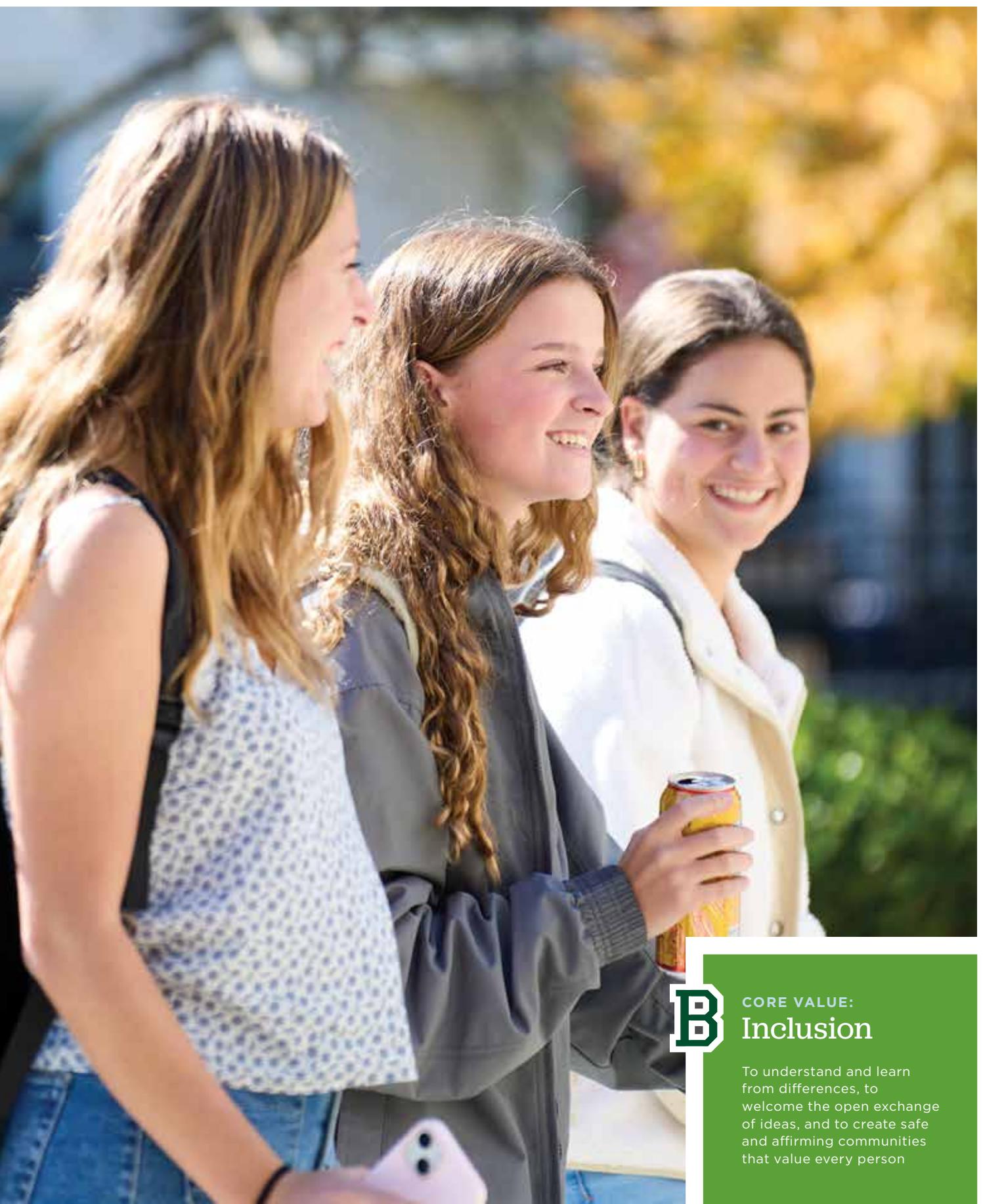
# Know and be known



Our enrollment of 425 students is a sweet spot for Berkshire's model and culture, allowing us to cultivate an exceptionally affirming and close-knit residential community. From the foundation of being known well, you'll build the confidence to strive, take risks, and reimagine your potential in all areas of your development.

**"By design, every student makes an impact at Berkshire. No student is anonymous. Everyone knows everyone—from faculty and staff to new students and graduating seniors."**

—Kelley Bogardus, Associate Director of College Counseling,  
Dorm Parent, Coach, and Advisor



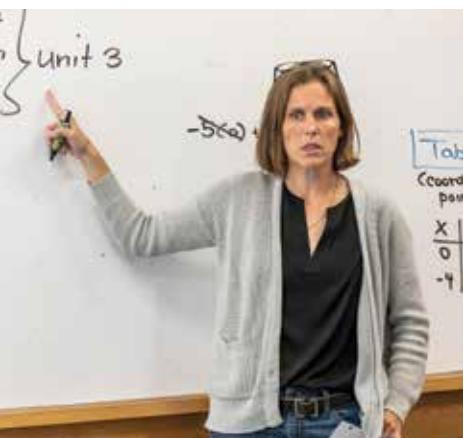
## CORE VALUE: Inclusion

To understand and learn from differences, to welcome the open exchange of ideas, and to create safe and affirming communities that value every person



There is a great sense of pride in seeing others do well here. It is a distinguishing element that creates a healthy culture that balances ambition and humility.

**4:1  
Student/  
Faculty  
Ratio**





### **Inspiring Teachers, Coaches, and Mentors**

## Teaching for the future

Our faculty members intentionally choose Berkshire because they recognize we are fully committed to expanding opportunities for our students and furthering their education both in and out of the classroom. They are passionate about aligning their work to reflect new understandings of how students learn best and preparing them for a world driven by exponential change.

The frequent interaction between students and faculty is one of the hallmarks of our school. Faculty want to help students succeed, and students are driven to seek out faculty to make that possible.

**Nearly 80%**

of Berkshire faculty members live in campus housing. Beyond teaching, most faculty members serve as an advisor, coach a sport, help with clubs and activities, and often take on other supervisory roles, which means students interact with faculty multiple times each day in a variety of contexts.

## **Advisor Program**

# A meaningful connection

To help you make the most of your time at Berkshire, we'll pair you with an advisor, who will oversee and guide your experience here. We believe—and research shows—that forging meaningful connections with adult mentors is integral to students' growth, and it builds character, accountability, and effective communication. You'll be well versed in how to talk to adults as you become one yourself.

Our advisee groups are a small cross section of students from different grades with various academic experiences and interests. This program allows you to go beyond your natural social networks and learn from others, which in turn strengthens the fabric of our campus culture.

### **Continuing the Conversation**

Our advisors are available to students from day one at Berkshire to graduation and beyond. They meet with students weekly for lunches in their advisee groups. In addition, students and advisors have a scheduled weekly meeting, which is built into their academic day.





# Who's on your bench?

Berkshire is *your* journey, but you won't go it alone. Every day, in big and small ways, you'll be supported by a bench of people who really care about you. We design it this way, purposefully creating multiple opportunities to interact with the same adults on campus—faculty members, dorm parents, coaches, advisors, and counselors. Often, the teachers calling on you in the classroom will be the coaches instructing you on the field or collaborating with you on a club. You'll live alongside dorm parents who connect with you in other settings. The wisdom of this approach: Your bench will get to know what makes you tick, see the places where you might need extra guidance, and help you achieve your goals at Berkshire and beyond.

**“Here’s the team that supports me at Berkshire—all people I know I can go to. Teachers push us to do our best, but they’re also there whenever we need them. I didn’t expect that. I thought I’d have to learn on my own, but there’s a family energy at Berkshire.”**

**Mia, Fifth Form, Waterbury, Connecticut**



**Mia’s Advisor  
Brooke Depelteau**

*“I’ve watched Mia step into leadership roles since her third-form year, advocating for herself and others. It’s really remarkable when we get to form that kind of relationship with a student, because their successes really matter to us.”*

## Mia's Bench

# A Family of Bears

These five faculty members interact with Mia in various roles. Here, each one shares a little bit about their connection. "My teachers see me in the classroom and challenge my curiosity, and they also offer different perspectives on issues that I'm facing academically and in other areas," she said. "That has been super helpful to me during my time here."

### Mia's Music Teacher **Tasia Cheng-Chia Wu**

"Playing the flute in Chamber Music class is Mia's happy place. It's nice to see her relax by making music."

### Mia's House Head **Jamie Goldsmith**

"Mia always supports Berkshire teams in the stands, bringing whatever she's knitting. There's a great picture of her at a girls ice hockey game. Berkshire scored, and when she jumped up, her knitting needles went flying in the air. I'm proud of the kindness she extends to others. We're a better community because of her."

### Mia's English Teacher and Lacrosse Coach **Tess Hardcastle '06**

"I've coached Mia as the lacrosse goalie since her third-form year. It's been a joy to watch her find her voice and confidence in that role, and to see that work ethic and perseverance on the field transfer over to the classroom."

### Mia's Physics Teacher **Dan Cooper**

"There's been a collection of little moments with Mia in class this year—both of struggle and of joy. She's had challenging times when she's had to figure things out, but she never gives up."



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### New Campus Center

Berkshire's renovated and expanded Campus Center is the central hub of student life. Opened in 2025, it includes the Benson Commons dining hall, student gathering spaces, a music center on a newly created third floor, Student Life offices, the mailroom, and the bookstore. Expect to make a lot of memories in this dynamic, welcoming, and light-filled space.

Floor-to-ceiling windows and an outdoor balcony invite you to take in the dramatic view of the Berkshire Hills. The ground floor opens to an expansive communal green area, connecting student life spaces directly to the outdoors and underscoring Berkshire's strong sense of place.



**“Our excitement about this new space is unmatched. The Campus Center sits at the heart of our campus and is filled with places for students to spend time together, to study, and to connect with each other.”**

—Pieter Mulder, Head of School



**CORE VALUE:**  
**Curiosity**

To question, to explore,  
to discover, to learn  
about oneself and others,  
and to embrace new  
experiences, not just for  
school but for life

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# Engage in authentic learning

At Berkshire, there is no academic ceiling. The learning environment encourages you to challenge yourself, take risks, and reach new heights. With broad course offerings, our curriculum allows you to explore an intellectual passion or nurture a new interest. By providing opportunities to go beyond the classroom, our goal is to ensure that all students have a unique learning experience that expands their knowledge.

## Academics

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# Explore your choices

At the heart of Berkshire's academic program is an exceptional college preparatory curriculum that fosters critical thinking, agile problem-solving, collaboration, and curiosity across all disciplines. Our academic program is distinguished by its forward-thinking approach through a curriculum designed to be relevant and dynamic, preparing you for an ever-changing global world.



[berkshireschool.org/curriculum](http://berkshireschool.org/curriculum)

**“Berkshire teachers have an unwavering dedication to student growth and success. They go beyond teaching the curriculum; they mentor and inspire students to reach their fullest potential.”**

**—John West, Dean of Faculty,  
History Teacher, Coach, and Advisor**





**Just a sampling of  
courses that are  
offered at Berkshire:**

- Economics and Philanthropy
- Music Theory
- Linear Algebra
- Astronomy
- Jazz Ensemble
- Multivariable Calculus
- Digital Art
- World History Through Religion
- Environmental Science
- French, Spanish, Chinese, and Latin
- Acting
- Statistics
- Advanced Principles of Engineering
- Literature and Writing: Global Voices
- Computer Science and AI
- Sculpture
- Creative Writing
- Digital Music
- Leadership: Politics and Society
- Photography
- Chemistry
- Mystery and Thriller
- Psychology
- Chamber Music
- Geometry
- Ethics
- Race, Class, and Gender



# Expand your experience

Berkshire's Signature Programs—Advanced Math/Science Research, Advanced Humanities Research, Advanced Environmental Science Research, Pro Vita Winter Session, and the Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program—are all designed to expand your mind, provide real-world experiences, and distinguish you in an increasingly competitive college process.



[berkshireschool.org/signatureprograms](http://berkshireschool.org/signatureprograms)



## CORE VALUE: Integrity

To be honest and accountable to oneself and to others, to trust and be trusted, to be disciplined and responsible in all academic pursuits and in all relationships

## Signature Programs



### Advanced Math/Science Research

Advanced Math/Science Research (AMSR) is a yearlong course that offers an authentic independent laboratory experience to design and execute an original research project of your choice in the biological, physical, or social sciences. What sets Berkshire's course apart is the program's format: an internship with a professional scientist to conduct real-world research in world-class facilities. The course culminates with a critical review paper and a research paper, both in scientific format. You'll present the results to members of the math and science departments and the Berkshire community. Based on their research interests, past students have collaborated with mentors at the College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Albany Medical Center, Wadsworth Medical Center, Union College, UMass Amherst, Bucknell, Williams, and other institutions.

**“AMSR students learn the fundamentals of critical thinking and scientific method in a safe environment with state-of-the-art laboratory equipment, utilizing advanced techniques such as real-time polymerase chain reaction, fluorescence microscopy, and Western Blotting. Research is tailored to the interests of each student, conducted at the undergraduate level, and completely student-driven.”**

— Dr. April Burch, Director of Advanced Math/Science Research and Advisor



## Recent AMSR Projects

### Cancer Biology

**Small molecule discovery for KRAS G12C oncogene: In silico docking, in vitro binding, and in vivo inhibition**  
Maggie Ding '25  
Mentors: Dr. Kevan Shokat, UCSF and Dr. April Burch, Berkshire School

### Biomedical Engineering

**SVD-driven protein engineering of molecular chaperones**  
Thomas Fiske '24 & Max Dai '24  
Mentors: Charlie Millard '18, Johns Hopkins University Ph.D. Candidate

### Astronomy

**Variable star imaging with the Dixon Observatory**  
Toby Huang '25 & Ellis Resnick '24  
Mentors: James C. White II, Ph.D., Talcott Mountain Science Center & Academy; David Dahari and Chris Meehan, Berkshire School

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### AMSR student acceptances to summer programs

Discovery to Cure High School Internship, Yale University; Jerome Fisher Management and Technology Summer Institute, University of Pennsylvania; Summer Science & Engineering Program, Smith College; Research Apprenticeship in Biological Sciences (RABS), Cornell University; and Stanford Summer College Program, Stanford University



## Advanced Environmental Science Research

### Lab, Field, and Classroom

Take your interest in environmental science to the next level with Advanced Environmental Science Research (AESR). You'll pursue a yearlong research project related to ecology, mastering ecological lab techniques through local exploration of Berkshire's 400 acres, and you'll submit your culminating research project for publication. Along with lab, field, and class work, the course features guest speakers and field trips.



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**Berkshire Students**

One Berkshire student out of 51 students nationwide was selected for the prestigious MIT PRIMES USA research program.

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**Regeneron Semifinalists**

Over the past decade, 11 AMSR students were named Regeneron Science Talent Search semifinalists, a distinction earned by only 300 students in the country each year.



**“The AMSR program is an outstanding opportunity for curious students to learn how to do science and experience the joy of discovery. As a mature scientist, it is extremely rewarding to shepherd students through their projects, watch them confront challenges, and then reward their curiosity with success.”**

—Dr. Howard Shuman, Columbia University (Emeritus, retired)

### A Scholarly Adventure

Advanced Humanities Research (AHR) is no ordinary course. Over a year, students interested in the humanities—languages, literature, history, philosophy, and the arts—tackle a complex topic that doesn’t have a clear “answer.” Similar to a college class at a top liberal arts school, you’ll conduct sophisticated research to arrive at your own conclusion, contributing to and advancing the conversation about your topic. Plan to summarize and critique contemporary scholarship and prepare a comprehensive literature review. Finally, under the guidance of your instructor, you’ll compose and revise a full-length paper to present to the school. Essentially, this is intentional training in critical thinking and creative analysis. Because you get to choose your topic, you’ll be more personally invested in your work—a lesson that applies to your future.

**AHR students have matriculated at these and other leading colleges and universities:**  
Barnard, Bates, Colby, Colorado College, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Emory, Georgetown, Hamilton, Middlebury, Northwestern, Pomona, Tufts, Tulane, UC Berkeley, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, University of Southern California



#### Sample Topics

The Renaissance Movement:  
Seeing the World Through  
an Artistic Lens

Improving the Mental  
Health of Athletes with  
Psychological Education

Colonialism to Poverty:  
An Environmental Critique



## RKMP Outdoor Getaways

You can join RKMP getaways even if you're not participating all season long. Join your friends for a midnight hike, ice climb in Lake Placid, learn wilderness first aid, go whitewater rafting, and more!



[berkshireschool.org/RKMP](http://berkshireschool.org/RKMP)

## Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program

### Go to New Heights

Our lush surroundings—Mount Everett, Guilder Pond, forests, and meadows—offer a classroom like no other. An alternative afternoon program to traditional team sports, the Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program (RKMP) teaches the wilderness and safety skills to be “outdoorsy” for life. You’ll spend lots of time in nature (always a nice break from technology!), trying new activities or building on your interests. Ready to canoe across the pond? Backcountry ski on a powder day? Belay a classmate who’s climbing to the summit? Set up camp on an overnight mountaineering trip? The best part, besides all of the epic views: You’ll discover what you’re capable of, hone your leadership skills, and deepen your respect for the environment.

#### Afternoon Activities

RKMP welcomes both adventurers and newcomers alike!

Mountain Biking	Canoeing
Rock Climbing	Kayaking
Hiking	Ice Climbing
Backpacking	White Water Rafting
Orienteering	Zipline
Leave No Trace	High Ropes Course
Fly Fishing	

#### Leadership Awards

Each year, Berkshire awards two students the Leadership Award, which recognizes those who have demonstrated genuine leadership potential. Leadership Award recipients receive a scholarship to attend the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School in Maine. This summer program offers rigorous hands-on learning through outdoor adventure, including sailing, surfing, sea kayaking, and backpacking programs.

**“My Outward Bound sailing journey in Maine pushed me mentally and physically in ways I had never imagined. The only outdoor experience I’d had was on Berkshire’s campus. The lessons learned have shaped me for life.”**

—Zamia, Sixth Form

## Pro Vita

### Think Outside the Box

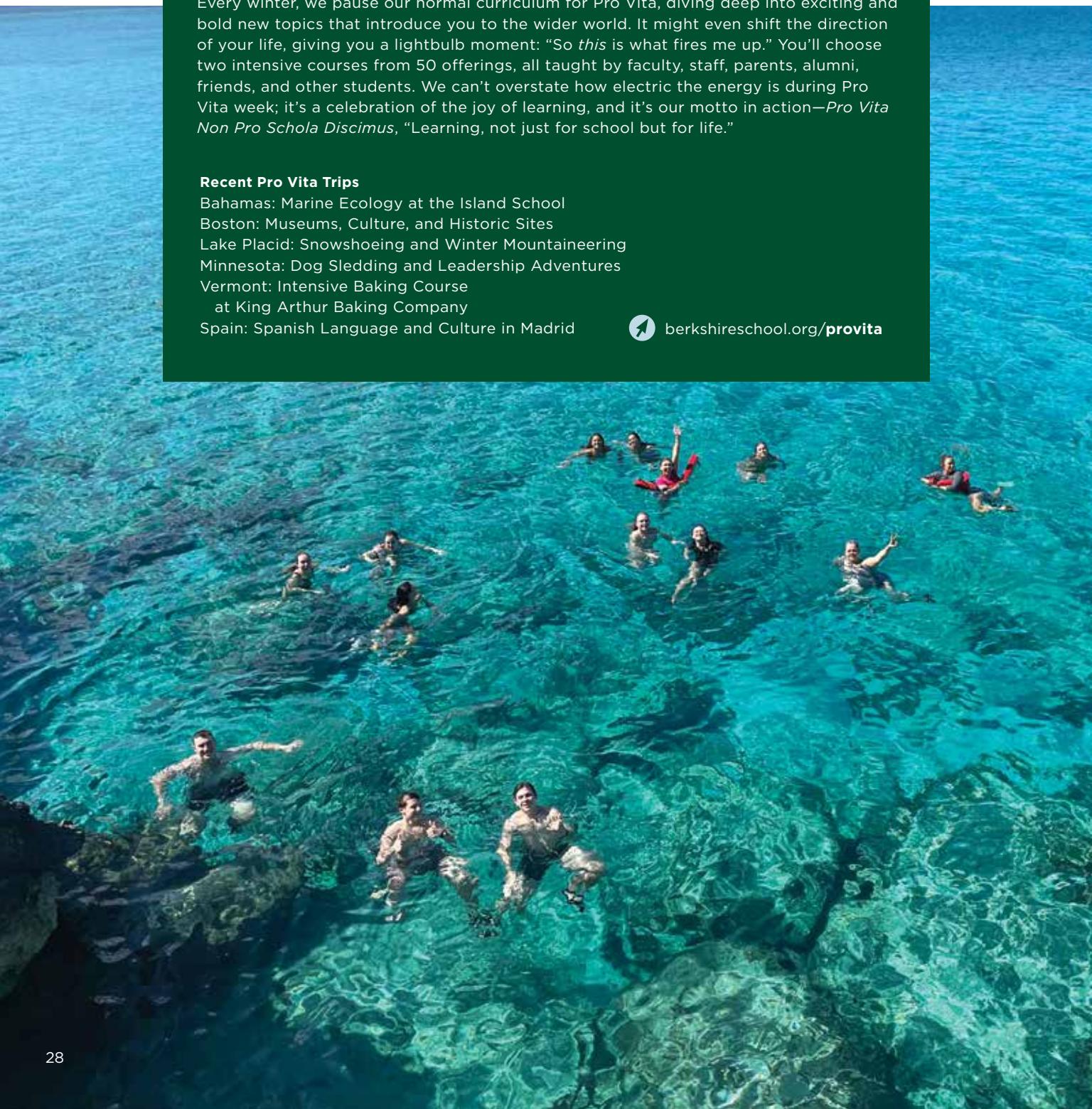
Every winter, we pause our normal curriculum for Pro Vita, diving deep into exciting and bold new topics that introduce you to the wider world. It might even shift the direction of your life, giving you a lightbulb moment: “So *this* is what fires me up.” You’ll choose two intensive courses from 50 offerings, all taught by faculty, staff, parents, alumni, friends, and other students. We can’t overstate how electric the energy is during Pro Vita week; it’s a celebration of the joy of learning, and it’s our motto in action—*Pro Vita Non Pro Schola Discimus*, “Learning, not just for school but for life.”

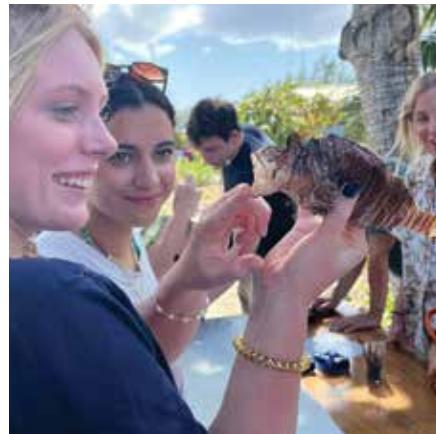
#### Recent Pro Vita Trips

Bahamas: Marine Ecology at the Island School  
Boston: Museums, Culture, and Historic Sites  
Lake Placid: Snowshoeing and Winter Mountaineering  
Minnesota: Dog Sledding and Leadership Adventures  
Vermont: Intensive Baking Course  
at King Arthur Baking Company  
Spain: Spanish Language and Culture in Madrid



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# 50+

## Courses Offered Each Year

The Future is Now: An Introduction to AI  
Farm to Fork: Understanding Local Food Sourcing  
Architecture: Design, Drawing, and Perspective  
Public Speaking  
Latin Cuisine: A Cultural Studies Course  
Fitness for Life  
Current Events and Politics  
Tech/Life Balance  
Sports Data Analytics  
Curling: An Experiential Study of the Game  
Physics of Sound

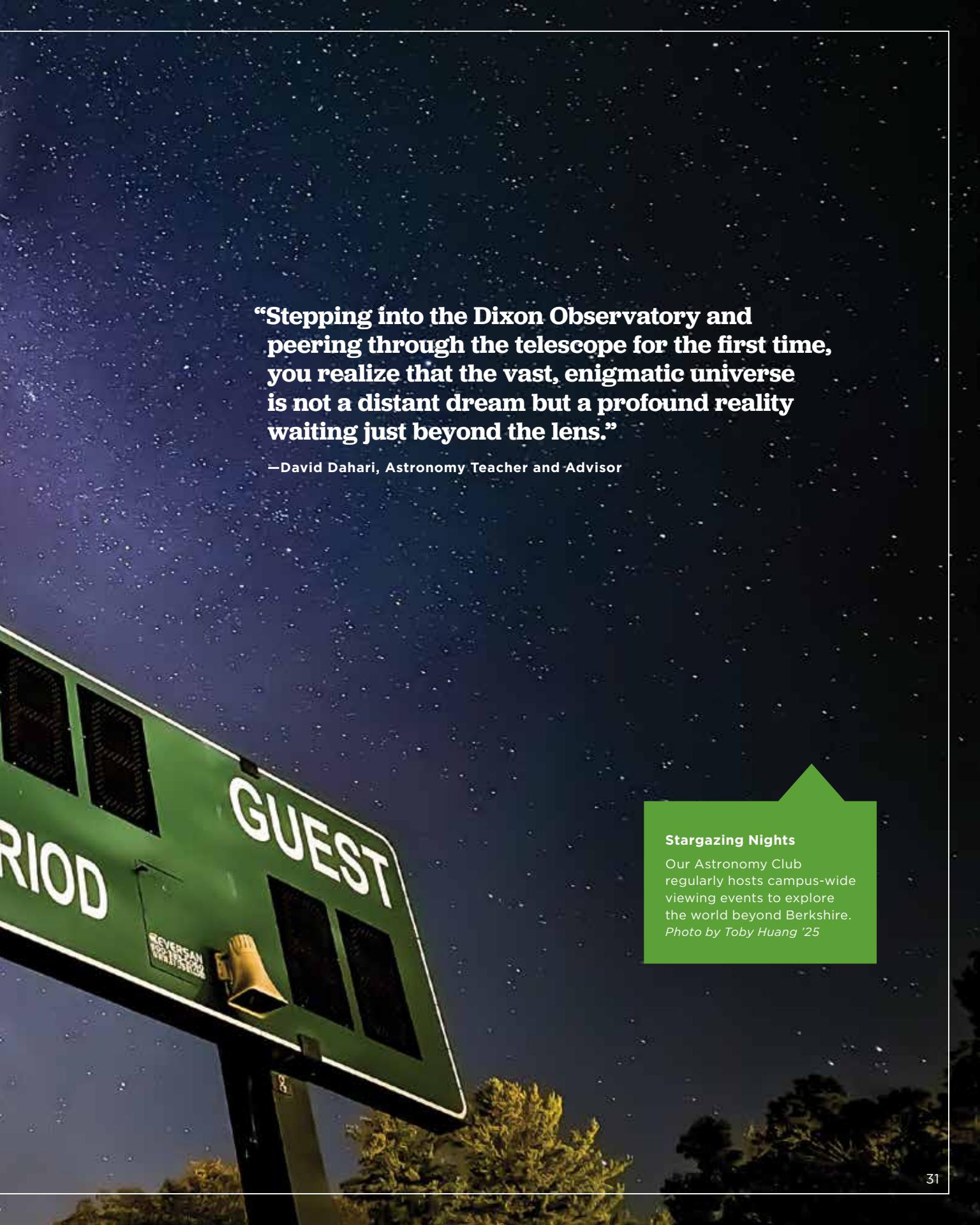
**“Many students share how Pro Vita has inspired them to pursue paths they might not have thought of otherwise, and it’s an affirmation of how much they love to learn and be a part of learning communities.”**

—Patrick Donovan, Director of Pro Vita, Science Teacher, Coach, and Advisor



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**“Stepping into the Dixon Observatory and peering through the telescope for the first time, you realize that the vast, enigmatic universe is not a distant dream but a profound reality waiting just beyond the lens.”**

—David Dahari, Astronomy Teacher and Advisor

#### **Stargazing Nights**

Our Astronomy Club regularly hosts campus-wide viewing events to explore the world beyond Berkshire.  
*Photo by Toby Huang '25*

## Unique Course Offerings

### Aviation Science

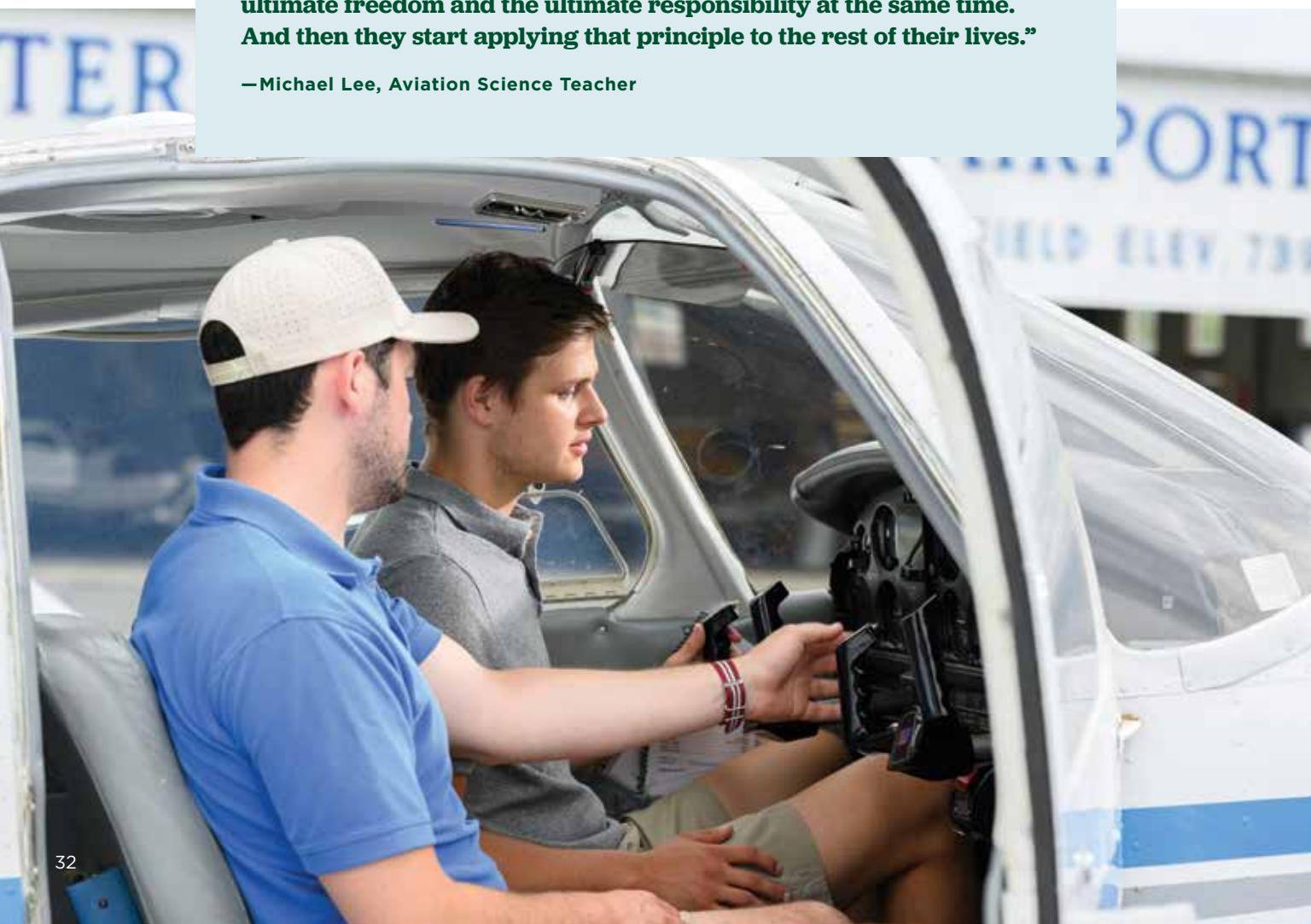
#### Go Beyond

Ever dream of piloting a plane? You can pursue that path here with Aviation Science. The course prepares students to pass the FAA Ground School Certification Exam, an initial requirement for earning a private pilot's license. You'll study aerodynamics, meteorology, navigation, radio communication, and instrumentation as they relate to flying an airplane. When you're ready for takeoff, you'll log between six to ten hours of flight training at the nearby Great Barrington Airport. As part of Pro Vita week, students also have the opportunity to visit NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.



**“Flying gives kids a tremendous sense of accomplishment and makes them better decision makers. They realize that flying a plane is the ultimate freedom and the ultimate responsibility at the same time. And then they start applying that principle to the rest of their lives.”**

—Michael Lee, Aviation Science Teacher





Team AquaBioLines recently won the Sabin Entrepreneurial Prize competition for their proposed business plan that combats ocean and waterway pollution through the use of sustainable, biodegradable, and hemp-based fishing nets.

## Advanced Economics

### The Spirit of Entrepreneurship

Combine your entrepreneurial chops with your passion to protect the planet. Each year, Advanced Economics students vie for The Sabin Entrepreneurial Prize, awarded to the best business plan for a financially feasible product, service, project, or program that contributes to living in a sustainable community. You'll collaborate with professionals from the business and environmental worlds, as well as the Center for Business and the Environment at Yale (CBEY), before presenting your business plans to a panel of judges. You'll learn the essentials of writing a coherent and feasible business plan and gain invaluable real-world experience on ideating, collaborating, and pitching. Your idea could be the next big thing to safeguard our environment.

### Recent Sabin Entrepreneurial Prize Winners

**EZ Park** is an app that allows drivers to locate open parking meters and reserve spaces in advance, helping cities reduce traffic and cut pollutants.

**HempFlex** is a product that solves sustainability and performance issues associated with athletic tape by creating a biodegradable version that provides anti-inflammatory benefits.

**FMS** (Food Management System) is an analytical system that fits inside refrigerators and dry storage, allowing food service providers to minimize waste by increasing inventory efficiencies.

The Sabin Entrepreneurial Prize, created and supported by the Andrew Sabin Family Foundation, is modeled after Yale University's Sabin Sustainable Venture Prize.

## Academic Resources

# Stay on track

We provide academic resources designed to meet your individual learning needs and help you achieve academic success.

 [berkshireschool.org/academicresources](http://berkshireschool.org/academicresources)

**The Writing Center** supports students at all stages of the writing process, empowering them to develop their own authentic voices as they learn the most effective ways to communicate. Students can work on all aspects of their craft, from thinking critically to formulating evidence-based arguments to expressing themselves clearly and creatively. Our peer tutors provide assistance with class assignments, college essays, and other writing projects while encouraging students' growth as writers and scholars.

**The Math Resource Center** assists students in meeting the challenges of math assignments while helping to further develop their quantitative skills. The center supports a student's thought process, provides immediate feedback, and helps students to gain an understanding of a concept. Our goal is to help students obtain the necessary skills and confidence that empowers them to master the materials.

**The Barbara Kenefick Center for Learning (KCL)** is available for additional academic support. Learning specialists work one-on-one with students to enhance their academic skills and support learning in the classroom. Emphasis is placed on developing study skills, learning strategies, and executive function skills such as organization and time management. Math tutoring is also available. This individual instruction is open to all students and is based on the student's specific learning profile and needs. Berkshire provides testing accommodations that are reasonable and appropriate, and supported by documentation from a qualified clinician.

**VHS Learning** expands students' curricular opportunities by offering classes online. Recent courses include Architectural CAD (Computer-Aided Design), American Sign Language, AP Psychology, Animal Behavior & Zoology, Portuguese 1, and Practical Law.





### The Geier Library

The Geier Library supports the School's mission by teaching students the research skills necessary to thrive in today's complex, interconnected world. A collection of print and digital resources support the academic goals of the entire community. It's a warm, welcoming destination—a space for academic studies, relaxation, and leisure reading. Our professional librarian and library technical services staff offer individualized support for projects or research assignments.

## Meet Our Bears



### ◀ Stella

Fifth Form | Rye, NY

**“In AP English Language, we engage in serious discussions, but the class is light-hearted, and we explore our creativity to the max. I always leave class with a smile on my face.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Writing Center Leader, Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Tennis

**Beloved Berkshire tradition:** Winter Carnival

**Favorite book:** *All the Light We Cannot See*



### ◀ Will

Fourth Form | Winnetka, IL

**“As a member of Student Council, I’ve learned that the right thing to say isn’t always the easy thing to say. Developing confidence in my communication skills has helped me speak up and will stay with me after Berkshire.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Student Council, JV Lacrosse, JV Hockey

**Favorite Berkshire tradition:** Last Bear Standing





## ◀ Charlotte

Fifth Form | Darien, CT

**“I’ve made some of my closest friends at Berkshire, and they’ll continue to be my closest friends for the rest of my life.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Spanish Peer Tutor, Red Cross Society Club, Varsity Field Hockey, JV Lacrosse Team Manager

**Best spot on campus:** Buck Valley

**Superpower choice:** Time travel

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Fifth Form | North Bergen, NJ

**“When I was struggling in a class, I worked with my teacher to create a plan to lead to my success. Thanks to this support, I took my grade up to an A-.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Black Student Union Co-Chair, Green Key Head, Varsity Basketball, Trailblazer Mentor

**Best spot on campus:** The Soffer Athletic Center

## ◀ Michael

Fourth Form | San Francisco, CA

**“The public speaking portion of Model UN at MIT pushed me outside my comfort zone, helping to build this valuable skill.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Jazz Ensemble, Freestyle Skiing, Fall and Spring Crew, Model UN

**Best spot on campus:** The Music Center

**Favorite book:** *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*



## College Counseling

# A distinct advantage

The College Counseling Office at Berkshire has tremendous success matching students with colleges and universities that meet their goals and ambitions. You, your counselor, and your parents will form a partnership to discuss your talents, interests, and aspirations—as well as your preferences, like whether you want to bike to class on a tree-lined campus or live in the middle of an exciting city. We're proud to provide a level of expertise and service in the college process far surpassing schools of similar and larger size.

 [berkshireschool.org/ccblog](http://berkshireschool.org/ccblog)

**26:1**

student-to-counselor ratio

**100+**

college representatives visit each year.



**“The College Counseling Office offers a distinct advantage through personalized, one-on-one guidance, leveraging our deep understanding of each student’s unique strengths, interests, and ambitions. With years of combined experience and strong connections at colleges nationwide, we are uniquely positioned to help students navigate the admissions process with confidence and success.”**

—Andrea Bowler, Director of College Counseling, Coach, and Advisor



**90%**

of the class  
applies early  
decision/action

**30**

NCAA  
intercollegiate  
athletes recruited  
annually

## Leaving Berkshire for...

Amherst College, Barnard College, Boston College, Bowdoin College, Brown University, Bucknell University, UC Berkeley, California Polytechnic University, Colby College, Colgate University, University of Colorado Boulder, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Davidson College, Duke University, Emory University, University of Georgia, Georgetown University, Hamilton College, Harvard University, University of Michigan, Middlebury College, New York University, University of North Carolina, Northeastern University, Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, University of Richmond, University of Southern California, Southern Methodist University, University of Texas at Austin, Tufts University, Tulane University, University of Virginia, Wake Forest University, Wesleyan University, Williams College, Yale University

 [berkshireschool.org/matriculationbyyear](http://berkshireschool.org/matriculationbyyear)

**“It is a pleasure working with Berkshire students and the College Counseling team. I can state categorically that the students and counselors are well informed, well prepared, and well positioned for success in the college process.”**

**—Lee Coffin, Vice Provost for Enrollment and Dean of Admission  
and Financial Aid, Dartmouth College**

# Advice from seniors

**“Branching out and getting to know the stories of all the amazing people around you is so worthwhile!”** —Emily

**“Make a new Berkshire Bucket List every year.”**

—Ivey

“Be open-minded. There is so much diversity of thought here.”

—Morgan

“Do not be afraid to be yourself. Berkshire will let you blossom and become your best.”

—Nathaniel

“Try something new your first year; you’ll have time to become really good at it before you leave.”

—Eliza

“Find your spot on the Mountain. The view might change, but the feelings will always remain.”

—Andrea

“Go out of your way to get to know people who are different than you. Building friendships with people you think you don’t have a lot in common with will help you grow as a person.” —Jules

**“Berkshire encourages you to make your presence here matter.”**

—Corey

**“You’re going to meet people who will be a part of your life way beyond Berkshire. Take advantage of that—build friendships that you will value for a lifetime.”** —Silvana

**“Every day on this campus is special—don’t take a single moment for granted.”**

—Rawson

**“Get out of your comfort zone. You’ll learn something new about yourself in this place you call home.”** —Matt

**“Let Berkshire give you time and space to explore, grow, and define yourself.”** —Yuze

**“Go to every school event possible! Be as involved as you can because you never know, you could learn something new about yourself or meet one of your best friends. High school is all about experiences, so experience as much as you can.”** —Maggie

**“Know that you are going to find your place here. You will make friends, work with teachers who will inspire you, and discover unknown talents.”**

—Dan



# 60%

**of Berkshire's electric energy needs are fulfilled through renewable sources.**

Berkshire is a leader among independent schools in advancing the principles of sustainability, with a culture of conservation and environmental responsibility ingrained across campus. We've reduced plastic water bottle usage, planted native species that require less water, and installed several electric car charging stations. The combination of Berkshire's two-megawatt, eight-acre solar field and our investment in a solar field in Bolton, Mass., allows the School to reach 60% of its electric energy needs through renewable sources.



Berkshire has been  
named a Green  
Ribbon School by the  
U.S. Department of  
Education.



**CORE VALUE:**  
**Perseverance**

To be steadfast in the face of challenges or obstacles, to rise above mistakes and failures, and to see things through to completion





# Work together

Berkshire's Afternoon Program is an important extension of our academic day. It is designed to empower you to explore and cultivate your talents, passions, and interests outside of the classroom. Berkshire provides a wide range of opportunities, including athletics, strength and conditioning, the Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program, advanced research, theater, dance, art, and music.

**“Our Afternoon Program could be the place where kids learn the most about themselves. They learn to set goals, to be a good teammate, and to overcome adversity. Importantly, they learn how to win, as well as respond to failure appropriately. These are the lessons that allow for further success, not just in athletics, but in life.”**

—Dan Driscoll, Director of Athletics, Coach, and Advisor

## **Athletics**

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# Empowered through teamwork

Our top-notch athletic program is renowned for developing and supporting elite athletes, and for introducing self-proclaimed “non-athletes” to new sports. Meaning, we’ll meet you where you’re at—whether your aim is to play in college or even professionally, or you want the skills to keep active for life. With 17 sports and 50 athletic teams, there’s an opportunity for every student to be involved. Our ultimate goal is to foster leadership skills, self-confidence, and commitment to others. You’ll spend invaluable time with teammates to experience camaraderie and create lifelong memories, learning that competing as a Berkshire Bear means giving it your all with grace and good sportsmanship.

Berkshire competes in the highly competitive New England Preparatory School Athletic Council, which includes Choate, Hotchkiss, Taft, Loomis, Deerfield, Salisbury, Kent, Avon, and Westminster, among others.



[berkshireschool.org/athletics](http://berkshireschool.org/athletics)

## 100+

**athletes in the past three years**  
have gone on to play at Division I  
and Division III colleges and universities.

## 50

**athletic teams**  
are available at a range of levels  
from varsity to thirds.



**17  
Competitive  
Sports**

### Skate For Her

A favorite winter tradition, Berkshire's annual Skate For Her game brings young skaters from local youth hockey programs together with the Girls Varsity Hockey team in an event that celebrates female athletes. Each year, the team selects an organization to benefit from the event proceeds. Past organizations have included the Women's Sports Foundation, Girls on the Run, Morgan's Message, and others.





**“Our players play for something much larger than themselves and have an opportunity to celebrate being female student-athletes—for themselves, for each other, and for all the little girls who look up to them.”**

—Lisa Marshall, Head Girls Varsity Hockey Coach,  
Associate Director of Admission, and Advisor

## First-rate Facilities

# Home advantage

With exceptional facilities for practice and competition, both on- and off-campus, you'll have access to a full range of fields, courts, and training equipment. Student-athletes become teammates and then family at the Jackman L. Stewart Athletic Center and Soffer Athletic Center. Additionally, our athletic training staff will provide you with the highest quality individual sports medicine health care available.

 [berkshireschool.org/athleticfacilities](http://berkshireschool.org/athleticfacilities)

12 Tennis Courts

10 Squash Courts

3 Baseball Fields

2 Basketball Courts

2 Hockey Rinks  
(Olympic & NHL)

2 Turf Fields

2 Volleyball Courts

400-Meter Track

25-Foot Climbing Wall

Dance Studio

Fitness Center

Full Athletic Training Suite

Locker Rooms

Norman White Boathouse, CT (crew)

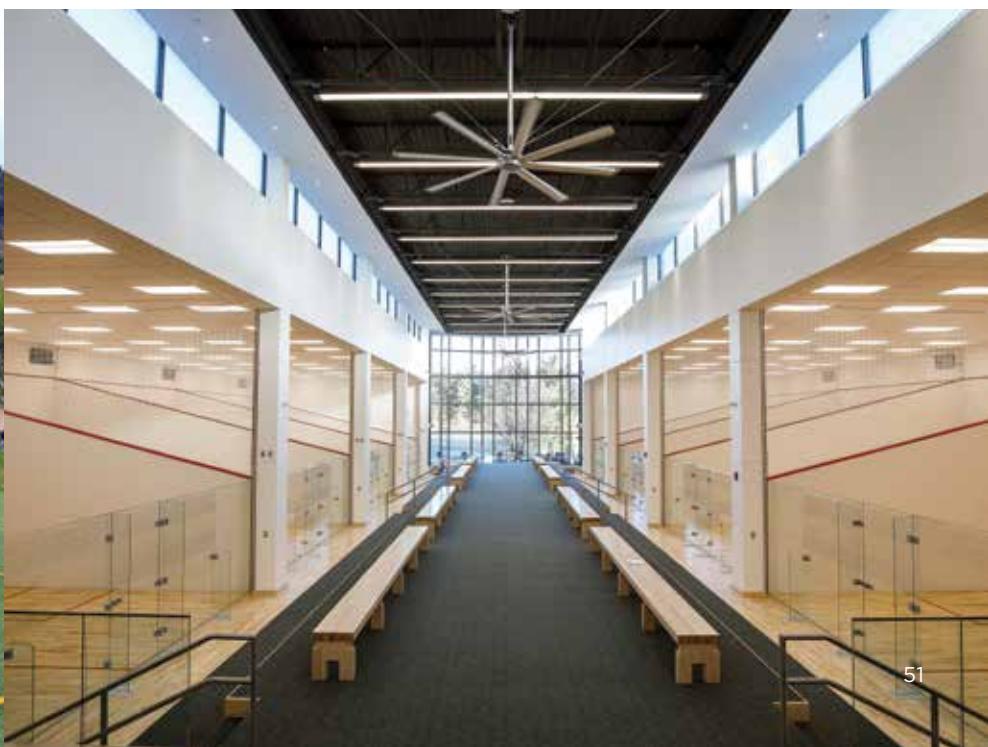
Catamount, NY (skiing)

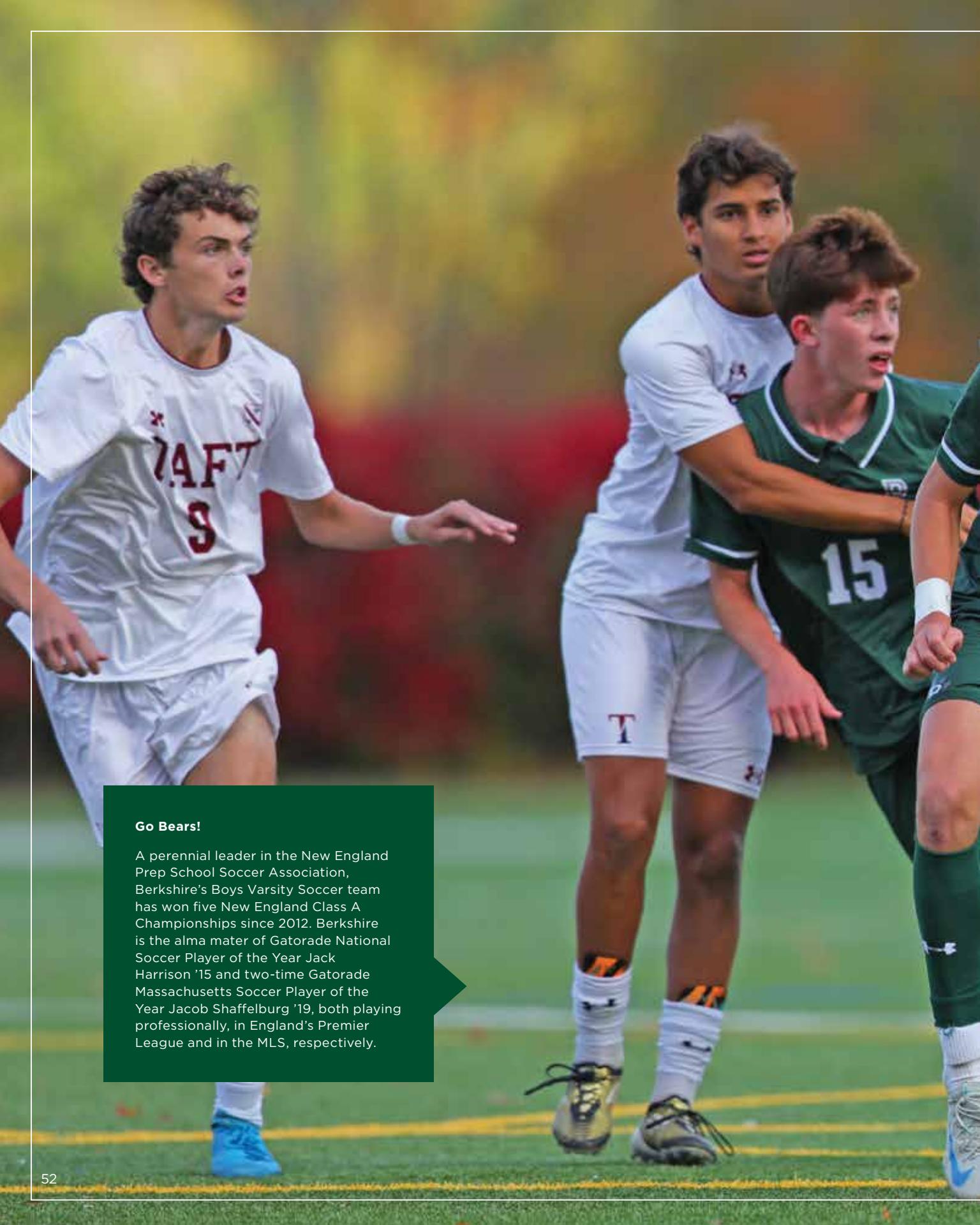
Stadium Field with Lights

Strength & Conditioning Area

Wyantenuck Country Club, MA (golf)







### Go Bears!

A perennial leader in the New England Prep School Soccer Association, Berkshire's Boys Varsity Soccer team has won five New England Class A Championships since 2012. Berkshire is the alma mater of Gatorade National Soccer Player of the Year Jack Harrison '15 and two-time Gatorade Massachusetts Soccer Player of the Year Jacob Shaffelburg '19, both playing professionally, in England's Premier League and in the MLS, respectively.



## Meet Our Bears

### Josh ►

Fifth Form | Boxford, MA

**“Berkshire has prepared me to play Division I hockey in college. My college counselor guides me through the college process, helping me choose schools that fit me as a student-athlete. My coach gives us good exposure to other college coaches between Juniors and NCAA Divisions I and III.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Varsity Ice Hockey, Green Key Head, JV Golf

**Ice cream flavor:** Cookies and cream

**Favorite movie:** *Happy Gilmore*



### ◀ Mia

Fifth Form | Ponce, Puerto Rico

**“My coach plays a big role in helping me to develop my game, and I also have great support from my advisor and college counselor.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Varsity Basketball, Latin American Student Association, JV Lacrosse

**Best spot on campus:** The swimming hole

**Favorite food:** Sushi and Puerto Rican food





## Maddie ►

Fifth Form | Columbus, OH

**“I’ve been able to play with students from across the country and all over the world. That’s changed my perspective.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Green and Gray Captain, Varsity Basketball Captain, Varsity Soccer, Green Key Tour Guide, Varsity Lacrosse

**Best spot on campus:** Athletic training room

**Spends a Sunday:** Hiking the trails on campus



## ◀ Darryl

Fourth Form | Pittsfield, MA

**“When everyone comes to watch us play, the atmosphere is unforgettable—the chants, the horns, the crowd. It highlights the closeness and support that Berkshire is all about.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Peer Listener, Track & Field, Varsity Soccer, STEAM

**Memorable experience:** Family Weekend game versus Suffield Academy under the lights

**Future goal:** Travel to Europe

# Explore your creativity

Berkshire offers a broad selection of visual and performing arts opportunities, including Studio Art, Ceramics, Photography, Digital Art, Sculpture, music, dance, and theater. Introductory to advanced options are available, inviting you to explore new mediums or cultivate an existing talent.

**“The dance studio is a space where students develop their self-confidence, build community, and embrace what a disciplined group can accomplish. With dedication, teamwork, and concentrated effort, our Bears are capable of achieving great things.”**

—Madison Bagby, Dance Program Director,  
Health and Wellness Coordinator, Statistics Teacher, and Advisor





## CORE VALUE: Resilience

To set a new direction in response to challenging circumstances, to manage and adapt to adversity, and to bounce back and regain one's footing with confidence and purpose

## Visual Arts

# Cultivate a talent

As a visual arts student, you may study a particular medium in depth or sample several courses across the curriculum. You'll gain a strong technical foundation, while also developing a personal artistic style and a sense of self-expression. Living in one of the most culturally vibrant regions in the country, you'll have the unique opportunity to work side by side with local artists and travel to some of the most renowned art museums in the region, including The Clark Art Institute, the Norman Rockwell Museum, and MASS MoCA.



[berkshireschool.org/visualarts](http://berkshireschool.org/visualarts)





**25+**

Visual and  
Performing Arts  
Courses

#### The Bustle of the Studio

A hands-on studio experience is core to our program. To enhance their projects, students study fine arts history as it relates to their own work. Advanced studies include a strong emphasis on critical and creative thinking as well as portfolio preparation.



THE WARREN FAMILY GALLERY

2024 A.P. STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

ZAMIA BARRADAS  
HANNAH LAPIER  
ROWAN MCGINNIS  
EMILE MILLER  
SOPHIA MOTTA  
ANGELLA MA  
HANA TAKATORI  
KHIARA THREESTS  
ANASTASIA TIGIPKO  
CATHERINE YAN



#### On the Walls

The Warren Family Gallery in the Kennard Visual Arts Center showcases a wide range of artwork representing all fields of study offered at Berkshire. Annual exhibits feature artwork from students, alumni, and professional artists.

*Dinnertime* by Evelyn Kim '26  
Watercolor and colored pencil on paper,  
Silver Key Award





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**Scholastic Art and Writing Awards**  
sponsored by the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers for excellence in studio art, ceramics, photography, digital art, and writing over the past three years. 23 Gold Key Winners, 36 Silver Key Winners, 54 Honorable Mentions, 1 National Gold Medalist and 1 National Silver Medalist

## Performing Arts

# What moves you?

Whether you were born for the spotlight or you're working up the courage to step onto the stage for the first time, Berkshire Theater is for you. Our unique program is a hands-on, ensemble-first, all-voices-heard theater experience centered on a culture of care, belonging, joy, and hard work. We produce three major productions per year, spanning major musicals, contemporary and classic dramas or comedies, short plays in a black box setting, and original works. Many students perform in all three. You can also explore stage management, set building, playwriting, student directing, and theatrical lighting.

The Theater Department also offers academic courses in acting and independent study options. Berkshire's improv team performs in must-see events twice each year in the atrium of Berkshire Hall.

Berkshire offers an eclectic variety of dance styles, including contemporary, modern, jazz, hip-hop, ballet, and tap. You'll explore dance as a powerful tool for expression, creativity, and discussion and take part in the creative process of putting on three main-stage dance concerts each year.



[berkshireschool.org/dance](http://berkshireschool.org/dance)



### Original Student Work

The dance and theater programs provide opportunities for you to create and choreograph your own work. Dance concerts feature original student-choreographed dance pieces, with an emphasis given to seniors to present a culmination of their experience. The theater program regularly performs fully-produced original theater productions created from the ground up by students and faculty in collaboration.



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## Theater, Improv, and Dance Performances Each Year

Recent performances include: "Legally Blonde," "Into the Woods" (pictured), "Hairspray," "Rent," "She Kills Monsters," "Romeo and Juliet," "Matilda," and student-created plays.

 [berkshireschool.org/theater](http://berkshireschool.org/theater)

**"The expectations and standards are high for the productions themselves, and for the well-being of everyone on the team. I'm continually impressed with the habits of care each student embraces towards an environment of belonging. This is the reverb of full participation."**

—Jesse Howard, Theater Director, Advisor to WBSL Radio, and Advisor

# We've got rhythm

Berkshire offers a variety of music offerings, including jazz ensemble, a cappella, chorus, digital music, music theory, chamber music ensemble, and independent study in numerous areas.



[berkshireschool.org/music](http://berkshireschool.org/music)



**13**

live musical  
performances  
per year

**“Learning music requires building discipline, keeping an open mind, using creative thinking, and communicating with others effectively. These are just a few of the things we learn during the process of making music, and I find that they are also great principles to apply to all areas in a student’s daily life.”**

—Dr. Tasia Cheng-Chia Wu,  
Arts Department Chair,  
Music Teacher, and Advisor



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Berkshire musicians participated in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA) Western District Festival and six were selected to perform at the MMEA All-State Festival over the past two years. Two students were recognized for original music compositions at the National Association for Music Education in the Eastern Division Conference. One chamber music student received 1st Prize at the King's Peak International Music Competition and 2nd Prize at the American Classical Young Musician Awards; and a second student received the Gold Prize at the Cambridge Music Composition and 2nd Place at the Camerata Artists International Competition.

## Meet Our Bears



### Trevor ►

Fifth Form | New York, NY

**“Working with teachers who are experts in different areas of musical theater has helped me become more experienced in theater. I’ve grown immeasurably.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Varsity Cross Country, Greensleeves (a cappella group), *The Green and Gray* editor/writer, Berkshire Improv

**Beloved Berkshire tradition:** Mountain Day

**Go-to karaoke song:** “If I Ain’t Got You” by Alicia Keys

### ◀ Angela

Fifth Form | Ho Chi Minh City

**“The environment in the dance studio is always vibrant and supportive. I love the sense of community that we’ve built together.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Dance Captain, Leader and Founder of Berkshire DECA and Berkshire’s chapter of Embrace Her

**Memorable Berkshire moment:**  
Leading a “Flavors of Asia” cooking class during Pro Vita

**Favorite book:** *The Song of Achilles*



## Lily ►

Fourth Form | New York, NY

**“In Jazz Ensemble, we’ve experimented with instruments, composed original pieces in pairs, and have been encouraged to solo. The environment pushes me to explore music genres beyond jazz while still collaborating creatively with classmates.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Class President, Ursula Minor (a cappella group), Jewish Affinity Group, *The Green and Gray* reporter

**Beloved Berkshire tradition:** The Neon Dance

**Musicians who inspire her:** Stevie Nicks and Amy Winehouse



## Michkael ►

Fifth Form | Hartford, CT

**“Through theater, I’ve learned to step into different roles, explore diverse perspectives, and connect with others on a deeper level. The stage is where I feel truly alive.”**

**Clubs and activities:** Class President, Theater, JV Basketball

**Hobby:** Hosting Power Hour on the student-led radio station WBSL 91.7 FM

**Superpower choice:** Teleportation





**“Our desire is for everyone to know they belong at Berkshire. We encourage students to be authentic and true to themselves in order to build meaningful connections with their peers and mentors. By embracing their unique qualities, students can create a more inclusive and vibrant community for everyone.”**

— Caitlin Cooper, Associate Dean of Students for Residential Life, Coach, and Advisor



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**countries are represented  
in our Berkshire community.**

Our diverse and inclusive community helps students learn to respect, understand, and work effectively with people who have different perspectives and experiences.

# Define your balance

Berkshire will encourage you to lead a healthy, balanced life, to work collaboratively to achieve common goals, and to find strength and support from all members of our community. You'll develop the right pace to your day, with activities, clubs, and events building in time for both rejuvenation and fun beyond the academic schedule. Berkshire has deep-rooted traditions that help define the Berkshire experience, including Mountain Day, Winter Carnival, and Senior Dinner. But what makes Berkshire unique is that students do not simply uphold traditions and show up to events; instead, they build traditions and new programs, and as a result they are involved, invested, and connected. You will be, too.



[berkshireschool.org/studentlife](http://berkshireschool.org/studentlife)

**“At Berkshire, our students find a deep sense of pride in our school culture—because they help shape it. They are held to the highest standards and supported every step of the way by an exceptional and inspiring group of educators. This is a community that celebrates achievement and growth through a culture of balance, purpose, joy, and meaningful connection.”**

— Allison Letourneau '07, Associate Head of School and Advisor



## CORE VALUE: Respect

To respect oneself and others, one's place and surroundings, to consider intent and impact, and to act in ways that demonstrate empathy and understanding





**It's all rooted in  
the strength of  
our community.**



**Berkshire offers these and many more clubs and activities!**

- Winter Carnival
- Town Trips
- Interschool Dances
- Trivia Night
- Apple Picking at Nearby Orchards
- Ski Trips to Catamount & Mount Snow
- Fan Buses to Rival Schools
- Wiffle Ball Tournaments
- Coffee House & Karaoke Night
- Four Square and Knock Out
- Talent Shows
- Rock Climbing
- Mountain Day
- Dodgeball
- World Cup Soccer
- Entrepreneurs Club
- Philanthropy Club
- Meditation Club
- Poetry Out Loud
- Fly Fishing Club
- The Green and Gray* (newspaper)
- Latin American Student Association
- Gender & Sexuality Alliance

**40+ activities & clubs**



[berkshireschool.org/studentactivities](http://berkshireschool.org/studentactivities)

# Home away from home

While it's true that there's no place like home, Berkshire aims to come in a close second. In your dorm, you'll have all the creature comforts you love, with a lot of added bonuses: a built-in social life of friends you'll keep for years to come; a diverse array of dorm mates from different grades and from all over the world; and opportunities to develop responsibility, self-sufficiency, and connectedness unique to a boarding school experience. Not to mention movie nights with dorm snacks in a bustling common room.

Dorm parents—faculty members who live in the dorms with students—take on a parent-like role, giving each dorm a true family feeling. They're the people you'll turn to when you're seeking advice or need help with your homework or just feel like chatting about your day. And because they know you so well, they're also the people who will see your potential and ask you to rise to it. As a safe and nurturing environment, residential life at Berkshire is the ideal launching pad for your time on campus and beyond.





#### Trips to Town

Featured in *Vogue* in 2022, nearby Great Barrington (less than 10 miles from campus) "has become one of the most popular destinations in the highlands of Massachusetts." Students visit town to go shopping, see a movie, or grab a bite to eat.





## **Well-being**

# Engaged minds, informed lives

At Berkshire, we aim to help you develop the habits of mind and character that will prepare you for success in your academic pursuits and in your life in general. We dive deep into topics like character development, citizenship, identity, decision making, inclusion, leadership, and the college transition, helping you better understand yourself and the world around you.

Through intentional and developmentally appropriate workshops, speakers, and classroom curricula, you'll gain science-based and relevant tools for navigating challenges and creating strong relationships, the foundation for growth and development.

**“We strive to embed well-being in every aspect of school life, emphasizing the importance of supporting students’ emotional, social, and mental health. When students cultivate strong relationships, embrace challenges, practice resilience, and seek out opportunities for growth, we fulfill our role as educators by helping them become their best selves.”**

**— Steph Holmes ’06,  
Director of Counseling, Coach, and Advisor**



#### **Peer Listeners**

Peer Listeners is a student-led group of around 15 trained listeners, plus another 20 in the program, supported by the Counseling Office. Their mission is to promote emotional well-being through peer-to-peer support.

## **Pro Vita Programming**

### **For School, For Life**

Pro Vita Programming is an extension of Berkshire's motto: "Learning, not just for school but for life." One Saturday morning each trimester, the community comes together to hear from new voices and engage in conversations and activities that challenge and inspire.

These moments are collaborative across various departments and often include partnership with current parents and alumni. The learning objectives of each program extend beyond the day itself through the sharing of resources for teachers and advisors, a featured keynote speaker, and guided conversations in small group settings to both prepare you beforehand and to allow time for reflection afterward.

#### **Recent Pro Vita Saturday Programming Events**

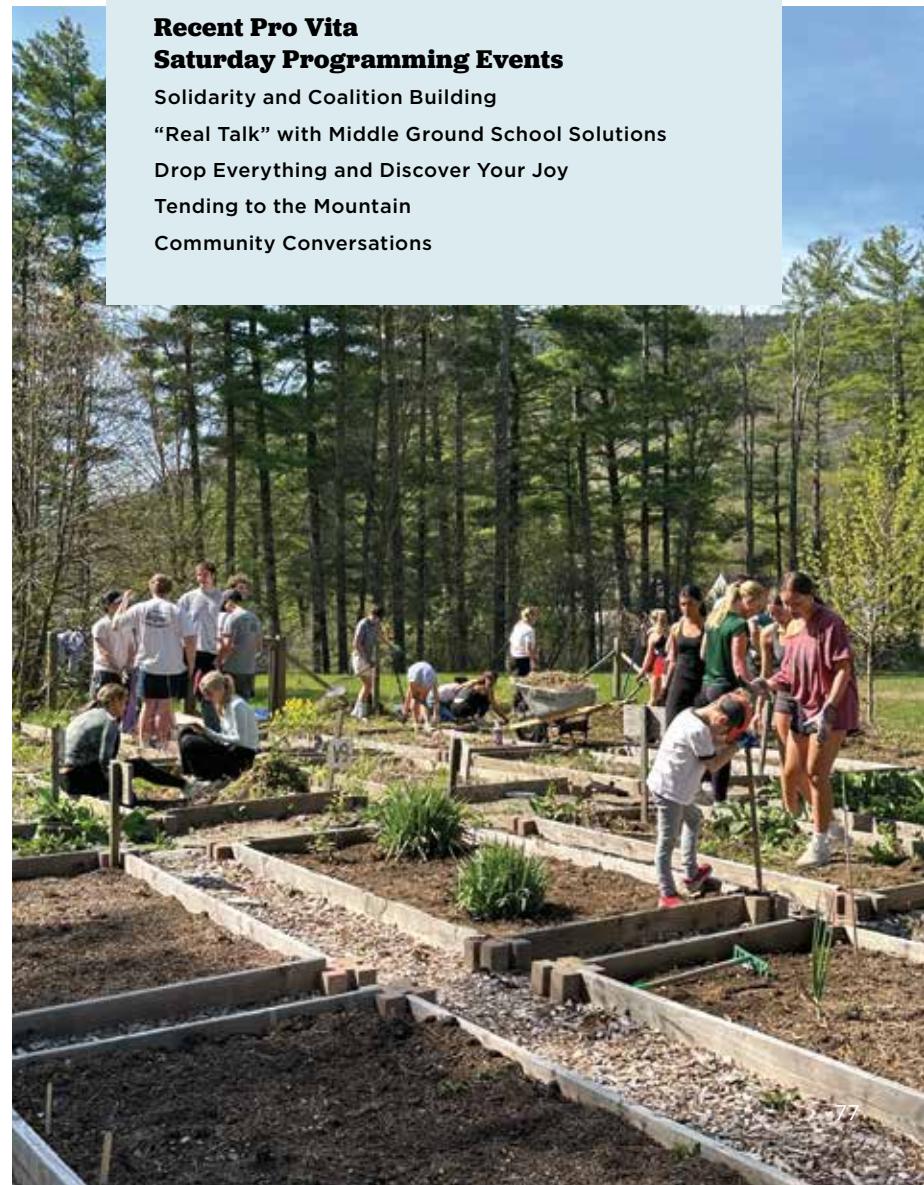
**Solidarity and Coalition Building**

**"Real Talk" with Middle Ground School Solutions**

**Drop Everything and Discover Your Joy**

**Tending to the Mountain**

**Community Conversations**





**“Berkshire was an incredibly important part of my life. You would be hard-pressed to find another school that cares as much about each individual student, their family, and their success, as Berkshire did during my time and still does today.”**

— John Diebold '07, New York City Regional Advisory Board member

#### **Ready for Life**

As a Berkshire graduate, you'll join a network of nearly 7,000 alumni spanning 64 countries and 50 states—and growing.



# Alumni Share

**“When I first saw Berkshire’s makerspace, I knew I would spend all my free time there. It’s rare to be able to take an engineering class in world-class facilities with great teachers while still in high school.”**

—**Jay Schoudel ’19**, Lafayette College,  
Production Engineer at a semiconductor company

**“If it weren’t for my advisor encouraging me to keep up with art classes during my four years at Berkshire, I wouldn’t be in the architecture world today!”**

—**Rhiannon Vanderbeek ’13**,  
Lehigh University, Architecture

**“At Berkshire, I learned how to be a leader and to never be afraid to try something new, even at the risk of failure.”**

—**Maggie Fiertz ’11**, Dartmouth College, Public Relations

**“I couldn’t have asked for more engaging and passionate teachers and faculty, who poured everything they had into the success and well-being of their students.”**

—**Eva Clough ’18**, Wake Forest University,  
Columbia University School of Nursing  
candidate for a doctoral degree

**“So much of what I have cultivated through my life has been because of the foundation that Berkshire provided.”**

—**Capt. Kegan Grogean ’19**,  
Maine Maritime Academy,  
Unlimited Deck Cadet

**“At Berkshire, I was immersed in an atmosphere that placed a premium on self-reliance, instilling in me a sense of confidence and independence that has served me well.”**

—**Camryn Biasin ’14**, Smith College, Graduate student at UMass Isenberg School of Management

**“My experience in the Advanced Math/Science Research Program gave me the invaluable opportunity to develop research skills and experience tremendous joy exploring my interest in science.”**

—Penny Ni '12, Harvard University,  
Harvard Medical School, Gastroenterology Fellow  
at Massachusetts General Hospital

**“Making meaningful connections with caring adults, teachers, coaches, and advisors helped me discover just how impactful genuine connection is for teenagers and young adults.”**

—Jenny Grogan '12,  
Emory University, Camp Director

**“Berkshire increased my global perspective and prepared me socially by allowing me to meet people from all over the world. It’s impacted how I approach new opportunities.”**

—Olivia (Livi) Oliviel-Robinson '15,  
Howard University,  
Early Childhood Educator

**“The greatest charm of Berkshire lies in its rural setting. I was born and raised in one of the most crowded cities in the world, and spending such formative years at Berkshire gave me a profound appreciation for beauty in simplicity.”**

—Victor Leung '17, Cornell University,  
Marketing, Energy, and Sustainability

**“I found the transition to college a lot more comfortable than many of my peers because I knew exactly how to prioritize and manage my time.”**

—Arwen Neski '15, Yale University, Marketing and Fundraising

**“Athletically, Berkshire taught me how to prepare like a professional and compete at a high level in college. Academically, Berkshire provided the appropriate balance of rigor and support that taught me time management, study skills, and most importantly, grit.”**

—Jimmy McKee '15, Middlebury College,  
Graduate student at The Wharton School at UPenn

**“Berkshire helped foster my sense of self, my independence, and my understanding of what community really feels like—it has influenced the entire trajectory of my life.”**

—Emily Hubbard '14, St. Lawrence University, Public Relations



**The opportunity to do something  
special, something transformational,  
is right in front of you.**

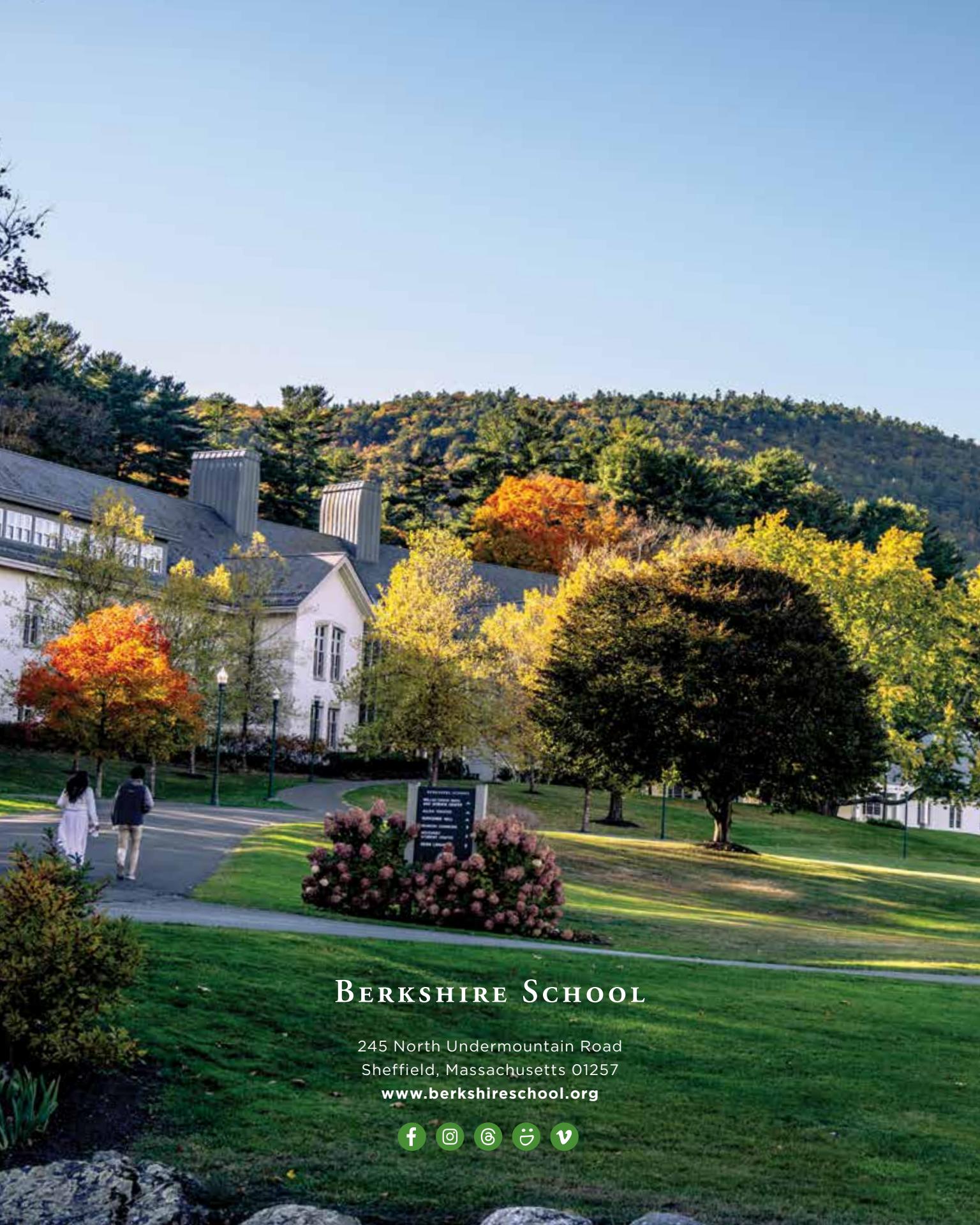
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