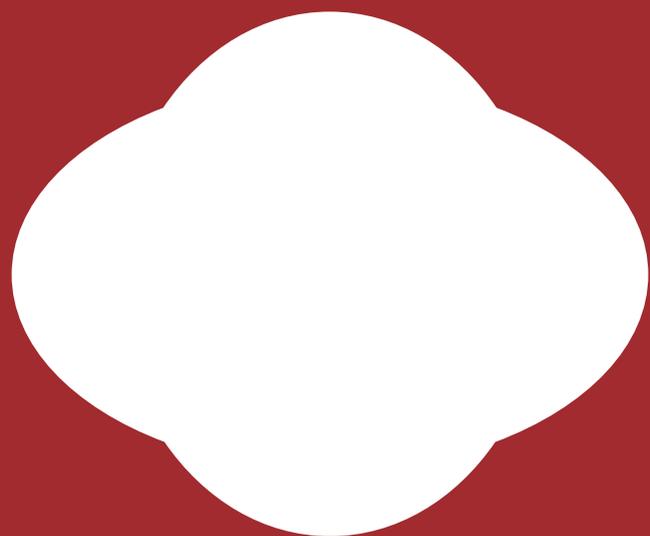




Look Within, See Beyond.

EMMA WILLARD
SCHOOL



Honoring our founder's vision, Emma Willard School proudly fosters in each young woman a love of learning, the habits of an intellectual life, and the character, moral strength, and qualities of leadership to serve and shape her world.



*Like Emma, you have big ideas.
We can't wait to hear all about them.*

A Tradition of *Innovation*

At Emma Willard School, we offer our students a modern education that is nimble and relevant, steeped in a tradition of defying expectation.

Emma Hart Willard was a bold advocate for access to education, wanting young women to have more than what was available to her as a teenager. She was empowered to want more—for herself and others—and set forth for a life of extraordinary impact.

Today, we carry our founder's vision forward, proudly fostering in each of our students a love of learning, the habits of an intellectual life, and the character, moral strength, and qualities of leadership to serve and shape her world.

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DEFY EXPECTATIONS.



Meet Emma Hart Willard

DAUGHTER

EDUCATOR

AUTHOR

WIFE

MAPMAKER

INVENTOR

MOTHER

HISTORIAN

GEOGRAPHER

POET

Emma Willard was ahead of her time, refusing to be limited to traditional gender roles and defined her future by her own standards. In doing so, she shaped her own experience and the lives of generations of young women around the world.





The habits of an intellectual life are realized with repetition and reflection.

A Journey of *Transformation*

A true education is not found by completing a checklist of required courses; it is achieved when the flame of intellectual curiosity is lit and carried for a lifetime.

Our girls' school experience opens doors for you to pursue topics you love and learn the necessary skills to consider complex questions critically. Our expert teachers will guide you as you develop the intellectual flexibility to address issues of our time that need attention and work with compassion towards their resolution.

You'll find the Emma Willard community is global and inclusive, and as such, our academic program is as well. Emma students live and learn with intention, and focus on building and sustaining equity and justice on campus and in the world.

Our curriculum supports your purpose by emphasizing relevance, impact, and connection to your community. Your understanding of your role and contribution to the wider world is as essential to your wellbeing as your sense of self.

PRACTICE PROGRESS.



Student/
Teacher
Ratio:
7:1

Average
Class
Size:
13

Number
of
Course
Offerings:
129



Program Pillar:

INTELLECTUAL FLEXIBILITY

We educate a generation of learners ready and able to address the most pressing issues of today. During their time at Emma, students develop the intellectual flexibility to consider big questions and to work to solve big problems.

*At Emma, you will see
the big picture.*



A Legacy of Learning

Our history as educational innovators is both our proud legacy and our ambitious future. Emma Willard School will always develop lifelong learners with the spirit to seek scholarship and solutions.

Our curriculum embraces this spirit—ever evolving with the advent of new information or recommended practices of the best education for girls. We prioritize experiential education and hands-on learning, as well as ensuring our diverse and international community experiences a global perspective in our course materials.

Here, you can be sure of things like your history classes studying the past within the lens of current perspectives, the books for literature class including the voices of authors from around the world, or your painting workshop reviewing the works of global artists for inspiration. As an Emma student, you'll realize you should not settle for less.

IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES.

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Program Pillar:

EQUITY & JUSTICE

Living and learning in a global and inclusive community requires persistent and purposeful practice. Our curriculum provides exposure to and understanding of the global community. The entire Emma experience is designed around developing the skills necessary to build and sustain equity and justice in the world.



13
Interscholastic
Sports

21
Advanced
Studies
Courses

49
Clubs

36
Art Course
Offerings



10 Big Ideas *From Emma:*

1 Emma's **Practicum** is a way for students to explore their interests and passions through independent study and experiential learning. Whether you're interested in emergency medicine, teaching literacy, learning how to fence, or creating an advanced series of art works, you will be led through this personalized, hands-on course of study by faculty advisors, mentors, and alumnae.

2 Emma redefines the concept of expertise, moving from the test-based teachings of Advanced Placement™ courses to our **Advanced Studies** courses. This advanced coursework is both unique to our school and to the depth and breadth of study, which includes coverage of timely or abstract topics within a mastery of traditional subject matter.

3 Just as your signature is exclusively your own, so is Emma's **Signature**. Our capstone program for juniors and seniors allows for deep exploration of personal passions over two semesters. These students are dedicated to their topic, have an on-campus mentor or off-campus expert as a partner, and also have the time to complete and present an experiential project like Signature.

4 We are committed to fostering a strong sense of identity and belonging in each student and we believe in the importance of **interest groups**, where students can share ideas and learn more about different cultures and identities.

5 We believe our students benefit from **affinity groups** that provide a crucial space for students to engage in conversation and provide support for each other around issues that are unique to their specific cultural and societal experiences.

6 Welcome, ninth graders! Emma's **Ninth Grade Program** is designed to guide students through their pivotal first year academically and socially, to set them on a path to becoming confident, prepared, appreciated, and reflective citizens.

We designed the curriculum for ninth graders with key factors in mind to develop critical and abstract thinking, meaningful relationships with peers, and individual identity.

7 Get READY for Emma! The mission of the Emma Willard **READY Center** is to promote the well-being of our students through holistic and proactive educational programming throughout their time at Emma by providing resources to support and engage the whole person. This program offers students access to a multitude of resources, conversation, curiosity, and a listening ear.

8 Let's talk **Town Hall!** In times of uncertainty and change, we offer community forums to discuss current events and to provide time for community members to process, discuss, and ask clarifying questions about global, national, or school issues. The goal of the Town Hall is to share accurate information on quickly evolving news while providing a community forum. Students practice sharing honestly and respectfully, as well as listening deeply to different thoughts and opinions.

9 Our **Service Learning and Community Engagement** program offers students a wide variety of opportunities for positive, purposeful connection to local and global communities. Through classroom-based Service Learning, students are challenged to connect and apply academic content to the needs of the community. Through weekly off-campus opportunities, students have the flexibility to opt into a variety of group or individualized community engagement opportunities that help to build character, deepen compassion, and nurture a lifelong commitment to actively pursuing positive change within their communities.

10 We made the grade as the first high school in America to be completely **Fair-Trade**. In 2010, we committed to supporting ethical consumption.





*By setting the standard,
you can rewrite the script.*

A Sense of *Belonging*

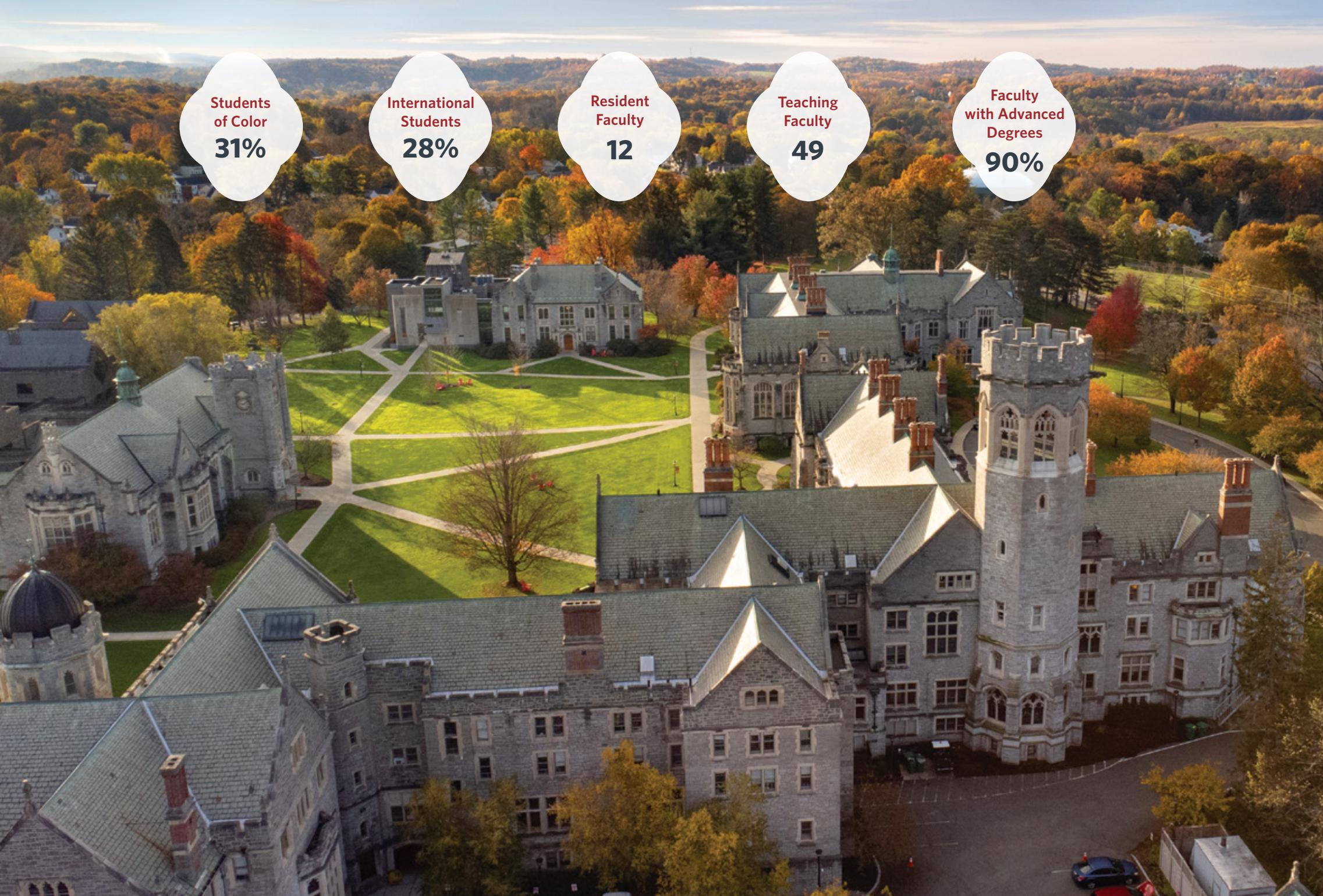
We are committed to breaking down barriers. Equity and access may be defined differently now than in 1814, but the spirit remains—all our students deserve opportunities, deserve to be challenged, and deserve to belong.

At Emma Willard, you'll find classmates from around the United States and the world who want the same thing: education, equality, and empowerment to be their true selves. From the classroom to the cuisine served in the dining hall, inclusion is ever-present here.

You may thrive as an artist, guided by faculty who are all professional artists, or as an athlete pursuing a different sport each season. More likely, you will embrace the idea of doing both, and allowing yourself to exist in both spaces as an artist and athlete without restriction.

There is power in belonging, for while sharing many of the same goals, our students will achieve them very differently and be comfortable in doing so.

BE YOURSELF.



Students
of Color
31%

International
Students
28%

Resident
Faculty
12

Teaching
Faculty
49

Faculty
with Advanced
Degrees
90%



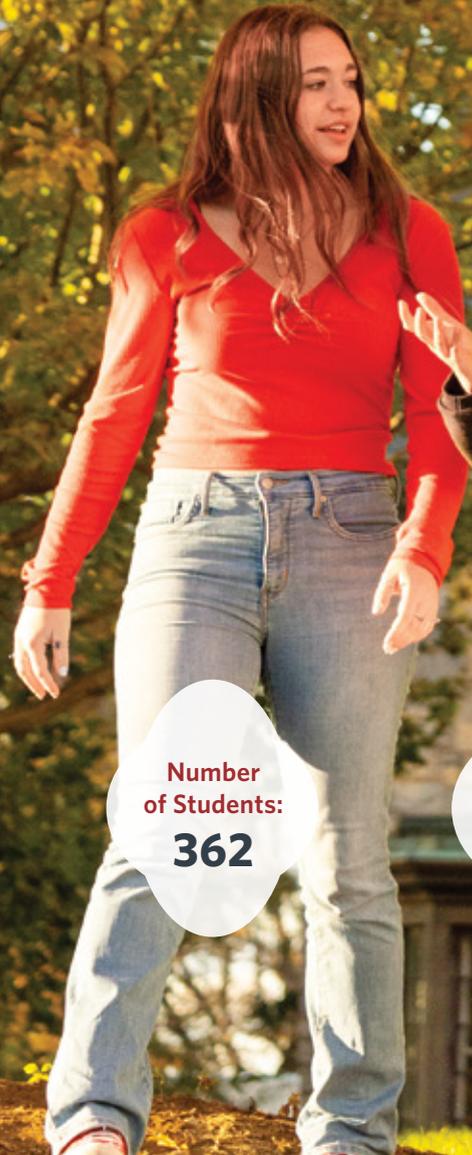
Program Pillar:

PURPOSE & COMMUNITY

Fundamental to personal wellbeing is the lifelong exploration of one's self and one's contribution to the world.

Our curriculum fosters a sense of purpose in each student by emphasizing relevance, impact, community connection, and a growth mindset.

Growing up can be magnificent and it can be messy, and we have experience with both.



Number of Students:
362



Number of Countries Represented:
36



Number of States Represented:
20



Boarding Students:
65%

Day Students:
35%

A Community of *Friends*

We know that in your time at Emma Willard, you'll discover that you are uniquely exceptional, and that you deserve for everyone to know—and celebrate—it. Our community is made up of lots of people from lots of places with lots of opinions, and we wouldn't change a thing.

You'll find comfort in making friends that like you are multi-faceted, because so are they, and so is Emma! One Sunday, you'll roll out of bed and go get brunch served in a castle while wearing sweatpants. You'll discover your favorite study spot tucked into a tiny corner of our beautiful 137-acre campus. You'll embrace hanging posters in a dorm room with a history of housing today's leaders.

We're ready to share that the secret to a successful school community is communication, compromise, and compassion, with a few traditions that bind generations of students across 200+ years thrown into the mix.

EMBRACE AUTHENTICITY.

A Campus of Culture

1 MILE TO DOWNTOWN TROY

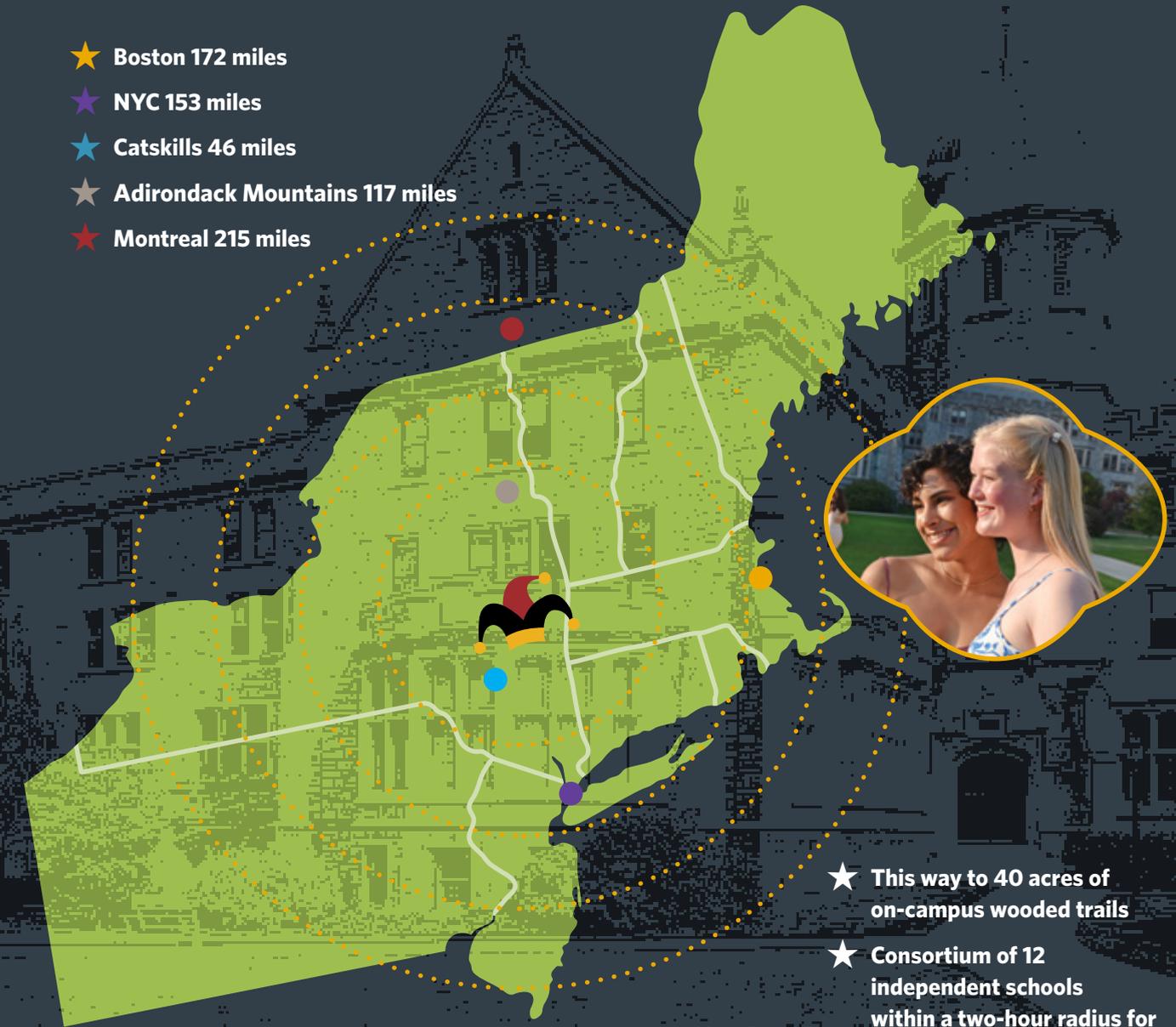
- ★ Troy is home to art and entertainment venues, farmers' markets, and locally sourced dining experiences.
- ★ Our proximity to Troy makes for easy travel to a science practicum in a Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute lab, a visit to the Hart Cluett Museum, or a trip to a local restaurant.
- ★ On any given weekend, students make trips to events like Troy Waterfront Farmers' Market, Troy Night Out, Grafton State Park, or just get ice cream, or attend game night at a favorite spot in town.



8 MILES TO ALBANY

- ★ The capital of New York State, Albany and its surroundings are collectively known as the Capital Region.
- ★ Emma Willard's close proximity to the capital provides many incredible internship opportunities for our students, such as those in the New York State Senate, law firms, the New York State Archives, and a rapidly growing science and tech sector.
- ★ Albany provides access to myriad activities and experiences, including exceptional theatrical performances at The Egg and Palace Theater, sporting events and concerts at MVP Arena, and locally owned shops and cuisine.

- ★ Boston 172 miles
- ★ NYC 153 miles
- ★ Catskills 46 miles
- ★ Adirondack Mountains 117 miles
- ★ Montreal 215 miles



Distance to Albany-Rensselaer Amtrak Station - 8 miles

Distance to Albany International Airport - 11 miles

Distance to John F. Kennedy International Airport - 164 miles

- ★ This way to 40 acres of on-campus wooded trails
- ★ Consortium of 12 independent schools within a two-hour radius for shared community events





An Opportunity to *Look Within, See Beyond*

Selecting your high school requires reflecting on what you want for yourself, now and even long after you graduate!

Understandably, you probably have some significant questions rolling around in your mind as you visit different campuses and meet different people; questions about what you and where you want to be.

Your future is an infinite horizon, one that can't be defined during this singular moment. What if you take this opportunity to look within and look past what you can imagine for yourself? Imagine instead what you will find at Emma: endless opportunities, countless memories, and limitless potential.

At Emma Willard School, we are not held to convention.

We pass on expectations set by others and set our own standard for success. We assess our strengths, identify our challenges, eliminate our obstacles, and achieve our goals.

Let us teach you how to do the same.

SERVE AND SHAPE YOUR WORLD.

*Choose Emma Willard School,
where you will define your
dreams and learn how to
make them your reality.*



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