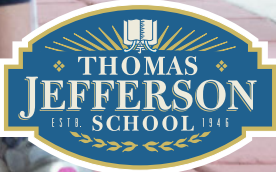


STUDENT PROSPECTUS



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THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL

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A Rich History of Inclusion:

- 1947** - The school admits and funds Jewish-Hungarian refugee Bernat Rosner, survivor of Auschwitz and Mauthausen-Gusen.
- 1950** - The school enrolls Jun Sakurai who is possibly the first Japanese student to enter an American prep school after the war.
- 1952** - Two years before Brown v. Board of Education, TJ becomes the first St. Louis independent school to admit a black student.
- 1997** - The OPUS scholarship opens the door for musically talented minority students. The first, Ketsia Theodor, was raised in Haiti.
- 2004** - The McCoy Scholarship for Hispanic students is founded. Soraya Villavicencio, the scholarship's first recipient, hails from Mexico.
- 2015** - TJ adds a gender inclusive dormitory to its residential offerings.



Thomas Jefferson School (TJ), a co-educational, non-sectarian, independent day and boarding school located in suburban St. Louis, **Missouri**, educates a **purposefully diverse** and **deliberately sized** group of **academically talented** students spanning grades 7-12. Steeped in the **classical tradition**, students engage with each other and their instructors in small, discussion-based classes in every discipline, learning to think, to analyze, to imagine. Students leave TJ as **well-rounded** scholars **prepared** for the challenges of college and beyond. Let us show you how.

MISSOURI: Known as the "Show Me" state, which refers to a time-tested brand of Missouri stubbornness, and located at the crossroads of America, our great state boasts over six million residents, 10 Fortune 500 companies, 52 colleges and universities, and two international airports.

PURPOSEFULLY DIVERSE: TJ's students come from six countries, five states, and 29 Missouri zip codes. 64% identify as students of color.

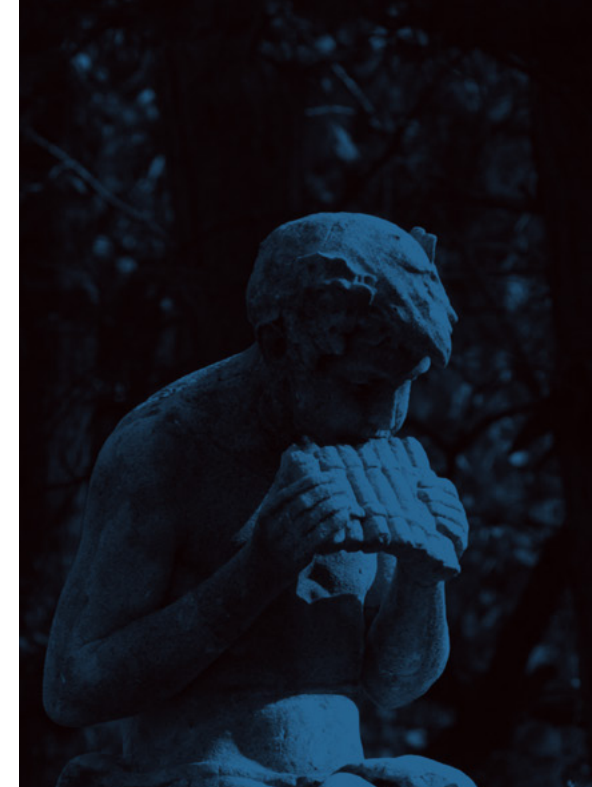
DELIBERATELY SIZED: Our school of 85 students means you know everyone. And they know you. Our close-knit advisory groups average eight students and provide continuity and support throughout your time at TJ.

ACADEMICALLY TALENTED: As a school founded by scholars, for scholars, we attract students who love to learn, are internally motivated, and are ready for an academic challenge. Our admitted students boast an average SSAT score of 2008 and TOEFL score of 100.

CLASSICAL TRADITION: We offer a liberal arts education geared towards developing global citizens.

WELL-ROUNDED: With over 20 clubs, multiple athletic offerings, and just shy of 30 peer-curated cultural outings each year, there is truly something for everyone.

PREPARED: With average SAT scores of 1460 and ACT scores of 31, our students are consistently admitted to the college or university of their choice.





SHOW ME

ACCELERATED ACADEMICS

At TJ, the exchange of ideas becomes a way of life, and ideas are often valued more than answers.

A classical liberal-arts approach to education is the basis for the TJ curriculum. Students immerse themselves in the fundamental college-prep areas of English, math, language, science, social studies, and art, choosing electives in certain areas as they get older, but sharing a core educational experience with peers across all grades. Students learn to think deeply and mine for knowledge and ideas, and they learn to demand ἡ ἀρετή (excellence) from themselves, their classmates, and their teachers.

- **Typical graduate completes 7 AP courses.**
- **By senior year, all courses are taught at the AP level.**
- **6 years, 3 languages: our unique world language course progression includes Latin, Greek, and Italian or French.**
- **The average TJ student will have read 80 works of classic literature by graduation.**

AP COURSES

AP BIOLOGY

AP CHEMISTRY

AP PHYSICS 1

AP PHYSICS 2

AP CALCULUS BC

AP STATISTICS

AP COMPARATIVE
GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

AP MACROECONOMICS

AP MICROECONOMICS

AP US HISTORY

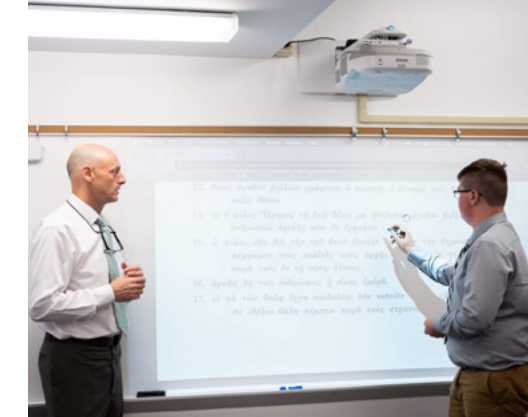
AP US GOVERNMENT &
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AP ENGLISH LITERATURE &
COMPOSITION

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE &
COMPOSITION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

The ELL program is designed to meet the language needs of international students who are at a high-basic to advanced level of English. The objective is to acclimate students to the culture and standards of TJ's English and Social Studies programs, as well as to the expectations of all of their future academic coursework at TJ and beyond.



SHOW ME A COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHEDULE

We don't waste any time. Our typical academic morning (8:30am-2:01pm) consists of eight thirty-five minute class periods and a community period. Classes are seminar style: discussion based and highly interactive. Dependent on age a student will have one to three break periods during the day in addition to their lunch period. After 2:01pm, students participate in athletics, the arts, clubs, private music instruction, science and foreign language labs, socialize, do homework, and meet with faculty.

7:45AM	Breakfast	4:30PM	Private music instruction, meet with teachers, clubs
8:00AM	Typical arrival time for a TJ day student	5:00PM	Typical pick-up time for a TJ day student
8:30AM	First period begins	6:00PM	Dinner
9:44AM	Community period	6:30PM	Arts
10:15AM	Cookie Break	7:00PM	Study hall
11:35AM	Dining Hall opens for lunch	8:15PM	Cookie Break
2:01PM	Academic day concludes	9:00PM	In-room time for middle school boarders
2:00PM	AP science labs, Italian and French labs, arts, study hall, private music instruction	10:00PM	In-room time for freshman and sophomore boarders
3:15PM	Cookie Break	10:15PM	In-room time for junior and senior boarders
3:30PM	Athletics		



SHOW ME STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Preparing for life after TJ means getting involved while you are at TJ. With over 20 club offerings, most students find a number to join. If we don't have what you're looking for—start it! We welcome innovation and leadership!

One of the great benefits to attending a small school is being able to access leadership opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Clubs are a great way to get involved and run things!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE	MUSIC CLUB	AMBASSADORS	CHESS CLUB	FOOD PIRATES
STUDENT COUNCIL	CHOIR	MOCK TRIAL	MATH TUTORS CLUB	CODING CLUB
SCHOOL NEWSPAPER	INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY (ITS)	EQUALITY CLUB (GSA)	ROBOTICS TEAM	MUSE STUDIO
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CLUB (JAC)	SPIRIT CLUB	GREEN CLUB	COFFEE THERAPY CLUB	DEBATE CLUB
PANDORA ARTS MAGAZINE	PROM COMMITTEE	SERVICE LEARNING CLUB	YEARBOOK CLUB	GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CLUB
	ADMISSIONS	BOARDING COUNCIL	LIVE ACTION ROLE PLAYING (LARP)	MEDIATION TOURNAMENT CLUB



SHOW ME
FINE ARTS

Fine Arts classes at TJ give students an opportunity to work with a variety of media and materials while also learning the history of art, theatre, and dance. The fine-arts faculty are practicing artists, each specializing in the visual, performing, or digital arts.

- **2 dramatic productions annually**
- **2 all-school art showcases annually**
- **Annual all-school Cabaret Night**
- **Private music instruction available on campus**

Course offerings include: ceramics, painting and drawing, drama, tap dance, scenic design, and photography.

Clubs include: music club, choir, *Pandora* art and literature magazine, and International Thespian Society (ITS).



SHOW ME
ATHLETICS

Go Titans! Part of what fosters the development of a well-rounded student is giving them access and encouragement to maintain a healthy lifestyle through exercise. Every student at TJ is required to participate in Physical Education during the prescribed daily time for athletics whether that be a team sport like basketball, soccer or volleyball, or a non-competitive activity like tennis, yoga or a fitness offering ranging weekly from hiking to weight lifting.

MASCOT: Titans
MOTTO: ἡ ἀρετή (arete)
COLORS: Blue and White
CONFERENCE: Metro Athletic Conference (MAC)
VARSITY SPORTS: basketball, volleyball, and soccer
NON-COMPETITIVE OFFERINGS: tennis, yoga, and fitness



SHOW ME EXPERT FACULTY



ANGELA AUDET
Instructor in English & Social Studies
B.A. University of Maine
M.A.T. University of New Hampshire
TESL Diploma, Canadian College of Educators

M.Ed. University of Missouri (in progress)

Fun Fact: Learning the ukulele.



AMANDA CORREA
Director of Residential Life; Instructor in Math
B.A. Binghamton University
Fun Fact: Disney fanatic by day, cellist by night.



MARIE DEJESUS
Director of Diversity and Student Affairs; Chair, Science Department; Instructor in Math & Science
B.A. Kenyon College
M.A. University of Missouri, St. Louis

Fun Fact: Makes check marks backwards. Cites left handedness for backwards check affliction.



KAREN FAIRBANK, J.D.
Director of College Counseling; Student Activities Director; Instructor in English & Social Studies
B.A., J.D., & M.A.T. Washington University in St. Louis

Fun Fact: Has taught two of her current colleagues.



BETH HUMAN, PH.D.
Middle School Coordinator; Instructor in English, Social Studies & Classical Languages
B.A. Willamette University
Ph.D. Saint Louis University

Fun Fact: Was taught the cello by a current member of the US House of Representatives.



ROBERT LIPPERT
Instructor in Performing Arts & Social Studies
B.A. Washington University in St. Louis
M.A. Washington University in St. Louis

Fun Fact: Volunteers for the National Park Service. He does not have a Smokey the Bear hat... yet.



D'ANTAY MAYES
Instructor in Social Studies.
B.S. Missouri Baptist University
M.A.Ed. Missouri Baptist University
Fun Fact: His hometown of Crystal City has less than 5,000 residents



KENDAL McCARTER
Instructor in Physics & Math
B.A. University of Tennessee
Fun Fact: Spends summers leading wilderness expeditions in Northern Minnesota and Canada.



JAMES PESEK
Director of Service Learning & Global Citizenship; Instructor in Italian & Math
B.A. Wesleyan University
M.A. Webster University

Fun Fact: Falls asleep to Harry Potter audio books at night.



HEIDI PIERONI
Instructor in Math & Science
B.A. Saint Louis University
M.A. Saint Louis University
M.S. University of Pennsylvania
Fun Fact: Majored in Art History and loves to draw in her spare time.



BOAZ ROTH
Director of Athletics; Chair, English Department; Instructor in Classical Languages, English & Math
B.A. American University
M.A. St. John's College

Fun Fact: Has seen Bruce Springsteen in concert 18 times.



JANE ROTH
Director of Academics; Instructor in English & Classical Languages
B.A. Kenyon College
M.Ed. University of Missouri (in-progress)

Fun Fact: Can order ice cream in six languages.



BENJAMIN SMITH
Instructor in French & English
B.A. Mississippi State University
A.M. University of Chicago
M.A. Maryville University

Fun Fact: Went to the same elementary school as Elvis Presley (not at the same time, thank ya', thank ya' very much).



MATTHEW TROUTMAN, PH.D.
Head of School
B.S. Roanoke College
M.S. & Ph. D. Clemson University
M. Ed. Columbia University
Fun Fact: Is literally a rocket scientist.

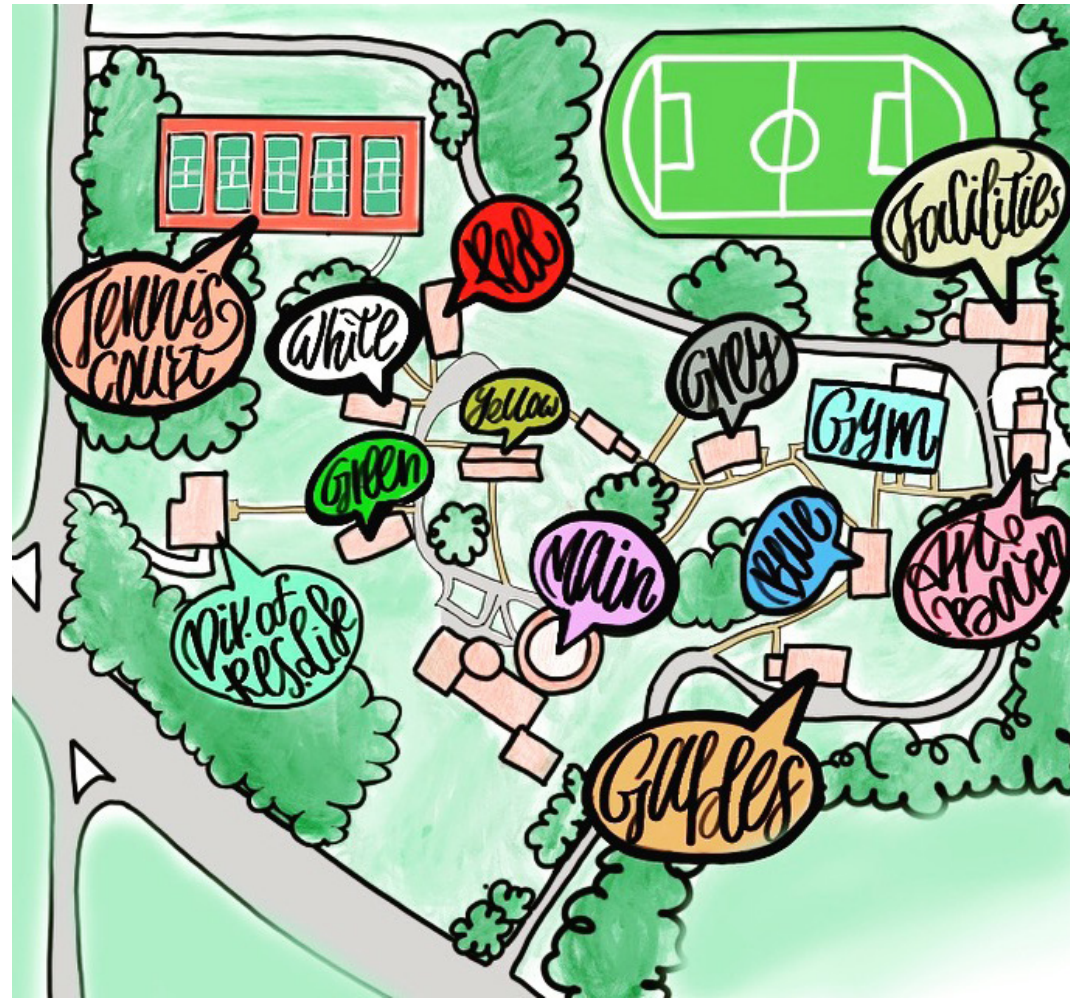


SHOW ME CAMPUS LIFE

Thomas Jefferson School sits on 20 picturesque acres in Sunset Hills, Missouri, a quiet suburb of St. Louis. TJ is a convenient 24 miles from Lambert International Airport and just minutes away from malls, restaurants, shopping, post and shipping offices, recreational facilities, and numerous cultural and educational institutions of St. Louis.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS:

- 20 acres of green space
- 5 outdoor tennis courts
- Gymnasium building designed by famed architect William Bernouly
- Fitness, dance & yoga studio
- Art Barn: two art studios, pottery wheel, kiln
- 7 freestanding, cottage-style dormitories each with a Resident Assistant apartment
- Outdoor soccer field
- Native species garden
- Student Health Center
- SmartBoard integrated classrooms
- 2 fully equipped science laboratories
- Computer lab and laptop for student use
- 3,566 volumes of classic texts



TJ's Campus - Illustrated by Victoria Xu, Class of 2020





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RESIDENTIAL LIFE

At TJ you are more than a resident, you are a part of our family. Learning to live alongside your peers is an invaluable life skill, and an essential one in preparing for college and beyond. As parents by proxy, we provide our boarding students with all of the amenities needed to mirror their experience at home (and countless reminders to do laundry). In addition to our expert faculty, our residential life staff consists of Resident Assistants (RAs), a school nurse, a school counselor, and members of our student-led Boarding Council. Each dorm cottage contains an RA apartment and a member of Boarding Council, typically an upperclassman. Students share one full-time roommate and up to two day students who utilize desk space in the dorm during the academic day. Rooms are spacious, averaging 350 sq. feet (33 sq. meters), each with a private bathroom and keypad secured entrance.

EAT:

- > Three healthy, balanced meals daily prepared by a professional chef. Vegetarian and vegan diets accommodated.
- > Three cookie breaks, Sunday-Friday
- > All-day access to tea, water, milk and fruit
- > Fruit smoothies and coffee available for purchase

STUDY:

- > Proctored evening study hall on weeknights
- > Generous access to faculty
- > Digital academic network via Google's G Suite for Education
- > Campus-wide high speed wireless network

LIVE:

- > Cottage-style dorm units, each with an RA apartment
- > 350 sq. foot dorm rooms with private entrance and bathroom
- > Bed, desk, dresser provided
- > Mini-fridges, microwaves, personal computers, decorations permitted
- > On-site laundry facilities
- > Evening and weekend access to campus facilities such as athletic courts, fitness studio, art facilities, and computer lab
- > Gender-inclusive dormitory available
- > Evening security officer

SOCIALIZE:

- > TV, movies and video games in the student lounge
- > Wednesday and weekend sign-out privileges
- > Shuttle that runs to St. Louis area attractions on Friday evenings and Saturday
- > 30+ off-site activities curated by students



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COLLEGE PLACEMENT

TJ graduates attend a wide variety of colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and abroad, and excellent preparation for those programs is a hallmark of the TJ experience. Over the school's history, 100 percent of its graduates have gone on to attend college, and a large number have continued their education in graduate or professional schools. Every student receives a great deal of individual attention throughout the college-application process.



AVERAGE SAT SCORE: 1460

AVERAGE ACT SCORE: 31

50+ COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES visit TJ each year

Participation in admissions and financial aid workshops at **WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** and **ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY**

TJ'S COUNSELING DEPARTMENT offers annual workshops on topics ranging from Common App 101 to Financial Aid 101 to College Essay Boot Camp

JUST A FEW OF THE SCHOOLS TJ GRADUATES ATTEND:

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY • BARD COLLEGE • BELOIT COLLEGE • BOSTON UNIVERSITY • BOWDOIN COLLEGE • BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY • BROWN UNIVERSITY • BUTLER UNIVERSITY • CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY • CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY • CLAREMONT-MCKENNA COLLEGE • CLEMSON UNIVERSITY • COE COLLEGE • COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON • COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY • CORNELL UNIVERSITY • DARTMOUTH COLLEGE • DEPAUL UNIVERSITY • DEPAUW UNIVERSITY • EARLHAM COLLEGE • ECKERD COLLEGE • EMERSON COLLEGE • EMORY UNIVERSITY • EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE • FORDHAM UNIVERSITY • GRINNELL COLLEGE • HAMPTON COLLEGE • HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE • HAVERFORD COLLEGE • HENDRIX COLLEGE • HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY • INDIANA UNIVERSITY • JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY • KENYON COLLEGE • KNOX COLLEGE • LAKE FOREST COLLEGE • LOYOLA UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO • MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY • MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY • MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE • NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (TISCH) • NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, ABU DHABI • NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY • PITZER COLLEGE • PRINCETON UNIVERSITY • PURDUE UNIVERSITY • RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE • RHODES COLLEGE • ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY • ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY • SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE • SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY • SMITH COLLEGE • STANFORD UNIVERSITY • ST. LOUIS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY • ST. OLAF COLLEGE • THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY • TRINITY COLLEGE • TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY • TUFTS UNIVERSITY • UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN • UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO • UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH • UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN • UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN • UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA • UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND DANCE • UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME • UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA • UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO • UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO • UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO • UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON • UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA • URSINUS COLLEGE • VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY • WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS • WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY • VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY • VASSAR COLLEGE • YALE NUS • YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

SHOW ME ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Thomas Jefferson students have unparalleled access to our highly successful and highly engaged alumni community. Year after year, alumni return to campus to visit faculty who have become friends. They join us for lunch, sit in on a class or two, and connect with students sharing stories of Greek examinations and late-night study sessions. Formally, alumni return to campus for an annual speaker's series that engages students on a variety of topics pertaining to life after TJ. TJ hosts alumni events across the US including: Dallas, TX, Chicago, IL, Boston, MA, New York, NY, San Francisco, CA, and right here in St. Louis, MO

600 ALUMNI SPREAD AMONGST A GLOBAL NETWORK OF DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES

Notable Alums include:

Honorable Thomas P. Griesa, '48, former US District Judge

Mr. Bernat Rosner, '50, former General Counsel of Safeway; Author

Mr. John H. Biggs, '54, Director of Boeing Co.; former CEO of TIAA-Cref

Mr. Dan Little, '61, Attorney

Mr. Irv Williamson, '61, US International Trade Commissioner

Dr. Richard Levy, '63, Pediatric Endocrinologist

Mr. Keith Williamson, '70, President, Centene Charitable Foundation

Ms. Aimee Dowl, '92, US Department of State; Author

Dr. Dave Messina, '92, COO of Cofactor Genomics

Ms. Alisa Tang, '92, Homepage Editor for the Washington Post

Mr. Henry Agbo, '05, Business Development for Apple, Inc.



SHOW ME ST. LOUIS

St. Louis is the largest metropolitan area in the state of Missouri and the 20th largest in the United States. Home to world-renowned parks, landmarks, museums, universities, professional sports teams, and cuisine, St. Louis has all of the amenities of a large US city and the close-knit community feel and friendliness of a small town.

To enhance your trip, we recommend visiting explorestlouis.com.



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FOREST PARK · GATEWAY ARCH · BUSCH STADIUM · STIFEL THEATRE
ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM · MAGIC HOUSE · TED DREWES
CATHEDRAL BASILICA · MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS
POWELL HALL · ST. LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER · CITY MUSEUM
JAMES S. MCDONNELL PLANETARIUM · GRANT'S FARM
ST. LOUIS ZOO · LAUMEIER SCULPTURE PARK · ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS · SIX FLAGS · UNION STATION
THE MUNY · DELMAR LOOP · FOX THEATER



OUR MISSION

Thomas Jefferson School gives its students the strongest possible academic background through a classical education. Within a nurturing community, students develop a responsibility for their own learning and a desire to lift up the world with beauty and intellect.



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