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*Inspiring Growth in  
 Knowledge and Faith*

*Co-educational College Preparatory High School  
 Sponsors: Joliet Franciscan Sisters and the Carmelites*

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

Joliet Catholic Academy is a Roman Catholic college preparatory co-educational high school co-sponsored by the Joliet Franciscan Sisters and the Carmelites of the Most Pure Heart of Mary. With an enrollment of 623 students and a student-teacher ratio of 12:1, personal and individualized attention is afforded to students. Currently, Joliet Catholic Academy has graduated over 23,450 alumni in the United States and abroad.

### MISSION

Inspiring Growth in Knowledge and Faith since 1869, the Joliet Catholic Academy family creates an environment that cultivates opportunities for academic excellence, meaningful service, Christian respect, and Catholic values in the traditions of the Carmelites and Franciscans.

### ACCREDITATION

Joliet Catholic Academy is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education, and AdvancED, a national accreditation program, accreditation divisions NCA CASI and SACS CAS.

### CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

The average class size is 21 students. Student-to-faculty ratio is 12:1. Employs 90 of which 47 are educational staff members. 53% percent of the faculty hold a Master Degree or higher.

### ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is 600 high school students: 139 seniors, 149 juniors, 167 sophomores, 145 freshmen, 23 8th graders taking Math/Science. 52% percent of the student body are male and 48% percent are female. Students come from the Joliet community and surrounding areas. 76% of students are Caucasian; 11% Hispanic; 9% African American, 4% Asian, and 1% Other. 83% of the student body are Catholic; 17% have other religious affiliations.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

JCA is a fully accredited college preparatory high school offering a challenging curriculum that prepares students for continued education and life. Depending on the strengths of the student, he/she can be placed in classes throughout the three-tier program to best meet their needs: Accelerated Program/Honors, Upper College Prep, or College Prep.

Students must earn 25 credits to be eligible to receive a JCA diploma. Twenty-two credits must be earned through required coursework. The balance (3 credits) are earned by completing elective courses.

- 4 years of Theology
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 2 years of World Language (*or 2-year sequence in Fine Arts or Reading*)
- 1 year of Physical Education
- 1 semester of Computer Applications
- 1 semester of Health
- 1 semester of Visual Arts
- 1 semester of Performing Arts
- 3 credits from Electives
- Minimum of 60 hours of Christian Service

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## ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL YEAR

JCA operates on a semester system, ending in December and May. The school day begins at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m. Most students carry 7 classes in their academic load.

## CURRICULUM AND SPECIAL COURSES

Three levels of study are offered in academic subjects for most courses: Accelerated/Honors, Upper College Prep, and College Prep. Advanced Placement (AP) offerings provide a fourth alternative for upperclassmen. Students may work at different levels in different subjects.

An Honors Diploma requires a student to complete a sequence of 17 Honors/AP courses with no more than one grade of C per semester in any course. A sequence of 23 Honors courses and 14 AP courses are offered. AP courses include:

AP Biology	AP French Language and Culture
AP Calculus AB	AP Micro Economics
AP Chemistry	AP Physics I
AP Computer Science	AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP English Language and Composition	AP Statistics
AP English Literature and Composition	AP US Government and Politics
AP European History	AP US History

*JCA typically does not allow underclassmen to take AP classes. Students who enroll in AP courses at JCA are not required to take the AP exam in May.*

JCA Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, English 101, English 102, and Psychology II are dual credit courses with Joliet Junior College.

Student enrollment in Honors and AP classes is based on 8th grade placement exam results, academic performance, and teacher recommendation. **LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE AP STATUS WITHOUT PLACEMENT IN HONORS CLASSES.**

JCA's Academic Resource Center specifically targets students in need of special academic assistance.

Eighth grade students can get a head start on JCA coursework by enrolling in Biology and Algebra courses. Eighth grade candidates must be approved.

## ADVANCEMENT PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

Students enrolled in AP courses are not required to take the AP exam in May. Students may take AP exams in other subject areas for which they are prepared.

Year	Number of Exams	Scored 3 or higher
2020	TBA	TBA
2019	137	64%
2018	167	70%
2017	156	68%
2016	119	66%

## GRADING AND RANKING

All courses taken in grades 9-12 (8-12 for students enrolled in our 8th-grade Biology and Algebra 1 program) are included in the cumulative GPA. All AP courses, Honors courses, and UCP courses are weighted. Joliet Catholic Academy does not calculate class rank. Please refer to the Cumulative GPA Distribution Chart below. The Adjusted GPA printed on the transcript is a cumulative weighted GPA, and the Simple GPA printed on the transcript is a cumulative GPA on a 4.25 scale (A+=4.25). The grading scale is rigorous and is presented with quality points for weighting in the following chart.

SCALE	AP	HONORS	UCP	CP
A+ 100-99	5.75	5.25	4.75	4.25
A 98-94	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00
A- 93-92	5.25	4.75	4.25	3.75
B+ 91-90	4.75	4.25	3.75	3.25
B 89-86	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
B- 85-84	4.25	3.75	3.25	2.75
C+ 83-82	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.25
C 81-78	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00
C- 77-76	3.25	2.75	2.25	1.75
D+ 75-74	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
D 73-72	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
D- 71-70	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
F 69 or less	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## CLASS OF 2020 TEST INFORMATION

- 143 students took the ACT
- 23.1 ACT Mean for the class
- 28.9 ACT Mean for Honors Program students
- 30.4 Top 10% Mean ACT
- 26.3 ACT Mean score for top 50% of class
- Middle 50% Range: 20-26
- Class GPA Mean (Weighted): 3.90
- Middle 50% GPA: 3.67-4.40

### ACT SUMMARY

	Class of 2020	Class of 2019
Mid 50% Range	20-26	21-27
Mean Composite	23.1	24.1
Students Tested	94%	94%

### SAT SUMMARY

	Class of 2020	Class of 2019
Mid 50% Range	1055-1250	1095-1375
Mean Composite	1134	1248
Students Tested	11%	9%

# 2020-2021 CURRICULUM GUIDE

## ENGLISH

AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition  
AP English IV  
English 101  
English 102  
English I - A/U/C  
English II - H/U/C  
English III - H/U/C  
English IV - H/U/C  
Journalism / Newspaper - U  
Journalism / Yearbook - U  
Literature of the Holocaust - U  
Reading I

## STUDY SKILLS

Study Skills 1  
Study Skills 2  
Study Skills 3  
Study Skills 4

## SCIENCE

Anatomy and Physiology - U  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics  
Biology - A/U/C  
Chemistry - H/U  
Earth and Space Science - U  
Human Biology - U  
Physics - H/U/C  
Robotics and Engineering I - U  
Robotics and Engineering II - U

## PERFORMING ARTS

Music Appreciation - U  
World Music - U  
Beginning Handbells - U  
Intermediate Handbells - U  
Advanced Handbells - U  
Vocal Skills Singing Class - U  
Music Theory - U  
Theatre Arts - U  
Tapestry - U  
Guitar - U  
Band - U

## WORLD LANGUAGE

AP French V  
AP Spanish V  
ESL - U  
French I - U  
French II - U  
French III - H  
French IV - H  
Spanish I - U  
Spanish I - C  
Spanish II - U  
Spanish II - C  
Spanish III - H  
Spanish IV - H

## SOCIAL STUDIES/BUSINESS

AP European History  
AP Micro Economics  
AP US Government and Politics  
AP US History  
Current Issues - U  
Economics - H/U/C  
History of Illinois - U  
International Relations - U  
Introduction to Sociology - U  
Introduction to Psychology - U  
Psychology II - U  
US Government - H/U/C  
US History - H/U/C  
World History - A/U/C  
Accounting I - U  
General Business - U  
Business Law - U  
Marketing - U

## VISUAL ARTS

2-D Design - U  
Sculpture - U  
Digital Photography and Editing - U  
Drawing II - U  
Drawing and Painting - U  
Graphic Design - U  
Metalsmithing/Fiber Arts I - U  
Metalsmithing/Fiber Arts II - U  
Metalsmithing/Fiber Arts III - U  
Pottery Design I - U  
Pottery Design II - U  
Pottery Design III - U  
Studio Art - H

## MATH

Algebra I - A/U/C  
Algebra I, Part A - C  
Algebra I, Part B - C  
Algebra II/Trigonometry - H  
Algebra II - H/U/C  
Algebra III - C  
AP Calculus A/B  
AP Statistics  
Calculus - H  
Geometry - H/U/C  
Pre-Calculus - H/A/U  
Statistics - H/U

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Computer Science  
Broadcasting I - U  
Computer Applications - U  
Computer Applications II - U  
Computer Science 101 - U  
Multimedia Design - U

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

Physical Education Fr/So - U  
Physical Education Jr/Sr - U  
Strength Training - U  
First Aid - U  
Health - U

## THEOLOGY

Theology I - U  
Theology II - U  
Theology III - U  
Theology IV - U

## DUAL CREDIT

Calculus - H  
Education 101  
English 101 - U  
English 102 - U  
Pre-Calculus - H/A/U  
Psychology II - U  
Statistics - H/U

## COURSE KEY

H - Honors  
A - Accelerated  
U - Upper College Prep  
C - College Prep

## STUDENT LIFE

- JCA offers over 40 clubs and societies, which are an integral part of our mission to educate the whole person.
- 93% of the JCA student body participates in extracurricular activities.
- JCA has a mandatory-random drug testing program
- Weekly Roman Catholic Mass offered.
- Monthly all-school Masses offered.
- Comprehensive yearly retreat programs capped by a junior/senior Kairos retreat.
- Students complete a minimum of 60 hours of Christian Service throughout their four-year careers, working both within the school and the Joliet community to directly impact the lives of others.
- The Class of 2020 completed over 15,000 hours of community service.

## ATHLETICS

74% of the JCA student body participates in at least one sport.

JCA offers 24 varsity teams in 16 sports for both boys and girls.

JCA has a rich athletic tradition earning 32 State/National Championships across six team sports: football, baseball, volleyball, boys basketball, cheerleading, boys golf, and competitive dance.

During the 2020-2021 school year, athletic success continued across various sports:

- Girls Volleyball: IHSA Class 3A 3rd Place
- Girls Tennis: senior Mia Bertino captured 5th Place at the IHSA Class 1A State Tennis Finals
- Football: IHSA Class 5A State Quarterfinals
- Boys Soccer: IHSA Class 1A Sectional Champions
- Cross-Country: senior Marcus Porchia qualified for the IHSA State Finals
- Wrestling: three wrestlers placed at the IHSA Class 2A State Finals; Dean Hamiti, Jr. (state champion), Gylon Sims (state runner-up), Terrance Snapp (5th place)
- Boys Basketball: Regional Champions
- Girls Basketball: Regional Champions
- Competitive Dance: IHSA Class 1A 3rd Place

The 2020 spring athletic season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Athletic Highlights:

- 62 Former/Current Professional Athletes
- 7 current professional athletes (MLB, WNBA, NFL, FIVB)
- 7 Hall of Fame coaches currently on staff
- 25% of the graduating Class of 2020 are continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

## CLASS OF 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Class of 2020 graduated 152 students.
- The Class of 2020 is attending 71 colleges and universities in 26 states.
- 98% attending the college/university of their choice
  - Four-year college or university - 82%
  - Two-year college - 16%
  - Vocational school/military/work force - 2.0%
- \$13.5 million was offered in scholarship funds.
- 19 Illinois State Scholars
- 1 National Merit Commended Student

## ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 1990

- 5 National Merit Scholars
- 7 National Merit Corporate Scholarship Winners
- 12 National Merit Finalists
- 15 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- 69 National Merit Commended Students
- 2 National Merit Hispanic Recognition Scholar
- 8 National Achievement Scholars
- 829 Illinois State Scholars
- 21 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 51 AP Scholars with Honors
- 87 AP Scholars

## DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

It is the policy of Joliet Catholic Academy not to report disciplinary infractions to postsecondary institutions. It should be noted that serious student infractions result in dismissal.

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

JCA implemented an E-learning Action Plan March 17, 2020. All courses in our curriculum were taught via online instruction utilizing Microsoft Teams through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Teachers delivered instruction and posted daily assignments meaningful to the outcomes of the course and essential to the pacing of the curriculum. An assignment was posted for every class every e-learning day.

Daily assignments were mandatory and graded. Daily attendance was taken based on the submission of the completed assignment. Final Exams were administered online.

Teachers followed all JCA grading policies and the grade scale in this profile.

JCA has instituted a Hybrid Learning Model for the 2020-2021 school year, with four days per week of in-person instruction to begin the school year. This model will be fluid, with the ability to shift to full-time E-Learning depending on the COVID-19 pandemic

# College Acceptances

## College Matriculation in the Past Five Years

The University of Alabama  
 Amherst College  
 Arizona State University  
 The University of Arizona  
 University of Arkansas  
 Auburn University  
 Augustana College  
 Augustana University (South Dakota)  
 Aurora University  
 Ave Maria University  
 Ball State University  
 Baylor University  
 Beloit College  
 Belmont University  
 Bemidji State University  
 Benedictine College  
 Benedictine University (IL)  
 Bethany Lutheran College  
 Bowling Green State University  
 Bradley University  
 Butler University  
 Carroll University  
 Carthage College  
 The Catholic University of America  
 Central Michigan University  
 University of Chicago  
 Clarke University  
 Clemson University  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 University of Colorado at Boulder  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia College Chicago  
 Concordia University Chicago  
 Concordia University Wisconsin  
 Cornell College  
 Creighton University  
 University of Dayton  
 Denison University  
 University of Denver  
 DePaul University  
 Dominican University  
 Drake University  
 Drexel University  
 University of Dubuque  
 College of DuPage  
 Duquesne University  
 Eastern Michigan University  
 Elmhurst College  
 Eureka College  
 Fashion Institute of Technology  
 Ferris State University  
 Florida SouthWestern State College  
 Florida State University  
 Fordham University  
 Franciscan University of Steubenville  
 Georgia Southern University  
 Grand Canyon University  
 Grand Valley State University  
 Grand View University  
 Heartland Community College  
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
 Hocking College  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 University of Illinois at Chicago  
 University of Illinois at Springfield  
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Illinois College  
 The Illinois Institute of Art  
 Illinois Institute of Technology  
 Illinois State University  
 Illinois Wesleyan University  
 Indiana Institute of Technology  
 Indiana University at Bloomington  
 Indiana University South Bend  
 Iowa State University  
 Iowa Western Community College  
 The University of Iowa  
 Ivy Tech Community College  
 Johnson County Community College  
 Joliet Junior College  
 Judson University  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Kansas State University  
 University of Kansas  
 University of Kentucky  
 Kirkwood Community College  
 Knox College  
 La Salle University  
 Lake Forest College  
 Lake Land College  
 Lander University  
 Lawrence University  
 Lewis University  
 Lincoln University  
 Lindenwood University  
 Loras College  
 University of Louisville  
 Loyola University Chicago  
 Manchester University  
 Marian University  
 Marquette University  
 Maryville University  
 Miami University, Oxford  
 University of Miami  
 Michigan State University  
 Michigan Technological University  
 University of Michigan  
 Millikin University  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 University of Mississippi  
 Missouri State University  
 Missouri University of Science and Technology  
 University of Missouri Columbia  
 Montana State University, Bozeman  
 Moraine Valley Community College  
 Mount Mercy University  
 Murray State University  
 University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
 New Mexico Military Institute  
 University of New Mexico  
 North Central College  
 University of North Dakota  
 Northeastern University  
 Northern Illinois University  
 Northern Michigan University  
 Northwestern Michigan College  
 Northwestern University  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Oakland University  
 Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences  
 Oklahoma State University  
 The University of Oklahoma

# 100%

of the Class of 2020  
 was accepted  
 into college

Olivet Nazarene University  
 Pittsburg State University  
 Purdue University  
 Purdue University Northwest  
 Quincy University  
 University of Redlands  
 Reed College  
 Robert Morris University Illinois  
 Roosevelt University  
 Rutgers University - New Brunswick  
 College of Saint Benedict  
 Saint John's University  
 (with College of Saint Benedict)  
 Saint Louis University  
 Saint Mary's College  
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
 Saint Xavier University  
 University of San Diego  
 South Dakota State University  
 Southeast Community College, Milford  
 Southeast Missouri State University  
 University of Southern California  
 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale  
 Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville  
 Southern Methodist University  
 St. Ambrose University  
 St. Catherine University - St. Paul  
 St. Edward's University  
 University of St. Francis  
 St. Louis College of Pharmacy  
 Stanford University  
 Stony Brook University  
 SUNY Fredonia  
 The University of Tampa  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 Texas A&M University  
 Texas Christian University  
 Texas Tech University  
 The Ohio State University  
 Trine University  
 Trinity University  
 Truman State University  
 United States Coast Guard Academy  
 Valparaiso University  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Villanova University  
 Walsh University  
 Webster University  
 Western Illinois University  
 Western Kentucky University  
 Western Michigan University  
 Wichita State University  
 William Woods University  
 University of Wisconsin, La Crosse  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison  
 University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
 University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
 University of Wisconsin, Platteville  
 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point  
 University of Wisconsin, Whitewater  
 Xavier University  
 Yale University