

PINE FORGE
ACADEMY



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excellence is no accident...



Heritage



ABOUT THE ACADEMY

Pine Forge Academy (PFA) is a co-educational, Christian high school for boarding and day students. Owned and operated by the Allegheny East Conference (AEC) of Seventh-day Adventists (SDA), PFA is a part of a global network of SDA schools, which includes nearly 150 countries, 85,000 teachers, 1.5 million students, and 7,500 schools around the world.

Located at 361 Pine Forge Road in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, the beautiful campus resides on a 575-acre property once owned by Thomas Rutter, an abolitionist iron miller—the property deeded to him by William Penn in the early 1700's. Several of the original buildings remain on the campus including the "Manor House" (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) in which it is said that George Washington once rested. During the closing days of slavery, these hallowed grounds were used as a terminal for the Underground Railroad.

The hope of a small entourage of faith-filled believers who dared to dream, the Academy was purchased in 1946 for \$46,000 from the family of Thomas Rutter. Then Pine Forge Institute, its doors opened to welcome a class of 90 students honored today as "The Pioneers." Today, PFA hosts 123 students and looks forward to welcoming more. The campus includes two (2) academic buildings, Wagner, and North Halls; two (2) dormitories, Kimbrough (female) and Handy (male) Halls; and a STEM Laboratory trailer nestled between Handy Hall and the gymnasium.

Envisioned as a place where Black students could attend high school safely without the racial issues that plagued the South at the time, PFA was 1 of 100 boarding schools established. Now only 1 of 4 remaining, PFA is proud of its existence as the only historically Black, boarding academy of its kind serving grades nine through twelve in the nation.

WE LOVE so that all students can form a personal relationship with Christ.

WE TEACH so that every student can attend the college or university of their dreams.

WE MODEL servant leadership so all students can be leaders in their homes, faith, and community.

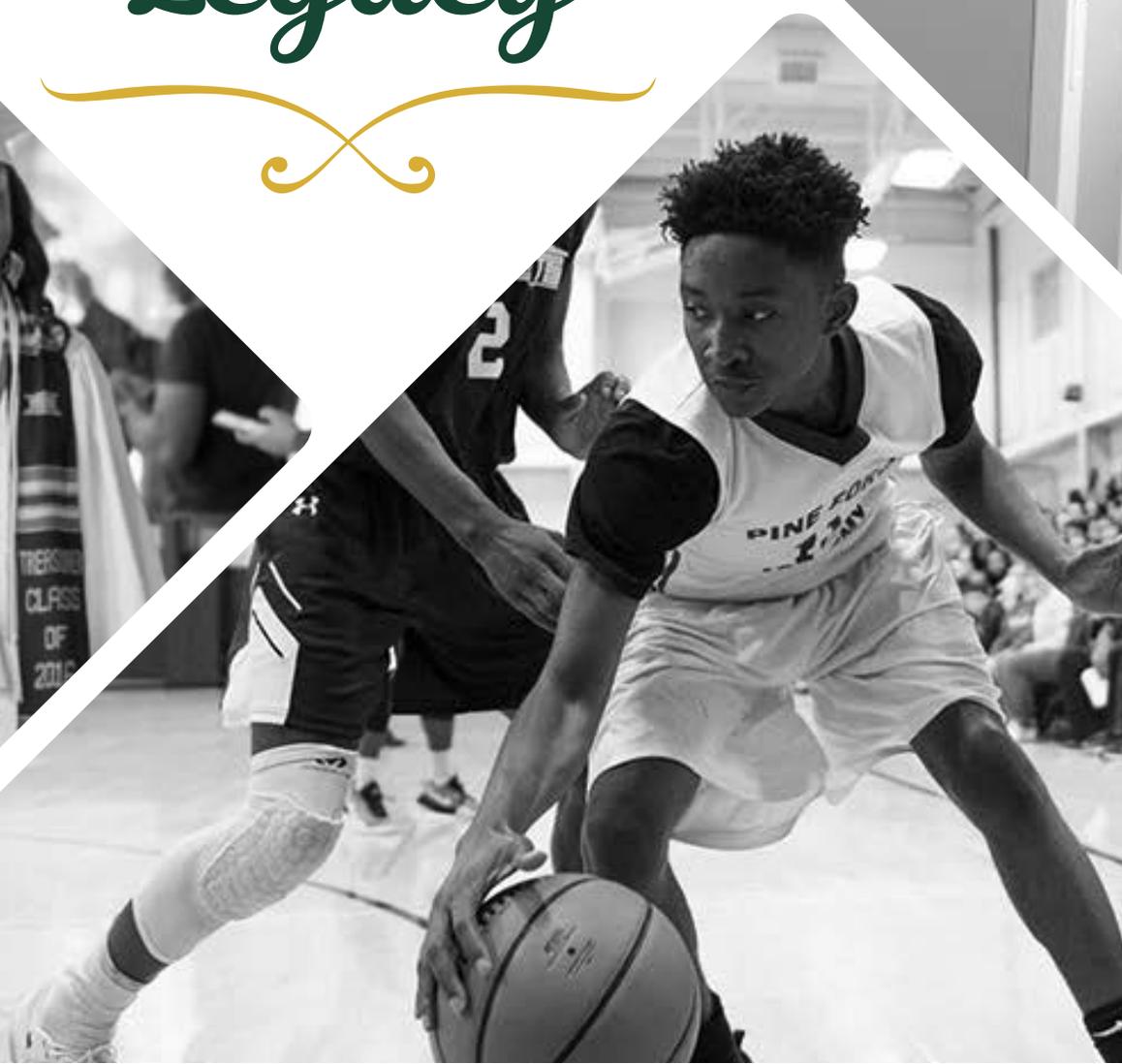
WE HONOR and embrace our heritage so that we can remember the past, excel in the present, and lay the foundation for the future.

WE CARE for our body, mind, and spirit to serve others.





Legacy



STUDENT PROFILE

The Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, and staff members deem it a privilege to serve its students in an effort to meet their educational needs, inspire them to develop their talent(s), and to teach and encourage them to pursue high academic standards. Building character, being spiritually enriched, and realizing their full potential are critical aspects of the PFA student's experience.

The student population includes those who reside within the state of Pennsylvania and throughout the Northeast region. The out-of-state student population includes those enrolled from as far west as California and as far south as Florida. Internationally, some of the Academy's students call Canada and the Bahamas home.

PFA is proud of the academic performance of its students. Though small in size, the Academy's academics are boosted by an inherent cultural commitment to preparing young people to be Christ-centered servant leaders upon graduation.

Recently, the Academy celebrated the 40 graduates of the Mellifluous Class of 2022. By graduation, these students had earned offers of admission from 65 different colleges and universities across the nation including, Syracuse, Villanova, Dartmouth, NYU, The Ohio State, Drexel, Purdue, Penn State, Temple, University of Michigan and more. Spelman, Howard, Xavier, Hampton, Morehouse, and North Carolina A&T are just a few of the 21 HBCUs that also offered admission to our students. Aggregately, \$2 million in scholarship offers was awarded to this impressive group of young scholars.

- **100% of PFA seniors persist to graduation and of those graduates**
- **100% are admitted into one or more colleges/universities of their choice annually**
- **67% of students are on Honor Roll**



ALUMNI PROFILE

PFA is proud of the successes of its alumni and their commitment to continue supporting their beloved alma mater. They give of their time, talents, and treasures to ensure that the great heritage and legacy of the Academy continues to thrive and transform young lives. PFA alumni are teachers, lawyers, judges, police officers, actors, musicians, doctors and more. Just to name a few notable ones, Rear Admiral Barry C. Black (Ret.), 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate, actor, singer, songwriter, minister, and author, Clifton D. Davis, the 97th Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, the Honorable John F. Street, Joel Kibble of Take 6 fame and award-winning producer, singer and songwriter, John Stoddart all hail from Pine Forge Academy.

The National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Association (NPFAAA) supports the Academy by hosting targeted fundraising initiatives (i.e., Alumni Weekend Challenges, Class Competitions, Facebook Campaigns, etc.) that benefit scholarships, equipment, and improvements to the facilities on campus. Individual donors, the majority of which are alumni, donated \$288,616.38 in 2021 towards scholarships, in addition to targeted gifts from NPFAAA to support the Academy's capital needs. Thanks to the generous donations of many alumni, within the last three (3) years PFA has:

- Enjoyed breathing freely and safely thanks to the new ventilation system installed campus wide during the pandemic,
- During the pandemic, established a COVID-19 PCR Testing Clinic with a Cepheid GeneXpert Xpress system on campus (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment waived)
- Used new speakers/PA system to enhance campus programs and activities,
- Plans to play the new electric baby grand piano in the chapel of Handy Hall during worship services,
- Plans to brand a new 25 passenger van that, as a result, will advertise the Academy wherever it goes,
- Repaved the basketball court for Handy Hall and added new hoops and workout equipment,
- Remodeled the kitchen in Handy Hall,
- Installed a new basketball and volleyball court behind Kimbrough Hall,
- Upgraded all recreation areas to include new workout equipment and entertainment systems,
- Renovated the Biology and Chemistry laboratories,
- Installed new computers in the Computer Lab in Wagner Hall, and
- Installed a new roof on both Kimbrough and Handy Hall.



Programs



PROGRAMS

The Academy is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and it is also accredited by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventists Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

PFA offers a competitive academic and co-curricular learning environment for its students. Students who complete their scholastic career at PFA have successfully matriculated through a rigorous program of study. By commencement, they have enjoyed a holistic academic experience that has included an emphasis on their mental, physical, and spiritual development and well-being. Graduates of PFA are prepared to be leaders-- ready to go forth in service to God and mankind; ready to make their mark on the world!



PFA offers advanced courses in Mathematics, Science, Language Arts, History, Fine Arts, and Foreign Language (i.e., Spanish). Extracurricular activities include clubs (i.e., Chess, Debate, Poetry, Directing, Art, and Coding), Accounting Minority Introduction to Health Sciences (MITHS)—an articulation agreement with Loma Linda University, Physics, Website Design, College Prep courses, and Prep Classes for the PSAT, SAT, and ACT. This year, the Campus Beautification Club was added because several students banded together and volunteered to lead their peers in a commitment to take care of the campus and their environment.



Over the summer of 2022, the Academy intentionally revamped its curriculum to include a co-curricular Professional Development Program designed to address the professional dreams and aspirations of our students. In addition to their traditional academic experience, Aviation, Pharmacy Technician, Physical Therapy, and Nursing career tracks that students may now pursue and earn certifications. The ability to provide certifications in Culinary Arts, Agriculture, and Medicine are also being explored. Leadership development will also be infused throughout the program.

CO-CURRICULAR LIFE AT PFA

Students at PFA get involved in all sorts of activities. Most enjoy music and sports programs. A member of the Penn/Jersey League, the Academy coordinates opportunities for its students to participate in seasonal athletic programs like co-ed cross-country, track and field, co-ed soccer, co-ed varsity and junior varsity basketball, volleyball, and badminton. The Academy has a desire to grow its athletic program to include (but not limited to) baseball, tennis, and golf.

Many of our students are also involved with student government or community service projects. Students at PFA are active and talented, so there is no shortage of athletes, musicians, artists, and leaders on the campus.

Students attend and sometimes host spiritual activities such as “Singspiration”, Weeks of Prayer, Bible Study sessions, the “Praise Café”, weekly Prayer Meeting, the “Friday Night Forum”, and weekly recognition of the 7th day Sabbath that includes a variety of worship services on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

PFA enjoys special annual events that are steeped in tradition like Senior Presentations--when each senior class unveils its “name” and class sweater. Another beloved tradition is “Campus Families” – when upper-classmen adopt freshmen and sophomores to be their “children”—an informal peer-to-peer mentoring custom that organically evolved among the student body to support each other away from home. “Campus Moms and Dads” provide emotional and spiritual support while fostering life-long bonds and precious memories. Handy Hall or Kimbrough Hall Weekends, Alumni Weekend, and Founders Day are just a few other traditional events that the Academy and alumni enjoy.





FACULTY

The Academy believes that every student comes bearing gifts and extraordinary talents. PFA applies a simple formula to cultivate and harvest these gifts and talents to ensure their fruitfulness —rigorous academic preparation infused with character-building education, supported by dream-driven college to career preparation and advisement. The successful results must be attributed to the dedicated, passionate teachers and staff that engage the students each day.

- **86% have a master's degree**
- **All are certified by the North American Division (NAD) and General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist churches**
- **50% represent "Legacy Families" – they attended, and/or their child(ren), parent(s), and/or sibling(s) also attended**



H. Clifford Reynolds III
Headmaster/Principal

Thank you



IMPACT OF SUPPORT

Daily the leadership, teachers, and staff at Pine Forge Academy make every effort to provide a flagship educational and co-curricular experience for their students. However, beyond its competitive academic offerings, PFA desires to offer state-of-the-art spaces for its students to learn, sleep, and play; progressive, innovative living, learning, and lounging areas that rival its competitors and piques the interests of potential parents, students, and staff.

The female dormitory, Kimbrough Hall, was built and designed in 1963 and the male dormitory, Handy Hall, was built in 1973. As you can imagine, over the years our buildings have depreciated. The Academy has plans to upgrade, renovate and expand its facilities to offer a more inviting, contemporary experience for its students, faculty and staff.

Your support will assist the Academy in making the substantial improvements crucial to honoring its commitment to providing a quality education in a comfortable, and safe environment. Tuition covers 77% of the Pine Forge Academy operating budget. Gifts like yours help us cover the rest.

Thank you for considering Pine Forge Academy. By supporting its rich history, relevant existence, and on-going legacy you will actively partner in the amazing work of transforming young people into independent thinkers, empowered to compete and succeed in all areas of society.