

ASP

Advanced Studies Program



ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL
2021|64TH SESSION

Could this be the opportunity you've been looking for?



Welcoming. Eye-opening. Transformative.

Since 1957, talented and engaged rising seniors from around New Hampshire have come together for the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's School, a unique, immersive, and transformative program for public and parochial high school students that is equal parts academic exploration, college preparation, and summer fun.

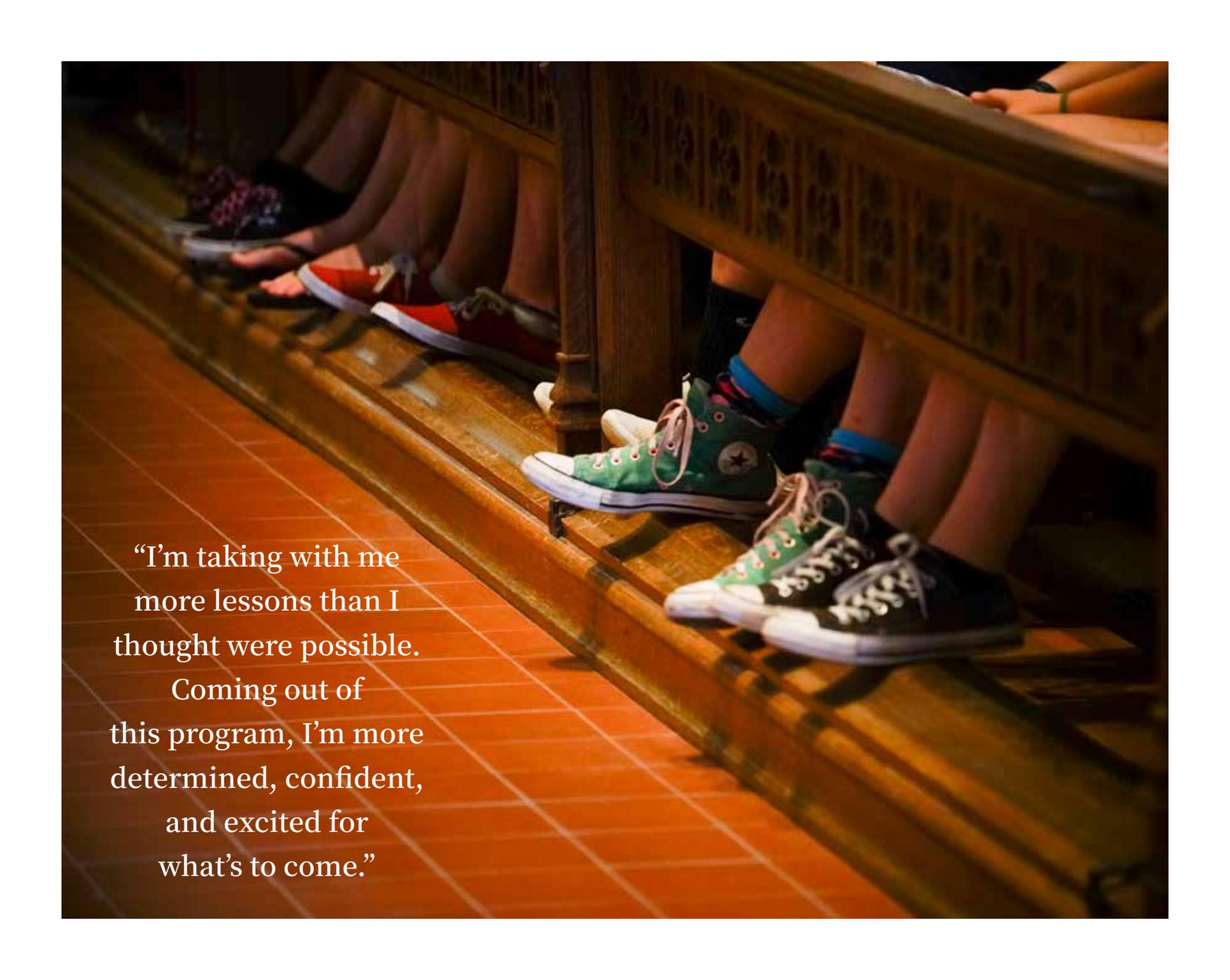
The ASP is about diving deep into thought-provoking classes in which you encounter real-world problems and relevant ideas. It is a fully-residential program that is about developing friendships with peers from across the state, being exposed to new activities and new career paths. It is about getting a jump start that will leave you feeling confident about the college application process.

In today's social, political, and environmental climate, New Hampshire - and the world - needs curious minds, big thinkers, and active citizens. What inspires you? Whether it is Artificial Intelligence, Entrepreneurship, Law and Governance, or Shakespeare, the ASP offers you a unique opportunity. It will be a summer to remember, a summer that just might change your life.

I know that what you will find in these pages will pique your interest and I encourage you to visit our website to learn more. I look forward to hearing any questions you may have - and to reading your application.

Sincerely,

Alisa H. Barnard
Alisa H. Barnard, Director

A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of several people sitting on wooden pews in a church. The pews are made of dark wood with decorative carvings. The floor is made of reddish-brown square tiles. In the foreground, a person is wearing bright green Converse sneakers with white laces and white soles. Next to them, another person is wearing black Converse sneakers with white laces and white soles. Further back, other people are wearing various styles of shoes, including red sneakers and sandals. The lighting is warm and focused on the feet.

“I’m taking with me
more lessons than I
thought were possible.

Coming out of
this program, I’m more
determined, confident,
and excited for
what’s to come.”

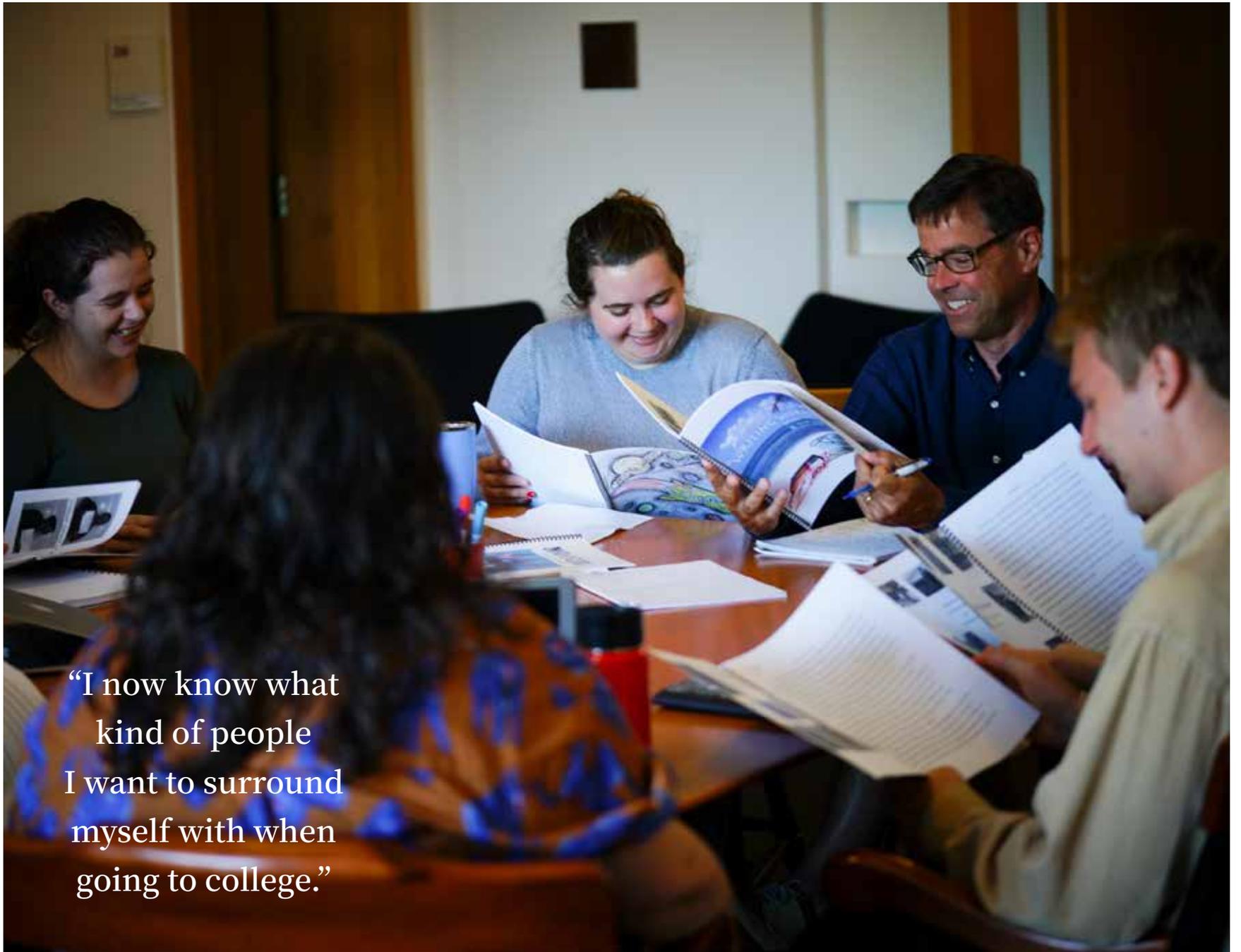


Your days are busy, rewarding, and fun.

Gather with the full community in the School's stunning Chapel where you will start your days with a nondenominational program featuring inspiring presentations, provocative guest speakers, music, and laughter. Then it's off to class, and a morning immersed in conversation, field trips, lab work, studio work, or rehearsal with remarkable faculty and a cohort of enthusiastic peers.

For your afternoon's "Rec" experience, choose from a variety of activities from strenuous, competitive soccer to quiet, contemplative yoga. Run cross country or hone your rowing skills as you set off from the boat docks on Turkey Pond. Rec allows you to discover new talents, develop current abilities, and create a deeper sense of community by allowing interaction with people beyond those in your classes or dorm.

After dinner, coffee houses, theatre performances and study hall run until 10 p.m. before you return to your dorm for the traditional ASP inter-dorm pizza feed and serenade, or to simply hang out with friends. With the exception of Saturdays, all students are in their rooms at 10:45 p.m., with lights-out at 11:30 p.m.



“I now know what
kind of people
I want to surround
myself with when
going to college.”



Daily Schedule

- 7:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. Chapel (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
- 8:45 a.m. Classes (except Sunday)
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. Recreation program
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Study hours
(except Saturday)
- 10:00 p.m. Dorm check-in
(except Saturday)
- 10:45 p.m. In rooms
(except Saturday)
- 11:30 p.m. Lights-out
(except Saturday)



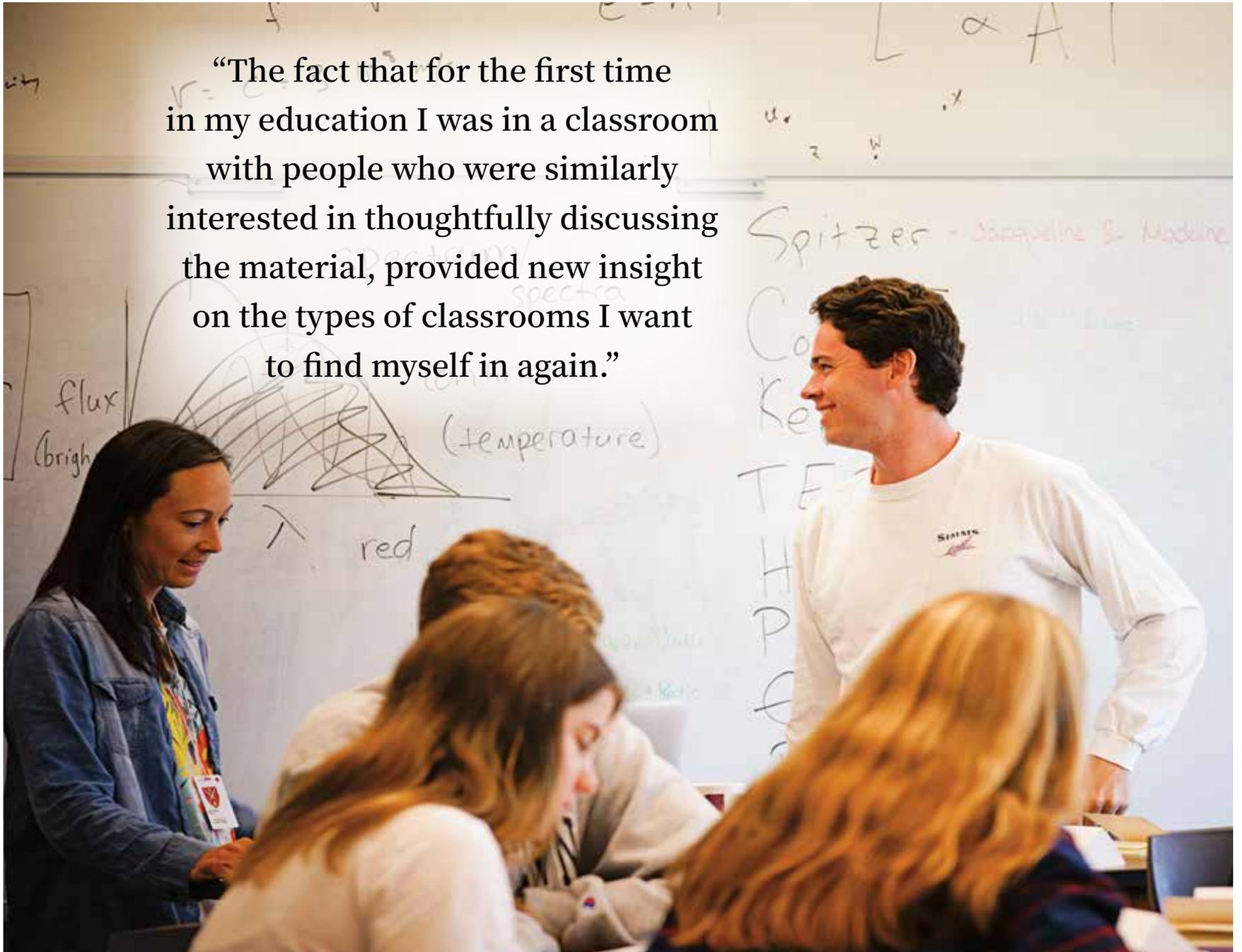
Join a community of engaged learners.

More than just summer school, the ASP is an academic experience that cannot be found anywhere else. As our schedule allows for a level of focus not possible during the busy school year, the material, pace and depth of study are collegiate. As it has for many before you, the ASP may provide your first experience of a learning environment in which academic inquiry is of central importance. To further emphasize authentic learning and to support intellectual risk-taking, your courses are ungraded – but you will get a lot of feedback.

Major Course

In the elective major course that is the cornerstone of your ASP experience, explore beyond your comfort zone or take a deep dive into a discipline of interest. The work you begin in the classroom will extend into nightly study groups, field trips, observatory or laboratory work, or performances with your classmates. Your experience in your major course will be intellectually rigorous, engaging, collaborative and rewarding. For some, the major course is an opportunity to investigate a new field of interest; other ASP graduates credit their major course with leading them to their career path.

“The fact that for the first time in my education I was in a classroom with people who were similarly interested in thoughtfully discussing the material, provided new insight on the types of classrooms I want to find myself in again.”





Recent Major Courses

- Ancient Greece
- Artificial Intelligence
- Astronomy
- Biomedical Ethics
- Changing the World
- Data Driven
- Ecology
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Forbidden Fictions
- Law and Governance
- Marine Biology
- Mass Media
- Molecular Biology
- The Quest
- Shakespeare for Performance
- Studio Arts
- Sustenance and Sustainability
- World Religions

“In only a short amount of time, I feel I have learned more in this program than I could have learned in a semester at school.”



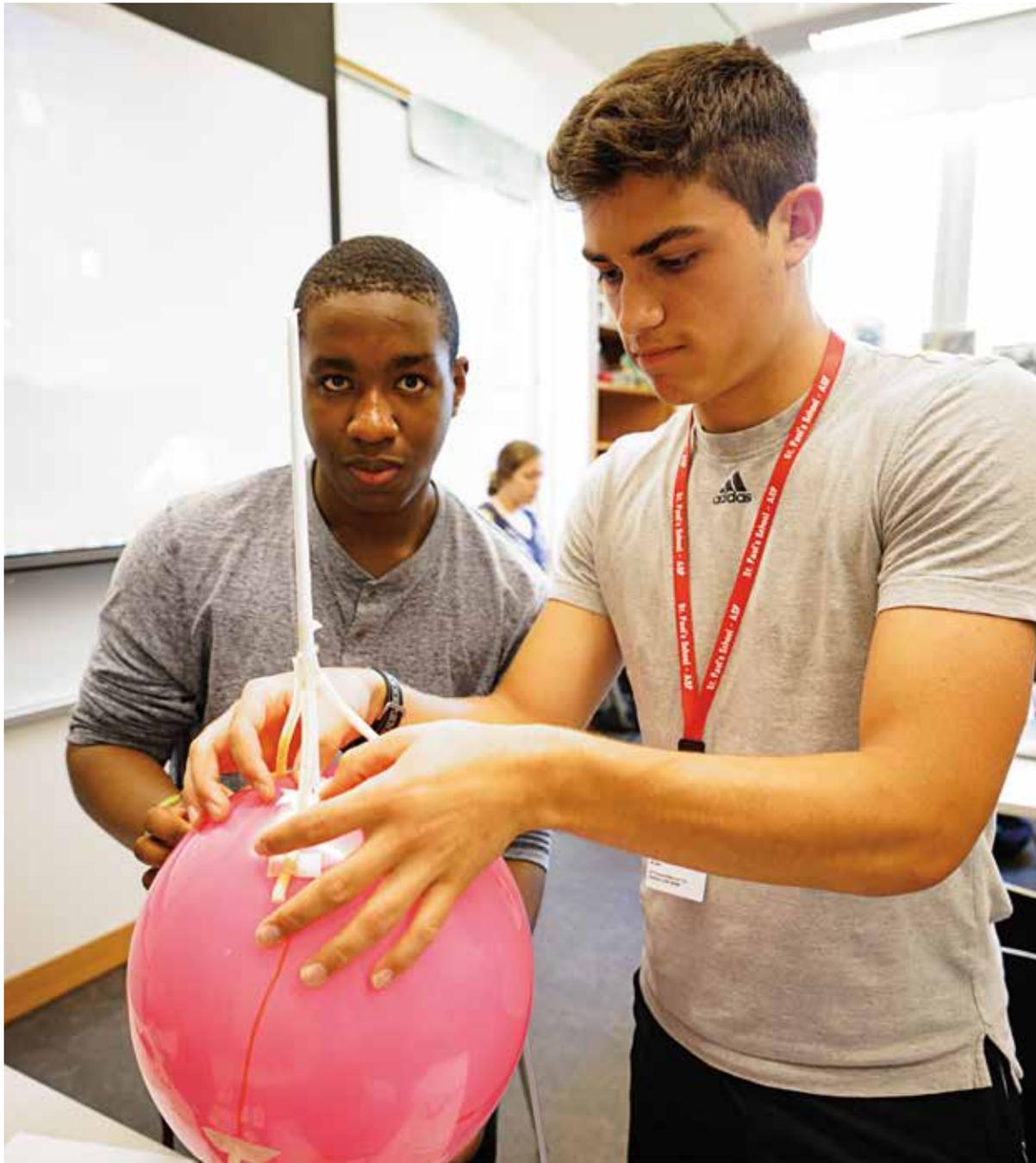


Develop your voice. Hone your writing skills. Tackle the college essay.

Meeting three times a week for all students, the required Writing Workshop provides a unique opportunity to grow as a writer, as you work through the writing process individually, with instructors, and with your peers. With an emphasis on the personal essay, this workshop not only provides opportunities for both creative self-expression and rigorous critical thinking, but also a set of skills and ideas to draw upon in the college application process.



“I grew so much as a writer
and now look at the essay process
as something to be excited about
rather than nervous about.
Thanks to the ASP I am beyond
prepared for what is to come.”



“The program
100 percent helped
me with my
college start.
I feel more
confident and
ahead of the game!”

“The ASP gave me a whole new perspective around the college application process, especially during this confusing time for both applicants and admissions.”





“The ASP
allowed me
to develop
my own voice.”



ASP tuition is all-inclusive, covering instruction, book and course fees, housing, and meals.

Applying is easy and free

No one should be deterred by financial limitations from applying for admission! The ASP works to meet demonstrated need for all who qualify through our need-based financial aid system, and we are proud to offer aid to nearly half of the student body each year.

Complete an application today

The Advanced Studies Program is an exciting learning environment that draws rising high school seniors from across the state of New Hampshire. The 2019 class included 242 students from 73 high schools. All dedicated and motivated learners are invited to apply. In addition to reading the catalogue, talking to alumni, and visiting our website, we encourage all potential applicants and their families to attend an ASP information session. Please see the schedule at sps.edu/summer-studies/applying.

Components to the application include student essays, a parent/guardian questionnaire, three recommendations, and a high school transcript.

Complete an application online.

The application is easy to fill out, and there is no fee to apply.

See our website: sps.edu/summer-studies/applying.



A summer that just might change your life. Take the first step.



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