

Waldorf High School Graduates from New High Schools
(Update to Fact Sheet based on AWSNA and
Waldorf Research Institute Data)

Earlier the Research Institute for Waldorf Education reported that Waldorf high school graduates are accepted at an enormous range of colleges and universities, including the top schools in North America. The Research Institute studied graduates from the 27 Waldorf schools in the U.S. and Canada that graduated classes between 1995- 2004.¹ The Research Institute concluded that age of the school did not impact acceptances, that is, pioneering class graduates were getting accepted to the same and even more colleges as graduates of older, more established Waldorf schools.

New research from the six newest Waldorf high schools with graduating classes in the last two years confirms that Waldorf graduates from new schools continue to be accepted at an enormous range of colleges, including the top schools in the U.S., and schools reflecting a broad range of size, type and geographic diversity. The new Waldorf High Schools in the U.S. that graduated their first classes in 2005 or 2006 produced graduates accepted at 103 different colleges and universities. Graduates of these new schools were accepted at top schools, including Stanford, University of California at Berkeley and Santa Barbara, Amherst College, Mount Holyoke College, Brandeis University, Smith College and the University of Michigan. Graduates of the new schools were also accepted at the top ten favorite schools for Waldorf graduates in the earlier Research Institute Study, including Oberlin College, Bard College, Lewis and Clark College, Earlham College, Sarah Lawrence College and Skidmore College. Graduates from the newest schools were also accepted at 18 new schools not included within the 717 institutions accepting Waldorf grads from the earlier study. As noted in the earlier study, this may reflect the growing number of Waldorf schools and their location around the country, as well as colleges' increasing experience with Waldorf graduates.

Specific data for the six newest Waldorf schools with graduating classes is included below.

- 1) Santa Fe Waldorf High School: Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Last year (2005) was the first graduating class of four students. One graduate attended Smith College, one attended community college in Santa Fe, and two students took a year off to make money in Santa Fe. Next year one of those students is going to the Rhode Island School of Design, and the other is going to the Savannah School of Art and Design in Georgia.

¹ See the earlier Waldorf High Graduates Fact Sheet based on the AWSNA web site and the Research Institute article at <http://www.waldorfresearchinstitute.org/waldorfed.html>.

This year's 2006 graduating class included nine graduates. They were accepted at the following colleges: Stanford University (2), Princeton University (waitlist), Amherst College, Bard College, Bryn Mawr College, Carleton College, College of Santa Fe (5), Colorado College, Evergreen State College (2), Eugene Lang College for Liberal Arts (2), Haverford College, Lewis & Clark College (2), Macalester College, Middlebury College, Mills College, Mount Holyoke College, New Mexico Highlands University, Oberlin College (2), Santa Clara University (waitlist), Sarah Lawrence College, Skidmore College, Smith College, University of Michigan, University of New Mexico (3), University of Oklahoma, Wellesley College and Willamette University.

2) Lake Champlain Waldorf School: Lake Champlain, Vermont
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Last year (2005) was the first graduating class of nine students. Graduates were accepted at: College of the Atlantic, Mount Holyoke College, Vassar College, Skidmore College, Univ. of Maine, Drexel University, Univ. of Vermont, Kenyon College, Bard College, New England College, Wittenberg University, Eckerd College, University of Rhode Island, Franklin Pierce College, Marist College, Franklin & Marshall College, Middlebury College, Colby College, Wheaton College, Syracuse University, Lewis & Clark College, Wesleyan University and Colby-Sawyer College. Eight graduates chose to attend the first eight colleges listed, and one graduate chose to do independent study next year.

This year, the 2006 graduating class includes two students, who are attending La Salle University and Bowdoin College next year.

3) Academe of the Oaks: Decatur, Ga.
(404) 405-2173 mhall@academeatlanta.org (M. Hall)

This year (2006) is the first graduating class of nine students. Six of the nine were accepted by the following colleges: Boston University, Emory at Oxford, Hampton Sydney, Auburn University, Bard College, Bennington College, College of Charleston, Goucher College, Lesley University, American University, Drew University, Indiana University Bloomington, Lynchburg College, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Marlboro College, Skidmore College, Warren Wilson College, Catawba College, Georgia State College, Georgia College, Univ. of North Carolina, New College of Florida, Georgia State Univ, Massachusetts Maritime Academy and the University of Alabama. Six graduates are attending the first six colleges listed above next year. Three graduates are taking a year off to work and travel.

4) Emerson Waldorf School: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
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This year (2006) was the first graduating class of fourteen students. Graduates were accepted at: Guilford College (2), University of North Carolina (4), Green Mountain College, Wesleyan University, Antioch College, The Art Institute of Chicago, Warren Wilson College (2), Johnson And Wales Culinary University, Virginia Intermont Equestrian College, Emory and Henry College, Mount Holyoke College, Brandeis University, Pembroke College, The Culinary Institute of America and Paul Smith's College. Thirteen graduates are attending the first nine schools listed above next year. One graduate is taking time off to travel in Brazil and India next year.

5) Great Barrington Waldorf High School: Great Barrington, Massachusetts
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This year (2006) is the first graduating class of seven students. Students were accepted by the following colleges: Skidmore College, UC Santa Barbara, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of British Columbia, Occidental College, Bard College, Clark University, Ithaca College (2), Reed College (wait list), SUNY Purchase (2), UC Berkeley, UMass Amherst, and UMass Framingham. Four of the graduates will attend the first four colleges listed next year. One graduate will travel and work in Europe next year with the Center for Interim Programs. One graduate will spend the next few years pursuing a modeling career with the Image Talent and Modeling Agency.

6) Hartsbrook School: Hadley, Massachusetts
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This year (2006) is the first graduating class of fifteen students. Graduates were accepted at: Bennington College, Belmont Abbey College, Clark University, Green Mountain College, Haverford College, Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, Oberlin College (2), Pratt Institute, St. John's College, Salve Regina University, Smith College, Tufts University, Wheaton College, Barton College, Becker College, Boston College, Drexel University, Earlham College, Emmanuel College, Kalamazoo College, Providence College, Roger Williams College, University of Hartford, University of Massachusetts, University of Vermont and Williams College. Fourteen graduates will attend the first thirteen colleges listed next year, while one graduate will take a year off to travel and work.