

# WILSON INTERNATIONAL DORMITORY

*Your address for exploration*

Roanoke Catholic School is located in downtown Roanoke within walking distance of the Wilson International dormitory and all of the city's remarkable amenities.



Currently home to students from six different countries, Wilson provides robust boarding and residential life programs for our international students. Historically renovated learning lofts accommodate three students each and include a living

area, private bathroom, and shared bedroom with ample storage.

- ESL partnerships help students pre- and post-arrival to U.S.
- Access to Scott Dreyer online services, which provide immersive cultural education for international students



- High speed fiber-optic internet connectivity
- On-site laundry facility, common areas with gaming station
- Private study room equipped with collaborative technology
- 24-hour security with key-card entry
- Formal dining hall and commercial kitchen



## ABOUT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Located in the heart of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains about 250 miles southwest of Washington, D.C., the Roanoke Valley is home to over 325,000 people and ranks among the most prized small cities in the U.S.

Nearby arts and performance venues include the architecturally stunning Taubman Museum of Art, the historic Jefferson Center, and Mill Mountain Theatre located in Center in the Square, which also houses a planetarium and a number of museums.

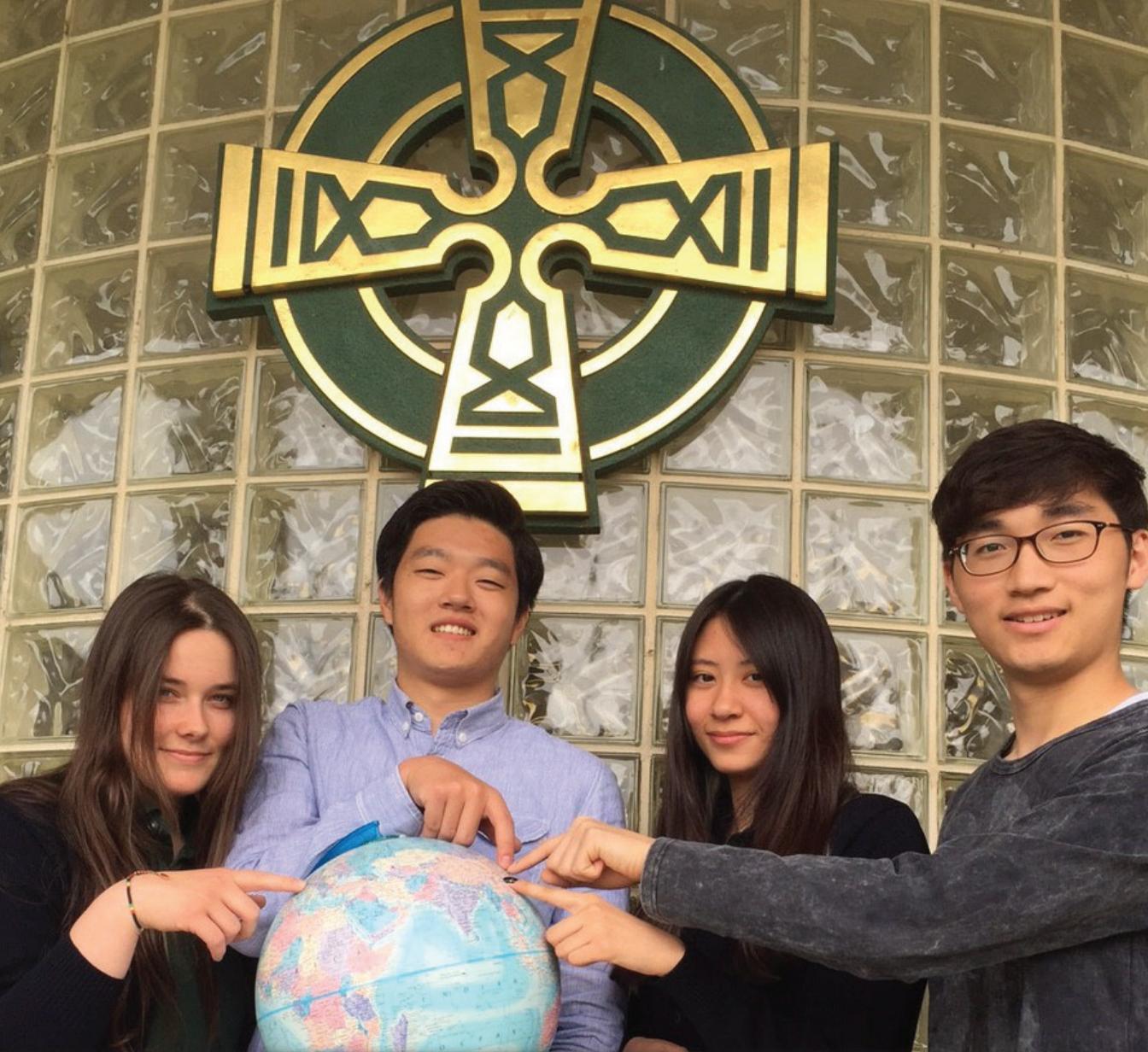
A new Amtrak train station provides direct passenger rail service to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and points in between. Roanoke Valley Greenways allow for running, cycling and hiking, and connect to the adjacent Appalachian Trail with its nearby McAfee Knob, one the area's most spectacular and iconic vistas. And just a block from Wilson Dorm is Elmwood Park, with seasonal festivals, ice skating during the holidays, and an outdoor amphitheater for regular live concerts.





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# ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Welcomes students from around the world*

Blending learning with *faith* ...  
and *faith* with daily life.

# from our *Head of school*

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO  
ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL.



We are honored that you are considering us since it is our mission to be “catholic” in the word’s original meaning — “universal” and open to families from around the world who desire a moral environment in which their children can learn and grow.

We recognize the significant investment that families make to send their children to Roanoke Catholic School, which is why we work just as hard to provide the most value for that investment.

We are proud to note that our graduates have a 100 percent college acceptance rate and earn on average more than \$3 million per year in college scholarships.



Furthermore, through our dual-enrollment and Advanced Placement courses, our students have the potential to earn as many as 24 college credits — or a full year’s worth of college — while still at Roanoke Catholic.

Academic achievement — together with athletic, artistic, leadership and service opportunities — define the Roanoke Catholic School experience, making us an investment that pays for itself again and again. Please know that, here in our 128th year, we are more dedicated than ever in our mission to develop the whole student, blending learning with faith and faith with daily life.

*With God’s blessings,*

**PATRICK PATTERSON,**  
Principal and Head of School



## SCHOOL PROFILE

Established in 1889, Roanoke Catholic School is a PreK - Grade 12 college preparatory school composed of young men and women from varied socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds who reflect the diversity of our world.

- 485 students for 2017-18
- 196 students in Upper School (Grades 8-12)
- 15:1 student-to-teacher ratio
- 100% college placement
- \$3+ million in college scholarships per year
- All teachers hold valid Virginia certification

### *More than a school ...* a community of learning and faith

Our mission is to educate the whole person, “blending learning with faith and faith with daily life.” It is a message that has obviously resonated with families throughout our region as we witnessed a nearly 10 percent increase in enrollment for 2017-18.

Our international program has likewise surged, giving rise to our new International Club, which:

- Mentors new international students.
- Provides a place for international students to share their culture.
- Allows domestic students to gain a broader view of the world.

We cultivate leadership through a host of student-run activities, while seniors are required to complete a research project that combines a formal paper and speech to the school community.

Outside the classroom, more than 80 percent of our upper school students participate on our sports teams, which annually compete for Virginia’s highest honors.

To enhance our strong athletics department and our growing fine arts programs, we are drafting plans for a new multi-million dollar athletics complex and performing arts center.

# Roanoke Catholic School

## ACADEMICS

### AP COURSES\*

Biology  
Chemistry  
English Composition  
English Language  
Physics  
US History



### DUAL ENROLLMENT\*

Engineering  
English Language  
English Literature  
Government  
Spanish  
US History

## OTHER ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

3-D Printing & Engineering  
National Parks Experience  
Visual Arts Elective, Yearbook & Newspaper Staff  
New Commercial Wireless Network and Chromebooks  
Career Studies Certificate in Engineering

*\* RCS students can earn up to one year of college credit through our AP and dual enrollment classes.*

## ATHLETICS

### BOYS

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Lacrosse  
Outdoor Track  
Swimming  
Wrestling

### GIRLS

Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Golf  
Outdoor Track  
Soccer  
Swimming  
Volleyball



## LEADERSHIP

Key Club  
National Honor Society  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
ProLife Club  
Red Cross Club  
Rosary Club  
Student Government Association  
International Club

## FINE ARTS

Celtic Singers Choir  
Drama Club  
RCS Band

*Arts programs collaborate on annual Christmas program. Drama Club produces a major spring musical. Choir and band compete in "Music in the Parks" spring festival in Williamsburg, Va.*

## *Some of the universities attended by recent graduates*

AUBURN UNIVERSITY • CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY • CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA  
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK • COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY • CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY • GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY • GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY • JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY • NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY • PARSONS THE NEW SCHOOL FOR DESIGN • RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE U.S.  
AIR FORCE ACADEMY • U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT • UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS • UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY • UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND • UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL • UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA • UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME • UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA • UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA • UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH • UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND  
UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO • UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA • UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE  
UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC • UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA • VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY  
VIRGINIA TECH • WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY • XAVIER UNIVERSITY

## NORA HUANG, '18 | *Her story*



Nora Huang, (pictured center) embarked on her journey to study abroad in the U.S. a few years ago when her cousin told her about Roanoke Catholic School.

A native of China, Nora realized studying abroad would give her an opportunity to learn more about the world outside of her country's norms and culture, and expand her horizons socially and academically. She also wanted to experience independence from her immediate family.

When she first arrived to Roanoke, she struggled with the language and acclimation to the culture, but with help from friends and faculty she was able to overcome those challenges. Nora participates in the International Club and Yearbook staff.

Her favorite thing about Roanoke Catholic is the people: "People here are all very kind to everyone," which creates a welcoming community to study and grow in. She also likes the uniforms, which she believes brings all students together and she doesn't need to worry about what to wear to school everyday!

As she finishes her senior year, she plans to apply to college in the U.S. to study psychology or communication studies. Her motivation for a humanities degree stems from Catholic life where they focused on the relationship between people. She feels beyond ready for her next academic adventure and can't wait for graduation day.

## THEA CHEN, '17 | *Freshman, College of William and Mary*



"I came to Roanoke Catholic in 2014 and one of the things that influenced me most was the community service culture," says Thea. In summer 2016, she created a service group called the Heart by Heart Volunteer Association in China in order to help people in need, visit nursing homes and volunteer at the city library.

At Roanoke Catholic, she was also involved in the Key Club and International Club. "As an international student, I understand how hard and hopeless one may feel when he or she first enters a different country. The international club didn't exist when I first came here, and I'm glad that it now can help so many international students get involved in activities and get used to the new environment faster."

Thea graduated in June 2017 as the class valedictorian and is now in her first year at the College of William & Mary.

*"I had a great experience at Roanoke Catholic. It is a warm community where students and faculty connect closely. There's always someone to help you whenever you encounter any trouble. I met great friends and I'm happy that I chose Roanoke Catholic."*

## MEET EMMA KAUFFMAN

### *Roanoke Catholic School International Coordinator*

In 2017 Roanoke Catholic gained a new staff member, Emma Kauffman. As the International Coordinator, Emma provides extra academic and social support to our international students.

With her knowledge of the Student Exchange Visitors Program (SEVP), she is able to advise students about their visa and make sure they stay compliant with Homeland Security. She also manages international student programming by leading the International Club and providing help after school. The club provides a place for new students to have mentors help them acclimate to life in the U.S., along with providing a place where students can share about their culture.

Emma's door is always open for students who might need extra help in class, someone to talk to about social challenges, or help with college applications. If students need services that Emma can't provide, she will connect them with someone who can help. Rest assured that your child will be cared for at Roanoke Catholic School.

