



Columbia Academy
VANCOUVER, CANADA



Columbia Academy is the only independent K-12 school in downtown Vancouver

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Principal's Message

We are a student-centered international private school located in the prime downtown area of Vancouver, Canada, enjoying an exceptional and highly advantageous location.

As the only K-12 integrated school in downtown Vancouver, we operate two campuses to provide a high-quality learning environment for students of different age groups. Our elementary campus is located next to BC Place, while our high school campus is just a 2-minute walk from Waterfront SkyTrain Station, offering convenient access in the heart of the city.



The campus is located beside the scenic Seawall and the world-famous Stanley Park, where learning is closely connected with a natural environment. Students also enjoy convenient access to key downtown resources, including the Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver Public Library, and various theatres, enriching their academic and personal growth. We welcome students from Canada and around the world to join our diverse and inclusive international community.

Our philosophy is “Happy Learning, Healthy Growth, and Successful Admission to Top Universities Worldwide.” We support students not only in academic achievement, but also in developing communication skills, respect for others, and strong character built on integrity, gratitude, and responsibility. We are committed to nurturing well-rounded future leaders with balanced IQ, EQ, and AQ.

We offer a K-12 program designed to prepare students for top universities worldwide. With experienced teachers, modern facilities, and small class sizes, we provide a supportive and effective learning environment. We focus on holistic development through academics, competitions, volunteer work, and charity activities, while also offering systematic university counselling to help students identify strengths and achieve their goals.

On behalf of Columbia Academy (CA), we warmly welcome you to our school community. With dedication and proper planning, admission to top universities is within reach—our graduates have already proven it, and so can you.

Matthew Pellarin
M.Ed., B.A.
Principal, Columbia Academy



About Us

Columbia Academy (CA) is the only Ministry-approved licensed K-12 school in downtown Vancouver offering a BC Ministry of Education-certified curriculum.

CA is academically focused while also emphasizing charitable volunteer service, academic competitions, and extracurricular activities. Our vision is to provide an immersive learning experience. The school values academics, competitions, volunteering, and philanthropy, while fostering students' all-round development in social, emotional, intellectual, artistic, physical, and civic responsibility, preparing them to become future global leaders.

Why Choose CA?

- **Achievements:** 100% university acceptance, 90% in QS top 50 universities Award-winning scholars yearly.
- **National Math Contests:** Consistent top 5 rankings in BC.
- **Five Core Pillars:** Academics, Volunteering, Charity, Competitions, Clubs.
- **Holistic Growth:** 40+ charity, performance, and volunteer events yearly.
- **Cultural Diversity:** Students from over 20 countries around world.
- **AP Official Certification:** AP school and officially certified AP testing center.
- **Three-term system:** 3-year high school can be completed in 2 years.



Our Value



| **Effective Communication**



| **Resilience**



| **Happiness & Well-being**



| **Gratitude & Kindness**



| **Responsibility**



| **Holistic Development**

100%

University Acceptance

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Admitted to Top 50
Universities Worldwide

20+

Students from Diverse
Countries around the World

Academic Development

- **Outstanding Academic Programs:** We offer a broad and in-depth curriculum covering Mathematics, Science, Humanities, and the Arts, designed to develop students' overall competencies and academic abilities while meeting the requirements of top university admissions.
- **Competition Opportunities:** Students are encouraged to participate in Mathematics, Writing, and Speech competitions, achieving outstanding results in national and international contests.
- **AP Programs:** We are an official AP examination center and also provide AP courses for students.
- **Strong Focus on English Writing & Reading:** English writing and reading are core priorities. Students are assigned at least one hour of English work daily to continuously improve language proficiency.
- **Small Class Sizes:** We maintain small class sizes to ensure personalized attention and guidance for every student, supporting holistic development.
- **Highly Qualified Faculty:** Our experienced and passionate teaching team not only possesses strong subject expertise but also fosters students' learning interest and innovation.
- **Personalized Academic Support:** Teachers provide academic support before and after class every day to ensure students receive timely and effective assistance.
- **Rigorous Academic Assessment:** We implement a strict assessment system with regular exams and evaluations to monitor academic progress and learning outcomes.
- **Home-School Partnership:** We value strong communication with parents and regularly share updates on student progress to support overall development.
- **On-Campus Student Monitoring System:** Our internal system allows real-time tracking of students' attendance and academic performance.
- **Dedicated Administrative Support:** Our administrative staff closely monitors attendance and regularly reviews academic performance.
- **Pathway to Top Universities:** We are committed to providing a clear pathway to the world's leading universities, preparing students thoroughly for admission to Top 50 institutions worldwide.





Columbia Academy Graduates' University Destinations



Canada

- University of Toronto
- McGill University
- University of British Columbia (UBC)
- University of Alberta
- McMaster University
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- Queen's University
- University of Victoria
- Simon Fraser University (SFU)



United States

- University of California, Berkeley (UCB)
- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of California, San Diego (UCSD)
- New York University (NYU)



United Kingdom

- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- University College London (UCL)
- University of Manchester
- University of Edinburgh
- King's College London (KCL)
- University of the Arts London



Australia

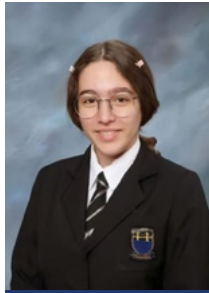
- University of Melbourne
- University of Sydney
- Australian National University



Hong Kong

- University of Hong Kong
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

CA Outstanding Graduates Awarded Substantial Scholarships



Parmida Z.



CAD \$135,000



CAD \$100,000



Camilla F.



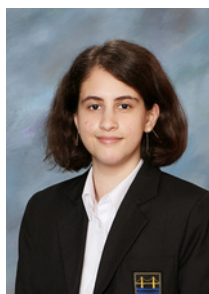
CAD \$147,000



Nicholes W.



CAD \$100,000



Raha P.



CAD \$103,000



Tom X.



CAD \$110,000



Jessica Q.



CAD \$150,000



Dorothy L.



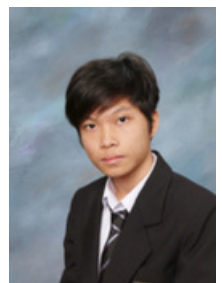
CAD \$100,000



Jennifer G.



CAD \$85,500



Vu N.



CAD \$60,000



CAD \$25,000



Our Programs

Columbia Academy is divided into two sections: Grades 8–9 and Grades 10–12. The school is an official AP exam centre and offers AP courses, which students can begin taking from Grade 9.

Students in Grades 8–9 are required to take the following courses:

- English 8/9
- Mathematics 8/9
- Science 8/9
- Social Studies 8/9
- Physical and Health Education 8/9
- Music 8/9
- Career Education 8/9
- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 8/9
- Second Language

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CA is more than admissions to top universities.
It is a spirit of self-discipline, resilience, service, and gratitude.



Grades 10-12 Programs

Columbia Academy's academic program is designed specifically to prepare students for admission to top universities. It meets the BC graduation requirements while also aligning with the admission standards of leading universities. Students are required to take specific courses that satisfy the prerequisites of their intended university programs.

CA Required Courses

- English 10
- Mathematics 10
- Social Studies 10
- Science 10
- PE 10
- CLE 10
- Arts 10
- English 11
- EFP 11
- Pre-Calculus 11
- Physics 11
- Chemistry 11
- Biology 11
- BA Personal Awareness 12
- English Studies 12
- Pre-Calculus 12
- CLC 12

CA Elective Courses

- Calculus 12
- Second Language 12
- Biology 12
- Chemistry 12
- Physics 12
- Economics 12
- History 12
- Geography 12
- AP Statistics
- AP History
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP Calculus
- AP Chemistry
- AP U.S. History
- AP World History

Competition

The school prepares students for national and international math competitions, writing contests, and debate tournaments, with strong results that enhance university applications.

Top 5 in BC National Mathematics Competition for Consecutive Years

Best in Grade 11

Gold Award:	Kaden Zhu Eric Hamber Secondary, Vancouver, BC
Silver Award:	Eilia Keshavarzi Columbia Academy, Vancouver, BC
Bronze Award:	Audrey Wei Crofton House School, Vancouver, BC
Honourable Mentions:	Celeste Cao Crofton House School, Vancouver, BC

2023 Canada Lynx Mathematical Competition

Best in Grade 11

Gold Award:	Nicholes Wang Columbia Academy, (Vancouver, BC)
Silver Award:	Sophia Behar Crofton House School, (Vancouver, BC)
Bronze Award:	Yubing (Bennett) Lu Vancouver Olympiad School Inc., (Vancouver, BC)
Honourable Mentions:	Chloe Heng Crofton House School, (Vancouver, BC)
	Ferdon Shalai Columbia Academy, (Vancouver, BC)
	Jesie Tsz Ching Yan Crofton House School, (Vancouver, BC)

2024 Canada Lynx Mathematical Competition

Best in Grade 12

Gold Award:	Tristan Yan-Klassen Eric Hamber Secondary, Vancouver, BC
Silver Award:	Anthony Lu Eric Hamber Secondary, Vancouver, BC
Bronze Award:	Jason Huang Eric Hamber Secondary, Vancouver, BC
Honourable Mentions:	Elvis Chen Columbia Academy, Vancouver, BC
	Ilia Namin Columbia Academy, Vancouver, BC

2023 Canada Lynx Mathematical Competition

Best in Grade 12

Gold Award:	Bogdan Shkromiuk Eric Hamber Secondary, (Vancouver, BC)
Silver Award:	Shalai Ferdon Columbia Academy, (Vancouver, BC)
Bronze Award:	Yulin Yao Sir Winston Churchill, (Vancouver, BC)
Honourable Mentions:	Haoxuan Chen Sir Winston Churchill, (Vancouver, BC)
	Taiki Ito Sir Winston Churchill, (Vancouver, BC)
	Lucas Lu Ecole Alpha Secondary, (Burnaby, BC)
	Nicholes Wang Columbia Academy, (Vancouver, BC)
	Jacky Yang Sir Winston Churchill, (Vancouver, BC)

2025 Canada Lynx Mathematical Competition

Best in Grade 12

Gold Award:	Kiran Sun St. George's School, (Vancouver, BC)
Silver Award:	Tristan Yan-Klassen Eric Hamber Secondary, (Vancouver, BC)
Bronze Award:	Elvis Chen Columbia Academy, (Vancouver, BC)
Honourable Mentions:	Alex Qin Moscrop Secondary School, (Burnaby, BC)
	Alice Wang University Hill Secondary School, (Vancouver, BC)
	Boya Zhang Burnaby North Secondary, (Burnaby, BC)

2023 Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge

Best in Grade 11

Gold Award:	Aiden Kang Ecole Alpha Secondary, (Burnaby, BC)
Silver Award:	YuXin Du Columbia Academy, (Vancouver, BC)
	Cameron Tsoi Eric Hamber Secondary, (Vancouver, BC)
Bronze Award:	Jaydon Gao Burnaby South Secondary, (Burnaby, BC)
	Selena Lee Eric Hamber Secondary, (Vancouver, BC)
Honourable Mentions:	Zhuoer (Alex) Jing Sir Winston Churchill, (Vancouver, BC)
	Amy Shin Eric Hamber Secondary, (Vancouver, BC)
	Genevieve Wang Ecole Alpha Secondary, (Burnaby, BC)

2025 Canada Lynx Mathematical Competition

CA also Achieves Awards in Global Mathematics Competitions

Power Round Honorable Mention (Top 25%)

010 The Calculus Crusaders
011 Square
014 PHS Team
017 ASDAN 25
028 MMS Team
029 mixed
034 explosive vegetables
037 Utah Canyonlands
044 Harker Delta
048 AC Matrix
049 Columbia Academy
050 ASDAN 12
060 AMSE Warriors2
061 IS Sailing Group

2024 Stanford Math Competition



CA team achieved top 25% globally in the Stanford University International Mathematics Competition, with participants from over 300 schools worldwide.

Other Competition

Beyond mathematics competitions, the school also actively encourages students to participate in a wide range of academic contests and activities, including writing, debate, chemistry, programming, and business competitions.

Teachers provide structured guidance and support, offering students meaningful opportunities to develop skills, broaden their perspectives, and strengthen their overall competitiveness.

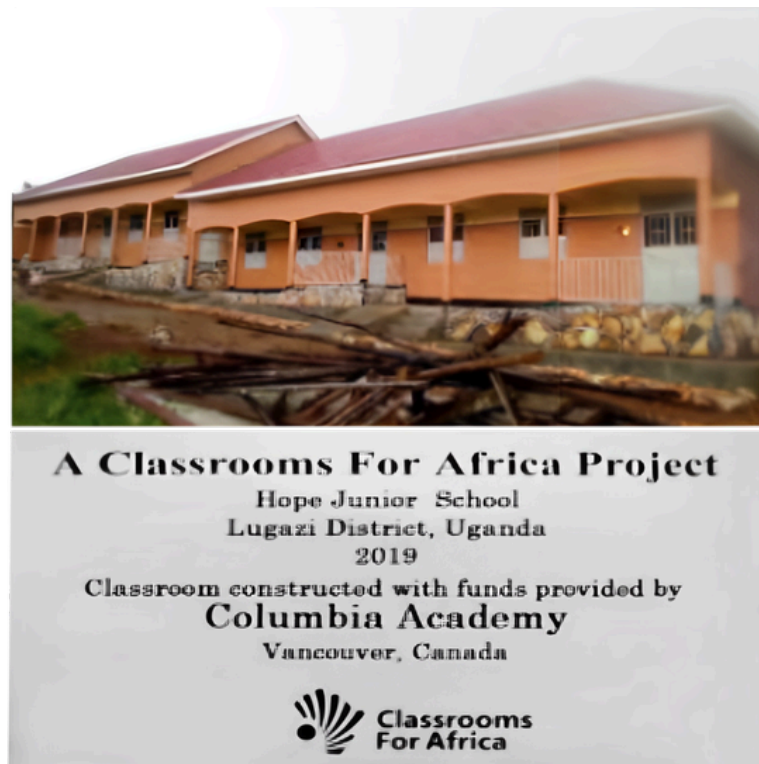
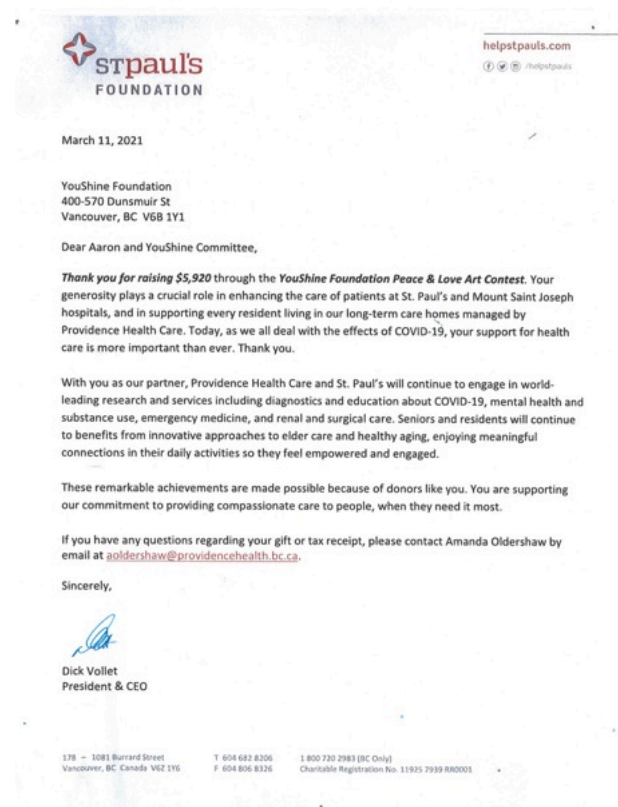
In addition, students in Grades 9–11 are encouraged to take part in summer programs at top universities worldwide, gaining early exposure to world-class academic environments and enhancing their preparation for future university studies and personal development.



Charity

The school has long organized various charity initiatives to foster students' sense of social responsibility and compassion. Over the years, these have included building a school in Africa, donations during COVID-19, fundraising for the Turkey earthquake, support for the Lytton wildfire relief, annual Remembrance Day donations, Terry Fox fundraising, and Food Bank food drives.

In addition, the school actively engages students in community service. We built a school in Africa to provide better learning conditions for local students, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, students raised \$5,900, which was donated to St. Paul's Foundation in support of local healthcare efforts.



Volunteer

Alongside its strong academic focus, Columbia Academy places great importance on student involvement in community service. The school has dedicated staff who organize and coordinate a wide range of high-quality volunteer opportunities for students.

Students actively participate in numerous large-scale events across Vancouver, including the annual Canada Day celebrations, the Children's Marathon, the Vancouver International Children's Festival, the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, the Vancouver Marathon, the Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival, local music festivals, Christmas parades, traditional Christmas tree sales, and more.



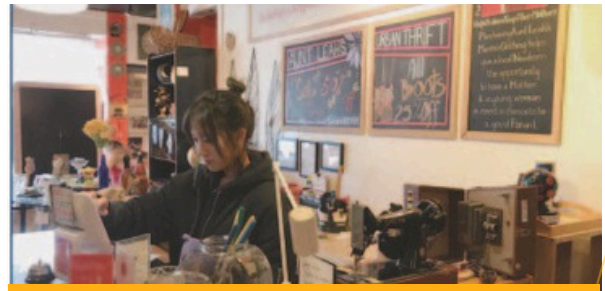
CA students volunteered at the Canada 150th Anniversary celebrations in Canada.



CA students volunteered at the Greater Vancouver food bank.



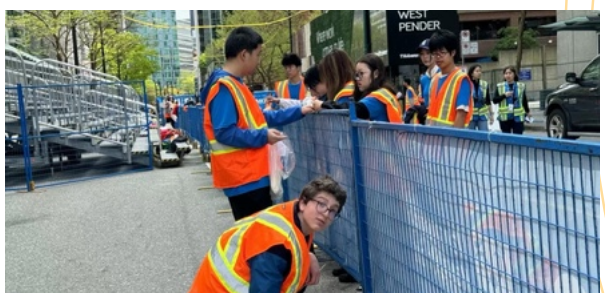
CA students volunteered for fundraising event on St. Patrick's Day.



CA student volunteers at Aunt Leah's charity organization.



CA students volunteered at the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival.



CA students volunteered at the Vancouver Marathon.

Clubs

The school encourages all students to create their own clubs based on their interests and hobbies.

- Student-created clubs include: business clubs, outdoor activity clubs, basketball clubs, charity clubs, mutual aid clubs, environmental clubs, dance clubs, drama clubs, music clubs, and more.
- Teachers also establish various clubs for students, including: debate clubs, volunteer clubs, math competition clubs, after-school tutoring clubs, guitar clubs, psychological counseling clubs and meditation clubs.



Meditation Club



Fitness Club



Music Club



Basketball Club



Volunteer Club



Peer Tutoring Club

School Events



We offer a wide range of activities to enrich students' extracurricular experiences and add enjoyment to their school life.

Past school events have included ski trips, cruise outings, Christmas celebrations, sports days, International Culture Day, and charity performances.





Scholarships

The school offers a variety of scholarships for enrolled students, including:

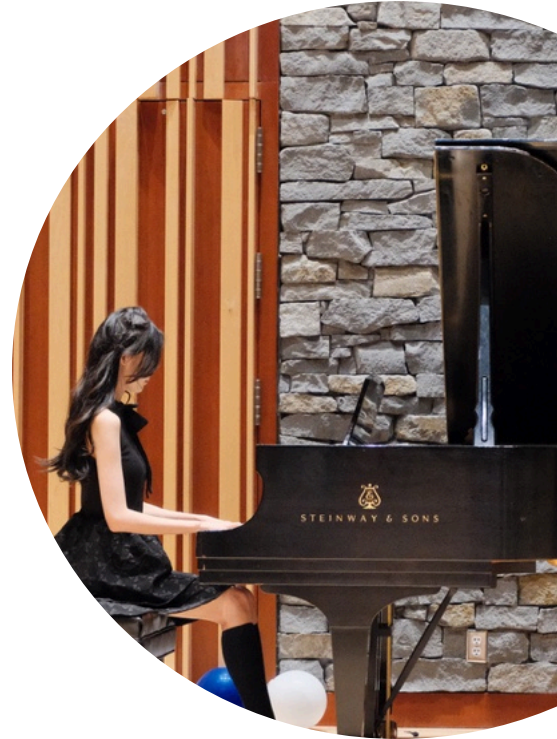
- **Principal Scholarship:**

Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, exemplary conduct, strong leadership as role models, and active involvement in community service, reflecting a strong sense of commitment and contribution.

- **Dedication Scholarship:**

Awarded to students with excellent attendance (perfect attendance), a positive learning attitude, and strong role model behavior both inside and outside of school.

Through a diverse range of scholarship programs, the school encourages students to develop holistically in academic performance, character development, and social responsibility.



Prime Location with Immediate Access to Urban Resources

Columbia Academy is located in a prime downtown area of Vancouver, next to the Seawall and Stanley Park, offering a beautiful environment and excellent accessibility. It is just a one-block walk from Waterfront Station, providing easy access to all parts of the city.

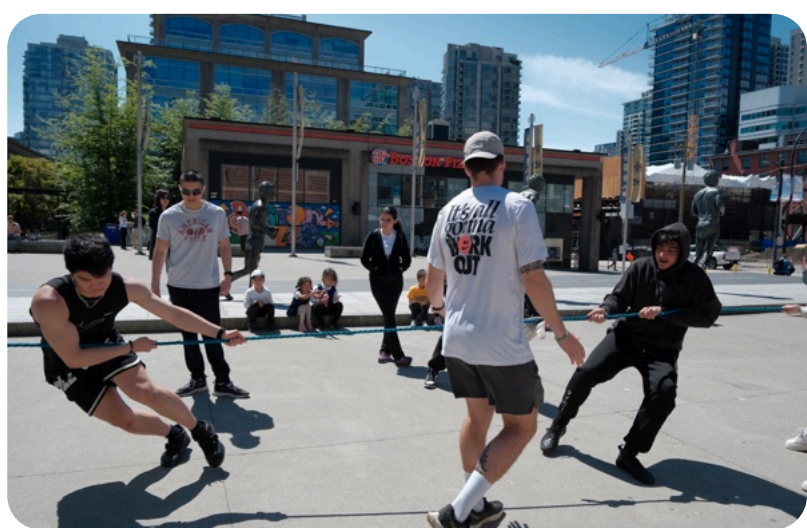
The surrounding area offers rich cultural and recreational resources, including the Vancouver Art Gallery, public libraries, BC Place, theatres, Robson Square skating rink, and nearby sports facilities. This vibrant downtown setting provides students with abundant opportunities for learning, arts, sports, and real-world experiences.



School Facilities

Columbia Academy operates two campuses located approximately 1,000 meters apart, allowing students to freely access the resources and facilities of both sites.

- **Dining Hall:** A spacious and comfortable area providing a pleasant dining environment.
- **Library Access:** Students have access to the nearby Simon Fraser University Library, offering rich academic resources.
- **Reading Room:** Over 1,000 books, providing a quiet space for study and reading.
- **Science Labs:** Fully equipped labs for Chemistry, Physics, and Biology experiments.
- **Computer Lab:** Modern facilities supporting IT learning.
- **Music Room:** Equipped with instruments for learning and practice.
- **Fitness Room:** Gym facilities with table tennis and pickleball for student recreation.



Physical Development & Sports Facilities

The school values students' physical development and provides professional PE teachers and a variety of sports facilities:



Dance Studio: A spacious area for dance, yoga, martial arts, and overall fitness training.



Community Sports Facilities: Nearby professional courts for basketball, soccer, tennis, and other sports.



Outdoor Plaza: A large open space in front of the school for skipping rope, fitness training, badminton, and other outdoor activities.



Annual Sports Events: The school organizes two major sports events each year, featuring various competitions that promote physical fitness and teamwork.



Admission Process

Step 1: Submission of an Official Transcripts

Students must submit report cards or an official transcript spanning the last two years.

Step 2: Interviews

Applicants need to have an interview with the admissions officer of CA. International students need to send a self-introduction video to the school.

Step 3: Applying

To submit an application to CA and pay the registration fee, if the student is under the age of nineteen, the application form must be filled out by parents or legal guardians. When completing the application form, please indicate the university and major you intend to apply for.

Step 4: Paying tuition fee

After receiving the tuition payment notice, students are required to pay tuition fees and related charges.

Step 5: Letter of Acceptance

After reviewing the students' application documents, the school will issue a letter acceptance letters to qualified students.

Step 6: Applying for Visa

Once the school receives the tuition fees, it will issue a formal letter of acceptance along with a receipt for the tuition payment, which students can use to apply for a student visa.

Step 7: English proficiency test

Upon arrival at the school, students will participate in an entrance English proficiency test. Course placement will be determined based on the results of the English proficiency test.

Messages from Graduates



Aaron

Canada

Accepted by the University of California, Berkeley, University College London, University of Toronto UTSG

I would like to say thank you to all the teachers and staff at CA for everything you've done for me. Thank you for the opportunities you've given me and for all the assistance you've provided me with throughout my journey to my dream university.



Raha P.

Iran

Accepted by the University of Toronto (\$100,000 Scholarship), UBC, UC Davis, UC San Diego

Thank you, CA, for providing me with this unforgettable opportunity and allowing me to meet such exceptional individuals during my learning journey. I will cherish this experience greatly. Since coming to CA, I have become more responsible, reliable, and determined. I have realized that life is not just about textbooks; maintaining a balance between personal life and academics is crucial.



Ali

Vietnam

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, University of Waterloo

Since I arrived in Canada, CA has been my second home. I have had many wonderful memories over the past two years, and CA has also shaped who I am today! I will miss you so much, CA! I wish you all the best, CA. Love you, CA.



Jenny

China

Accepted by the University of Toronto, UBC, Western University, Simon Fraser University, Parsons School of Design, School of Art Institution of Chicago and received over \$100,000 in scholarships.

From China to Canada, a flight of over 10 hours carries dreams and futures. During my two years at CA, I have experienced confusion and setbacks, but my ideals and beliefs have made me stronger. I am grateful for the companionship and support of teachers along the way, and for everything that has made me a better person. The journey continues, and I will never forget my original aspirations.



Yog

Italy

Accepted by the University of Toronto

CA has everything international students hope for: caring teachers, counselors, and classmates. Despite coming from different countries with different cultures and backgrounds, I was able to integrate well and quickly participate in various activities.



Jason

Canada

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Western University, and Simon Fraser University.

I have spent nearly two years of my academic life at CA, which has been a cradle of learning where everyone strives for their future. Here, I have grown a lot and have received offers from the universities of my dreams. The harder I work, the luckier I become. I wish everyone a bright future.



Anita

China

Accepted by the University College London, University of Toronto, University of British Columbia

During my time at CA, I have enjoyed delightful moments of learning. I am extremely grateful for the help, encouragement, and support from the teachers and friends who have accompanied me along the way. Without their encouragement and support, I wouldn't be who I am today, and I will always be thankful. Thank you, CA!



Jenny

France

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Western University

Thank you, CA, for introducing me to more lovely friends, helping me achieve better grades, and having a brighter future. You have given me a fulfilling and perfect conclusion to my study life in Vancouver as an international student.



Ashkan J.

Iran

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of Alberta

Since enrolling in CA, I have undergone a significant shift in my attitude towards interpersonal relationships. As an international student, I consider this transformation highly beneficial and it has become a valuable asset to me. I would like to express my gratitude to CA. I love CA, and I will miss CA!



Stephanie

Canada

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Queen's University, Western University, Simon Fraser University

The learning journey at CA has helped me discover the areas I am passionate about and skilled in. With the support of my teachers, I was able to unleash my full potential and gain admission to my ideal university.



Gina

China

Accepted by the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, Western University and received a generous scholarship

In the three years since coming to Canada, I have witnessed CA's development, and CA has witnessed my growth. These years of academic life have benefited me greatly and have contributed to who I am today. My achievements would not have been possible without the guidance of teachers and the help of classmates. Thank you, CA!

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