

Congratulations

Class of 2025

Students will attend schools in

29

states and

4

countries, including Canada, Ireland and Spain.

123

Members of the Class of 2025

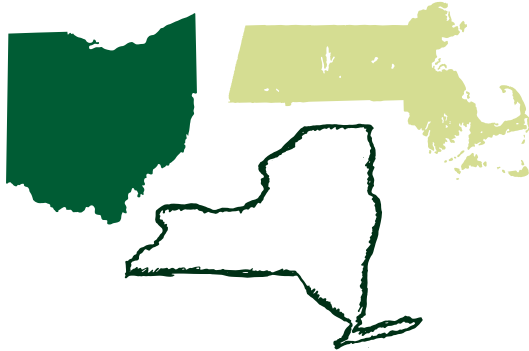
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Schools Offering Admission



Most Popular States

For College Matriculation:
Ohio, Massachusetts, New York



The Class of 2025 comes from...

15 Countries
22 States



78%

of applicants accepted to
Top 50 Colleges/Universities

Notable Distinctions

4

National Merit
Scholarship
Finalists

10

National Merit
Commended
Scholars

3

US Presidential
Scholar
Candidates

1

OSU STAMPS
Eminence
Recipient

Students in the Class of 2025 were

three times as likely

to be admitted to a Top 25 College
than the national average





\$10,882,476

in scholarships*

**with 45% of students reporting*

Students will
attend

86

different
colleges &
universities

39

committed athletes across
Div. I, II and III including the
Ivy League, NESCAC and Big
10 conferences

in five different mens and womens sports



basketball



lacrosse



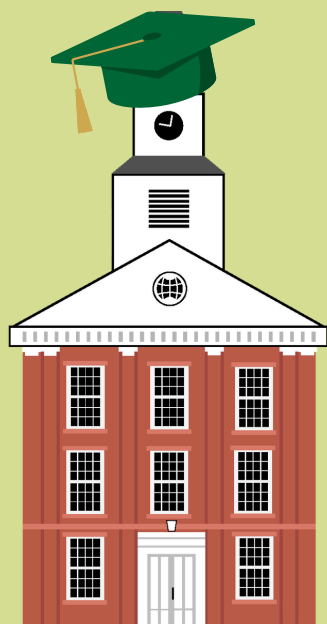
soccer



track & field



swimming



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WHAT A CLASS!

Below, we highlight just a few standout Pioneers from this unforgettable class — scholars, artists, volunteers, leaders, innovators, performers and changemakers.



Ethan Jing

Hails from: Hudson, Ohio
Heading to: Johns Hopkins University

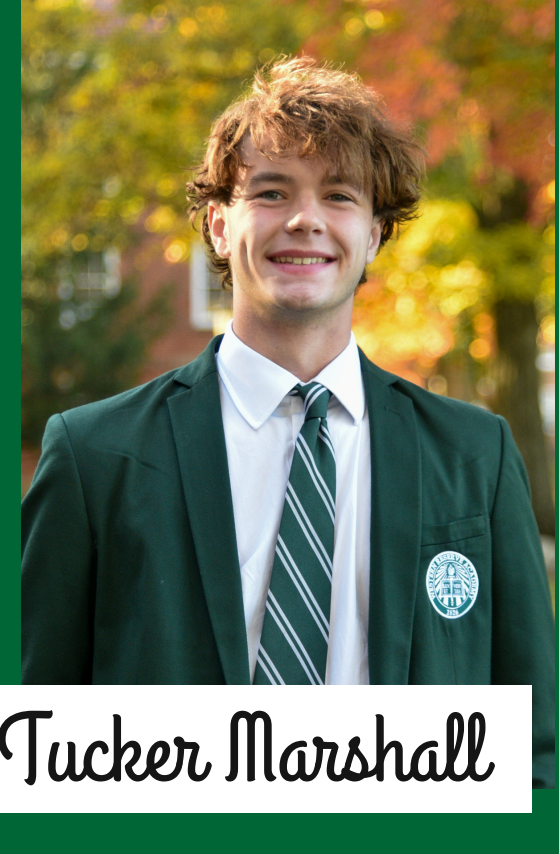
Ethan has always stood out — not only for his encyclopedic knowledge across disciplines, but for his curiosity, humor and early-earned wisdom. At WRA, Ethan pursued the most rigorous academics, collecting recognition along the way as a National Merit Commended Scholar; Cum Laude Society Inductee; and recipient of the Harvard Book Award, all while excelling at just about everything he set his mind to. Many know Ethan as an impressive musician, serving as Concertmaster of the Akron Youth Symphony and earning the Kurdzziel Award for Excellence in Music. Others may know him for his white lab coat. Throughout his years of Cancer Immunology study, Ethan has been researching how to use a specific protein to slow the growth of cancer — research he presented at the American Association of Immunologists' national meeting. Notably, on top of this, Ethan found time to partake in neuroscience research at the University of Akron and volunteered for years at Akron Summa Health. This would have been more than enough on anyone's plate, but Ethan seems to thrive in defiance of limitations. At WRA, he's a leader of WRA's French Club, captain of the Cross Country and Riflery teams, a DEIB Committee member and Editor-in-Chief of BUFO. But perhaps most impressive is Ethan's approachability, his easy way of blending intellectual ambition with warmth and good humor. His teachers call him an "old soul," someone equally at home discussing advanced theory or laughing with friends. It's a rare gift to lead with both intellect and kindness. What a strength to carry with him to Johns Hopkins University.



Evanna Adou

Hails from: Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Heading to: University of Pennsylvania

Evanna Adou arrived at WRA in late August of her junior year, more than a week after classes had begun. From the outside, a delayed start might have posed a challenge; but from the moment she stepped onto campus, Evanna has moved with clarity, intention and grace. She didn't just catch up — she soared. In two short years, she's become one of the most recognizable student leaders on campus, demonstrating what's possible when intellect, integrity and initiative converge. Evanna actively shapes the intellectual culture of any classroom. In CL French, she uplifts her peers while still challenging herself as a native speaker. Her curiosity saw her thrive in U.S. History, and this year, through CL Compass, she launched a story map featuring interviews with fellow international students and their lived experiences in the U.S. — a timely, deeply personal project that highlights her gift for empathetic inquiry and cross-cultural connection. Her academic strengths are matched by her passion for impact. Within months of arriving, she founded the African Student Union and hosted campus-wide events like an Afrobeats party and cultural dinner. As a senior, she was selected to lead the Black Student Union, serve as a dorm prefect and was elected secretary of the Student Investment Committee. She tutors French at a local elementary school, serves on our Service Leaders team, and participated in the Jump the World immersion program in Guatemala. Last summer, she attended Yale Young Global Scholars to study politics, law and economics. Evanna speaks English, French and Spanish fluently, and conversational German — but her true fluency is in how she moves through the world: with warmth, purpose and a desire to serve. The University of Pennsylvania is lucky to have her. We always will be.



Tucker Marshall

Hails from: Akron, Ohio
Heading to: Vanderbilt University

It is sometimes said that education is wasted on the young. This is not so with Tucker Marshall. From his very beginning days at Reserve, Tucker embraced the most challenging courses, having the emotional maturity to recognize the privilege of access. His success across disciplines led to a growing passion for economics, and Tucker was one of two students selected to participate in a University of Akron Economics research program, distinguishing himself not only through insightful inquiries and findings that will ultimately be published, but with gratitude and respect. The professors working with him were most impressed with his maturity, work ethic and analytic abilities. In athletics, Tucker brought the same dedication and leadership. He became an indispensable member of both the golf and swimming teams, serving as captain for both and earning a spot on the Athletic Leadership Council, where he championed integrity and excellence across all sports. Teachers and peers alike describe his warmth and empathy — a pioneering spirit that has left an indelible mark on the Reserve community. Focused on leveraging his education to affect positive change, Tucker heads to Vanderbilt University with a powerful sense of self, purpose and promise. Reserve will always be proud to say we knew him first.



Ky Hau-Golden

Hails from: North Olmsted, Ohio
Heading to: University of Dayton

It's hard to pinpoint the first time you meet Ky. She has a way of knowing everyone and making everyone feel known. Whether pulling up a chair for someone sitting alone in the dining hall or greeting teachers and teammates with matching warmth, she naturally builds community wherever she goes. With Ky, there's always room at her table. It's no secret that she's an impressive soccer and track athlete, and over the course of her WRA tenure, she has built a legacy defined by both skill and spirit. As a freshman, Ky was part of a relay team that came within striking distance of breaking a long-standing school record. On the soccer pitch, she racked up 76 career goals and 22 assists, earning honors such as First-Team All District, Most Valuable Offensive Player and WRA's highest athletic honor, the Gold Medal. This fall, Ky will take her talents to the next level, playing Division I soccer at the University of Dayton. But her impact extends far beyond stats. Coaches and teammates describe her as a tenacious competitor and radiant teammate, someone who lifts others up while charging forward herself. This same energy infuses every part of Ky's life at WRA. In the classroom, Ky is thoughtful and supportive, someone who celebrates the successes of others just as much as her own. Faculty describe her similarly to her coaches — Ky is a force of nature, as playful as she is hardworking and deeply respected by her peers. Most recently in a moving Senior Speech, Ky credited her close-knit family with shaping her drive and gratitude. She carries their support and encouragement into every challenge, turning it to fuel. As a first-generation college student, Ky is poised to embrace every new opportunity ahead of her and to make all who know her incredibly proud.



Riya Hegde

Hails from: Hudson, Ohio
Heading to: Yale University

Riya's presence is undeniable. Her achievements are impressive, certainly — but what makes her unforgettable is her character. Riya pairs quiet brilliance with genuine care, always extraordinary while doing the extraordinary. In her four years at WRA, Riya has achieved more than most could ever dream of: defending a National History Day prize-winning website, being honored at the Ohio Statehouse for her Compass project Python Pals, and presenting original cancer research at a national immunology conference — all in a single day. Yet even this whirlwind moment only hints at the scope of her contributions. Riya's academic trajectory is unparalleled. Beginning in CL Calculus BC as a freshman, Riya quickly exhausted all of WRA's math and computer science curricula. This did not stop her. She pursued advanced coursework in the sciences and served as a teaching assistant in a section of Honors Precalculus, helping peers find their mathematical footing. Her commitment to using her talents for broader good is especially evident in Python Pals, the initiative she designed to inspire and empower young women to pursue coding — an effort that now reaches students in Ohio, at a local youth shelter and across the world to a school in India. Whether in the classroom, on the tennis court, in the lab or through countless volunteer efforts, Riya leads with both heart and mind intertwined. Her impact is already seismic — and she's only just getting started.



Gavin Gall

Hails from: Middleton, Wisconsin
Heading to: United States Military Academy

There's a misconception that "scholar" might take a backseat to "athlete" when it comes to the equation of balancing school and sports. Among the many WRA students who blow up this stereotype is Gavin Gall, a year-round lacrosse player who reclassified and transferred to WRA as a junior for greater academic rigor — alongside the opportunity to play for the high-performing Pios. Gavin's industrious spark and entrepreneurial spirit, grounded in his dual passions for business and engineering, energize campus every day. Whether analyzing market trends for his self-founded ecommerce company, or preparing to dive into AI and machine learning in the Wang Innovation Center, Gavin is curiosity in motion at Reserve. His hunger to understand and optimize systems work well for him on the lacrosse field, but transfer to his academic and work experiences, where he tackles everything from wholesale models to interest rates to infrastructure to engineering. Score. On the lacrosse field, Gavin anchors the Pios on defense. Coach Sheridan says, "When I think of Gavin, one word immediately comes to mind: stubborn. And I mean this in the best possible way. His personal discipline and tenacity are truly remarkable. He sets ambitious goals for himself and simply refuses to be outworked or to give up until he's reached them." With characteristics like these, Gavin seems the perfect fit for West Point, where he will continue his athletic journey playing Division I lacrosse. With keen observational skills, a thirst for real-world application, and a relentless work ethic, Gavin is poised to engineer a future as dynamic as his ambitions. Beautifully, it's not just about him, either. Gavin is dedicated to service, leading community initiatives with the Red Cross Club and volunteering through his church. Hats off to this Pioneer and cadet.



Maya Nahar

Hails from: Heidenheim, Germany
Heading to: Harvard University

Some students set the pace. Maya redefines it. A force on the basketball court and a standout in the classroom, Maya brings bright tenacity and sharp intelligence to every corner of campus life. Originally from Germany, Maya has made a home for herself here, and her impact as a scholar and athlete is one we won't soon forget. This year, Maya helped lead the Girls Basketball team to the finals of the National Prep Championships. In a nail-biting game, she racked up 12 points and eight rebounds, shooting 45% from the field — a performance that perfectly reflects her reliability and calm under pressure. In the fall, she'll take her game to the next level as a member of Harvard's women's basketball team. But Maya's talents go far beyond the court. One of only two juniors invited into an advanced CL English class, Maya impressed faculty with her sharp insights, probing questions and meticulously annotated texts. She earned one of the highest scores on the Reserve Writing Exam and once taught herself advanced design software to 3D print a jewelry holder modeled on her own hand. Whether writing, sculpting or learning multiple languages, Maya approaches these challenges with precision. Above all else, Maya is known for her generosity of spirit. She is famously an excellent friend, teammate, classmate and community member. As she heads to Harvard, wearing the crimson with pride, we know this storied institution is gaining someone truly special.



Andrew Schneider

Hails from: Wadsworth, Ohio
Heading to: University of Washington

With radiance and relentless authenticity, Andrew Schneider brings light into every room he enters — and ensures everyone else feels seen in that light, too. A day student whose impact has reverberated far beyond the classroom, Andrew has become an anchor of our community as an exuberant athlete, spirited athlete and courageous advocate. As co-leader of the Gender Sexuality Alliance, Andrew has curated events and conversations that spark joy, challenge assumptions and celebrate identity. His commitment to creating safe, affirming spaces is matched by his gift for connection — whether inviting a shy spectator to the stage at GSA Cabaret or leading a post-show dialogue after *The Laramie Project*. Andrew's genuine intellectual curiosity follows him into every classroom. Fascinated by marine ecosystems, his love for the ocean deepened during a research trip to the Galapagos Islands, where he studied biodiversity and returned more motivated than ever to protect it. He'll study Marine Biology at the University of Washington, hoping to pair it with Queer Theory or Gender Studies — an intersection that reflects his layered interests and evolving sense of purpose. Well-prepared for time in the water, Andrew has earned four varsity letters in Swimming & Diving, excelling in the 100m breaststroke and medley relay. He also works as a certified lifeguard and youth swim mentor, always seeking ways to connect, contribute and grow alongside others. Andrew's joyous, resilient spirit continues to illuminate the path for others to follow. His bold refusal to fit into conventional boxes has transformed not just his own experience, but our community's. As he heads to the Pacific Northwest, we can't imagine Reserve without his laughter and leadership — but we know he'll keep making waves, both in the water and in the world.



Xochi Nandi

Hails from: Washington, DC
Heading to: New York University

Xochi has a charming way of infusing vibrant energy into her contributions at Western Reserve Academy, surely reflective of her global experiences moving around the world as a child. If it's not creative (and delicious!) concoctions created in Potion Pals with her co-club leader, it's the positivity she spreads to teammates at meets, the thoughtfulness she brings to academic discourse and the focus dedicated toward personal goals and growth. With her trademark smile, Xochi exhibits curiosity about both the world and the people in it and leads with a compassion well beyond her years. After running for fun throughout childhood, Xochi challenged herself to join competitive runners at Reserve, making a commitment to the sport for all three seasons — cross country, as well as both indoor and outdoor track. The same can be said for her dedication to language, film and media production, leading her to compete at the state-level in the National History Day competition for her film titled: "Emmett Till: Echoes of Justice." Xochi is poised to lead, representing Reserve as Chief Ambassador, contributing to a cohort as a member of Junior Leadership Hudson, participating in Model United Nations and Mock Trial and dedicating several summers as a camp counselor in New Hampshire. It's no surprise then that she's headed to New York University to be met by a learning community and city as diverse as her perspective.



Bill Wu

Hails from: Beijing, China
Heading to: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

When Bill first arrived at WRA as a sophomore, the transition from Beijing to Ohio could have been daunting. But for Bill, it seemed almost effortless. He was a natural, quick to embrace his new surroundings, unafraid to stand out and eager to contribute. Throughout campus, Bill has become a friendly fixture, blending an academic mind with an intuitive understanding of community. His intellectual curiosity has driven him to excel in six CL classes and to navigate WRA's CL Compass program with grace. Bill doesn't just grasp material; he engages with it, infusing his studies with a vision for how knowledge can be applied in real-world problems. That vision came to life in an AI-powered educational platform designed to support students from underrepresented backgrounds, a project that earned him recognition on Forbes China's Top 100 Most Influential Chinese Elites list. Yet, for all of his achievements, Bill remains grounded in his passion for communication and connection. Whether participating in Model UN or Mock Trial, Bill is not just a speaker but a facilitator — always drawing others into the conversation. His work on WRA's DEIB Committee helped guide discussions on identity and belonging, reflecting his commitment to healing divides and fostering inclusion. At his core, Bill is a bridgemaker. Whether sparking a debate over lunch or lifting a friend's spirits with a well-timed joke, Bill brings people together. Even his lighter moments — playing a whimsical joke, "Beauty and the Beast" or proudly sporting sunglasses won in a college Kahoots game — Bill's joy is contagious. This fall, as he heads to Chapel Hill to study international relations, business and technology, Bill will no doubt continue to make an impact the way he best knows how. By making genuine connections, one conversation at a time.