

A photograph of the Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy building, a large red brick structure with white columns and a red roof, surrounded by green trees.

WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

WYWLA FAST FACTS

Welcome to Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy, Home of the Owls! We are pleased to share information about our school.

- Established in 2012
- Total enrollment is 329
- 178 students in grades 6—8
- 94 students in grades 9—10
- 57 students in grades 11—13
- 138 African American (42%)
- 104 White (32%)
- 62 Hispanic (19%)
- 11 Multi Racial (3%)
- 14 Asian (4%)
- Our Early College partner is Saint Augustine's University.
- Our three graduating classes have earned an average of 2 million in scholarships.
- Our graduates have a 100% college acceptance rate. Seniors applied to over 40 different colleges and the average senior applied to 4 or more colleges or universities.
- On average, seniors transferred 30—60 credit hours to their universities.

TOP 10 REASONS WYWLA IS THE ONLY CHOICE

#10. **WE LEAD.** Outstanding Women Leaders are born here. We are committed to empowering our students to grow as leaders. Students learn and practice leadership behaviors through daily classroom instruction and activities.

#9. **EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.** Our classrooms have no walls. We provide field trips, guest speakers, seminars, and service and awareness projects that allow our students to engage in relevant learning activities.

#8. **STUDENT LIFE.** We offer many clubs and organizations that allow students to demonstrate their leadership skills. Our partnerships with Daniels Middle and Broughton High allow interested students to also participate in athletics.

#7. **TECHNOLOGY.** We have an app for that! WYWLA is a cutting edge school when it comes to technology. Our students use a variety of technology tools and web 2.0 applications. There are two wireless laptop carts per grade level, 1-to-1 laptops for grades 10 – 12, I-Pads, Smart boards in every classroom, document cameras, maker spaces, and much more. We are tech savvy!

#6. **COLLABORATIVE LEARNING COMMUNITY.** Teamwork makes the dream work. Our staff and students understand the value of collaborative problem-solving and decision-making.

#5. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.** Our teachers are committed to learning and growing. Their desire to be the best is evident at WYWLA. Teachers routinely participate in professional development activities to enhance learning for our students.

#4. **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.** Our students are engaged in a rigorous and challenging course of study that is designed to meet 95% of high school graduation requirements before 11th grade. We teach courses at the advanced level to provide a foundation for future success.

#3. **DIVERSITY.** At WYWLA, we value every student and we believe every student needs a place to belong. Our students have a place where they are comfortable, accepted, and valued.

#2. **QUALITY TEACHERS.** We are staffed for excellence. Our teachers are dedicated to the academic and social progress of all students. Our staff represents over 500 years of combined teacher experience.

#1. **WE CARE!** Teachers and administrators foster positive relationship with each child, and we encourage frequent and open communication with parents. What do students like most about our school? The relationships with their teachers!

It's a great day to be an OWL—Outstanding Woman Leader!

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Beginning in 6th grade, we prepare students to enter the early college setting. We focus on core courses and limit elective offerings to ensure college readiness. We understand the importance of a balanced secondary school experiences and provide many extra-curricular activities to meet students' interests and non-academic needs. We have many clubs and organizations that allow students to demonstrate their leadership skills. Our partnerships with Daniels Middle and Broughton High allow interested students to also participate in athletics.

Some of the WYLWA clubs are listed below.

- Student Government Association
- iNest (STEM Activity Club)
- Girls Learn International
- Performing Arts Troupe
- National Honor Society
- Jr. National Honor Society
- FBLA
- Science Olympiad
- WMN News
- Run Club
- Art Club
- Junior Civitans
- Spoken Word
- Band



THE WYWLA DIFFERENCE

As an early college with a leadership and STEM focus, students are exposed to a rigorous and challenging course of study in highly collaborative and inquiry-based environments. WYWLA provides challenging educational programs and equitable learning experiences. All students are all enrolled in advanced level courses. Students finish middle school with at least two high school course credits and high school students complete most of their high school graduation requirements before 11th grade. Early College students are enrolled in a maximum load of university courses and complete work-based internships. Performance data shows that WYWLA students are successful and well prepared for the next level.

WYWLA is recognized as one of the top schools in the district and nation, and is one of the only all girls leadership academies and early colleges in the area. It serves as a model for other school leaders who are interested in opening similar schools. WYWLA is also a point of interest for community and business leaders who want to support the development of future women leaders. Visitors have included Chelsea Clinton; NASA Astronaut Christina Koch; Raleigh Police Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown; Author Sabaa Tahir; News Anchor Tisha Powell; and Meredith President Jo Allen.

Our goal is to provide educational opportunities that enhances student learning and improve student achievement. The staff has high expectations for all students, and they are dedicated to the academic and social progress of each and every one. They know that professional and caring teachers, enthusiastic students, highly involved parents, and a supportive community are important to the success of the school. At WYWLA, it's always a great day to be an OWL—Outstanding Woman Leader!

Ready to Learn, Ready to Lead, Ready to Serve