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Waterloo Region Catholic Schools' Success Speaks For Itself...

What Our University Partners Say About Us...



"Successful graduates from Waterloo Catholic Secondary schools are well-prepared to pursue their post-graduate pathways. Applicants to the University of Waterloo from Waterloo Catholic schools with the appropriate academic achievements and well-rounded education experiences are considered by our faculties as ideal candidates for admission."

David Johnston, President & Vice-chancellor, University of Waterloo— Waterloo, Canada



"Waterloo Catholic District School Board graduates have been very successful at St. Jerome's University (federated with the University of Waterloo). Through our cooperative education programs, their students demonstrate the abilities and commitment to a university pathway while still enrolled in a Waterloo Region Catholic Secondary school."

International students, graduating from Waterloo Catholic Secondary schools, that qualify for our various university degree programs are given provisional admission and are welcome to live in our on-campus residences."

David B. Perrin, President and Vice-Chancellor, St. Jerome's University— Waterloo, Canada

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board and the post-Secondary institutions listed above and on the following page have long standing relationships with formal agreements.



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What Our University & College Partners Say About Us...



"Waterloo Catholic Districts Schools graduates have been successful in many of our outstanding programs, including business, economics, science, humanities, social sciences, and teacher education. Waterloo Catholic international students with high level academic achievement, as well as relevant extra-curricular references, are warmly welcome at Wilfrid Laurier University."

Max Blouw, President, & Vice-chancellor, Wilfrid Laurier University— Waterloo, Canada



"Waterloo Catholic District Schools and Conestoga College Institute have been collaborating for many years to offer students relevant, quality, career pathways. Through these effective bridging strategies, their international visa students have many opportunities to demonstrate their abilities and to directly enter our diploma and degree programs."

**John Tibbits, President, Conestoga College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning
Waterloo Region, Canada**



What Our Recent Graduates Say About Us...

"My experience in Waterloo Region Catholic Schools supported and encouraged my pursuit of both academic and athletic excellence. I benefit from this foundation each and every day."

Maddie Buttinger, Undergraduate—Business Administration & Varsity Athlete
University of Notre Dame, USA

"My preparation in a Waterloo Region Catholic Secondary School guided my talent and hard work to ensure that I will have a promising future."

Seo Yoon, Visa Student, Undergraduate
Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

"St David CSS (Waterloo Region Catholic Secondary School) offered many opportunities for learning success in a welcoming Canadian school environment. I gained great insight into career opportunities through the school board's cooperative education program."

Garam Kum, Visa Student, Undergraduate
Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

"My education in Waterloo Region Catholic Schools encouraged and prepared me to investigate, explore and challenge the world"

Kevin Rodrigues, Undergraduate - Knowledge Integration Program
University of Waterloo

What Our Current Visa Students Say About Us...

"My experience in a Waterloo Catholic District Secondary School has been a very positive and rewarding step in my education journey. In addition to achieving the high marks that I need to enter a good university, I am making good friends and able to pursue my love of music and the performing arts."

Lauren An, Grade 11 Visa Student,
Resurrection Catholic Secondary School

"If I used one word to describe my education experience at St. Mary's High School (Waterloo Catholic District School), it is 'excellent'. Everyone is welcoming, encouraging, and helping me to achieve my goal of attending a top English speaking university."

Quoc Tri Vu, Grade 11 Visa Student,
St. Mary's High School

"St. David CSS (Waterloo Region Catholic Secondary School) is a great school. I have supportive teachers in all my courses and everyone encourages me to get involved in the school activities. My home-stay parents treat me like an important member of their family. Waterloo Region is a great community with many things to do."

Ji Luo, Grade 11 Visa Student,
St. David Catholic Secondary School



What Our Alumni Say About Us...

"One of the greatest educational gifts I received at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School and St. Jerome's High School (Waterloo Region Catholic Schools) was encouragement. The teachers pushed us to move forward and to pursue opportunities. There were some outstanding instructors who were firm but only in order to direct us toward achieving. There was an attitude of working toward goals – of understanding the value of hard work."

Honourable John Milloy - MPP, Ontario Government Minister of Training, Colleges & Universities and Minister of Research & Innovation

"My Elementary and Secondary education in Waterloo Catholic District Schools was a solid academic foundation for my chosen career. It also engrained a true understanding of the value of community and social responsibility."

Mark Schumacher, LLP – Partner, SobaraLaw

"Critical thinking, confidence in my convictions, and a love of learning were all elements of my education legacy that I developed in St. Daniel Elementary and St. Mary's High School (Waterloo Region Catholic Schools). I entrust my children to this same school system today."

Dr. Laura Shoemaker, Ph.D. – Research Coordinator, WCDSB

"My education in Waterloo Region Catholic Schools prepared me for a challenging and rewarding career path and instilled a commitment to serving my community"

Dr. Sara Pendergast, M.D. – Grand River Hospital, Kitchener

"How can I cram everything that St. Mary's High School (Waterloo Region Catholic School) is to me in one sentence? In my personal life it gave me the best friends I have to this day and it sowed the seeds of curiosity that carry me through my professional life. In so many ways it helped shape who I am. For me, going to a Catholic school did make a difference. Religion was part of the curriculum...and not just Christianity. We studied world religions.. I was given a thorough understanding of Muslims, Jews, Hindus - our differences but, more importantly, the things that make us the same...our desire for peace...stability...security."

Lisa Laflame - National Affairs Correspondent -- CTV National News

"My education in Waterloo Region Catholic Schools allowed me to develop leadership skills, pursue my interest in athletics, and to establish my passion for the field of science."

Krystal Benesch, BSc. - Manager, TriMach Group

"My education in Waterloo District Catholic Schools provided me with world class access to both hands-on and classroom learning, giving me excellent preparation for my career as a structural engineer."

Nicholas Lawler, MAsc., EIT