

# FACTS

2009-2010



**PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY**  
**FOUNDED 1781**

## **AN EDUCATION LIKE NO OTHER**

Phillips Exeter Academy was founded in 1781 by Dr. John Phillips, a graduate of Harvard and resident of Exeter. Now in its third century, Phillips Exeter Academy affirms the intent of John Phillips to link goodness with knowledge, developing the consciences, and training the minds of students so that they may usefully serve society.

A gift from philanthropist Edward S. Harkness in 1930 established a method of teaching unique to Exeter and central to its teaching philosophy. The Harkness plan calls for an oval table in each classroom, with class size averaging 12 students and ample opportunity for

dialogue. The Harkness table places students at the center of the learning process and encourages them to learn from one another.

The academic life of the school depends upon the quality of each student's preparation for active participation in learning. As one of the school's legendary teachers said, "What happens in class depends upon what the students have done before the class begins."

The Academy has been coeducational since 1970, when women were first admitted as day students. Today, 52 percent of the students are young women.

## Principal

Thomas E. Hassan '56, '66, '06 (Hon.); P'11

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## General

Student/teacher ratio .....	5:1
Average class size .....	12 students
Campus size.....	670 acres <i>(includes fields and woods)</i>
Number of buildings.....	130
Volumes in library .....	169,853
Interscholastic sports .....	20
Interscholastic teams.....	60
Student clubs and organizations .....	120

## Enrollment

Total (on and off campus).....	1,062
Boarding .....	865
Day .....	197

## Faculty

Total.....	205
Full-time .....	189
Part-time .....	15
Male faculty .....	48% (99)
Female faculty .....	51% (105)

## Degrees Held

Ph.D. ....	21% (43)
Master's .....	62% (126)
Bachelor's.....	17% (35)

## Student Profile

Current students come from 44 states, 27 foreign countries, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands.

Male .....	48% (509)
Female.....	52% (553)
Legacy students .....	10.2% (108)
Students of color.....	41.5%
<i>(Asian, 26%; Black, 8.8%; Hispanic, 6.3%;</i>	
<i>Native American, .4%)</i>	

## Admissions Statistics

### Applications

Submitted in 2009 .....3,205

Admitted .....17%

New students entering 2009 .....349

From public schools.....57.3%

From private, parochial, military  
or foreign schools .....42.7%

## Average SAT Scores

Verbal .....703

Math.....710

Writing .....703

## College Matriculation

Members of the class of 2009 attend 101  
different colleges and universities.

## Tuition

Boarding students.....	\$38,720
Day students.....	\$29,920

## Financial Aid

Financial aid awards range from \$1,600  
to \$39,713

Total financial aid grants  
awarded .....\$15,197,126

Students receiving aid.....48%  
*(not including grants to faculty and staff children)*

Average financial aid grant.....\$32,188  
*(boarding)*

## Alumni/ae

Total.....21,575  
*(as of September 1, 2009)*

## Regional Associations

United States and abroad.....50

## General Finances

Operating budget.....\$76,189,000

Funding of the operating budget is projected from the following revenues:

Net tuition .....28%

Endowment income .....55%

Annual Giving Fund  
and other gifts .....9%

Other income.....8%

*(Summer programs, auxiliary income, etc.)*

Approximate value of investments of  
the endowment .....\$845,000,000

*(as of August 14, 2009)*



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