

# Leadership Institute





# The Leadership Institute @Maryvale

For more than 70 years, leadership has been a hallmark of a Maryvale education. Our accomplished alumnae sit at the helm of companies, head nonprofits, direct boards and oversee schools. Building upon that legacy, in 2014 Maryvale launched the **Leadership Institute**, making it the first all girls' school in the region to offer this one-of-a-kind signature program.

The Leadership Institute provides students with academic training, real-life experiences, and opportunities to develop leadership skills. Whether it is delivering an eighth grade speech, serving on Student Council, chairing a student club, captaining a Maryvale sport, directing a Middle School theater production, or serving those in need through community service, there are more than 100 opportunities for each student to learn, lead and succeed. Dedicated leadership lessons, a Financial Literacy curriculum and a variety of life skill lessons are interwoven through the school-wide Advisory program.

**Leadership Certificate Program:** Inaugurated in 2018 under the Leadership Institute, the Leadership Certificate Program provides students with specialized, in-depth leadership training and experiences. Students who participate in this Upper School program will graduate from Maryvale having completed a specific course track, at least 25 leadership service hours, and a capstone independent study, which draws heavily from each student's own primary research.

**Customized Curriculum:** A Leadership Department with eight faculty members teach leadership courses and oversee cross-curricular leadership opportunities. Courses include:

**Leadership and Technology Prep:** This ninth-grade elective empowers students to be prepared for the challenges of Upper School and develop confidence and organizational, communication, research and goal-setting skills in a small group setting.

**Foundations of Leadership:** An elective for 11th and 12th grades, this course combines self-evaluation tools (through Myers-Briggs and other assessments) with the academic study of leadership, and the development of leadership skills. Course highlights include guest speakers, a field trip, and the study of project management, career coaching and interviewing, strategic planning, evaluation, and business etiquette.

**Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Creativity:** This leadership elective for students in grades 10-12 illustrates how some of the most revolutionary and simplest ideas and products came into being. Students have the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and test their own creativity and develop new solutions for ongoing challenges.

**Introduction to Business:** An elective for 10-12th graders, this introductory business course covers management, marketing, finance, production and operations, risk management, human resources, business planning, communications, ethics, and the role of diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

**Other Upper School courses supporting the leadership curriculum include:** Introduction to Law, Introduction to Sociology, Statistics, Economics, American Women in History, and Ministry of Peer Leadership.

**Middle School Leadership Courses:** An integral part of the Middle School program, a leadership course, specifically designed for each grade level, lays the groundwork for all students to begin developing and sharpening skills that will serve them for a lifetime. Goal-setting, team building, public speaking and written communication skills, as well as an introduction to financial literacy, are just a few of the topics covered.

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