

# The Beauty of *education*

*"The object of education is to teach us to love what is beautiful."*  
~Plato

**K**nowledge isn't just power, it's also beauty. Education creates a beautiful mind, and there are no limits to what a beautiful mind can achieve. Just as knowledge isn't exclusive, neither is the beauty of each one of these college campuses offering their students an exemplary education.



## Paradise in Brooklyn

Brooklyn College, with its 26-acre campus filled with flowering trees, bushes, a pond, and ivy climbing up the Georgian-style buildings, looks more like a small New England Town than a small eden in the heart of Brooklyn. The natural beauty and the serenity add to the charm of this campus that offers 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the creative arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, education and business. It's this unique natural beauty and top-notch academic pro-

grams that draw students from all over the world.

The undergraduate curriculum at Brooklyn College provides students with a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, preparing them to choose a specific field of discipline in their subsequent years at the college. More than just beautiful flowers are blooming within Brooklyn College, as the natural beauty of the campus enhances each student's flourishing academic career. Indeed, beautiful minds are budding within every dorm.

## An Island Oasis

Wagner College, located on Staten Island, NY, is just one example of a college that combines a beautiful campus with an excellent academic program. Wagner is a private, co-ed, liberal arts college, which 1,800 undergraduate students call home. Admission into Wagner is highly competitive, but is worth it, explains Lee Manchester, a school representative. "Wagner is a small college in New York City, yet feels like a quiet suburban, even rural area. Students can jump on a shuttle and explore Manhattan within an hour, but come back to peace and quiet as they pursue their education."

In Manchester's opinion, Sutter Oval (a.k.a., the Village Green) is Wagner's crown jewel. "Students bring their blankets and lay out on the grass, studying and taking in the scenery." The tranquility of this popular area offers students that rare escape of city life, allowing their minds to relax and to inevitably absorb and learn more in their chosen studies.

Wagner boasts an impressive academic roster, including biological sciences, business, psychology, theater, and physics, along with several pre-professional courses of study, such as pre-law and pre-med. Wagner College is Staten Island's educational oasis.

