BRYN MAWR BECOMES YOU
Arriving at Bryn Mawr, Samyuktha Natarajan thought she might have to leave social justice work behind and focus her energies on academics. But Bryn Mawr’s tradition of engaging one’s passion inspired her to look deeper. She found the perfect mix of intellectual challenge and personal growth as the Bryn Mawr-Parkway West High School Partnership Student Coordinator. “I am now determined to find a space in the real world, post-graduation, that will allow me to dedicate my life to connecting, teaching, and learning with people.”

Read more at brynmawr.edu/become/builder
A WOMEN’S TRADITION

We’re guessing a women’s college wasn’t even on your radar. That’s what many of our graduates tell us. They also tell us they wouldn’t have had their college experience any other way. The research shows that students at women’s colleges participate more in the classroom, achieve more academically, assume more significant campus leadership roles, and find more female role models who inspire them to dream big.

A SELF-GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UNLIKE ANY OTHER

In 1892, Bryn Mawr established the Self-Government Association (SGA) and became the first college in the United States to give its students the power to control policy. To this day, Bryn Mawr remains one of few colleges and universities where students truly self-govern, and the experience is one that stays with them long after they graduate.

The SGA invites the entire student body to convene at Plenary, a lengthy but memorable meeting at which students vote on resolutions presented by their peers. In recent years, the women decided to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a College holiday. They also extended the library’s hours—from midnight to 2 a.m.—to accommodate their late night study habits.

At the heart of the Association are two living documents, a constitution and the College’s Honor Code, which addresses accountability and personal integrity. Both documents are reaffirmed each spring.

“Bryn Mawr was the first college I visited. The whole drive up I complained, telling my mom how I didn’t want to go to a women’s college. She still makes fun of me—I completely fell in love.”

— Anna Kalinsky ’15

Held each year on the Sunday following the last week of classes, May Day begins when the seniors serenade the College’s president from outside of her window. Strawberries and cream breakfasts, a parade, plays, concerts, and maypole dancing take place throughout the day, which ends with a showing of The Philadelphia Story, starring alumna Katherine Hepburn ’28.
Shireen Saxena’s interest in social medicine means that she spent at least five minutes each day riding the Blue Bus back and forth between Bryn Mawr and Haverford. She majored in anthropology at Haverford and minored in philosophy at Bryn Mawr. “I’m interested in looking at medicine and healing from a different perspective. Anthropologists study different cultures by getting to know them. The same principles can be applied to health—there’s more to your health than what you eat, whether you exercise, and what your symptoms are,” said Saxena.

Read more at brynmawr.edu/become/practitioner
FOUR COLLEGES IN ONE
At Bryn Mawr you’ll hear lots about the Bi-Co, Tri-Co, and Quaker Consortiums. Once you decode all of the abbreviations, what you’re left with is an incredible college experience that puts the best of Haverford College, Swarthmore College, and the University of Pennsylvania at your fingertips.

The Bi-College Consortium refers to a special relationship between Bryn Mawr and Haverford—students at either college can live, study, or even major at the other school. The Tri-College Consortium integrates Swarthmore into the mix, offering students at all three schools the opportunity to share everything from libraries and lectures to performances and social events. Transportation is provided to all schools within the consortium. The Quaker Consortium makes the University of Pennsylvania a part of the equation; through a unique arrangement, Bryn Mawr students are able to take classes at one of the nation’s premier universities.

COLLEGE TOWN CHARM, BIG CITY CONNECTIONS
You’ll find Bryn Mawr College just 11 miles outside of Center City on Philadelphia’s Main Line. The Main Line refers to a collection of towns—Bryn Mawr, Villanova, and Ardmore are just a few—that cropped up along the old Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the 19th century. Today, Philadelphia is accessible via SEPTA’s Paoli/Thorndale line, and the result is that Bryn Mawr students get the best of both worlds. Bryn Mawr offers you the quintessential small college town vibe you crave and Philadelphia delivers world-class opportunities and experiences.

Minutes Away
An 11-mile drive or a 22-minute SEPTA ride is all that separates Bryn Mawr from the fifth largest city in the United States—Philadelphia.

Catering to a population of over 1.5 million people, Philadelphia is a destination for fine dining experiences, a world-class art scene, and national sporting events, not to mention its rich historical offerings and trendy neighborhoods.

Bryn Mawr’s campus is consistently ranked one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country.
It would have been easy for math major Madeleine Johnson to spend all of her time indoors. But when she was accepted into the Civic Engagement Office’s Summer of Service program, she knew she wanted to get outside. She volunteered for the nonprofit Weavers Way, which was established by a cooperative grocery store and gives back to Northwest Philadelphia by educating children and adults about urban farming and partnering with local homeless shelters.

Read more at brynmawr.edu/become/outside
GETTING OUT

Bryn Mawr students log some serious hours at nonprofit organizations throughout the greater Philadelphia region. In 2013, Bryn Mawr College was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll—with Distinction—for the fifth year in a row. Volunteering offers Bryn Mawr women a great way to gain real world experience and give back. Some of the organizations where students have recently volunteered include:

- Math and Science Program
- Women's Medical Fund
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Women's Law Project
- Research for Action
- Puentes de Salud
- Women's Way
- Habitat for Humanity
- Shakespeare in Clark Park
- Nationalities Service Center
- Belmont Charter School
- The Mazzoni Center
- Philadelphia Mayor’s Office
- Upward Bound
- Youth Build Charter School
- Laura Wheeler Waring School

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN PHILLY BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

By Ivy Gray-Klein ’14

Barnes Foundation
The Barnes Foundation has one of the best collections of Impressionist art in the world. “The Art of the Steal,” a documentary about the institution, was produced by Bryn Mawr alumna Sheena M. Joyce ’98, co-owner of 9.14 Pictures.

Mütter Museum
Part of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the Mütter Museum has an impressive collection of medical oddities, specimens, and antique medical equipment.

Magic Gardens
Located on South Street, Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens is an impressive sprawl of fully-mosaiced gallery and garden spaces.

City Hall
Philly’s City Hall is not only the tallest and largest in the country, but also a true icon of the city. For a nominal fee you can visit the tower’s observation deck and enjoy 360-degree views of the region.

Olde City
Enjoy a stroll down Market Street to take in Olde City’s shops, parks, restaurants, and immense history. You’ll see Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, the Constitution Center, Franklin Court, and much more.

Rittenhouse Square
Rittenhouse Square in Center City is a great spot for people and dog watching. Relax on a bench with an iconic Philly pretzel or some La Colombe coffee and enjoy the sights.

Cheesesteak
No trip to Philly is complete without experiencing a hoagie (no, it’s not a sub). Head to Paesano’s in the Italian Market for an authentic cheesesteak, not to mention an amazing sausage and peppers hoagie.

Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)
Located in the heart of the University of Pennsylvania’s campus, the ICA brings big-name art without the pretension. Admission is always free.

Sabrina’s
Begin your day with an incomparable brunch at Sabrina’s Cafe. Located right off Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the eatery has a little something for everyone, but the stuffed challah french toast is a must!

Pizza Brain/Little Baby’s
Located in trendy Northeast Philadelphia, Pizza Brain is the world’s first pizza museum. After a slice or two, head next door to Little Baby’s for deliciously odd homemade ice cream with flavors like Earl Grey Sriracha and Birch Beer Vanilla Bean.
When Elizabeth Wiseman decided she wanted to work in Tokyo, the linguistics major called in reinforcements. Even two years of language study and a year spent studying in Tokyo couldn’t have prepared her for what it would be like seeking full-time work in a culture that offers life-long contract commitments. “My Japanese professors taught me everything, from when to bow to how to hand out my business card.”

Read more at brynmawr.edu/become/competitor
Telling Women’s Stories
Activist Neema Namadamu, who visited Bryn Mawr in 2013, calls her homeland in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) “one of the worst places in the world to be a woman,” yet it remains an area that much of the world knows little about.

French professor Agnès Peysson-Zeiss and seven students in her Praxis III French class changed that. They participated in World Pulse, an online media network, to translate and broadcast first-hand accounts of women living in the DRC. Every two weeks, each student in the class would translate five blog posts from French to English and post them to World Pulse’s PulseWire, an online community of citizen journalists and bloggers.

A DIVERSE WORLDVIEW
Bryn Mawr is proud to have students who reflect the diversity of the nation and the world. The collegiate conversation is richer because we all lend our voices to it.

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*Temporary residents only

THE BRYN MAWR NETWORK IS WORLDWIDE

Widade Deguerre ’07
From Boston, Mass.
Studied Sociology
Pursued a Master of International Business at Hult International Business School in England
Works in finance at Thomson Reuters Singapore Office

“‘I’m a different person having gone to Bryn Mawr. I came out of high school with the grades and credentials to go to any school I wanted. What Bryn Mawr gave me was confidence. I came out of college more aware of myself and the world because of the experiences I had there, the classes I was a part of, and the friends I made.’”

Emma Wisniewski-Barker ’11
From Newark, Del.
Studied Physics
Pursued a Ph.D. in physics at University of Glasgow in Scotland
Plans include pursuing a job in academia or industry after graduation

“Bryn Mawr is such an open community and such an international community. Everyone comes to every conversation assuming that it’s going to be respectful. We talked about different beliefs all the time, and no one ever started from a defensive place. I joke about the fact that there’s a good chance no one in Glasgow has ever used the word heteronormativity—Bryn Mawr gave me an awareness that I didn’t even realize I needed.”
Nancy Toure spent part of her summer in Utah, collecting rock samples that will help researchers better understand the Great Ordovician Biodiversification Event—a period 480 million years ago when the planet saw a great increase in diversity of Paleozoic and modern fauna. Life was thriving but a geochemical analysis of shallow marine rocks tells us that the deep ocean had little oxygen during much of this period. Toure and others want to know—how did diversification happen if there was little oxygen?

Read more at brynmawr.edu/become/rocks
WOMEN’S COLLEGES PRODUCE SCIENTISTS

Think you want to study science? Research shows that you’re more likely to realize your dreams when you attend a women’s college. Each year, Bryn Mawr sees a higher percentage of women graduate with a degree in science or engineering than at other colleges.

GEOLOGY PROFESSOR BRINGS MARS RESEARCH DOWN TO EARTH

Geology professor Selby Cull decided she wanted to become a planetary geologist after she did a high school science project on how planets form. Now she spends her days working with NASA to research Mars’ geological composition—analyzing the samples collected by NASA’s rovers as well as remote sensing data collected via satellites.

“I study the water cycle on Mars,” said Cull. “On NASA’s last mission to Mars we knew there were permafrost areas of Mars [pockets of water ice below the surface]. My job was to look for water vapor. Was there a liquid phase? How did the water get down into the subsurface?”

Cull is mapping the distribution of the mineral perchloate in Mars’ soil. Perchloate is a salt that attracts water. If gas in the atmosphere has water vapor in it, the perchloate and water vapor react and Cull can see evidence of it in Mars’ soil composition. Cull’s work is helping scientists understand where liquid water used to be on the planet, and even where catastrophic flooding might have occurred.

Cull’s research may be out of this world but it’s got some down-to-Earth consequences. She and her students are finding similar minerals in rivers like Pennsylvania’s Schuylkill, where abandoned coal mines upriver have left pyrite exposed. The pyrite oxidizes when exposed to oxygen and water and turns into sulphuric acid.

“It’s terrible if you’re a trout downstream but wonderful if you’re a Martian geologist,” said Cull. “All of these heavy metals are being leached by the acid, going into the streams and killing wildlife. And the minerals we’re seeing are nearly identical to what we’re seeing on Mars. The streams have turned bright orange—they look just like Mars.”

SUMMER OF SCIENCE

Conducting summer research under the mentorship of a faculty member is a great way to see if a career in science is for you. Bryn Mawr’s undergraduate research grants are available to students majoring or planning to major in science, math, or computer science. Students who receive an award earn academic credit along with a sizable stipend—enough to cover room and board and provide some summer spending money. The 10-week program begins in May and ends in August, and participants treat undergraduate research like a full-time job—working long days and, with any luck, producing a paper or poster presentation at the conclusion of the experience.

Other research funding opportunities include:

- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowships
- Hanna Holborn Gray Research Grants
- Dean’s Office Research Funding
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Summer Horizons Internships

Accepted

In any given year, 85 to 95 percent of Bryn Mawr applicants who are U.S. citizens are accepted to a U.S. allopathic or osteopathic medical school.
Film studies major Lindsey Crowe spent her senior year studying one of Western culture’s most famous literary adaptations—Sherlock Holmes. Specifically, she looked at the only woman to ever outsmart the super-sleuth. Irene Adler appears only once in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s *A Scandal in Bohemia* but has become a staple character in film adaptations. “People love that someone outsmarted Sherlock Holmes but she also settles any questions about the nature of the homoeroticism between Holmes and Watson,” said Crowe.

*Read more at brynmawr.edu/become/detective*
EXPRESS YOURSELF

Whether you’re a budding performance artist or someone who considers even finger painting outside your comfort zone, Bryn Mawr’s arts scene enriches campus life for everyone. The College’s Performing Arts Series brings international acts to the Bryn Mawr community, and there are plenty of ways for students—regardless of major—to get in on the action. Try out your best stuff at an open mic night or work with curators to shepherd a special exhibition from conception to completion. The Creative Writing Program brings authors you know and love to Bryn Mawr for readings, as well as candid conversations about the craft.

Ready, Set, Get Published

If you’re a writer with something to say, you’ll find plenty of places to express yourself.

**Bi-College News**
A weekly newspaper featuring articles and editorials by both Bryn Mawr and Haverford students.

**College News**
A feminist news journal that serves as a source of information and self-expression for the Bryn Mawr community.

**Kaleidoscope**
An alternative literary magazine that showcases the voices of students, faculty, and staff and is published once a year.

**Leverage**
A zine that documents and highlights the experiences and voices of people of color on the Bryn Mawr campus. Leverage is published twice per semester.

**Nimbus Literary Arts Magazine**
Bryn Mawr’s premier magazine is published once a year and showcases student writing and artwork.

WRITING HER OWN FUTURE

Alicia Ramirez came to Bryn Mawr from Puerto Rico with one goal—to get a job in publishing.

“I had no intention of applying to a women’s college. I was just looking for a small liberal arts college that would provide me with a great education and prepare me for a career in publishing,” said Ramirez. “When I looked at different reviews and rankings, Bryn Mawr frequently came out on top.”

The English major and creative writing minor didn’t waste any time once she got to campus. She wrote for the *Bi-College News* and was the managing editor of *Nimbus* magazine. She traveled to New York City to intern with the Doris S. Michaels Literary Agency, where she evaluated queries and manuscripts and managed the agency’s social media presence. During the academic year, she completed a remote internship with Folio Literary Management, also in New York.

Bryn Mawr students teamed up with Haverford students to stage a contemporary adaptation of Sophocles’ *Antigone*. Directed by Bryn Mawr theatre professor Catharine Slusar, the play explored how we respond to tragedy and disaster.
“When we talk to students about their 360° experience, they use phrases like, ‘life-changing experience’,” said Marc Schulz, a professor of psychology and one of three professors who led a recent 360° class, Contemplative Traditions, alongside chemistry professor Michelle Francl and Haverford East Asian studies professor Hank Glassman. Students enroll in three separate courses but come together with all three professors to synthesize what they’re learning. 

Read more at brynmawr.edu/become/collaborator
THREE CLASSES, ONE 360° WORLD VIEW

360° courses offer students the opportunity to focus intensely on one topic from three different perspectives. Faculty members attend each other’s classes, helping students make connections between the disciplines. The students who took the recent 360° course Contemplative Traditions enrolled in:

- History and Rhetoric of Buddhist Meditation
- Silent Spaces: A History of Contemplation in the West
- Listening to Mind and Body: The Psychology of Mindfulness

Past 360° courses have included:

- Learning and Narrating Childhoods (Education, French, Psychology)
- Perspectives on Sustainability (Education, Growth and Structure of Cities, Mathematics)
- Transforming the Legacy of Oil (Economics, Growth and Structure of Cities, History)

SCARED OF COMMITMENT?

Bryn Mawr’s half-semester focus classes, or quarter-classes, let students explore intriguing topics without making a semester-long commitment. The classes, which run for seven weeks, are just as academically rigorous as semester-long classes but, because of their short duration, allow students to explore more disciplines in a single semester.

Sharon Ullman, a professor of history, recently offered a focus class called Leisure and Class: Baseball, which explored baseball’s historic role as both a reflector and mediator of social class in the United States.

“In this country, baseball was one of the avenues by which workers and immigrants were urged to identify as citizens of a nation as opposed to members of a class,” said Ullman.

While a semester of studying nothing but one in-depth topic might have been too much for some students, seven weeks is enough time for undecided students to determine whether they like digging deeper into a discipline. The short course also provides a welcome diversion for students who would otherwise devote the bulk of their schedules to major coursework.

Earn Two Degrees

Are you a budding engineer or urban planner with a hankering for a liberal arts education? Special relationships with the University of Pennsylvania and the California Institute of Technology allow students the opportunity to earn an undergraduate degree from Bryn Mawr while simultaneously working toward another degree in their chosen career field.

3/2 Program in Engineering and Applied Science
Complete three years at Bryn Mawr and transfer into the third year at CalTech. After completing two full years of coursework there, you’ll receive a Bachelor of Arts from Bryn Mawr and a Bachelor of Science from CalTech.

3/2 Program in City and Regional Planning
Major in Growth and Structure of Cities at Bryn Mawr and study city planning at the University of Pennsylvania. In five years, you’ll earn your Bachelor of Arts from Bryn Mawr and your Master of City Planning from Penn.

4+1 in Engineering and Applied Science
Begin work on your master’s degree in engineering at the University of Pennsylvania while still enrolled as an undergraduate at Bryn Mawr. The program is open to math and science majors with a GPA of at least a 3.0.
“When I got to college I made a deal with myself; I was going to say ‘yes’ to everything,” said Anna Kalinsky. When she wasn’t in class, she was fencing, writing for the newspaper, playing rugby, or presiding over the College’s beekeeping club. “This is my happy place,” said Kalinsky, of the College’s beehives, “I joined the club and got really into it. I’m in the chemistry lab a lot, and it’s really nice to get outside.”

Read more at brynmawr.edu/become/buzzworthy
At Bryn Mawr, you won’t find first-year students relegated to a freshman dorm. Incoming students are assigned to a hall with other first-year students, but each dorm houses women from all four classes. Because of the College’s strong Self-Government Association, students decide what housing looks like on campus. They run the residence hall room-draw process, and even seniors—who at other colleges might be eager to move off campus—remain committed to preserving the ethos of the community that ushered them into collegiate life at Bryn Mawr.

“People have this vision of what a college dorm should look like—with hardwood floors and fireplaces and high ceilings. There’s always a lot of wood and plenty of window seats. That’s what you get here. It’s like something you see in the movies.”
- Angie Sheets, Director of Residential Life

A Club for Everyone
Visit brynmawr.edu/activities for a complete and current list of student organizations. Don’t see what you’re looking for? Start your own.

VARSIY SPORTS
Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Indoor Track & Field, Outdoor Track & Field, Volleyball

CLUB SPORTS
Equestrian, Fencing, Gymnastics, Judo, Ping-Pong, Rugby, Squash, Tae Kwon Do, Ultimate Frisbee, Olympic Weightlifting
Bryn Mawr’s Career and Professional Development (CPD) helped Kaitlin Menza ’09 land the internship—and ultimately the job—of her dreams. Each year, the American Society of Magazine Editors selects 30 college students from across the country and places them in internships at the nation’s top magazines. Menza competed to become Bryn Mawr’s nominee and then worked with CPD staff to prepare a winning application that showcased her passion for writing. The result? An internship at Glamour magazine, which ultimately led her to her current position as a senior editor for OK! magazine.

Read more at brynmawr.edu/become/maven
LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION, AND LIBERAL ARTS CENTER

Bryn Mawr’s Leadership, Innovation, and Liberal Arts Center (LILAC) takes all of the services that students need to turn their liberal arts degrees into meaningful careers and puts them under one roof. From volunteer opportunities and community-based learning to internships and careers, LILAC engages students in a conversation about how their values and goals will ultimately translate into jobs they enjoy.

“Bryn Mawr students consistently demonstrate high ethics, integrity, and intellectual competence. At Vanguard, we have hired many Bryn Mawr graduates over the years and they continue to add tremendous value to our organization.”

- Karen Fox, Manager, University Relations and Employment Marketing, Vanguard Human Resources

INTERNSHIPS THAT DELIVER REAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Bryn Mawr’s Career and Professional Development (CPD) prepares students to find internships in a variety of sectors. Some of the organizations where students have recently interned include:

Amazon
FDIC
Forbes magazine
Google
Human Rights Watch
Infosys
Morgan Stanley
Philadelphia Mural Arts
Public Financial Management
Real Simple magazine
University of Princeton Press
Vanguard
Viacom
W magazine

RECENT GRADUATE SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

Brown University
Cambridge University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Emory University
Harvard University
Jefferson Medical School
London School of Economics
Oxford University
Rhode Island School of Design
Sotheby’s Institute of Art
Stanford University
Trinity College
University of Liverpool
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania

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WHERE THEY WORK*

- Education 17%
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- Business 24%
- Health & Medicine 11%
- Arts 3%
- Science & Engineering 6%
- Nonprofit 14%
- Law 5%
- Information Technology 7%
- Government 2%
- Sports 2%
- Other 6%

*Class of 2011
WHO WILL YOU BECOME?

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Think Bryn Mawr is for you?

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