

HAVERGAL COLLEGE

VIEWBOOK



*Preparing young women to make a difference*



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# Discover

Canada's pre-eminent independent school for girls  
Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12

# 1894

YEAR FOUNDED

Junior  
Kindergarten  
to 12

GRADES

22

ACRE CAMPUS

920

STUDENTS

50

BOARDERS

215+

FACULTY & STAFF

## Who We Are



### A UNIQUE APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Havergal College is a school grounded in the principles of a liberal arts education and committed to a culture of thinking. It takes a unique approach to education and has expert teachers who respond to student needs. Our students develop independence of thought, emotional resilience and intellectual agility: everything they need to make their mark.



## AN ENCOURAGING AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

Havergal features a stimulating and supportive learning environment, alongside a strong community that fosters self-confidence, leadership and teamwork. Our students expand their minds in our rich and stimulating environment, where leadership is fostered and where a passion for doing good in the world is nurtured.

## Tradition Informing the Future

Havergal College, built on an Anglican foundation, named Ellen Knox as its first principal. She led the school with determination and vision through its first three decades and often posed the question to her students: “What are you going to do?” This question still resonates with today’s students as Havergal prepares young women to make a difference.

## Our Values



### Integrity

Honesty, dignity, responsibility and respect for others guide our actions. Self-respect is key, allowing authenticity and the ability to be true to oneself.



### Inquiry

Exploration, questioning and discovery guide our path of learning.



### Compassion

We believe that kindness and caring are part of who we are and guide what we should do. A common humanity lies at the heart of our school.



### Courage

We are not afraid to question the status quo and to be bold and tenacious in our pursuits and values.





# 12

MATH COURSES

# 30+

COURSES IN THE ARTS

# 10

GRADE 12 COURSES  
IN SCIENCE

# 20+

COURSES IN LANGUAGE

# 50

COURSES IN  
SOCIAL SCIENCES

# 4

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

OFFERED: FRENCH, LATIN,  
MANDARIN, SPANISH

## A Havergal Education



### A LIBERAL ARTS FOUNDATION

Havergal College offers a strong liberal arts education that is broad and diverse, rather than narrow and specialized. This foundation fosters an attitude of inquiry and a mind open to new ideas and varied perspectives. We prepare girls for a life of independence and impact by asking them to grapple with difficult questions and then act on proposed answers.



## A CULTURE OF THINKING

A liberal arts education cultivates the curiosity and collaborative mindset that a rapidly changing world demands. It also promotes the leadership qualities most needed in this unpredictable global context: adaptability, innovation, courage, comfort with ambiguity and a willingness to alter the status quo. This is the liberal arts student. This is the Havergal graduate.

## The Havergal Difference

To achieve our overarching goal of cultivating independence and critical thinking, we offer a unique Havergal education based on leading instructional models that are tailored to the needs of our students.

# 85+

FACULTY MEMBERS

# 100%

OF JUNIOR SCHOOL CORE  
TEACHERS HAVE ADDITIONAL  
QUALIFICATIONS IN MATHEMATICS

# 100%

OF FACULTY  
ARE COACHES, ADVISORS  
AND MENTORS

# 100%

OF FACULTY  
RECEIVE YEARLY PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

# 44

FACULTY MEMBERS  
HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE

# 3

FACULTY MEMBERS  
HAVE A PhD

## Our Faculty



### PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATING AND GUIDING YOUNG WOMEN

Our faculty and staff exemplify the qualities we seek to develop in our students—they are intellectually engaging, curious, innovative and dedicated, with strong personal values and a commitment to a lifelong learning. They keenly participate in the life of the school, as coaches, advisors and mentors.



## DEDICATED, COMMITTED AND CARING

Our faculty's commitment toward professional development is unwavering and is evident in the learning that takes place at the school, in learning teams, workshops, conferences and professional writing. Above all, the support, inspiration, encouragement and joy in spending their days with students are reflected in all that they do.

## Our talented and diverse faculty is comprised of:

14 Math Honours Specialists	5 Guidance Counsellors
11 Languages Honours Specialists	4 Nurses
10 Social Sciences Honours Specialists	2 Accomplished Athletes
9 Science Honours Specialists	2 LLBs
5 Music Honours Specialists	1 Social Worker
4 Art Honours Specialists	1 Latin Scholar
4 Learning Support Specialists	1 Published Poet
1 STEM Specialist	1 Accomplished Sculptor
	1 Olympic Medalist

# 22

ACRE CAMPUS

# 6

TENNIS COURTS

# 3

SPORTS FIELDS

# 2

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

# 1

AMPHITHEATRE

# 25

METRE SWIMMING POOL

# 6

KW SOLAR PANELS

## Our Campus



### A BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS LOCATED IN MIDTOWN TORONTO

Havergal features a natural, protected tree-lined ravine, green playing fields and a combination of heritage and modern architecture. From the exterior, the school buildings evoke a sense of tradition and permanence, while the interior atmosphere provides an ideal environment in which to learn.





## EXTENSIVE FACILITIES

Built in 1926, our heritage buildings are augmented by light-filled modern additions, which complete our state-of-the-art facilities and provide the setting for our superior academic programs and co-curricular activities. Havergal students enjoy playing fields, tennis courts, landscaped quads, woodland paths and ample space to walk, run, think, talk and learn.

### Junior School

- Gymnasium
- Learning Hub
- Library
- Outdoor Kaleidoscope
- Outdoor Labyrinth
- Outdoor Learning
- PlaySpace
- Playground

### Upper School

- 187-Seat Theatre
- Art House
- Athletic Centre
- Dining Room
- Fitness Room
- Library Resource Centre
- Regulation-Size Pool
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Single and Double Gymnasium







# Achieve

At Havergal College, there are no limits to  
what our students can achieve

# 260

JUNIOR SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

# 34

TEACHERS, SPECIALISTS  
AND TEACHING SUPPORTS

# 9:1

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO  
FOR KINDERGARTEN

# 16:1

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO  
FOR GRADE 1

# 6

LEADERSHIP TRIPS

# 2

LEARNING SUPPORT  
SPECIALISTS

## Junior School: Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6



### BREAKING THE MARBLE SPELL

The Junior School is a nurturing, welcoming environment, where children in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 are actively engaged in learning. The program is continually evolving to foster and support young girls at every age and stage of their development. Our Junior School students discover who they are becoming and what they can accomplish.





## SPARKING EXCITEMENT TO LEARN THROUGH EXPLORATION AND SELF-DISCOVERY

We provide our students with innovative learning experiences in classrooms, gymnasiums, laboratories, music and art studios and the outdoors. They benefit from a liberal arts education that is academically challenging, well-rounded and full of ways to express their creativity, enthusiasm and self-confidence.

## The Junior School Speciality Programs

French  
Information & Communication Technology  
Music (Vocal and Instrumental)  
Physical and Health Education  
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)  
Swimming  
Visual Arts

# 180

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

# 24

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS PER CLASS

# 8

HOME FORMS

# 6

SPECIALTY CLASSES

# 2

DEDICATED SCIENCE LABS

# 2

DEDICATED COMPUTER  
LABS

## Middle School: Grades 7 and 8



### MINDS SET FREE

The Middle School program is designed to provide each girl with the time and structure to explore and shape her emerging identity as she transitions from elementary into secondary school. Our supportive and encouraging faculty and staff create opportunities for girls to experiment, navigate setbacks and celebrate successes.





## ENCOURAGING SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING AND RESOURCEFULNESS IN EACH GIRL

Middle School students experience a diverse academic program taught by specialist teachers in classrooms, laboratories, gymnasiums, music, art and drama studios and the outdoors. Dedicated instructional time is woven into her program for the development of learning and organizational skills that research shows is correlated to academic success.

## Courses in the Middle School Curriculum

English  
Guidance (Academic Skills, Social and Emotional Learning, Executive Function Skills)  
Health and Physical Education, including Dance  
Languages: French (Core and Reach Ahead)  
Mathematics (Core and Reach Ahead)  
Performing Arts: Drama, Band, Strings and Vocal Music  
Religious Education  
Science and Technology  
Social Sciences (History and Geography)  
Visual Arts

# 430

SENIOR SCHOOL  
DAY STUDENTS

# 50

BOARDERS

# 12 to 24

CLASS SIZE RANGE

# 5

HARKNESS TABLE  
CLASSROOMS

# 45

CLUBS

# BYOD

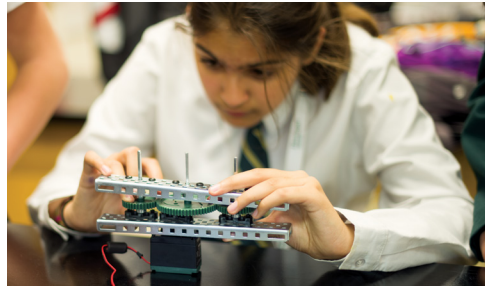
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

## Senior School: Grades 9 to 12



### EXPLORING THE BRINK OF THE KNOWN

The Senior School prepares girls to envision a future where anything can be achieved. Through an increasingly expansive and diverse academic offering, each girl can pursue her interests and discover her passions. As students progress through the Senior School, each girl has increasing choice and flexibility in the design of her program. The Senior School program meets and exceeds the expectations of the Ontario Ministry of Education. All courses are college-preparatory and are at the advanced level.





## Courses in the Senior School curriculum

Business Studies

English

Guidance & Career Education

Health & Physical Education, including focus courses in Outdoor Education, Dance, Personal Fitness and Leadership Development

Interdisciplinary Studies

Languages (French, Latin, Mandarin, Spanish)

Mathematics

Performing Arts (Drama, Band, Strings and Vocal Music)

Science

Social Sciences

Technological Education

Visual Arts

## FOCUSING ON ACTIVE CROSS-DISCIPLINARY THINKING AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENTORSHIP AND NETWORKING

In the Senior School, students construct meaning and understanding as they consider conflicting interpretations, arrive at their own informed opinions and actively participate in cross-discipline learning. Our teachers are specialists and find innovative ways to engage students in academics through collaboration, mentoring, networking, research, inquiry and dialogue.



*In addition to classes taught at Havergal, students may enroll in online courses through eLearning Consortium Canada (ELCC).*

# 50

BOARDERS

# 32%

ARE CANADIAN

# 68%

ARE INTERNATIONAL

# 4

FULL-TIME LIVE-IN  
RESIDENCE DONS

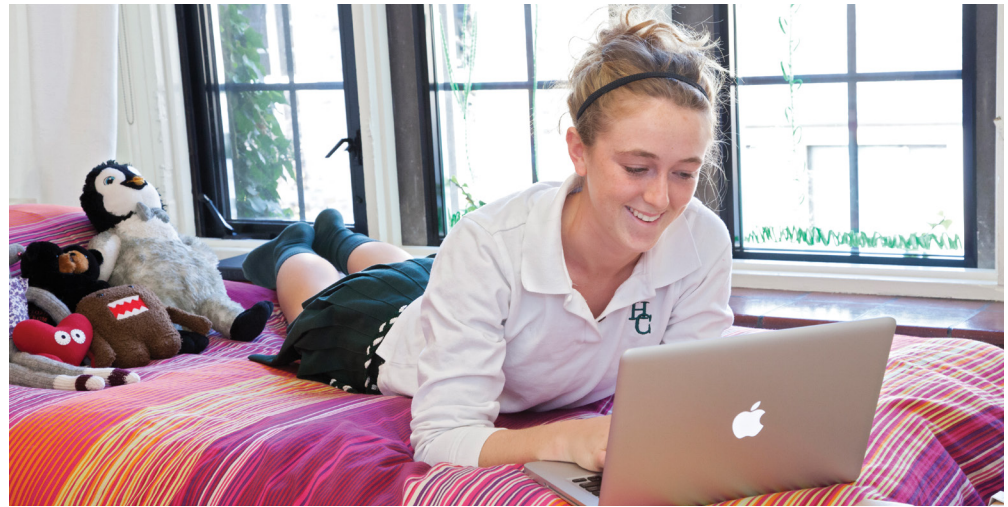
# 180

ACTIVITIES  
OFFERED ANNUALLY

# 10

JUNIOR DONS

## Boarding School: Grades 9 to 12



### A COMMUNITY OF LEARNING AND FRIENDSHIP

Located in the Upper School, the Boarding School provides unique experiences filled with opportunities for girls to learn, grow and make lifelong friends. Boarding students are fully engaged in our student body and school life through classroom learning, co-curricular programs, teams, clubs and other school activities.







## LIFE AS A BOARDER

Boarding life at Havergal is full of cultural richness and diversity. Outside school hours, Boarders take full advantage of the multitude of opportunities living in a world-class city such as Toronto has to offer. Boarders develop their independence, self-reliance, confidence and leadership skills, while being supported in a safe, family setting and receiving unique attention.

## Who are Residence Dons?

Residence Dons are dynamic young women with teaching and coaching responsibilities. Dons live in the Boarding School with the girls and are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each Boarder is a member of a family group headed by a Don and two Junior Dons (senior students). The Don is in daily contact with the Boarders and acts as an advisor, mentor, role model and leader. The Junior Dons assist the Dons and help plan activities for Boarders throughout the year.

# 100%

OF OUR GRADUATES  
ATTEND A UNIVERSITY  
OF THEIR CHOICE

# 97%

OF GRADUATES ARE  
HONOURED BY THE ONTARIO  
MINISTRY EDUCATION AS  
ONTARIO SCHOLARS

# \$1.3

MILLION  
OFFERED IN BOTH RENEWABLE  
AND NON-RENEWABLE  
SCHOLARSHIPS

# 1 in 3

GRADUATES ENTERS A  
LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM

# 1 in 7

GRADUATES ENTERS  
A PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERING PROGRAM

*Statistics above are based  
on Class of 2016*

## Our Graduates



### TRANSFORMING THE HAVERGAL EXPERIENCE INTO UNIQUE VERSIONS OF EXCELLENCE

Our graduates are ready not only to succeed, but also to make a difference as a leader in their chosen pursuits. They have the academic credentials and the intellectual curiosity to excel at university and beyond. They are prepared for a lifetime of learning. Our graduates join the Havergal Old Girls community of more than 9,500 alumnae around the world.



## Some of Our Graduates' University Destinations

### Ontario

McMaster University  
Queen's University  
Ryerson University  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
Wilfrid Laurier University

### Canada

Dalhousie University  
McGill University  
St. Francis Xavier University  
The University of British Columbia  
University of King's College

### United States

Brown University  
California Institute of Technology  
Columbia University  
Harvard University  
New York University  
Princeton University  
Stanford University  
University of Pennsylvania

### International

King's College London  
London School of Economics and  
Political Science  
Royal College of Surgeons  
in Ireland  
University of Cambridge  
University of Edinburgh  
University of St Andrews

## PREPARATION FOR A LIFETIME OF LEARNING

Our liberal arts program meets and exceeds the expectations of the Ontario Ministry of Education. All courses are university-preparatory and are offered at the advanced level. A credit is granted with the successful completion of a course for which a minimum of 110 hours has been scheduled. Upon graduation, students receive the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.





# Experience

Behind the ivy-covered walls, Havergal College is bustling with energy, movement, music, laughter and fun

# 20+

ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

# 15+

LOCATIONS IN OUR EXCHANGE PROGRAM

# 100%

OF UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

# 50

AVERAGE NUMBER OF JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS INVOLVED IN STUDENT-LED PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

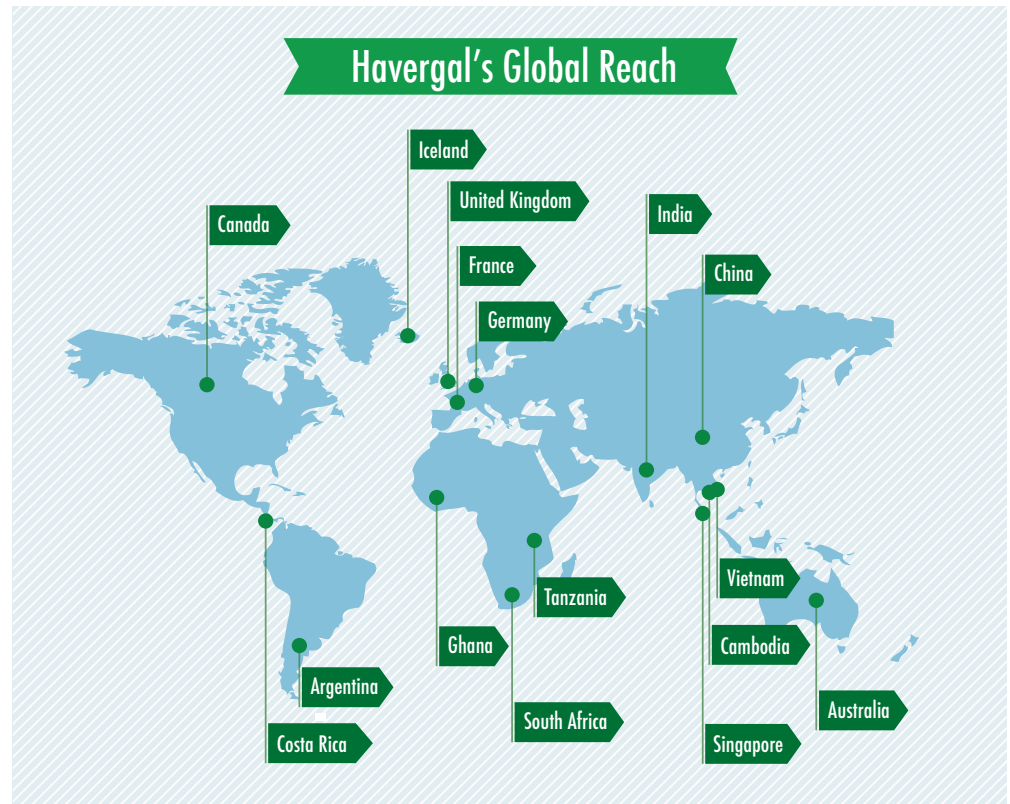
# 1 in 4

UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATES IN THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

# 4

FULL-TIME INSTITUTE STAFF

## The Institute at Havergal College



### STUDENTS EXPERIENCE MEANINGFUL IMPACT

The Institute delivers integrated programs to help students explore and engage in the world. This begins with students in the Junior School, as we enable student voice and action. Upper School students have learning opportunities to build global capability through local and international experiences. Through the Institute, students gain a better understanding of the world and the complexities of social issues on a global scale.



### **WHAT KIND OF WORLD DO I WANT? FROM IDEAS TO ACTION**

The Institute's mission is to empower students with the tools and knowledge needed to promote change with critical thinking and thoughtful action. The Institute works to support student-driven ideas and provides opportunities through our three streams of programming: Student Institute Team (Junior School), Students Act Now (Upper School) and the Global Experience Program (Upper School).

### **Student Institute Team & Students Act Now**

Student Institute Team and Students Act Now are ideas incubator programs, where students can explore and take action on issues that matter to them.

### **Global Experience Program**

Global Experience Program provides local and international experience opportunities under:

- Community Partnerships
- Excursion Program
- Exchange Program

# 75

ATHLETIC TEAMS

# 8

SQUADS AND SQUAD TEAMS

# 100+

COACHES

# 100

CHAMPIONSHIPS\*

# 15

PROVINCIAL (OFSAA) CHAMPIONSHIPS\*

# 7

ROWING (CSSRA) CHAMPIONSHIPS\*

*\*based on championships from 2013 to 2016*

## Athletics



### OUR ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

Havergal College's athletics program has the breadth to meet the needs of a diverse group of students and the depth to challenge students at all stages of development. Our program is designed to develop self-confidence, sportsmanship, commitment, perseverance, co-operation, responsibility, resilience, self-efficacy and a commitment to healthy, active living.







## HAVERGAL'S ATHLETICS PROGRAMS PROVIDE A CONTINUUM OF DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS SCHOOL-WIDE

Havergal offers three programs from Grades 1 to 12. Squads, for Grades 1 to 3, is a non-competitive program focused on developing the fundamentals of sport. Squad Teams, for Grades 4 to 6, compete in Conference of Independent Schools Athletic Association (CISAA). Havergal Teams, for Grades 5 to 12, compete in CISAA, while the Senior School competes at Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSAA) championships.

### Intra-School Athletics

The goal of the program is to provide a variety of non-competitive opportunities for all students to stay active and develop a lifelong commitment to healthy, active living, while having fun. Students can participate in intramurals and other athletic events school-wide throughout the school year.

# 100+

CLUBS

# 85+

FORMAL LEADERSHIP  
POSITIONS

# 75%

OF UPPER SCHOOL  
STUDENTS PARTICIPATE  
IN CLUBS

# 16

STUDENT-DEVELOPED  
CLUBS

# 5

CLUBS THAT COMPETE  
INTERNATIONALLY

# 8

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUBS  
DEDICATED TO SCIENCE

## Co-Curricular & House System



### WE HAVE SOMETHING TO INTEREST EVERY GIRL

Havergal College offers a wide range of co-curricular activities to meet the interests of every student. Individual talents and interests can be pursued through activities and participation in clubs, athletics and school life, including outstanding music, art, drama and literary programs. Students are encouraged to explore and investigate new interests or ideas. Eventually, what starts as a spark, transforms into passion.



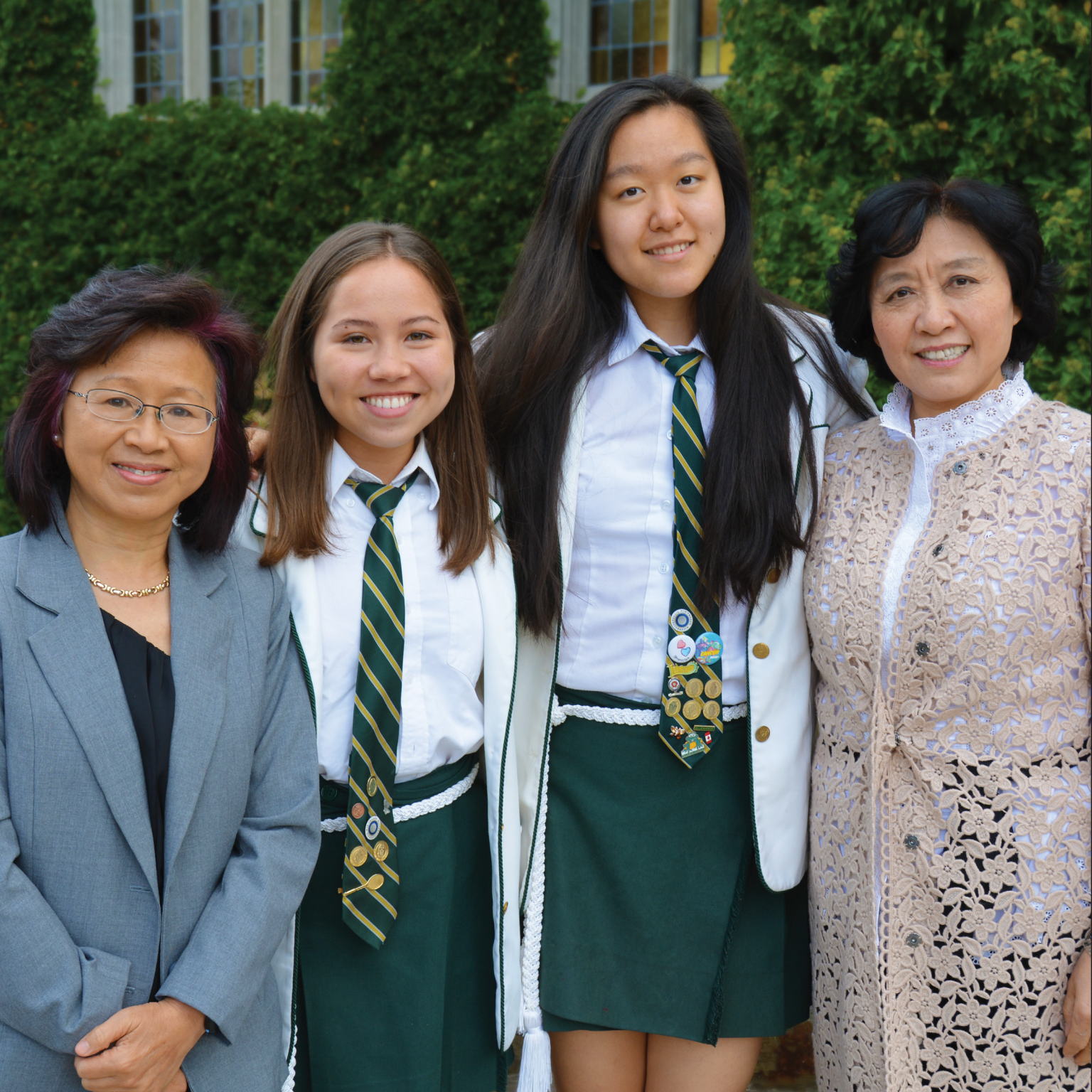


## HOUSE SYSTEM

A vital and magical element of the Havergal experience is House. With a total of 10, the House System encourages co-operation and school spirit among students, faculty and staff. The purpose is to create smaller units within which girls can develop qualities of initiative and leadership, as well as get to provide student mentorship opportunities. Each girl belongs to a House as soon as she arrives at Havergal, and her pride in her House remains strong long after graduation.

## Leadership

Havergal believes that students of all ages should have opportunities to develop their voices, and in doing so, discover their ability to lead. Every student is encouraged to develop leadership skills. As they progress through the grades, their leadership and level of responsibility will increase. Each year, students attend grade excursions to allow classes, Forms and Houses to bond over learning activities and experiences.





# Community

Havergal College continuously strives to strengthen the school community by connecting students, parents, alumnae, faculty, staff and friends

9,500+

OLD GIRLS

70

COUNTRIES

100%

OF OLD GIRLS  
HAVE MENTORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES

20+

OLD GIRL  
ANNUAL GLOBAL  
NETWORKING EVENTS

3

ORDER OF CANADA  
RECIPIENTS

9

OLYMPIC ATHLETES

## Havergal Old Girls Association



### A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Upon graduation, our alumnae join the Havergal Old Girls community, a vibrant network of more than 9,500 accomplished women living in more than 70 countries around the world. The Havergal Old Girls Association offers many programs, events and services that sustain and support the lifelong association between every Old Girl and the Havergal College community.



## Some of Our Old Girls

**Gillian Apps (2001)**  
Athlete, three-time Winter Olympics Gold Medallist

**Dr. Carolyn Bennett (1968)**  
Canada's Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs

**Pauline Chan (1983)**  
Reporter and Anchor at CTV Toronto

**Paula Cox (1976)**  
Former Premier of Bermuda

**Dr. Gillian Hawker (1978)**  
Chair, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto

**Dr. Christine Lay (1981)**  
Director of Women's College Hospital's Centre for Headache

**Margaret Norrie McCain (1951)**  
Former Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and Officer of the Order of Canada

**Sarah Richardson (1989)**  
Designer and Media Personality

**Jennifer Tory (1974)**  
Group Head, Personal and Commercial Banking, RBC

**Carol Welsman (1978)**  
Internationally acclaimed Singer and Pianist



Havergal Old Girl and Canada's Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, the Honourable Dr. Carolyn Bennett, with Havergal students.

## PREPARING FOR A LIFETIME OF LEARNING

Old Girls carry out our school's mission of making a difference, introduced by first principal, Ellen Knox, who posed the question: "What are you going to do?" Havergal Old Girls are the living answer to this inspiring question, shaping the cultural, political, economic and academic landscapes of Canada and beyond.

1,600+

HAVERGAL COLLEGE  
PARENT ASSOCIATION  
(HCPA) MEMBERS

15+

ANNUAL FORMAL EVENTS  
FOR PARENTS

40

HCPA COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS

15+

ANNUAL PARENT  
EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES

100%

OF PARENTS HAVE  
STUDENT MENTORING  
OPPORTUNITIES

## Havergal Parents



### HAVERGAL PARENTS ARE VALUED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Parents are partners with the school in the educational journey of their daughters. Havergal College respects the special role that parents play and actively cultivates the parent-school relationship. As members of the Havergal community, parents enjoy a strong association with the school and other parents who share similar aspirations for their daughters.





## PARENT INVOLVEMENT ENRICHES SCHOOL LIFE

The Havergal College Parent Association (HCPA) is our parent volunteer organization that hosts and runs many community-building events throughout the year, such as Celebration Saturday, parent socials, the Father Daughter Dance and a parent luncheon. We have many dedicated volunteers who work together to make a vibrant and caring Havergal community.

## How can parents get involved?

Whether it's attending a social to meet fellow parents or volunteering their time at a school event, parents have opportunities to engage in school life. Parents are also welcome to join the HCPA Committee, a dedicated group of parent ambassadors who engage the Havergal community throughout the year.



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