



“Having roommates and living with different people, who have different habits, makes you aware of what to expect in college.”

Aaliyah, Middletown High School

A Seven-Year Program

With a Three-Year Residential Component

For three summers in a row, high school students live and learn together as they prepare for acceptance to competitive four-year colleges and universities.

Upon successful transition to college, DCS graduates receive personal counseling and support via ongoing regular contact and on-campus check-ins with a DCS college persistence officer.



Summer 1 - Prepare for College

- ✦ Master rigorous curriculum in a small classroom setting
- ✦ Learn the college application process
- ✦ Tackle SAT preparation with a college prep instructor
- ✦ Develop essential survival skills of a successful college student



Summer 2 - Research and Apply

- ✦ Research colleges to find the right fit
- ✦ Learn to write a college essay, and to successfully interview
- ✦ Discover and apply for scholarships
- ✦ Learn the financial aid application process



Summer 3 - Successful College Transition

- ✦ Select the right college courses
- ✦ Explore and evaluate college majors
- ✦ Develop strategies to maximize performance
- ✦ Formulate a plan to successfully complete freshman year



“DCS continues to support me by reminding me to keep up with FAFSA and to take advantage of campus resources and networking that will help me get through college.”

Aliana, Class of 2022

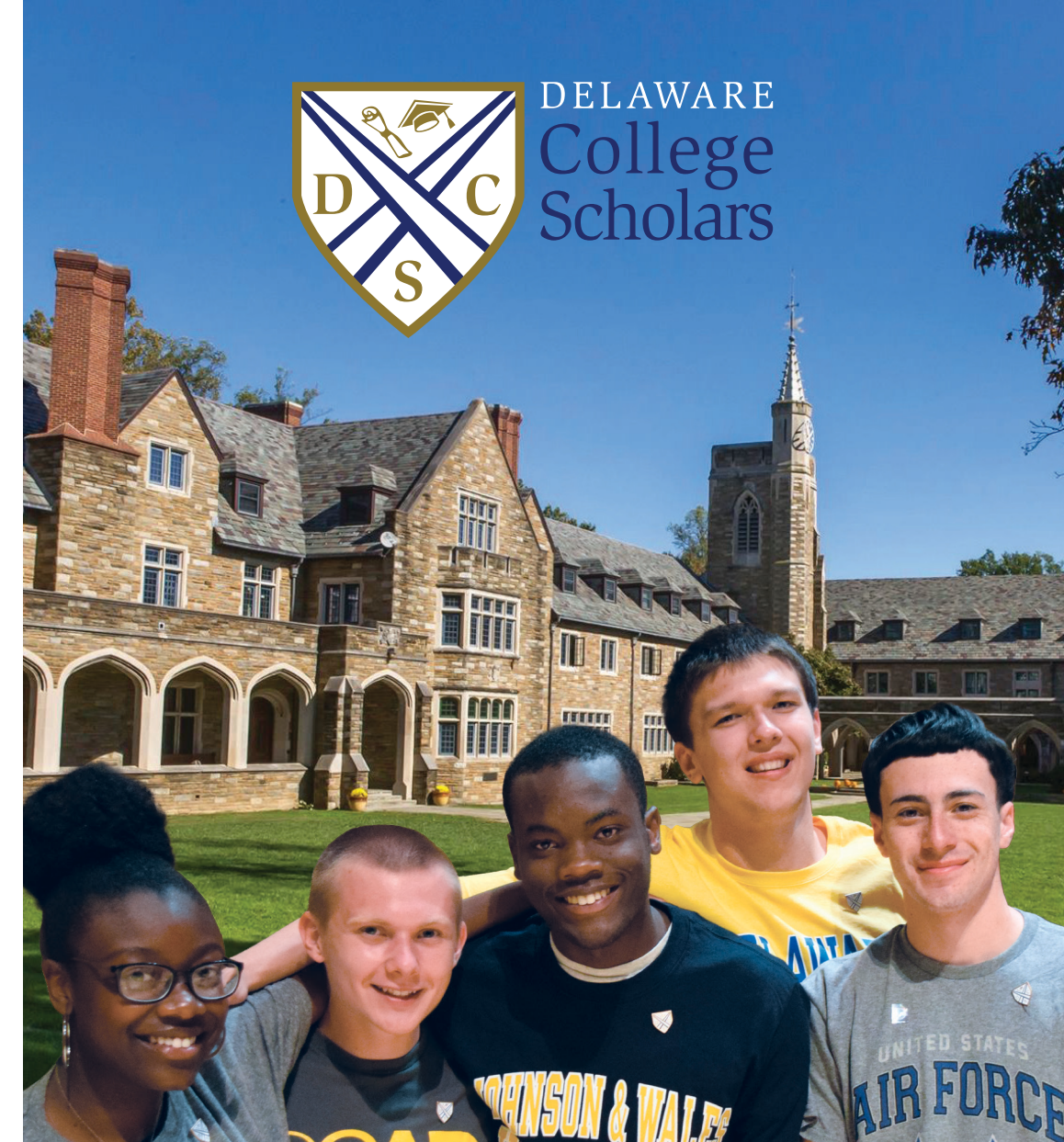
Delaware College Scholars Model

Beginning the summer after 10th grade, Delaware College Scholars receive both year-round and summer intensive support in their pursuit of college acceptance and completion.

- 1. COLLEGE STYLE CLASSES** with roundtable Socratic seminars give students knowledge, confidence and the ability to succeed in every area of college.
- 2. ACADEMIC SESSIONS** emphasize mastery of English and math content. Intensive one-on-one interactions between students and teachers focus heavily on problem-solving techniques.
- 3. COLLEGE VISITATION** to over a dozen institutes of higher education occurs during students' first two years in the program. Colleges and universities such as Georgetown, Haverford, Howard, University of Delaware and UPenn are toured.
- 4. A DYNAMIC COHORT MODEL** begins the first summer and follows students through college graduation. Scholars forge lasting relationships and become part of a unique peer group with similar academic goals.
- 5. ONE-ON-ONE COLLEGE ADVISEMENT** demystifies the college application, selection and financial aid process. Each session targets key activities that students must complete to successfully enroll in and complete college.
- 6. COLLEGE WORKSHOPS** focused on SAT test preparation, financial aid, career readiness and presentations from college admissions staff occur throughout each school year.
- 7. FULL-TIME COLLEGE PERSISTENCE STAFF** supports scholars' continued achievement upon entering college. Delaware College Scholars tracks for accountability, celebrates successes and aids in problem solving throughout each scholar's college experience.



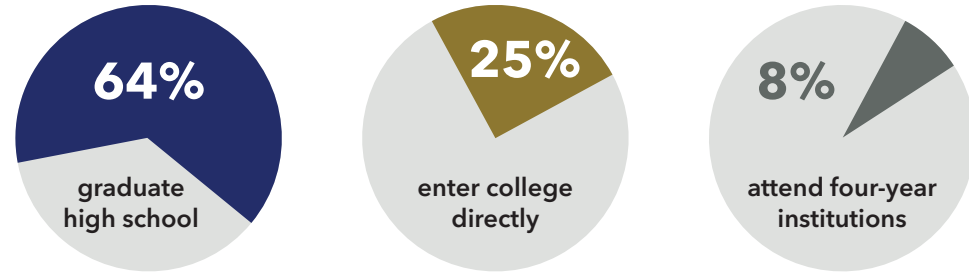
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**A FREE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM
FOR HIGH-ACHIEVING DELAWARE STUDENTS**

The Challenge

High-achieving students from under-resourced communities limit their college choices to those known to family and friends, rather than basing college targets on academic ability and their increased likelihood of financial aid at more selective institutions.¹

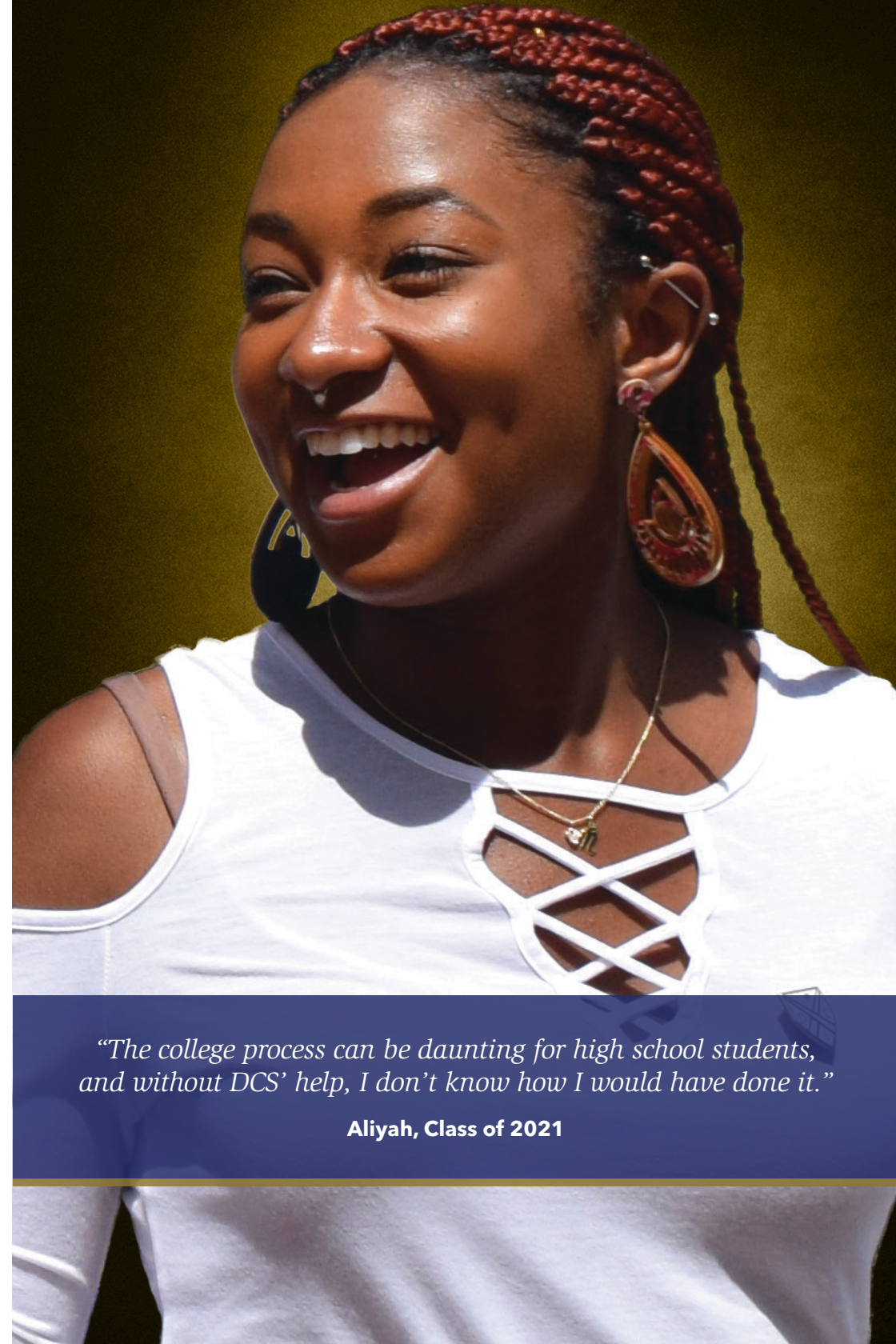


Students and their families need improved academic preparation for college, encouragement to engage on a college campus, and a smoother transition to college.²

Delaware College Scholars Solution

Delaware College Scholars academically and socially prepares high-achieving, under-resourced public high school students for successfully applying to and completing college. Preference is given to first-generation college students.

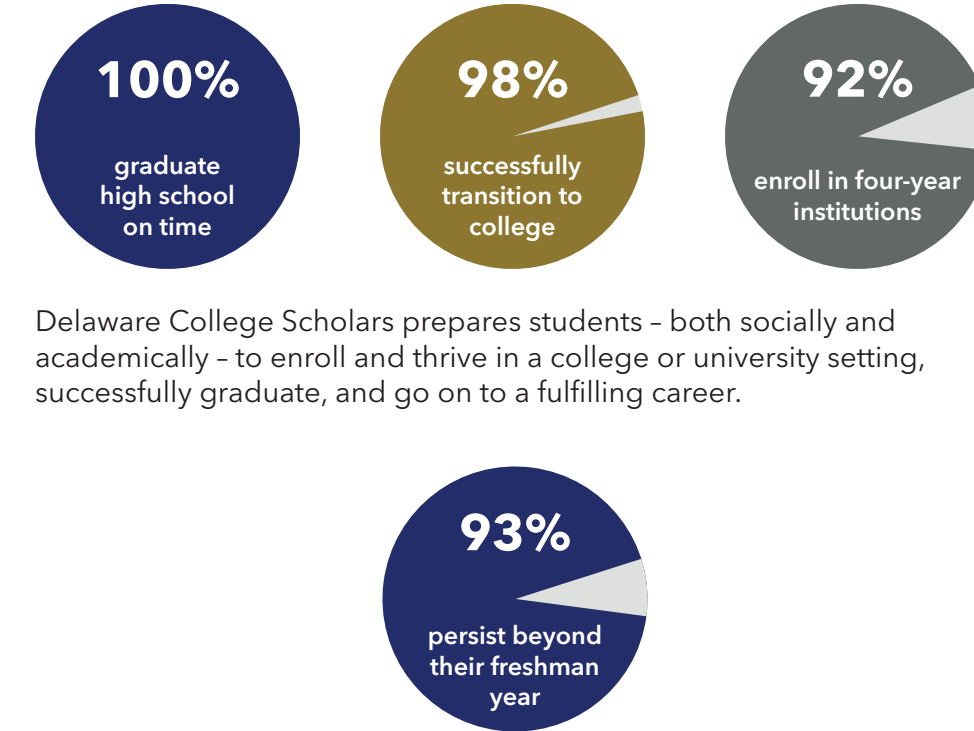
¹ Caroline Hoxby and Christopher Avery
² "Moving Beyond Access" from The Pell Institute



"The college process can be daunting for high school students, and without DCS' help, I don't know how I would have done it."

Aliyah, Class of 2021

Delaware College Scholars Impact

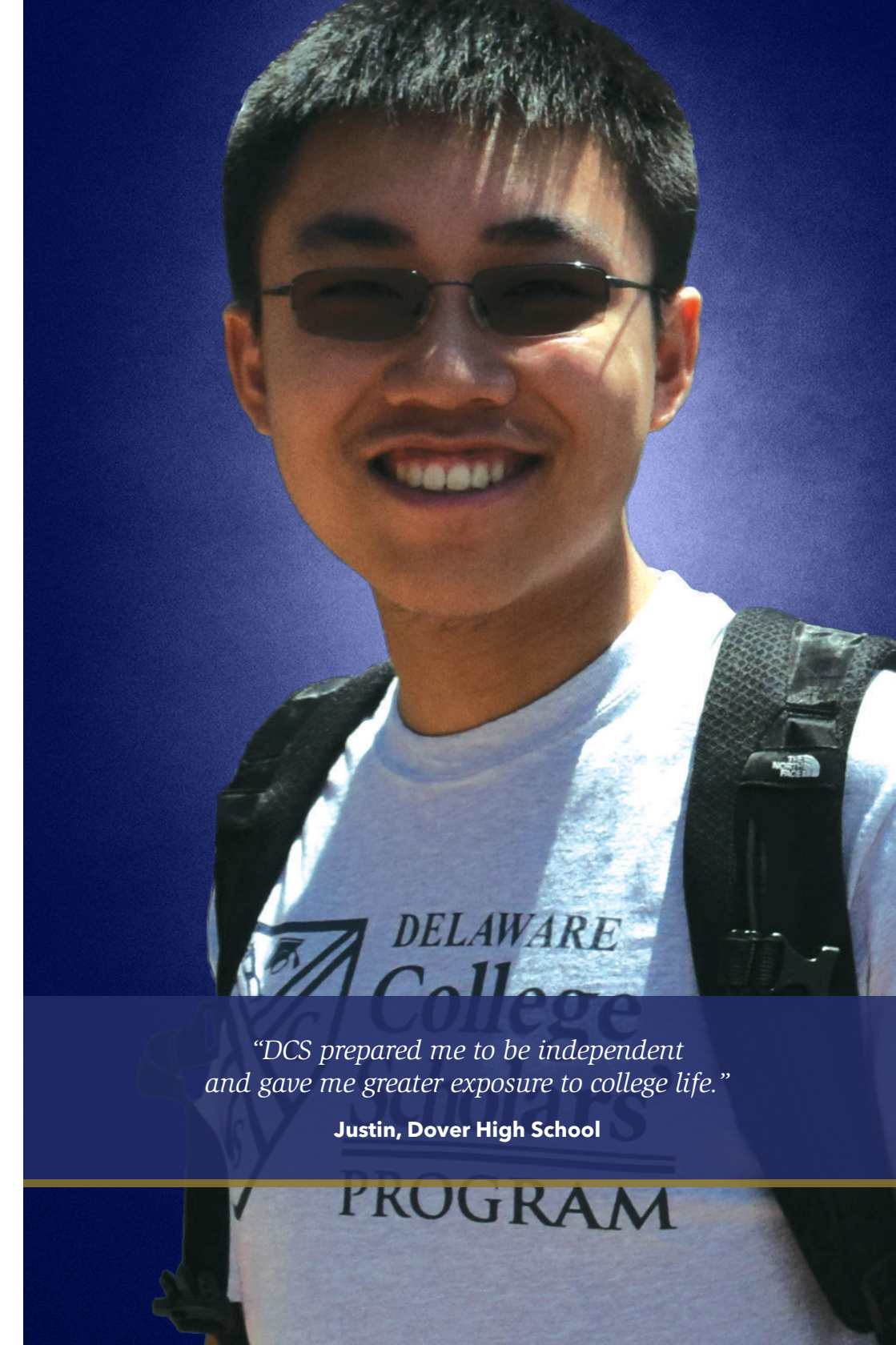


Delaware College Scholars prepares students - both socially and academically - to enroll and thrive in a college or university setting, successfully graduate, and go on to a fulfilling career.

"It's simply not enough to prepare students to become accepted to college. Our goal is for Delaware College Scholars to successfully graduate within four to five years."

DCS continues to expand our College Persistence program, including year-round mentoring, to meet this goal."

— Dr. Tony Alleyne, Executive Director



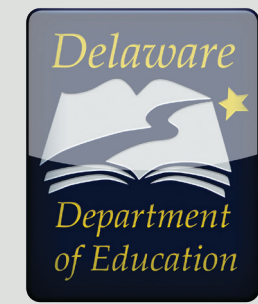
"DCS prepared me to be independent and gave me greater exposure to college life."

Justin, Dover High School



For high-achieving public high school students with no clear path to college, Delaware College Scholars' seven-year program, with a three-year residential component, provides students the opportunity to succeed.

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