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The Lotus Academy is an historical community based, independent, private school that was founded in 1974, and has operated since that time on the basis of one primary objective: creating an academically superior and culturally affirming institution that develops future leaders, life-long learners, and world citizens. The focus of the Lotus Academy program is on laying a strong foundation for the proper academic, cultural, and social development of its students. It consists of a day care center for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children and a Lower School for grades one through four. These two programs, each of which has its own distinct space and staffing, are considered as one unified "school", the Lotus Academy. The Lotus Academy is managed and operated by a PA non-profit corporation designated by the I.R.S. as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization, NSAA Education Collective, Inc.

Our "Early Learning Center" is a PA Department of Human Services state-licensed day care center that provides our kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students with a foundation that allows them to develop into the kind of scholars and role models that are envisioned by the higher grades of the Lotus Academy. Our curriculum uses advanced reading and math programs that create a strong academic foundation. We have been a

participant in the "Keystone Stars" program that monitors quality standards for all day-care centers in the state, and it has provided professional support that has greatly enhanced the quality of our Early Learning Center program.

The "Lower School" is made up of our first, second, third, and fourth-grade students. It is a preparatory program for middle school, and is designed to build superior academic skills, study habits, and character. The students' learning experience is enhanced by the fact that they have additional teachers for advanced subjects such as computer science and fine arts, have access to sophisticated online learning courses, and are actively involved in studentcentered independent learning projects. The Lower School is registered with the PA Department of Education, and benefits from various state-funded programs such as transportation for students, technical instruction, and therapeutic services.

Admission to any of the schools at the Lotus Academy is done on a selective basis, with parent interviews and child 'observations' for the Early Learning Center, and placement testing and evaluation for the Lower School grades. Tuition assistance is available for qualified parents and children through our Community Scholarship Program.