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Why I Sent My Son James to SJNA

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I come from a long and proud line of St. John's Northwestern Academies graduates. Without exception, they credit SJNA with giving them the tools by which they were able to achieve personal and professional success. SJNA teaches children what other schools do not. Our sons and daughters face a more stressful and challenging world than any previous generation due to the disintegration of traditional supports (family, faith, and community), the decline of interpersonal skills, and the unprecedented number of geopolitical conflicts. While many schools, including SJNA, can teach academic proficiency, a perfect score on the ACT doesn't ensure what every parent hopes for their child- a happy life. That can only be achieved by mastering "soft" skills such as an ability to foster harmonious interpersonal relationships, effective communication, problem-solving, and a lifestyle that promotes mental and physical well-being. The faculty at SJNA are experts in developing these soft skills. Their leadership style transforms a diverse range of young adults, most of whom have never met before into confident and capable teammates who know how to alternatively support and lead each other in overcoming mentally and physically demanding obstacles.

The discipline, teamwork and leadership qualities developed at SJNA are well-known and make graduates attractive applicants to universities and colleges where, these days, fewer than half the students achieve a degree in four years and graduates struggle to find employment despite the country's historically low unemployment rate. These same skills are also appealing to prospective employers who complain recent graduates lack people skills and have a poor work ethic.



Pictured: Cadet James Regas with his Grandfather during his first year at SJNA

Attending SJNA is as costly as college, but by the time our children reach college, the critical character traits and habits that will influence the rest of their lives are already formed. It is more important that we invest in our children at the time it can do the most good. For your college tuition, you get classes that your child may or may not attend taught by professors who may or may not invest in your child's success for the hour or so they are together. At SJNA, your child is guided 24/7 by a faculty personally committed, as a point of pride, to engendering academically prepared graduates with a mastery of life skills that will help them achieve personal fulfillment and professional success, in other words, a happy life.