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THE MACDUFFIE SCHOOL

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Invest in your child's education at *The MacDuffie School*! MacDuffie, preparing students in grades 6-12 for success in college and beyond since 1890, will celebrate its 120th anniversary next year. Small and coeducational, *MacDuffie* offers a challenging curriculum as well as comprehensive fine and performing arts and athletics programs. The day program is for grades 6-12, while the boarding program begins in ninth grade.

"We are a liberal arts school, and we prepare students to major in any field in college," says Kathryn Gibson, *MacDuffie's* Head of School. *MacDuffie* graduates have pursued higher education degrees in such fields as biology, math, business, chemistry, creative writing, acting, dance, history and journalism. Graduates attend top colleges and universities, including Harvard, Smith, Mt. Holyoke, NYU, and Williams College.

Students come from Springfield and 22 surrounding towns, as well as five towns in northern Connecticut, and 14 countries worldwide. The result is a very diverse, multicultural student body,



The photo above illustrates the vast diversity of religion, ethnicities and cultures represented by the 19 students in Ms. Cefalo's seventh grade Civics class. "The Seventh Grade Mosaic" illustrates that despite their differences, students share "a common humanity, the cement which binds the diverse pieces of the mosaic."

Now in her 11th year as Head of School, Gibson says one of her favorite aspects of the school is its diversity. "Students emanate from diverse social and economic backgrounds, and together they form a very exciting environment in which to learn."

Upcoming events at *MacDuffie* include an Open House and International Festival on Sunday, November 8, from 1-3 p.m. Prospective students and their families can visit the campus and meet faculty and current students. International students will share their various cultures, foods and traditions. Call the Admissions Office at (413) 734-4971 for more information.

On Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, The MacDuffie Theater presents "You Can't Take It With You," a Pulitzer-Prize-winning play by George S. Kaufmann and Moss Hart. MacDuffie theatrical productions, including last spring's "My Fair Lady," are always sellouts.

An exciting learning environment awaits your child! Call (413) 734-4971 to learn more.

The MacDuffie School, located at One Ames Hill Drive in Springfield, is a rigorous college preparatory school whose mission is to foster in all students the intellectual habits of mind, high ethical standards and respect for diversity required for becoming morally responsible and effective individuals in their personal lives, careers and in their communities and beyond.

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