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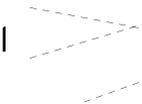
2025-2026 ADMISSIONS GUIDE

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Our most valuable assets are our students. We believe they are second to none. They share the common experience of sacrifice in leaving home, courage in pursuing their passions and great ambition.







THE SPIRE WAY



**WE BELIEVE
INTEGRITY IS
ESSENTIAL TO
ALL SUCCESS.**

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SPIRE ACADEMY

WELCOME TO SPIRE ACADEMY

Dear SPIRE prospective student athletes,

At SPIRE, we believe true fulfillment and success come from following your passions and exploring the boundless opportunities ahead. Whether you are an aspiring scientist, artist, entrepreneur or athlete, our goal is to provide you with an enriching environment that nurtures your talents and empowers you to reach your full potential.

Our commitment to your holistic development extends beyond the classroom. SPIRE is dedicated to supporting you in your career aspirations and college placement endeavors. Our dedicated team of faculty, coaches and staff will guide and mentor you, helping you explore various career paths, develop crucial skills and connect with professionals in your fields of interest. We believe your unique talents and passions deserve to be recognized and cultivated, preparing you for a fulfilling future.

Collaboration lies at the heart of SPIRE's educational philosophy. We understand teamwork, communication and problem-solving are vital skills for success in any field. Collaborative experiences will help you develop strong relationships, learn from diverse perspectives and foster a sense of community that extends far beyond your time at SPIRE.

SPIRE's vibrant and inclusive residential life program offers countless opportunities for personal growth, social connection and enrichment. From clubs and organizations to cultural events and community service initiatives, there is something for everyone. We strongly encourage you to embrace these opportunities and immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of experiences SPIRE has to offer.

As you embark on, or continue, this exciting phase in your life's journey, always remember SPIRE is here to support you every step of the way. Together, let us create a vital and nurturing learning community where your dreams are transformed into reality.

We look forward to welcoming you to the SPIRE family! We look forward to witnessing the remarkable achievements you will make as you pursue your passions.

With warm regards,

DR. KATE REEDY

DEAN OF ACADEMICS

JAMES DUKE

DEAN OF STUDENTS

JEFF JAVOREK

HEAD OF ATHLETICS

TRISH JOHNSON

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS



ARE YOU READY TO LIVE THE SPIRE WAY? ►

Racial Nondiscriminatory Policy

The governing board of SPIRE Academy located at 5201 Spire Circle in Geneva Ohio 44041 has adopted the following racial nondiscriminatory policies.

SPIRE Academy recruits and admits students of any race, color or ethnic origin to all its rights, privileges, programs and activities. In addition, the academy will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, employment, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school administered programs.

SPIRE Academy will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnic origin in the hiring of its certified or non-certified personnel.



SPIRE ACADEMY

THE SPIRE ACADEMY DIFFERENCE

SPIRE'S 9-12th grade college prep Academy offers an accredited, cross curricular, project-based learning environment designed with the progressive learner/thinker in mind. The Academy is housed in a brand new, state-of-the-art facility which includes 100% flexible learning space, advanced technology, a common area for group project work, an esports studio and a science lab.

The Academy is designed to facilitate knowledge acquisition in academic, personal growth, passion and profession interests, which are all of equal value to each student. Its educational delivery model is built on the foundation that there is an abundance of knowledge available today via technology. Therefore, the old silo approach to learning...and the essential motivation demonstrated by high school, college and young professionals today...indicate that a major learning redirect is necessary.

SPIRE provides this ideal academic redirect.

Its learning environment balances daily academic, specialty majors, professional and career aspirations within facilities and programs that nurture personal growth and stimulate the desires to challenge oneself. And all of this is done while helping individuals identify and experience career development opportunities that better prepare them for all of life's journey.

The coaching team (formally called teachers) are engaged to guide (not dictate) learning and facilitate achievement above self-expectations. The program offerings provide core academic exposure, plus experiential and relational related group learning options. They also offer personal, professional and career program guidance necessary to meet graduation requirements. 📖



THE SPIRE WAY

CORE VALUES

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SCHOLARSHIP

We approach scholarship with an open and fearless mindset, driven by an unwavering passion for learning.

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PERFORMANCE

We strive for excellence, pushing boundaries and continually improving in pursuit of our goals.

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INCLUSION

We are strengthened by different perspectives, backgrounds and experiences.

MISSION

SPIRE Academy, a world leader in personalized development for students, athletes and individuals, transforms passion into purpose while empowering peak performance in school, sport, work and life.

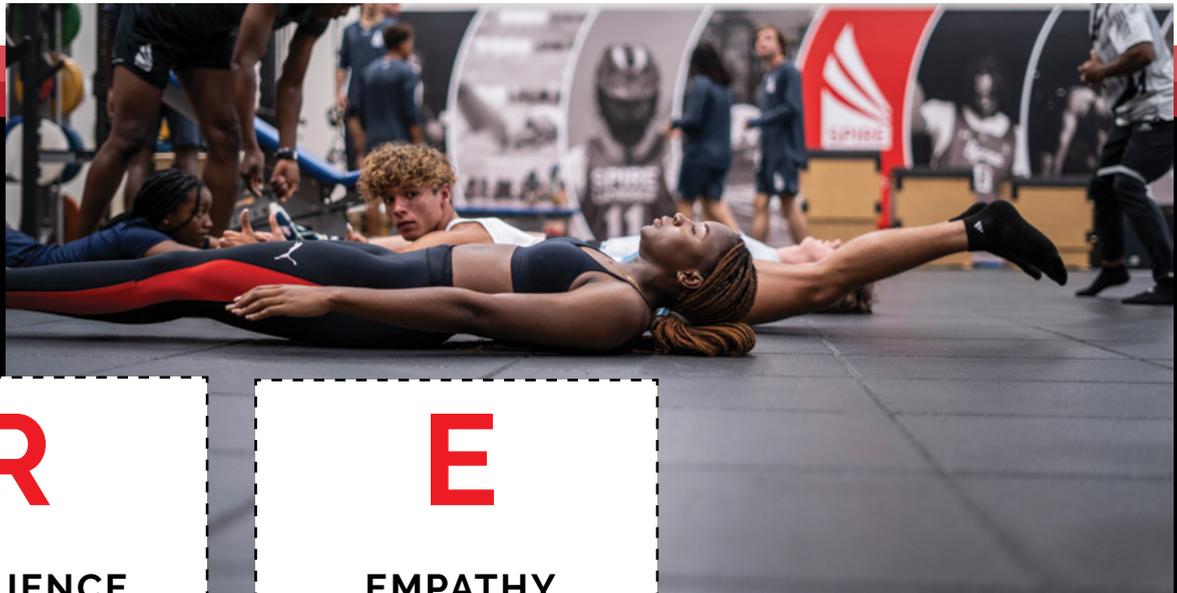
VISION

To be an international college preparatory community where students develop their unique potential through scholarship, performance, inclusion, resilience and empathy to become inspired leaders and global citizens.

WHAT IS THE SPIRE WAY?

SPIRE is committed to unlocking an individual's full potential. We integrate professional training, education and competition across a wide variety of sports, disciplines and possible career paths. Sports is our foundation, but our specialty training options will eventually include a wide mix of potential professions as well. From basketball to esports to swimming, track and field, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball and wrestling - no other academy can match the diversity of our curriculum offerings. Our academic mission is dedicated to developing the entire individual and to preparing him/her to achieve peak performance in school, at work and in life.

The "SPIRE Way" places equal focus and extra emphasis on the development of strong minds, strong bodies and strong character. 🏆



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RESILIENCE

We have an unwavering commitment to achieving greatness by overcoming obstacles and maintaining a positive attitude.

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EMPATHY

We are empowered by opportunities to support and uplift others.

SPIRE **ACADEMY**

WHAT IS SPIRE ACADEMY?

An international high school and post graduate sports performance training and education boarding school, located within a world class event and wellness complex. At SPIRE, we are inspiring the best expression of the human spirit through athletics, academics and service to others. We are looking for heart, character and dedication to oneself and others.

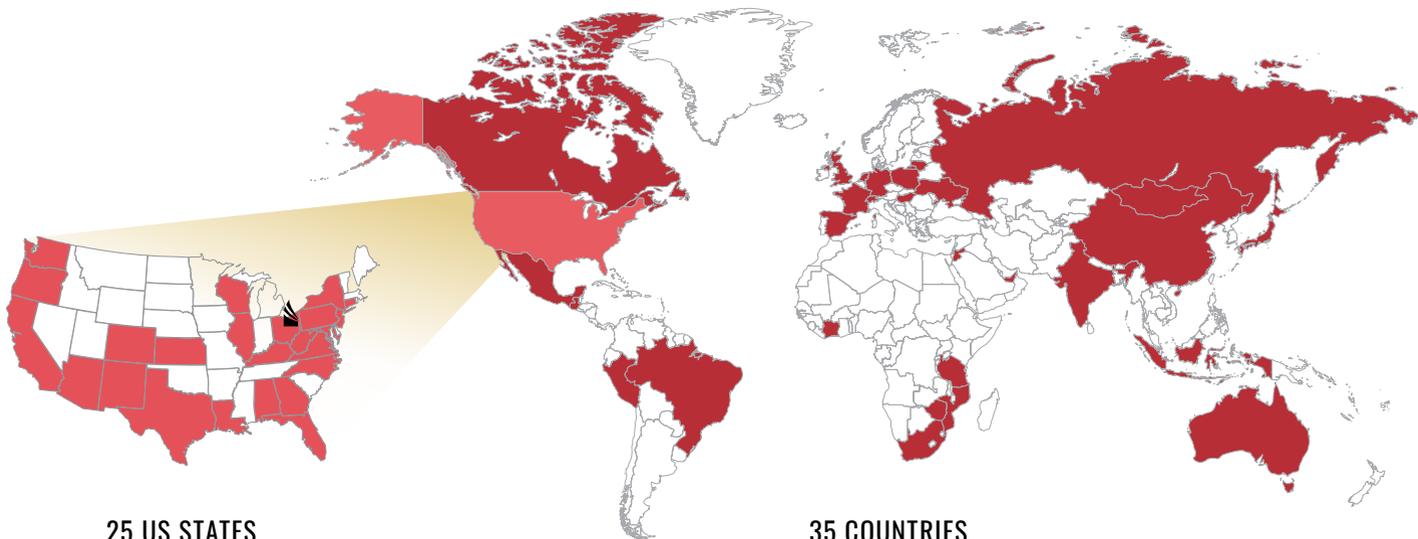
A close-up photograph of a male swimmer in a pool. He is wearing a white swim cap with black and white stripes on the side and the text 'SPIRE ACADEMY' printed on it. He is also wearing blue-tinted goggles. His mouth is open, and water is splashing around his face, suggesting he is in the middle of a stroke. The background is a blurred blue pool with other swimmers visible in the distance.

**WE BELIEVE
IN THE POWER
TO ACHIEVE/
EXCEED
PERSONAL GOALS.**

ESSENTIAL

FAST FACTS FOR 2024-2025

*2024-2025 students



25 US STATES

- > Alabama
- > Arizona
- > California
- > Colorado
- > Connecticut
- > District of Columbia
- > Florida
- > Georgia
- > Illinois
- > Kansas
- > Kentucky
- > Louisiana
- > Maryland
- > New Jersey
- > New Mexico
- > New York
- > North Carolina
- > Ohio
- > Oregon
- > Pennsylvania
- > Texas
- > Virginia
- > Washington
- > West Virginia
- > Wisconsin

35 COUNTRIES

- > Australia
- > Bahamas
- > Barbados
- > Brazil
- > Canada
- > Cayman Islands
- > China
- > France
- > Germany
- > Guatemala
- > Hungary
- > India
- > Indonesia
- > Ivory Coast
- > Japan
- > Jordan
- > Lithuania
- > Mexico
- > Mongolia
- > Mozambique
- > Netherlands
- > Poland
- > Peru
- > Russia
- > Spain
- > South Africa
- > Switzerland
- > Tanzania
- > Trinidad & Tobago
- > Turks & Caicos
- > Ukraine
- > United Arab Emirates
- > United Kingdom
- > United States
- > Zimbabwe

GLOBAL STUDENT BODY

Our students, currently from 35 countries and 25 US states, interact with each other and their teachers and coaches in an accredited, cross curricular, project-based learning environment designed with the progressive learner/thinker in mind.



AMAZING PEER GROUP

SPIRE has established a truly amazing community of athletes and learners within multiple sports, all working to realize their full potential on and off the athletic field and in and out of the classroom.

CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

From advanced high-school classes through AP and university-level courses, our curriculum of core courses and electives challenge our students at every level.

OUR "FOUR PILLARS"

ACADEMY MODEL

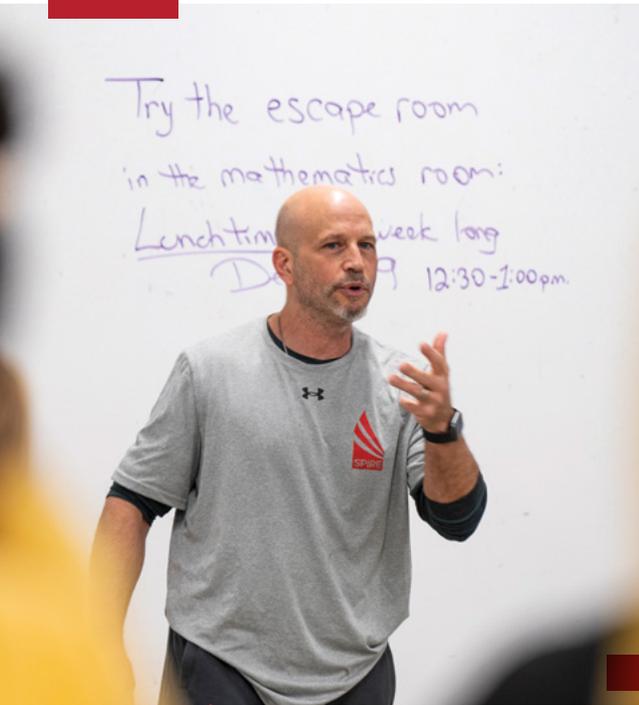


ACADEMICS

PERSONAL SKILL
DEVELOPMENT

CAREER EXPLORATION

MAJORS CONCENTRATION



ACADEMICS

SPIRE Academy's accredited academic program provides an interdisciplinary and experiential teaching and learning environment which promotes universal design for learning with the support of experienced and dedicated faculty, students advocate and own their learning experience as they work toward independence.



PERSONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The personal skills program offered through residential life prepares SPIRE students to navigate a complex world. Personal skill development at SPIRE includes college readiness, mindset development and health and wellness.

CAREER EXPLORATION

SPIRE engages experienced professionals in fields related to students' professional tracks to help develop the knowledge, skills and experience to make students better candidates when applying to jobs, college or university. Students are afforded opportunities to job shadow or participate in internships based on their curiosities.



MAJORS CONCENTRATION

SPIRE students select an area of focus, which allows them to pursue their passion for half of the day. Using research based practices, students explore their concentration with expert coaches and guides intermittently throughout the day, rather than in large chunks of time, allowing for muscle regeneration, information consolidation and balance.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

LEADERSHIP

COMMUNICATION

CHARACTER BUILDING



Everything one does at SPIRE is meant to help discover inner strength and responsibility. Why do SPIRE alumni often say that their years at SPIRE were the most formative of their lives? It could be the time, the place or the friendships they made. For many, the answer is found in the wholeness of the experience. The knowledge, the goodness, the positivity.

SPIRE exists to develop adolescents as engaged citizens within an ever changing, complex global society. As such, excelling in school and sport alone is not enough. SPIRE must also shape and impact the positive personal development of each of its students. SPIRE'S emphasis on communication, leadership and character building provides its student base with many opportunities for both individual and team development.

While particular activities and assignments in these fields change throughout the course of the year, every activity is designed to be a challenging and transformative learning opportunity. By delving into topics such as integrity, honesty, ethics, gratitude, conflict resolution, personal accountability, communication techniques and more...SPIRE students are better poised to navigate their academic/athletic journey with greater confidence, conviction and commitment.

Altogether, as a result of their cumulative SPIRE experience, SPIRE students depart the Academy well equipped to navigate life's challenges, trials and tribulations. Part of this life preparation will come from SPIRE helping its students fulfill the social responsibilities required of them by the school. SPIRE students offer support to communities both locally and globally, will learn from those experiences and will carry that knowledge forward. 🏆

THE CAMPUS

“WE STRIVE TOWARD EXCELLENCE
IN EVERYTHING WE DO.”

SPIRE ACADEMY TOUR

Our campus is one of the largest indoor, multi-sport, training and competition facilities in the world. With more than 850,000 sq. ft. under roof and 750 acres of outdoor recreational space, SPIRE has the unique capacity to simultaneously host a boarding school, clubs, leagues, tournaments and championship events, no matter the weather or the season. Every consideration has been taken to create an unparalleled experience.

The SPIRE Campus is one-of-a-kind. Key features include: a 300 meter indoor track, a 400 meter outdoor track (both with separate areas for field events and stadium seating); a 50 meter, 10 lane, Olympic-sized pool with 2 moveable bulkheads, a 25 yard 6 lane pool and 4 therapy pools; 2 full-sized indoor, multi-use turf fields; an outdoor football/soccer/lacrosse turf stadium field; 8 hardwood basketball courts; up to 12 volleyball courts; SPIRE Performance, SPIRE Fit, SPIRE Fuel, an academic center, student residence housing, Sports Medicine/Therapy services with Ashtabula County Medical Center; a college planning/ placement office; hotels and restaurants; and all required support facilities and services. 🏡



STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEM

SPIRE faculty and staff ensure each student feels valued, known and is able to continue to grow and develop holistically. There are multiple stakeholders responsible for connecting with students. Each plays a role in supporting our student athletes.

COACH

The student's coach(es) (athletic, performance and mindset) and athletic trainers.

ADVISOR

Each student is assigned an advisor.

FACULTY

Those teaching classes to students.

HOUSE PARENT

The House Parent lives in the house with the students.

ADMINISTRATION

Includes, but not limited to, Head of School, Head of Athletics, Head of Operations, Head of Finance, SPIRE President, Dean of Academics, Dean of Students, Director of Performance, Director of Mindset Development.

ADMISSIONS TEAM

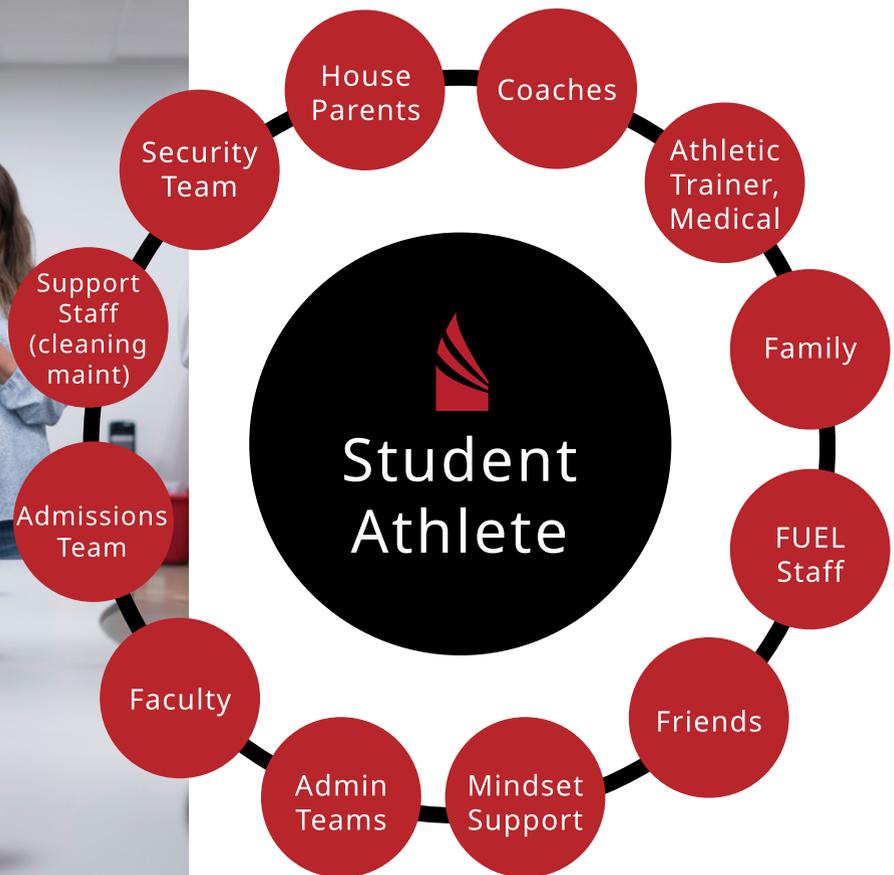
Includes, but not limited to, Director of Admissions, Admissions support staff, Independent Representatives, etc.

SECURITY TEAM

Staff whose sole responsibility is monitoring the security of SPIRE Academy campus.

SUPPORT STAFF

Staff whose responsibility is to support the operation of campus (Academy Support personnel, Academy nurse, finance, cleaning, landscaping, maintenance, transportation)





**WE'RE CREATIVE AND
CURIOUS AND NEVER
STOP LEARNING,
IMPROVING AND
HAVING FUN WHILE
DOING IT.**









ACADEMICS

As a SPIRE student athlete, your experience is based on four integrated priorities: college preparatory academics, specialization within a sport or a specialized passion, personal skills development and career path exploration. The “SPIRE Way” is a balance of all of these priorities, each of which is critical to the development of well-educated, self-disciplined individuals who are not only college ready, but well on their way to achieving peak potential in life.



CURRICULUM

GRADES 9-12 & PG HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

SPIRE Academy faculty create interactive learning opportunities for students to encourage them to think independently and critically about the topics explored in class. Interweaving projects throughout the curriculum ensures not only students understand the material, but that they can also apply the knowledge learned. Teachers are encouraged to create interdisciplinary learning opportunities so students can see intersections between disciplines. Many of the courses are designed with the student athlete in mind, linking sports to the disciplines.



SPIRE ACADEMY IS A SCHOLASTIC INSTITUTION

SPIRE Academy, an affiliate of Grand River Academy, is deemed a scholastic institution through the **NCAA eligibility center**. This distinction confirms that we are cleared by the NCAA, all of our student athletes are in the Clearing House and that college coaches can attend during all live periods. This is important to SPIRE because it allows our student athletes to have maximum recruiting opportunities with a range of colleges and universities.

SCHOLARSHIP

SPIRE students go above and beyond due to curiosity, a drive to excel and a passion to learn. Throughout campus, faculty, coaches, residential life staff share this passion with students and engage in academic conversations. Students seek out learning opportunities independently and work to improve beyond what is required in the pursuit of knowledge.



PHILOSOPHY AND LEARNING PRINCIPLES

Through a college preparatory and inquiry based approach, SPIRE Academy fosters the educational development of students. Students are encouraged to have agency in their learning and partner with faculty to move from their current understanding in a discipline to an ability to transfer that knowledge to other disciplines. Faculty work to integrate the passions students possess to anchor learning and promote self-awareness. The following learning principles are fundamental to the academic program and set the foundation from which faculty develop lessons and units of instruction.

CRITICAL THINKING

Through problem solving, students hone their critical thinking skills. Using observations, experiences and reflection, students apply and evaluate information to make informed decisions. Focusing on depth rather than breadth of information students have time to skillfully analyze and synthesize information.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Students have the opportunity in academics, athletics and residential life to develop written, visual and verbal communication to convey their thoughts and ideas effectively. Students gain self awareness and confidence by practicing active communication across domains on campus.

COLLABORATION

Students collaborate within athletics, academics and residential life to see the



importance and value of working together for continuous improvement. By design, faculty promote collaboration among students, at times pushing students out of their comfort zone to help them gain skills necessary to navigate life.

LEADERSHIP

Students are encouraged to take risks to cultivate an understand opportunities to develop leadership skills throughout their experience at SPIRE. Meta-conversations about what it means to be a leader and how to use one's leadership potential to advance supports the growth of SPIRE students.

GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE

Utilizing the myriad of cultures and countries represented on campus affords opportunities for students to learn from peers to understand the complexities of the world around them. Navigating differences helps one to better understand oneself and what responsibility one has to promoting a global awareness when making decisions and solving problems.

FUTURE LITERACY

Realizing the importance of innovation and creativity to move towards future careers, SPIRE students learn the skills to empower the imagination, maintain curiosity and take time to think beyond what currently exists. Students have opportunities to prepare, recover and invent to successfully manage complexity.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- > High school 9th through 12th grade, with post graduate options (co-ed and non-denominational)
- > Student enrollment; approximately 226 student athletes
- > College preparatory program
- > A flexible, full-term block schedule
- > Multiple Advanced Placement and honors classes offered.
- > Relationship with Hiram College for post graduates looking to earn college credit.
- > An online communication program that shares both academic and sport training performance with parents and student athletes.
- > Special sessions during the school day in which faculty members work with students who need extra help or are seeking accelerated opportunities.



SPIRE Academy has integrated inquiry-based learning techniques throughout its entire curriculum, fostering a culture of curiosity, exploration and active engagement among its students. This approach encourages learners to formulate questions, investigate to find answers and reflect on their findings, thereby developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. By employing these techniques, SPIRE Academy not only enhances the academic experience but also prepares students for real-world challenges, equipping them with the necessary skills to inquire, innovate and collaborate in their future endeavors. This holistic approach to education underscores SPIRE Academy's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are not just knowledgeable but also adept at applying their knowledge in various contexts.

MATH DEPARTMENT

Inquiry-based learning in the math department at SPIRE Academy transforms the traditional approach to common high school math courses like algebra, geometry and calculus. Instead of memorizing formulas and procedures, students explore mathematical concepts, ask questions and discover solutions independently. This promotes a deeper understanding of mathematics' underlying principles and develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Actively engaging in inquiry helps students connect different areas of mathematics and apply their knowledge to real-world situations, enhancing their mathematical proficiency, fostering a growth mindset and instilling a lifelong love for learning.

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Inquiry-based learning in the computer science department at SPIRE Academy empowers students to actively engage in problem-solving and project-based activities. Instead of following step-by-step instructions, students formulate questions, explore different approaches and collaboratively develop solutions to real-world problems. This deepens their understanding of fundamental concepts such as algorithms, programming and data structures while fostering creativity, critical thinking and teamwork. Tackling practical challenges and reflecting on their experiences develops a growth mindset and a deeper appreciation for the iterative nature of computer science, equipping them to thrive in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Students explore a multitude of texts to bolster their literary analysis skills, learn how to write critically using multiple texts, hone their research and professional writing skills to prepare for the college setting, as well as explore media as text using everything from graphic novels, art, podcasts, film or video games during the process and as part of class projects.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Inquiry-based learning in the science department at SPIRE Academy revolutionizes the approach to traditional courses like biology, chemistry and physics. Students actively engage in scientific investigations, formulate hypotheses, design experiments and analyze data, rather than passively absorbing information from textbooks and lectures. This hands-on approach develops critical thinking, creativity and collaborative skills while deepening their understanding of scientific concepts. Encouraging students to question, explore and reflect on their findings fosters curiosity and a desire to seek answers to complex problems, preparing them to become innovative thinkers and problem solvers.



HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

Inquiry-based learning in the humanities department at SPIRE Academy transforms the way students approach subjects like history, literature and philosophy. Instead of memorizing facts and dates, students actively explore and connect with the subject matter, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of human civilization's complexities. This approach enhances the learning process by making it more engaging and meaningful while developing essential critical thinking, research and analytical skills. Ultimately, implementing inquiry-based learning in the humanities department cultivates a more informed, thoughtful and empathetic generation of students, better equipped to navigate and contribute to the world around them.

WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

In the world languages department at SPIRE Academy, inquiry-based learning encourages students to immerse themselves in the language and culture they are studying. Instead of just memorizing vocabulary and grammar rules, students actively engage in conversations, explore cultural contexts and analyze authentic texts. This approach not only enhances language acquisition but also fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation of the cultures associated with the language. By encouraging curiosity, exploration and reflection, inquiry-based learning in the world languages department helps students develop communication skills, inter-cultural competence and a broader perspective of the world, essential skills in our increasingly globalized society.

CO-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

MINDSET DEVELOPMENT

The mindset development program at SPIRE Academy incorporates inquiry-based learning to cultivate intellectual, emotional and social development. Instead of focusing solely on academic achievements, the program encourages students to question their beliefs, explore their values and reflect on their experiences. This promotes self-awareness, resilience and a growth mindset—qualities essential for personal and professional success. Engaging in discussions, collaborative activities and self-reflection develops empathy, communication skills and a sense of community, fostering a holistic approach to education and equipping students with the skills and mindset necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.

PASSION PROJECT

SPIRE Academy's student Passion Projects allow for inquiry-based learning beyond the classroom, enabling students to explore topics of personal interest. Students formulate their own questions, conduct research and develop projects that ignite their curiosity and passion. This fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility in their learning while developing independent research, project management and self-reflection skills. Pursuing topics of personal interest leads to more engaged and motivated students, resulting in a deeper and more meaningful learning experience. Passion Projects embody the essence of inquiry-based learning, empowering students to become self-directed learners and innovative thinkers prepared to make a meaningful impact.





COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELING

THERE'S A PATH FOR EVERYONE

The purpose of the SPIRE College and Career Counseling Program is to equip students with the knowledge, skills and resources needed to navigate the complex landscape of higher education and career choices. We believe in fostering a culture of self-discovery, goal-setting and lifelong learning. The program is dedicated to providing comprehensive guidance and support to empower students in their journey towards pursuing academics and athletics at the collegiate level and to assisting students in making informed decisions about their academic pursuits and future professional pathways.

EMBARK ON A JOURNEY OF SUCCESS WITH SPIRE

The road to college athletics is a challenging one, filled with stringent NCAA requirements and intricate rules that often leave aspiring student athletes feeling lost and overwhelmed. SPIRE Academy recognizes the complexity of the college placement process and is dedicated to guiding students through every step of the way. SPIRE's seasoned college planning and placement staff, together with expert coaching teams, have built a robust network of relationships with college coaches across the country. This not only demystifies the process by eliminating many unknowns but also aids in pinpointing the perfect program tailored to each student's unique strengths and aspirations.

SPIRE is committed to each student's success both on and off the field. Coaches and college planning and placement services staff tirelessly work to ensure students are well-prepared and equipped to meet the eligibility criteria and secure a spot in the college program best suited to their goals. SPIRE believes that personal responsibility and independence are crucial to college success, which is why SPIRE empowers students to take ownership of their journey by diligently addressing each item on the comprehensive college checklist.



COLLEGE CHECKLIST

- Keep your grades up all four years of high school. They count!
- Take the PSAT in your sophomore year and the SAT and ACT in your junior & senior year.
- If you are an international student with English as a second language, colleges may require you to take the TOEFL prior to college admission.
- Prioritize your college choices based on its academics, sports program, size, location, team, competitive schedule and other factors you consider important.
- Whether you aspire to an NCAA Division I, II or III school, an NAIA school, or any other college or university, we believe there's a path for everyone to attain their goals. At SPIRE, we are committed to helping you find your best possible college fit based on your personal goals, your prowess in your specialty passion and your academic proficiency.
- Make as many unofficial college visits as possible to get a feel for the type of school you'd like to attend.
- Register for the NCAA clearinghouse.
- Make official visits after you start your senior year.





Incoming freshmen and sophomores focus on topics including:

- › Introduction to the NCAA
- › Study and note-taking skills
- › Introduction to social media
- › Public speaking
- › College recruiting
- › Goal setting
- › Explore a variety of college options

Juniors, seniors and post graduate students focus on topics including:

- › NCAA requirements
- › Personal branding
- › Social media
- › College recruiting opportunities
- › Understanding financial aid and athletic offers
- › Public speaking
- › Introduction to writing personal statements
- › College choices and college applications

COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

All SPIRE Academy students and their families are given access to Cialfo, a powerful web-based platform that revolutionizes the college and career planning process, providing invaluable assistance to both students and families. We believe in a collaborative partnership involving students, parents/guardians, coaches, teachers and counselors. By working together, we can provide the most comprehensive support system for students' success. 📖

KEY OBJECTIVES

PERSONALIZED GUIDANCE

SPIRE offers individualized counseling sessions to understand each student's unique strengths, talents, interests and aspirations. Through one-on-one meetings, SPIRE provides tailored advice and resources for each student.

EXPLORATION AND ASSESSMENT

SPIRE's program encourages students to explore a wide range of academic and career options. SPIRE provides tools and assessments to help students identify their strengths, interests and potential areas of growth.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SUPPORT

SPIRE assists students throughout the college application process, from creating a balanced list of potential colleges to providing guidance on writing compelling personal statements and preparing for interviews and on campus visits.

CAREER PLANNING

SPIRE provides guidance on career exploration, including internships, job shadowing and networking opportunities. The aim is to help students align their academic pursuits with their long-term career goals.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

SPIRE offers workshops and resources to enhance students' skills in areas such as resume writing, interview preparation, time management and effective communication.

TRANSITION SUPPORT

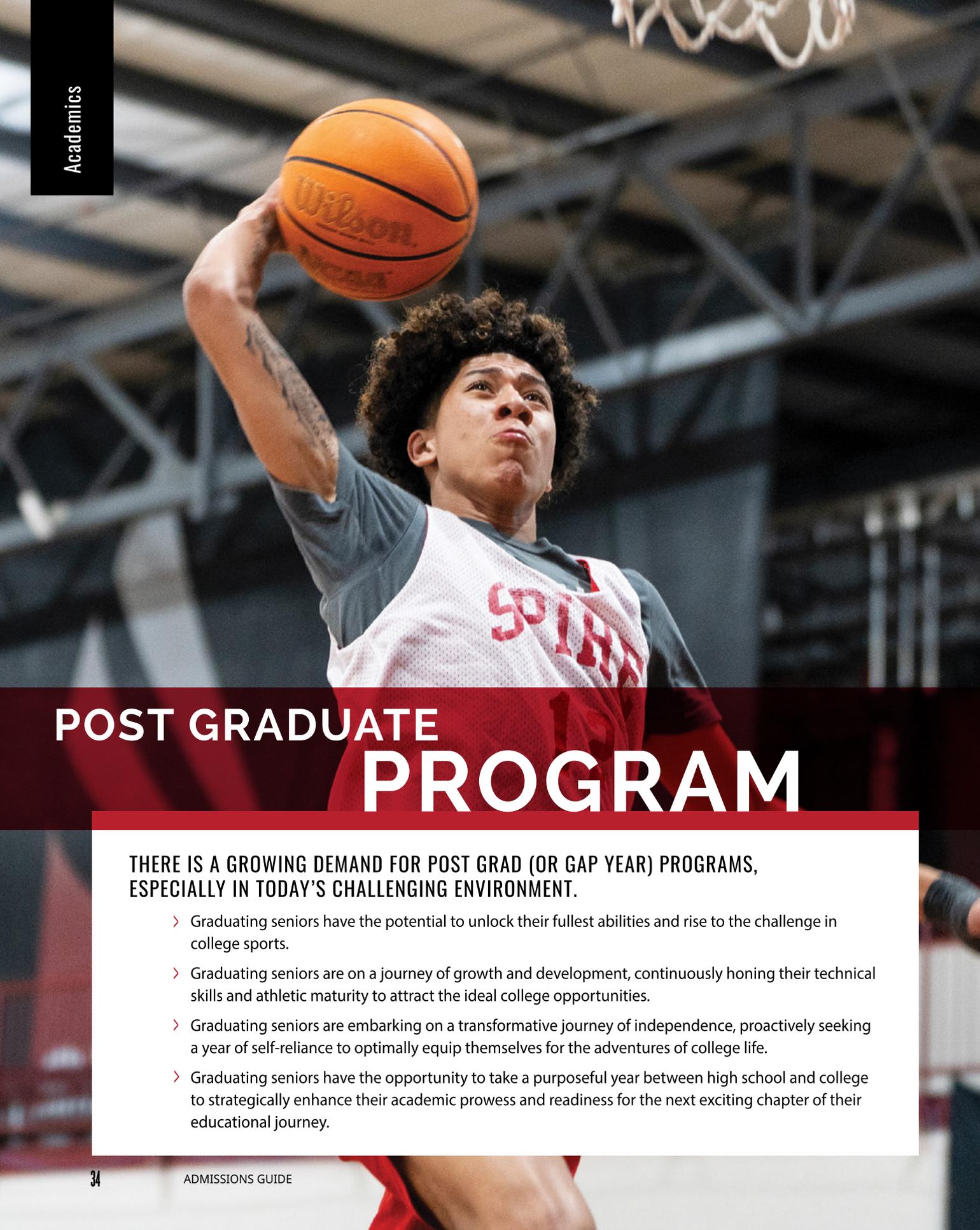
SPIRE's program extends support beyond high school, helping students transition smoothly into their chosen colleges or career paths. SPIRE provides resources for orientation, academic advising and adapting to new environments.



CONTACT US

We encourage students and parents/guardians to reach out to our dedicated counseling team with any questions or concerns. Together, we will work towards achieving your academic and career aspirations. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of guiding you through this crucial phase of your educational journey. We look forward to assisting you in achieving your goals!





POST GRADUATE PROGRAM

THERE IS A GROWING DEMAND FOR POST GRAD (OR GAP YEAR) PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY IN TODAY'S CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT.

- › Graduating seniors have the potential to unlock their fullest abilities and rise to the challenge in college sports.
- › Graduating seniors are on a journey of growth and development, continuously honing their technical skills and athletic maturity to attract the ideal college opportunities.
- › Graduating seniors are embarking on a transformative journey of independence, proactively seeking a year of self-reliance to optimally equip themselves for the adventures of college life.
- › Graduating seniors have the opportunity to take a purposeful year between high school and college to strategically enhance their academic prowess and readiness for the next exciting chapter of their educational journey.

Welcome to SPIRE's Post Grad Program, the world's premier destination for high school graduates seeking to optimize their athletic, academic and life skills abilities on their path to the best-suited college/ university. SPIRE PG program delivers customized basketball, esports, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, track & field, volleyball and wrestling training/ competition directed by top coaches and industry experts.

In terms of athletics - SPIRE provides a customized, sport specific, skills training and competitive development program for each PG athlete. And this is combined with individually designed athletic performance training programs, which include physical and mental conditioning and nutrition and hydration guidance.

Character building, leadership and communication skills training are all key parts of the overall curriculum as well. From an academic perspective - SPIRE counselors assist PG student athletes who have completed high school to:

- › Earn college credit via Hiram College or other colleges online (2 courses per semester)
- › Repair/enhance high school GPA
- › Take SAT/ACT Test Prep Courses
- › Take ESL programs and TOEFL prep courses (as appropriate)
- › Receive college placement, planning and NCAA compliance assistance
- › And grow in terms of focus, confidence, concentration and self-discipline

Housing is provided and three nutritious meals a day are served at SPIRE Fuel. 🍷

HERE ARE 4 MORE REASONS TO CONSIDER A SPIRE POST GRAD PROGRAM:

- › Colleges fully recognize the value of students enrolling after a PG experience.
- › Coaches appreciate that PG athletes enroll with four full years of eligibility remaining.
- › Parents can rest assured knowing that the PG experience will help their child acclimate to college seamlessly.
- › SPIRE PG participants grow and develop as players, athletes, teammates, students and individuals, ideally prepared for their next steps in sport, school, work and life.





A STUDENT'S DAY

Academy boarding and day students spend approximately half the day being coached by seasoned educators as well as experienced professionals in specialty fields.

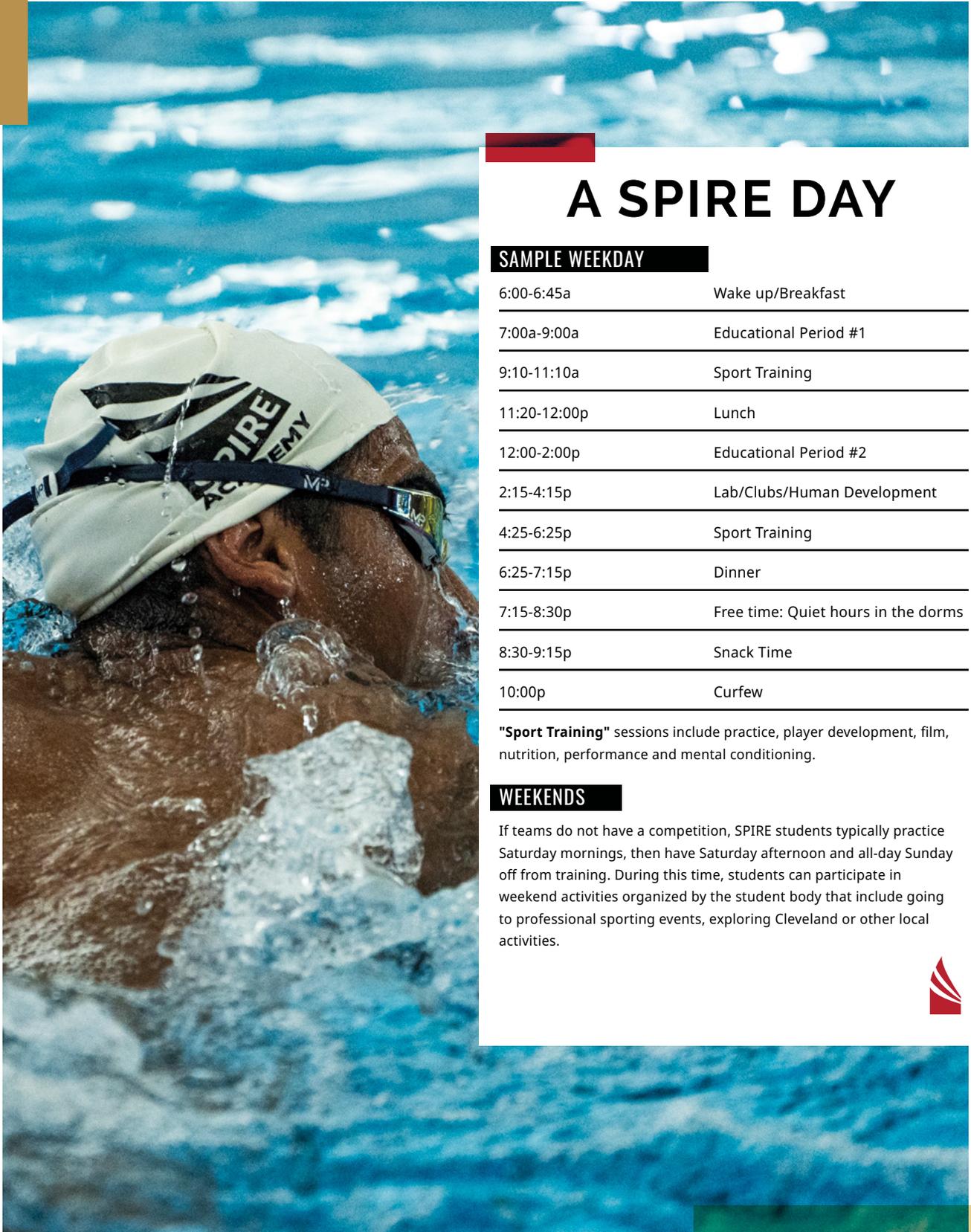
As students work to embrace core academic material, they also gain valuable hands-on experience in areas meant to inspire them toward possible professional paths. In addition, students grow in their understanding of self and learn to work well with others, while achieving personal goals and gaining a better understanding of where they will fit in the world.

The balance of a student's day is spent pursuing their area of personal passion. Included within the technical and tactical skill development training program is an integrated amount of athlete performance training, which encompasses physical conditioning, mental skills development and nutrition/hydration guidance.

The daily schedule has been developed based on research from the fields of neuroscience, health, education and wellness. General recommendations suggest a cycle of nutrition for fueling the brain and body, physical movement and cognitive stimulation as being the ideal model for a daily routine.

The academic schedule also allows for physical activity and performance to occur throughout the day, thereby maximizing resources and increasing efficiency in each of these domains. Each sport has two athletic segments (performance/practice/mental skills) and three academic segments embedded in the weekday schedule; therefore, it should be noted the schedule is a representation of what a daily schedule might look like, not necessarily what each student's schedule represents. 🏈





A SPIRE DAY

SAMPLE WEEKDAY

6:00-6:45a	Wake up/Breakfast
7:00a-9:00a	Educational Period #1
9:10-11:10a	Sport Training
11:20-12:00p	Lunch
12:00-2:00p	Educational Period #2
2:15-4:15p	Lab/Clubs/Human Development
4:25-6:25p	Sport Training
6:25-7:15p	Dinner
7:15-8:30p	Free time: Quiet hours in the dorms
8:30-9:15p	Snack Time
10:00p	Curfew

"**Sport Training**" sessions include practice, player development, film, nutrition, performance and mental conditioning.

WEEKENDS

If teams do not have a competition, SPIRE students typically practice Saturday mornings, then have Saturday afternoon and all-day Sunday off from training. During this time, students can participate in weekend activities organized by the student body that include going to professional sporting events, exploring Cleveland or other local activities.



RESIDENTIAL LIFE

At SPIRE Academy, residential life is a cornerstone of our holistic approach to developing future leaders and thriving adults. Our residential houses are designed to foster a sense of community and build lasting relationships. One house parent per house ensures a supportive and nurturing environment, while students from diverse backgrounds come together to share ideas, learn from one another and build lifelong friendships. Living and learning together, our students not only develop essential life skills but also learn the values of teamwork, empathy and respect – qualities that are essential for effective leadership.

Community service is a key component of life at SPIRE Academy and our students are encouraged to give back to the local community of Geneva, Ohio. Regular service trips provide an opportunity for students to make a positive impact in the lives of others while developing a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by different

communities. Whether it is helping out at a local food bank, participating in community clean-up efforts, or mentoring local youth, our students are actively engaged in making a difference and developing a strong sense of social responsibility.

Life at SPIRE Academy is not all work and no play. The picturesque surroundings of Geneva, Ohio, provide the perfect backdrop for a range of fun trips and activities during the weekends. From exploring the beautiful shores of Lake Erie to hiking in the nearby state parks, there is no shortage of outdoor adventures. Additionally, Geneva offers a host of cultural and recreational activities, including local festivals, art galleries and sporting events. At SPIRE Academy, we believe that a well-rounded education includes not only academic and athletic excellence but also the opportunity to relax, recharge and build lasting memories with friends.



SPIRE STUDENTS RECEIVE PROGRAMMING BASED ON LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY AND CHARACTER – ALL CRITICAL TO COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS.

SPIRE ACADEMY BASKETBALL



SPIRE'S world class Basketball Academy is ideal for serious basketball players looking for an intense training environment to prepare for the next level of competition. The Academy serves college-bound high school athletes, as well as high school graduates looking to train/compete for an additional year while seeking the best possible college scholarship opportunities.

- ✓ **High School Academy (male and female athletes grades 9-12)**
- ✓ **Post Graduate Academy (male and female athletes looking for a gap-year program)**

The Academy features a blended learning environment of college preparatory academics, along with unique personal development and career preparation features. PG students can earn college credit by taking two core classes per semester at Hiram College.

SPIRE TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

- › SPIRE basketball is based on the principles of self-discipline, teamwork, consistency, leadership and commitment.
- › Players receive one-on-one individual workouts, dedicated team practices, shooting sessions, evaluations, video analysis and monitored progress tracking.
- › SPIRE Performance training develops college-ready athletes by making them stronger and faster, while improving stamina and reducing the risk of injury.
- › Competition is scheduled in appropriate proportion to training objectives. Game schedules are created with a combination of high-level competition and national exposure in mind.
- › By integrating elite athletes from around the world, SPIRE cultivates an intense, competitive, yet healthy training atmosphere.

WATCH SPIRE ACADEMY BASKETBALL ▶

WE KEEP OUR PROMISES AND ACT WITH INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM, ALWAYS.

“WOMEN’S BASKETBALL AT SPIRE IS A PLACE TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR UNIQUE IDENTITY THROUGH THE CLASSROOM AND THE BASKETBALL COURT, WHERE EXCELLENCE MEETS ALL OF YOUR CAPABILITIES.”







“ SPIRE ACADEMY REALIZES OUR DREAM TO HELP ATHLETES NOT ONLY DEVELOP EXCELLENCE ON THE COURT OR FIELD, BUT DEVELOP THE HEART, MIND AND SOUL AS WELL. SPIRE IS PERFECTLY POSITIONED AND EQUIPPED TO OFFER HOLISTIC ENRICHMENT FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AS THEY DEVELOP THEIR ATHLETIC POTENTIAL AND GRANDER POTENTIAL AS HUMAN BEINGS. ”

KEY FEATURES:

- › 8 hardwood basketball courts, including a Cleveland Cavs court
- › 2 Dr. Dish shooting machines and HUDL technology
- › 25,000 sq. ft. Performance Training Center focusing on physical conditioning, mental skills training and nutrition/hydration guidance
- › Custom-designed competition schedules per team
- › College prep academic curriculum, college placement guidance/support
- › An “olympic village” type setting with US and international athletes in multiple sports
- › Esports gaming lab access
- › 750 acre campus, 850,000 sq. ft. of indoor sports facilities, on site residential housing, on site education center, SPIRE Fuel cafeteria and more...

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TRAINING PROGRAMS & EVENTS HOSTED AT SPIRE INCLUDE:

SEASONAL CAMPS AND CLINICS

SHOOTOUTS AND SHOWCASES

CLUB AND LEAGUE PLAY

TOURNAMENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

PLAYERS/TEAMS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITY LEVELS ARE WELCOME



SPIRE ACADEMY ESPORTS



SPIRE Academy esports features a variety of esports titles. This ground-breaking Academy is designed to provide each student with the experience, knowledge and skill set to pursue a collegiate esports path, a potential professional career in technology and more. This will be accomplished by providing an academy-style learning program, in-depth in game training, comprehensive industry information, a hands-on curriculum and personal coaching.

SPIRE esports HS and PG Academy programs prepare students for admission into a college program or directly into the workforce upon SPIRE graduation. Summer internships, intensive pre-collegiate boot camp and pop-up programs are intended to further the student's readiness for college and the workforce.

Careers in technology and professional esports often do not require a four-year degree. SPIRE esports will emphasize extreme ownership, a proactive and curious mindset and equip students with the tools to succeed both in and out of game. Non-traditional learners will benefit from hands-on and individualized study regimens and a different approach through esports.

Each year of instruction serves as a stand-alone session to ensure that enrollment is open to all high school age students with a curriculum that evolves with the industry and incorporates lessons and feedback from education and industry partners. The esports industry is rapidly evolving. A growth mindset is important not only for students, but for SPIRE as an institution in general.

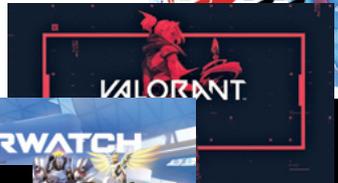


WATCH SPIRE ACADEMY ESPORTS ▶

“ WE’RE INNOVATIVE. WE RETHINK EVERYTHING. WE’RE NOT AFRAID TO CHALLENGE ESTABLISHED NORMS AND ENCOURAGE NEW WAYS OF THINKING AND DOING THINGS. ”

ESPORTS INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

This is recommended for players with experience in League of Legends, Overwatch, NBA2k, Valorant and Counter Strike. The esports program emphasizes college and professional career preparation, including how to best manage social media and mental health. One-on-one coaching complements each student’s experience. SPIRE’S staff is working with colleges interested in the esports and gaming space to develop coursework and class offerings that align with the anticipated growth of esports within the collegiate environment.





EVENING AND WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Evening and weekend activities include local and regional competitions, solo and group projects as well as deep dives across subjects and disciplines. These activities will captivate students through innovative technologies, providing a compelling means to advanced learning. The focus is on “doing” rather than merely on coursework.

ESPORTS – Activities are focused on competitions, training students in specific gameplay and additional instruction to bolster their career track.

VR ESPORTS & MIXED REALITY ACADEMIC ELECTIVES – Offering all students a program focused on fitness-based esports, as well as a mixed-reality educational toolkit for technology and academic studies.



SPIRE ESPORTS FACILITIES

FABRICATION LAB/WORKSHOP

ESPORTS ARENA AND PRODUCTION SPACE

INDOOR/OUTDOOR DRONE RACING ARENA

VR/MIXED-REALITY LAB

SPIRE **ACADEMY** LACROSSE



SPIRE Academy Lacrosse programs are ideal for serious lacrosse athletes looking for an intense training environment to prepare for the next level of competition. The Academy serves college-bound high school athletes, as well as high school graduates looking to train/compete for an additional year while seeking the best possible college scholarship opportunities.

- ✓ **High School Academy (male athletes grades 9-12)**
- ✓ **Post Graduate Academy (male athletes looking for a gap-year program)**

SPIRE Academy features a blended learning environment of college preparatory academics, along with unique personal development and career preparation features. PG students can earn college credit by taking two core classes per semester at Hiram College or online.

Lacrosse legend Kyle Harrison supports SPIRE by bringing camps and clinic events to the campus and connecting athletes and the lacrosse community.

- > US Lacrosse Baltimore Chapter Hall of Fame
- > 2X NCAA Midfielder of the Year
- > 2005 Tewaaraton Award Winner
- > 2X US National Team Player
- > MLL Champion
- > 10X Pro All-Star



“ THROUGH PROFESSIONAL TEACHING, HARD WORK AND LIFE EXPERIENCES WE LOOK TO MAXIMIZE EACH INDIVIDUAL'S FULL POTENTIAL SO THAT THEY CAN EXCEL AT THEIR PASSIONS IN LIFE. ”



SPIRE TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

- › SPIRE Lacrosse will develop our athletes and teams with these core principles in mind:

Respect: We operate using the golden rule, "treat others the way you wish to be treated".

Competition: We compete. We keep score. We handle consequences. We hold ourselves and our teammates accountable.

Mindfulness: We strive to be in the moment, to maintain focus on the task at hand, to be always grateful for our opportunities.

Joy: We are blessed with the opportunity to spend our lives engaged in sport. It is meant to be fun.

- › Each year we have the opportunity to build a community around the common goal of improving ourselves individually and collectively to compete. Every new year is a new community that builds on and borrows from the group that came before, while establishing a flavor and vibe unique to the present group. The underlying skills necessary for success in building a lacrosse team are directly transferable to social relationships, business relationships and life. We strive to improve every day as lacrosse players, as teammates vested in one-another's growth and as men of impact in our broader communities.



ADDITIONAL LACROSSE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT SPIRE:

- > SEASONAL CAMPS AND CLINICS
- > CLUBS AND LEAGUE PLAY
- > TOURNAMENTS AND SHOWCASES

KEY FEATURES

- > Lacrosse facility: 2 indoor turf fields (one with stadium seating) and 1 outdoor turf field with lights and stadium seating. Up to 6 more outdoor turf fields planned.
- > 25,000 sq. ft. Performance Training Center focusing on physical conditioning, mental skills training and nutrition/hydration guidance.
- > Custom-designed competition schedules.
- > College prep academic curriculum, college placement guidance/support.
- > An “olympic village” type setting with US and international athletes in multiple sports.
- > eSports gaming lab access.
- > 750 acre campus, 850,000 sq. ft. of indoor sports facilities, on site residential housing, on site Academic Center, SPIRE Fuel cafeteria and more...

WATCH SPIRE ACADEMY LACROSSE ▶



SPIRE ACADEMY

SOCCER



SPIRE Academy Soccer is an elite training/development center for high school and post graduate players looking to realize their full potential. The full time academy program and its college preparatory academic program provides world class facilities, comprehensive support and the expert teachers and coaches required to fully develop student athletes and prepare them for college soccer, both on the field and in the classroom.

- ✓ **High School Academy (male and female athletes grades 9-12)**
- ✓ **Post Graduate Academy (male and female athletes looking for a gap-year program)**

Players get the opportunity daily to work on technical aspects of their game at an elite intensity, improve their strength, speed and conditioning and to improve their soccer IQ. The latest technology and highly qualified performance coaches monitor players progress and push them to get the best out of themselves, both mentally and physically.



“ I’VE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE BUILDING SUCCESSFUL TEAMS AND THAT WILL CONTINUE AT SPIRE, WHAT I ENJOY THE MOST HERE IS THAT EVEN THOUGH ALL OF THE COACHES ARE INTENSELY PASSIONATE AND COMMITTED WE ALL ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY AND CURIOSITY WE WANT OUR ATHLETES TO NEVER STOP LEARNING AND IMPROVING BUT THEY NEED TO ENJOY THE WORK WHILE THEY’RE DOING IT. ”



SPIRE TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

- › SPIRE Soccer is committed and focused on individual player development covering technical, tactical and physical training. We develop the “complete player” who can perform under pressure technically, tactically and physically.
- › Developing resilience, a growth mindset and positive outlook will help our players cope with the ups and downs of top level sport and life. The blend of “old school” work ethic and modern day coaching and sports science prepares our players to stand out.
- › All players will be developed to have a good understanding of a set of key principles and be given the training environment to excel tactically and technically to fit it to the modern style of soccer.
- › Playing in the highest level leagues in the USA provides our players a platform to not only develop but also showcase their ability to college and professional coaches year round. SPIRE FC men’s team and U23 team provides an early opportunity for players to get exposure to the speed, intensity and physical demands of high level college and professional soccer.



ADDITIONAL SOCCER TRAINING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT SPIRE:

- > SEASONAL CAMPS AND CLINICS
- > CLUBS AND LEAGUE PLAY
- > TOURNAMENTS AND SHOWCASES

KEY FEATURES

- > Soccer facility: 2 indoor turf fields (one with stadium seating) and 1 outdoor turf field with lights and stadium seating. Up to 6 more outdoor turf fields planned.
- > 25,000 sq. ft. Performance Training Center focusing on physical conditioning, mental skills training and nutrition/hydration guidance.
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WATCH SPIRE ACADEMY SOCCER ▶



SPIRE **ACADEMY** SWIMMING



SPIRE is the go-to facility for fast swimming holding many NCAA, NEC and MAAC Championships. SPIRE's Swim training program is more than striving for achievement in the pool. It's ideal for the serious athlete seeking an intense training environment. We get results. Our students go to Duke. They go to the Universities of Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. They also go to The Olympic Games. There's no better way to impress college coaches and increase scholarship opportunities.

- ✓ **High School Academy**
male/female athletes in grades 9-12
- ✓ **Post Graduate Academy**
male/female athletes looking for a gap-year program
- ✓ **Post Collegiate Program**
a training home for male/female Olympic prospects



TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

Training highlights include 11 training and analysis sessions weekly; approximately 22 to 30 hours of training per week depending on stroke/ distance specificity. Training plans are customized to achieve individual goals within a scientific progression.

Resources and support services include: unlimited pool and dryland training space, underwater video and power analysis, dryland agility, power and speed training with SPIRE Performance, sports medicine/therapy/rehabilitation, sports nutrition/hydration and mental skills and leadership training.

Training is based upon the individual needs of each athlete with a high level of focus on technique. We emphasize range of motion, flexibility and use a variety of methods to improve skills. By integrating elite athletes from around the world, we're able to cultivate an intense, competitive and yet positive training atmosphere.

WATCH SPIRE ACADEMY SWIMMING ►

The swimming experience at SPIRE also develops life skills like leadership, commitment, self-discipline, organization and teamwork. Achievement is the product of setting goals and putting the body, mind and spirit in motion to reach those goals.



NOTABLE SPIRE SWIM GRADUATES COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

- > Notre Dame College
- > University of Chicago
- > Florida Tech
- > University of Maine
- > University of Georgia
- > Concordia University
- > California Art Institute
- > Wesleyan University
- > Lynn University
- > Maryville University
- > St. Andrews College
- > UC Bakersfield
- > Pepperdine University

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- > 11 - 2016 Olympians
- > 3 - 2018 Youth Olympians
- > U.S. Paralympic National Team

KEY FEATURES

- > Two Myrtha pools designed with input from USA Swimming
- > 10 lanes of a 50-meter racing course that can be converted to 25-yard or 25-meter courses with pace clocks and scoreboard
- > Underwater video stroke and swim power analysis equipment
- > 25,000 sq. ft. Performance Training Center focusing on physical conditioning, mental skills training, nutrition/hydration training
- > Custom designed seasonal competition, plus year-round league competition
- > College prep academic curriculum; college placement guidance
- > An "olympic village" setting with US and international athletes in multiple sports
- > Esports gaming lab access
- > 750 acre campus; 850,000 sq. ft. of indoor sports facilities; on site residential housing; on site education center, SPIRE Fuel cafeteria; and more...

SWIM TRAINING PROGRAMS AND CAMPS

LAKE ERIE SILVER DOLPHINS CLUB
SEASONAL CAMPS AND CLINICS
TOURNAMENTS AND SHOWCASES
MASTERS TRAINING PROGRAMS

SWIM EVENTS HOSTED AT SPIRE

Atlantic 10 Championships, Big East Championships, USA Swimming Championships, NCAA Div II Championships, Olympic Development Championships, countless YMCA, sectional, zone and divisional meets and more.



SPIRE **ACADEMY** TRACK & FIELD



SPIRE is home to one of the largest, most amazing indoor and outdoor track & field complexes in the entire sport. Its world class training programs are ideal for the serious athlete seeking an intense training environment to prepare for the next level of competition.

- ✓ **High School Academy (male/female athletes in grades 9-12)**
- ✓ **Post Graduate Academy (male/female athletes looking for a gap-year program)**
- ✓ **Post Collegiate Program (a training home for male/female Olympic prospects)**

The SPIRE Academy Track & Field program serves college-bound high school athletes, as well as high school graduates while seeking the best possible college scholarship opportunities. Olympic hopefuls and Masters athletes in need of a residential training base also find SPIRE to be the perfect environment to realize one's full potential.

SPIRE'S WORLD CLASS T&F COACHES TRAIN ATHLETES IN THESE EVENTS:

POLE VAULT, LONG JUMP, HIGH JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, 100M, 110/100 HURDLES, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1500M, HAMMER, SHOT PUT, DISCUS AND JAVELIN.

WATCH SPIRE ACADEMY TRACK & FIELD ▶





SPIRE TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

- › SPIRE Track & Field training encompasses superb technical instruction, technique development and tactical coaching.
- › Speed, strength, flexibility and endurance training is delivered within a customized program co-designed by SPIRE Performance Training and SPIRE Track & Field.
- › SPIRE'S goal is to produce competition-ready athletes by making them stronger and faster, while improving stamina and reducing the risk of injury.
- › Mental skills training, nutrition/hydration counseling and leadership/communication skills development are also key program elements.
- › Everything is coordinated within a long-term athletic development/periodization model complete with the appropriate amount of regional and national competition.
- › By integrating elite athletes from around the world, SPIRE'S campus cultivates an intense, competitive yet healthy training atmosphere.





SPIRE T&F COACHING TEAM

Tim Mack - 1x Olympian (1x Gold)

Kerron Stewart - 3x Olympian (2x Silver, 1x Bronze)

KEY FEATURES:

OUTDOOR:

(with lights and stadium seating for 10,000)

- > 8 lane, 400-meter polyurethane international track (48' width lanes)
- > 4 long jump pits, 8 high jump positions and 4 pole vault boxes
- > Adjacent Throws Stadium, meeting IAAF standards

INDOOR:

(with stadium seating for 4,000)

- > 8 lane, 300-meter Beynon track, with radius used on outdoor tracks
- > Separate field event area with 2 high jump, 2 long jump, 2 pole vault pits, 2 shot put circles and portable weight throw cages for discus, shot and weight throws

PLUS:

- > A 25,000 sq. ft. Performance Training Center focusing on physical conditioning, mental skills training and nutrition/hydration training
- > An "olympic village" setting with US and international athletes in multiple sports
- > 750 acres of indoor sports facilities, on site residential housing, on site education center, SPIRE Fuel cafeteria and more...

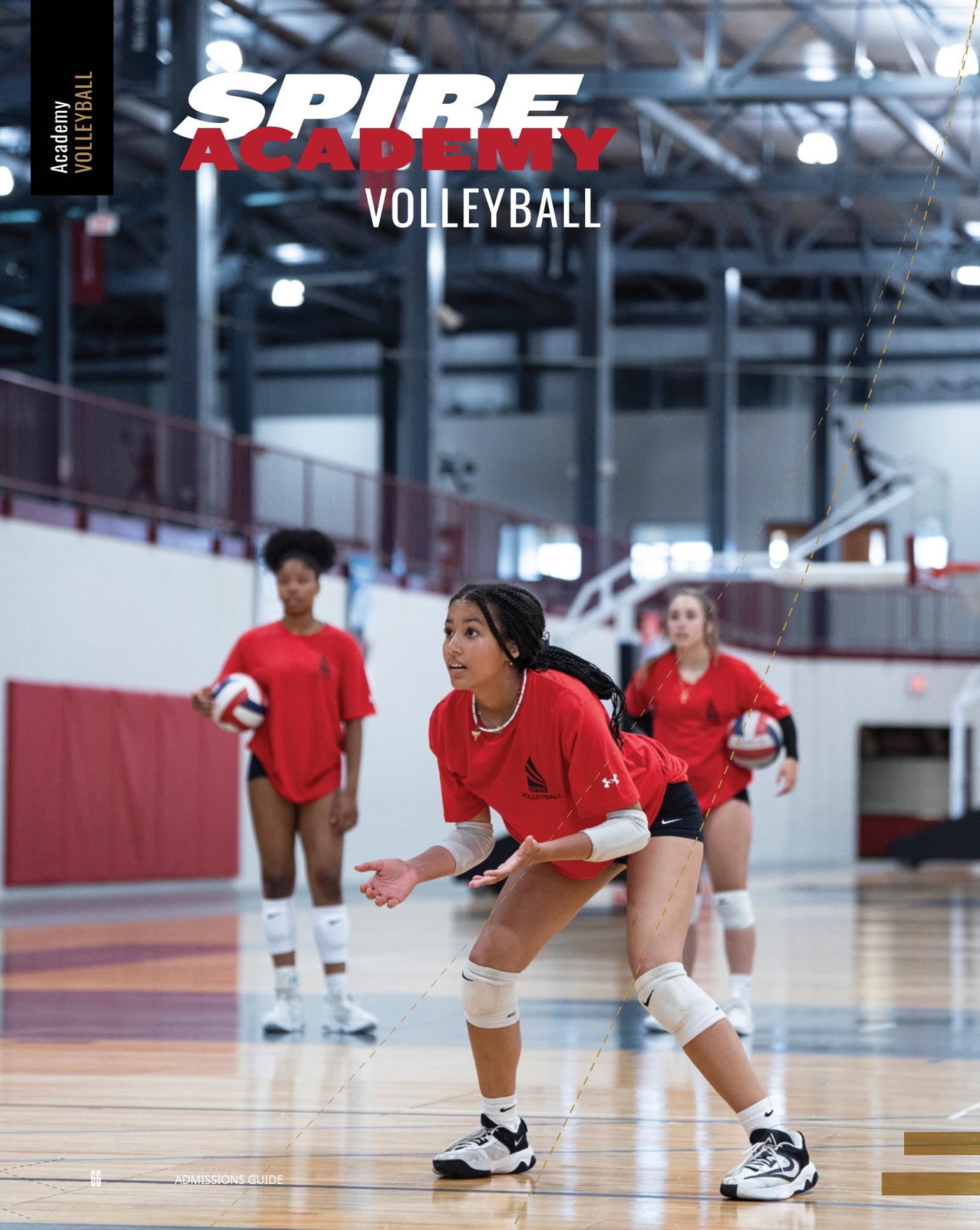
ADDITIONAL TRACK & FIELD TRAINING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- > Seasonal Camps and Clinics
- > Tournaments and Showcases
- > Masters Training Programs
- > USA Track & Field Outdoor Nationals, Big Ten, Big East, NAIA and Horizon League Indoor T&F Championships; Big East and GLIAC Outdoor T&F Championships, other NCAA D-1 and D-2 meets and more.

ELITE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES WHO HAVE TRAINED AT SPIRE:

- > **JENN SUHR** (Olympic and World Pole Vault Champion)
- > **CLAYTON MURPHY** Bronze Medalist in the 800-meter run at the 2016 Olympic Games
- > **NATHAN BRENNAN** (Olympic 1500m Finalist - Canada)
- > **JESSICA BEARD** (Silver Medalist for Team USA at World Championships, 400m and 4x4)
- > **JOHN LUNDY** (NCAA D-2 Champion. 200m - 20.90)
- > **BRYSON SPRATLING** (World Record Holder at 500m)
- > **AIKATERINA STEFANIDI** (NCAA Champion - PV, 3rd at 2016 World Indoor Championships)
- > **MOHAMID HALIM** (World Championships Qualifier)
- > **MATT LUDWIG** (2020 USA Olympic Team)

SPIRE **ACADEMY** VOLLEYBALL



SPIRE's world class Volleyball Academy is ideal for serious volleyball athletes looking for an intense training environment to prepare for the next level of competition. The Academy serves college-bound high school athletes, as well as high school graduates looking to train & compete for an additional year while seeking the best possible college scholarship opportunities.

- ✓ **High School Academy (females athletes grades 9-12)**
- ✓ **Post Graduate Academy (female athletes looking for a gap year program)**

SPIRE Academy features a blended learning environment of college preparatory academics, along with unique personal development and career preparation features. PG Athletes can earn college credit by taking two core classes per semester at nearby Hiram College or online.

DIRECTOR OF VOLLEYBALL NIA GRANT

- > LED THE TEAM TO SECURE TWO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT PENN STATE.
- > PROFESSIONAL CAREER WITH ELITE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES IN THAILAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, POLAND AND ITALY.
- > HEAD COACH SAINT BENEDICTS PREP SCHOOL





SPIRE TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

SPIRE Academy Volleyball is based on the principles of self-discipline, teamwork, consistency, leadership and commitment. Student athletes will maximize their potential through superb technical development, intense drilling and tactical coaching.

- › Players receive individual workouts, dedicated team practices, specific position sessions, evaluations, video analysis and monitored progress tracking.
- › Speed, strength, quickness, flexibility and endurance training is delivered within a customized program co-designed by SPIRE Performance and Coach Grant.
- › SPIRE'S goal is to produce competition-ready athletes by making them stronger and faster, while improving stamina and reducing the risk of injury.
- › Mindset and personal development, nutrition/hydration counseling and leadership/communication skills development are also key program elements.
- › Everything is coordinated within a long-term athletic development/periodization model complete with the appropriate amount of regional and national competition.
- › Game schedules are created with both high-level competition and national exposure for college recruitment in mind.
- › By integrating elite athletes from around the world, SPIRE'S campus cultivates an intense and competitive, yet healthy training atmosphere.



“ AS A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE AND COACH, I RECOGNIZE THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF EACH PLAYER. OUR PROGRAM AT SPIRE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TAILORED COACHING FOR OPTIMAL RESULTS, EMPHASIZING THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF OUR ATHLETES. ”

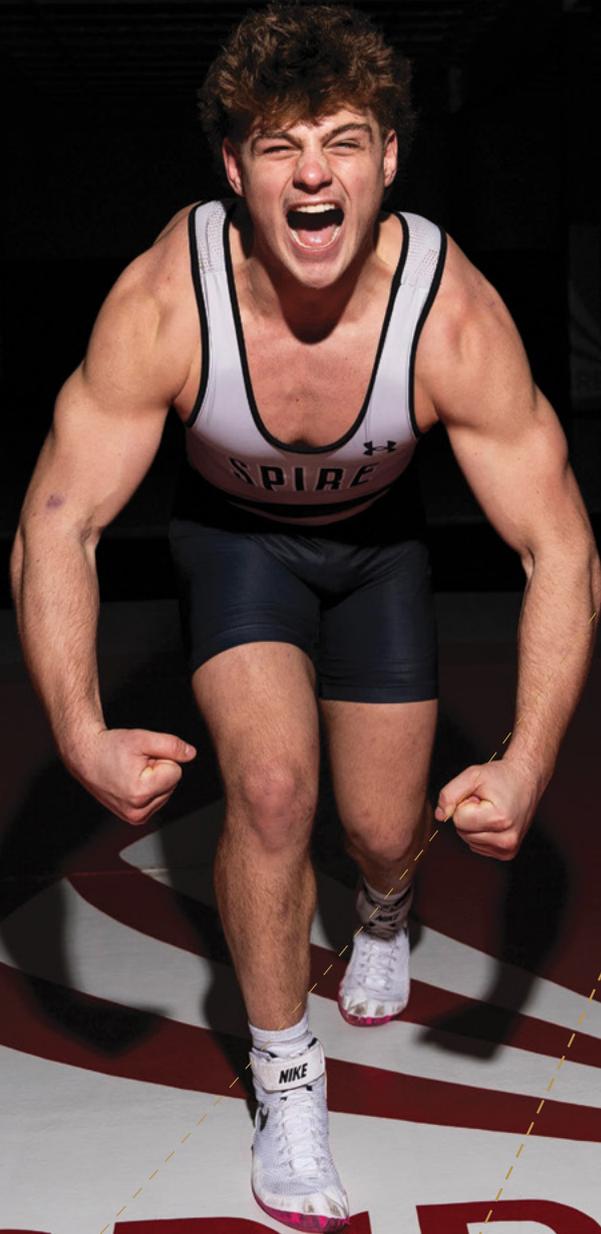
WATCH SPIRE ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL ▶

KEY FEATURES

- › 12 regulation size volleyball courts
- › 25,000 sq. ft. Performance Training Center focusing on athletic development, mindset development and nutrition/hydration guidance
- › Custom-designed competition schedules
- › College prep academic curriculum; college placement guidance/support
- › An “olympic village” type setting with US and international athletes in multiple sports
- › Esports gaming lab access
- › 750 acre campus; 850,000 sq. ft. of indoor sports facilities; on site residential housing; on site Academic Center, SPIRE Fuel dining; and more



SPIRE **ACADEMY** WRESTLING



SPIRE

SPIRE Academy Wrestling programs serve college-bound high school athletes, as well as post graduates, seeking the best possible college scholarship opportunities. Olympic hopefuls and Masters athletes in need of a residential training base also find SPIRE to be the perfect environment to realize one's full potential.

- ✓ **High School Academy (male/female athletes in grades 9-12)**
- ✓ **Post Graduate Academy (male/female athletes looking for a gap-year program)**
- ✓ **Post Collegiate Program (a training home for male/female Olympic prospects)**

SPIRE Academy features a blended learning environment of college preparatory academics, along with unique personal development and career preparation features. PG athletes can earn college credit by taking two core classes per semester at nearby Hiram College or online.

Director of Wrestling Mike Kulczycki has a name throughout the country when it comes to developing wrestling talent. Kulczycki has coached at the highest level the sport of wrestling has to offer – NCAA Division and Olympic level wrestlers.

- > GRADUATE OF ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL
- > 2001 NCAA All-American for The University Of Michigan
- > 4 TIME NCAA QUALIFIER
- > ASSISTANT COACH UNDER "JOE MCFARLAND" @ U OF M
- > 3 NCAA CHAMPIONS
- > 25 NCAA All-American Honors
- > 13 Big Ten Individual Champions
- > 5 Top 10 NCAA finishes- 2nd place finish (2005)
- > 7 NCAA finalists in the last 7 years





SPIRE WRESTLING CENTER

SPIRE TRAINING PHILOSOPHY

- › SPIRE Wrestling training is designed for the wrestler who wants to maximize their potential through superb technical development, intense drilling and tactical coaching.
- › Speed, strength, quickness, flexibility and endurance training is delivered within a customized program co-designed by SPIRE Performance Training and Coach Mike.
- › SPIRE'S goal is to produce competition-ready athletes by making them stronger and faster, while improving stamina and reducing the risk of injury.
- › Mental skills training, nutrition/hydration counseling and leadership/communication skills development are also key program elements.
- › Everything is coordinated within a long-term athletic development/periodization model complete with the appropriate amount of regional and national competition.
- › By integrating elite athletes from around the world, SPIRE'S campus cultivates an intense and competitive, yet healthy training atmosphere.





FUEL YOUR FIRE



WATCH SPIRE ACADEMY WRESTLING ►

KEY FEATURES

- › Two custom designed Dollamur mats, 6 custom competition mats
- › 8,000 sq. Ft training facility for practice. We also have 6 custom SPIRE competition mats we can roll out for meets and/or tournaments.
- › SPIRE wrestlers showcase their abilities in front of collegiate coaches from all division levels.
- › 25,000 sq. ft. Performance Training Center focuses on physical conditioning, mental skills training and nutrition/hydration training.
- › An “olympic village” setting with US and international athletes in multiple sports.
- › 750 acre campus, 850,000 sq. ft. of indoor sports facilities, on site residential housing, on site Academic Center, SPIRE Fuel cafeteria and more...





ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

SPIRE is committed to developing technically skilled athletes who love to train and live to compete. This is accomplished by combining this world class facility with state of the art performance technology and offering it to all of our Academy athletes. By combining these technologies to SPIRE this will help educate students, coaches and parents in the areas of human performance, nutrition and stress management. Most importantly, this gives us the opportunity to truly help our athletes reach their peak athletic potential.

“THE GOAL IS CONSISTENT
PEAK PERFORMANCE”

PERFORMANCE TRAINING

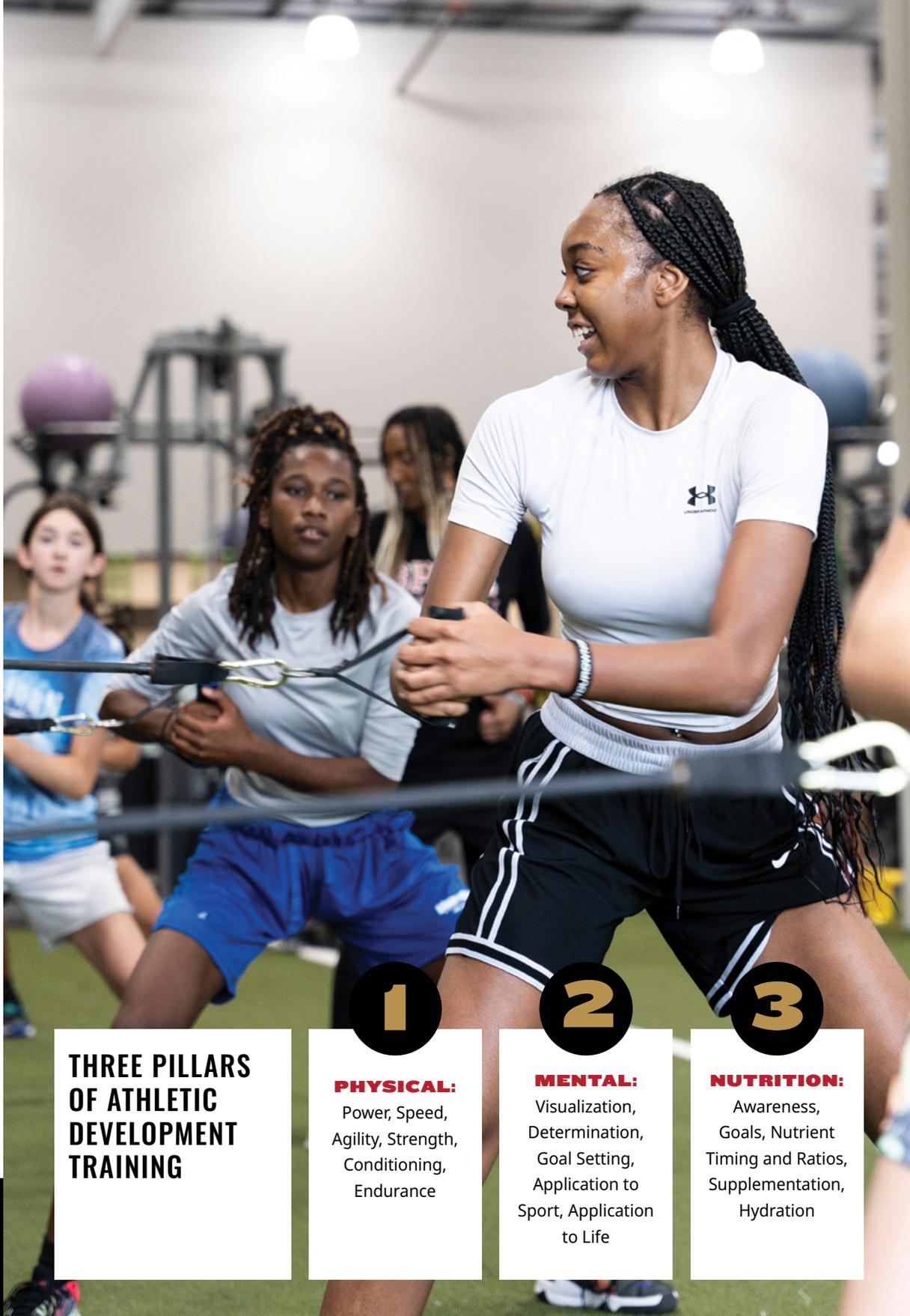
SPIRE sport coaches look at and assess all areas that can affect athletic performance including technical, tactical, physical, mental, emotional and social abilities.

SPIRE Performance coaches then use these assessments to formulate a development plan for each and every student as an individual. This plan is split into manageable goals each day. At the end of each day and each week, small incremental improvements are highlighted. This level of steady improvement is easy to track and manage, and will contribute to positive long term athletic development over time.

Performance Training at SPIRE specializes in customized performance-based assessment, training and training management. Significant emphasis is placed on the athlete's quality of movement, power and durability in an effort to mimic the demands of the athlete's game and address their individual needs.

The goal is consistent peak performance. It's not only about fine-tuning movements and strength, but also about sharpening mental acuity while dealing with competitive distractions. Maintaining focus and concentration is a significant hurdle to clear for the most successful athletes.

Performance Training is a crucial component of one's commitment to athletic excellence. The way SPIRE integrates sport specific training in conjunction with superior athletic performance development is a key reason why committed athletes will achieve their individual goals.



THREE PILLARS OF ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

1

PHYSICAL:
Power, Speed,
Agility, Strength,
Conditioning,
Endurance

2

MENTAL:
Visualization,
Determination,
Goal Setting,
Application to
Sport, Application
to Life

3

NUTRITION:
Awareness,
Goals, Nutrient
Timing and Ratios,
Supplementation,
Hydration



WE'RE COURAGEOUS. WE DISPLAY INITIATIVE, GRIT, DETERMINATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN PROBLEM SOLVING AND PURSUIT OF OUR GOALS.







SPIRE **ADMISSIONS**

WHAT TYPE OF STUDENT DOES SPIRE LOOK TO ATTRACT?

SPIRE students come from all over the world with many different backgrounds.

But they have one thing in common--a passion for their particular major. When reviewing applications, the admissions committee looks for students who possess this passion but also have a strong commitment to academics and character development. Students who share these characteristics will be successful during their time at SPIRE and beyond.

NEXT STEPS TO APPLY

Complete an online application, including submitting letters of recommendation and academic records.

Schedule a campus visit which includes time to meet with coaches, shadow classes and tour facilities. If you are not able to visit campus, schedule a virtual visit with an admissions counselor.

After an application is submitted and favorably reviewed by the admissions committee, a contract will be sent. A signed contract with deposit will enroll the student. SPIRE works on rolling admission and accepts applications while space is available.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

F1 STUDENT VISA

You will need to obtain an F1 Student Visa in order to attend SPIRE. Student athletes will be issued an I-20 form with the fulfillment of the following requirements:

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORM I-20

- › Enroll as a full-time student at SPIRE. This includes completing all parts of the application before being offered admission.
- › Provide a copy of your passport.
- › Complete the required deposit and the international student fee (if applicable).
- › Provide financial verification stating that you have sufficient funds to support your stay in the U.S. We may receive a fax or a copy. The US Embassy will require the original.



Learn more in SPIRE'S Academy Resource Center.

TUITION & FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE

Tuition and competition fees cover all sport training/development including physical conditioning and mental skills performance training, travel for competitions, academic fees including books and technology.

Boarding Students fees covers tuition, room & board and all athletic fees.

Day Student fees cover tuition, lunch ad all athletic fees.

“Parents entrust their children to us and students entrust their futures. This is a responsibility we take seriously.”

NEED-BASED GRANTS AVAILABLE:

Over 25% of SPIRE Academy students benefit from need-based grants, enabling access to our transformative educational experience. These grants are awarded through a comprehensive assessment of a student's academic prowess and personal attributes.

The Academy offers a variety of payment plans to accommodate the needs of all SPIRE families:

ONE PAYMENT PLAN	Due in July
FOUR PAYMENT PLAN	Due in May, August, November, February
TEN PAYMENT PLAN *	Due monthly from May through February
POST GRADUATE SIX PAYMENT PLAN **	Due monthly from July through December

*not available for Post Graduates

**only available for Post Graduates

SPIRE Academy is accepted as an EdChoice Scholarship school. Ohio based residents are eligible to apply for EdChoice funding upon acceptance and enrollment into SPIRE Academy.

GRADES 9-12

BOARDING STUDENT	\$76,300* <small>* Includes Tuition, Room & Board, all Athletic Fees</small>
DAY STUDENT	\$51,250* <small>* Includes Tuition, Lunch, all Athletic Fees</small>

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SPIRE CAMPS

SPIRE Camps encompass skill development, technical, tactical and performance training within a competitive environment to help prepare you for the next level.

Every year, athletes from around the world choose to train at SPIRE Academy. You too can train on campus within academy-inspired co-ed, boarding and day camps at SPIRE. Campers can choose from a variety of sport program options for different durations and focus on various specialties. Camps are available for all ages, genders and abilities.

SPIRE Camps are an experience you will never forget. Here's why...

EXTENDED TRAINING SEASONAL AND SUMMER CAMPS AND CLINICS





OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE FOCUSED ON EVERYONE

Whether you're trying out for your school team or training for the Olympics – what's important is that you are steadily progressing while following a clear path to reach your individual goals.

SPIRE TRAINS THE WHOLE ATHLETE

There is more to becoming a champion than just possessing solid skills and strong technique. SPIRE provides physical conditioning and mental and nutritional skills performance training alongside sports-specific training/competition programming in boy's and girl's basketball, esports, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, track & field, volleyball and wrestling.

BE A PART OF MORE THAN A CAMP

SPIRE is a community 12 months of the year. Everyone on campus is fully invested in training athletes year-round. Our SPIRE Family fosters a passion for the game, a passion for improvement and a passion for long-term athletic development.

SPIRE IS ONE OF A KIND

Constructed on 750 acres of expansive land, at 850,000 square feet, SPIRE is among the largest and best-equipped indoor sports facilities in North America. SPIRE Academy serves as a national/international college preparatory boarding school for high school and post grad athletes. SPIRE'S experienced coaching staff conducts academy, camp, club, skill development programs and/or league play in a wide variety of sports. SPIRE hosts countless sport competitions including those organized by the USA Track & Field, USA Wrestling, the NCAA, the Big East, the Big Ten and the Atlantic 10 conferences. SPIRE has also hosted Olympic trials and world championship qualifiers. 🏊

OUR PARTNERS

Become part of The SPIRE Way



OFFICIAL OUTFITTER
OF SPIRE ACADEMY





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We're intensely passionate and committed. We love and appreciate what we do and never forget to practice gratitude and humility while doing it.

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FUEL YOUR FIRE



You capture the heart of what makes a community truly special. When people gather in places like SPIRE, it's about more than just the walls that contain the space; it's about the sense of belonging and shared purpose. In these environments, where families, friends, and neighbors come together, the connections formed create a supportive network that extends far beyond the physical location.

The beauty of these spaces is that they nurture relationships that are meaningful and lasting. They become places where kids grow up learning from one another, where parents find a network of support, and where everyone contributes to creating an atmosphere of camaraderie. The bonds that form here aren't just about the activities shared; they are about the emotional connections that develop through shared experiences.

Thank you for making SPIRE a space that impacts individuals and families. It's a reminder that the past, with all its cherished moments, has a way of staying with us, providing strength and inspiration for whatever the future holds. Your recognition of the importance of these communal spaces underscores the value they bring to people's lives, fostering a sense of community that uplifts everyone involved.

I am sure, I am telling you nothing that you don't already know. Just wanted to let you know, others know it too.

- SPIRE PARENT

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