



## **Classical Academic Program Mission**

The mission of the Classical Academic Program (CAP) is to provide each student with the academic skills needed to excel in the professional dance world or other career choice. Although the progression of each student in the CAP program is based on her/his particular needs, all CAP students are encouraged to enroll in honors and advanced placement courses. Students are encouraged to take the PSATs and the SATs, and all seniors are encouraged to apply to at least one college or university. Donna Mattiello, (Yale University, B.A., UCONN School of Law, J.D.), the Academic Director, serves as a supervisor and guidance counselor to each CAP student.

The Classical Academic Program is a relationship between the Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts and Keystone National High School. Keystone is an accredited high school degree granting program designed to provide an alternative to traditional public and private schools, and most importantly, to meet the needs of young pre-professional students. Students utilize textbooks, distance-based technology, and individual instruction to learn at a pace suited to their needs. CAP facilitates access to Keystone National High School with the close supervision and guidance of the Principal/Dean of Admissions and Associates, in conjunction with Keystone administrators and instructors.

High School students -- grades nine through the twelve -- enroll in 5 courses per academic year in the subjects of English, History, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Language, along with electives such as Accounting, Career Planning and Driver Education, to name a few. Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available through the Keystone School. Examples of these AP courses include: AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP English Literature, and AP Psychology. Currently, Keystone courses in the CAP program are augmented by specialized tutors from the Torrington Board of Education in SAT Preparation, Math, Spanish, and Social Studies. Suggested curriculum and recommended coursework is as follows:

### **Freshman**

- Algebra 1 or Geometry
- Biology
- English 1
- Geography
- Foreign Language or Elective

## **Sophomore**

- Geometry or Algebra 2
- Chemistry
- English 2
- World History
- Foreign Language or Elective

## **Junior**

- Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus
- Physical Science
- English 3
- U.S. History
- Foreign Language or Elective (i.e., Driver's Education, Life Skills)

## **Senior**

- Calculus/Trigonometry
- Physics
- English 4
- Civics
- Elective (i.e., Career Development)

Post-high school students who wish to further their education are encouraged to enroll in courses at the University of Connecticut.