



VERITAS COLLEGIATE
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The History of Veritas Collegiate Academy

Veritas Collegiate Academy is a classical Christian school committed to the classical Trivium. Its central purpose is to assist parents in the education of their children.

Veritas Collegiate Academy's Arlington campus has a rich history that reflects its commitment to classical Christian education. The academy itself was established in 2003 in Chesapeake, Virginia, by Sean and Maria Elgut. The couple, seeking a high-performing Christian school for their five children, was inspired by an emerging Classical Christian pedagogy. In 2002, Sean Elgut attended a teacher training seminar in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, organized by Veritas Press. This experience laid the foundation for Veritas Collegiate Academy.

Embracing the Classical Christian approach, the school opened its doors in 2003 with a small group of like-minded families. Over time, it gained recognition for its commitment to academic excellence and Christian values. In 2012, under the leadership of Sean and Maria Elgut, Veritas Chesapeake was approved to provide I-20 Visa applications to international students by the U.S. State Department. This approval allowed the academy to welcome and serve students from around the world.

Under the leadership of Sean and Maria Elgut, Veritas Chesapeake received notable recognition in 2014 when it was named one of the top 50 Christian High Schools in America by thebestschools.org. This acknowledgment highlighted the academy's dedication to providing a quality education rooted in Christian principles.

In 2015, Veritas Collegiate Academy partnered with educational entrepreneur, Mr. Leon Xie,

and expanded its reach by opening its first international campus in Beijing, China. This marked the beginning of its global presence, with the Beijing campus celebrating nearly a decade of operation.

In 2017, Sean and Maria Elgut relocated to northern Virginia to establish a second U.S. campus. The campus initially began in Fairfax and, four years later, moved to Arlington. The move to Arlington represented a strategic decision to continue providing classical Christian education in a new location, in one of the safest and most dynamic cities in America, just outside the Federal Triangle (The White House, U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, Smithsonian Museums, and The National Mall), and a few blocks from both the Pentagon and Amazon HQ2.

Additionally, in 2017, Veritas Collegiate Academy seized an opportunity to partner with Hungarian Baptist Aid (Baptista Aid), one of the largest Christian organizations in Hungary. This partnership led to the establishment of the

Veritas Budapest Campus in Hungary in 2020, expanding the academy's global footprint into Europe, and bringing classical Christian education back to Europe for the first time in centuries.

Further international expansion occurred with the opening of campuses in Kunshan and Shenzhen, China, both in 2020. Veritas also introduced two campuses in Shanghai, operating as "schools within a school." The academy's commitment to global education is underscored by its ongoing efforts to collaborate with partners and open a campus in Singapore.

Overall, the history of Veritas Collegiate Academy's Arlington campus reflects its dedication to providing classical Christian education locally and globally, with a focus on academic excellence on an international level, and the integration of Christian values into its curriculum.