Established in 1821, the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, is the second oldest institution of learning west of the Mississippi. The formal gardens and magnificent oak alley provide a gracious setting for one of the South's finest independent schools. Founded under the direction of Saint Philippine Duchesne, the Academy has remained in continuous operation through fire, epidemics, and war.

Today it is possible to visit the museum, the Shrine of Saint John Berchmans where a miracle occurred, and some of the other older sections of the historic building not presently in use by the school.

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