



SOUTHWESTERN ACADEMY



Greetings!

It has been my privilege to be a part of the Southwestern Academy family for over thirty years. I have served in a variety of roles, from athletic coach when I was just 18, to classroom instructor, to Administrative Dean, to becoming just the third Head of School in our 100 year history.

Southwestern Academy has a century of experience educating young men and women, preparing them for college and, most importantly, preparing them for their lives after schooling.

It is not just a rigorous academic program that makes our students successful. By the time of graduation from Southwestern, they will have developed independence and confidence. They'll have discovered and enhanced their unique strengths and talents through countless opportunities that might not exist at a larger school, whether it be in academics, sports participation, leadership roles, or co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

While many schools, including Southwestern, can boast about small class sizes with a nurturing faculty and staff, our mission and vision are both supportive and inclusive. We attract and enroll high-achieving students as well as those who may have previously struggled in their educational endeavors. What unites our students is their determination, their motivation, and their willingness to reach the summit of their personal capabilities.

Each year we house students from upwards of 15 different countries from around the world, who join our domestic population to form a marvelously diverse student body. The social dynamics of living together, dining together, and recreating together are cornerstones of a boarding school environment. We preserve that atmosphere to the benefit of both our resident and our day students alike.

And in a world sometimes overrun with confusion and turmoil, my heart and spirit soar each time our students form life-long friendships based on forbearance and empathy, even as they hail from differing cultures with wide-ranging customs.

If ours is a community that you wish to join, I urge you to visit our campus located in the beautiful and exclusive community of San Marino, just south of Pasadena in Southern California.

ROBIN JARCHOW

Head of School/CEO

Welcome to

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Join our Community

Our close-knit community of faculty and staff make every student feel like part of our family. We believe in emboldening students as they become a part of the Southwestern community. We invite you to explore our Southwestern community online and in person to discover what we have to offer. Our students have found a place to belong. Maybe you belong here, too!

Fast Facts

Number of Students: 100

Grades Offered: 6th-12th, Post Grad

Total Number of Clubs: 18

Courses Offered: 49

AP Courses Offered: 8

Acres of Campus: 7

Dormitories on Campus: 4

Boarding Students: 75%

Day Students: 20%

International Students: 70%

Domestic Students: 30%

Countries Represented: 14

Average Class Size: 8

Student to Faculty Ratio: 6:1

Faculty Members: 18

% of Faculty Living on Campus: 22%

Financial Aid Available: \$800,000

% of Students Awarded Aid: 35%

Admissions Process



Visit southwesternacademy.edu/inquiry-form/ and complete your Inquiry Form



Plan your campus visit and register to attend our Admission events



Admissions will arrange your Student Interview (virtual or in-person)



Complete the Common Application, SAO (Standard Application Online) admission.org, or Southwestern Academy's application via southwesternacademy.com/apply/



Teacher Recommendations (English, Math, Principal/Counselor), Transcripts (two full years and current year), English Language Test Scores (if applicable)

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EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Southwestern Academy experience is about more than what happens in the classroom. Our students are provided opportunities on a daily basis to further their talents or gain new interests through our co-curricular and extracurricular programs. Unlike other schools that require students to make a commitment to a single activity for the duration of a season, we allow students to explore various options simultaneously. Our schedule is designed to allow students to engage with multiple programs on a daily or weekly basis in order to help them gain a greater understanding of where their interests truly lie.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

The value of a Southwestern Academy education lies in the opportunities it creates and how well prepared students are for what happens after graduation. All Southwestern Academy graduates gain admission to various colleges around the country and world. Their experiences at Southwestern ensure that they will not only have the opportunity to choose which school best fits them as an individual, but that they will begin that phase of their education with a greater understanding of who they are and what they are passionate about. Our goal is not just to have our graduates admitted to college, but to ensure that they have a culturally enriching experience, making them well rounded individuals capable of finding success there and beyond.



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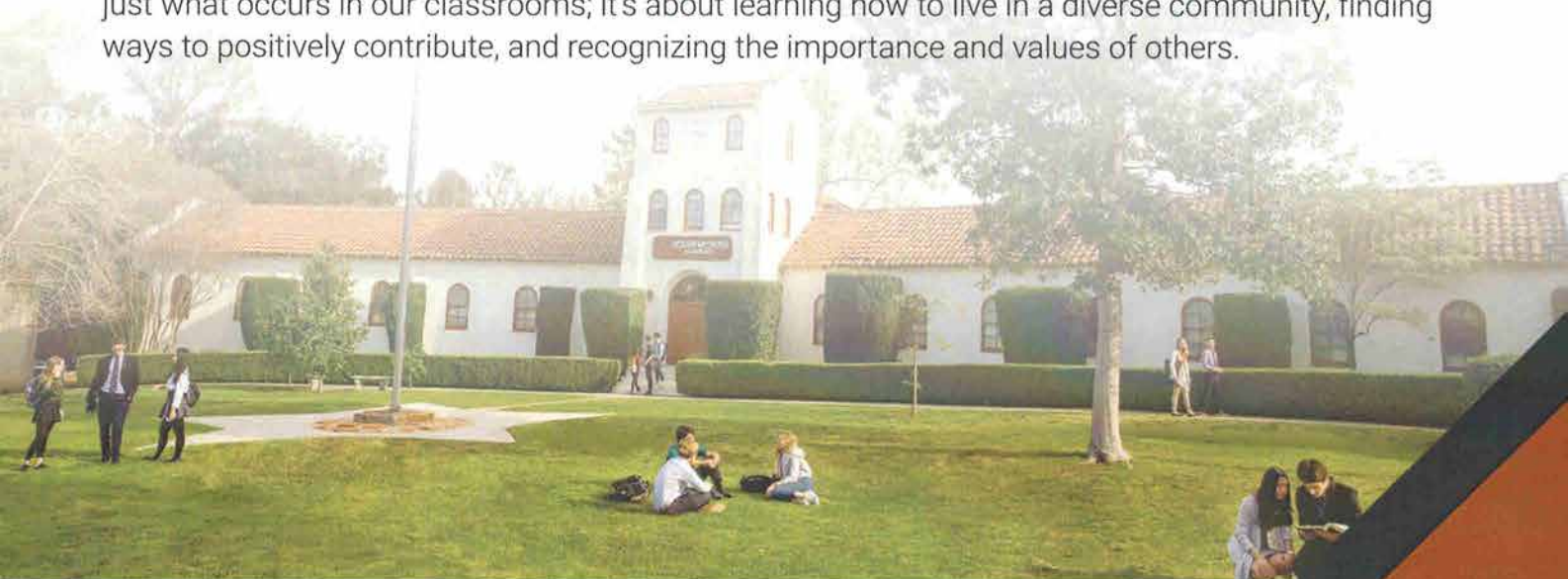
VALUING THE INDIVIDUAL

Southwestern Academy provides students with opportunities to help them discover and pursue their passions. Our curriculum reflects our belief that adolescence is a time for exploration and that during their middle and high school years, students thrive in an environment that values intellectual curiosity and growth. Because we know that there is no “one size fits all” approach to teaching and learning, we have designed our curriculum and teaching methods to be flexible in order to best meet the needs of our students as individuals. Southwestern students benefit from having the opportunity to choose from a variety of college prep courses in an environment composed of students with diverse learning styles.

Southwestern Academy’s curriculum is built to support and challenge a broad range of students. Whether they enter having a history of academic success or needing to gain confidence in their abilities, all our students benefit from the opportunity of a personalized course load that best suits their needs. Our program is designed to actively engage students and provide a road map to opportunities that otherwise might not be available to them.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE WHOLE

The Southwestern community is small by design in order to ensure that all of its members are truly known. It’s impossible to be anonymous here. The increased interactions between students and adults in our community because of our size, campus layout, and programming ensure that the relationships students build will last well beyond graduation. The experience is about more than just what occurs in our classrooms; it’s about learning how to live in a diverse community, finding ways to positively contribute, and recognizing the importance and values of others.



Student Life at Southwestern Academy

At Southwestern Academy, we pride ourselves on our vibrant and supportive boarding program that fosters independence, academic success, and personal growth. Whether you're coming from across the country or around the globe, our community offers a nurturing environment where students thrive both inside and outside the classroom. Be part of a home where you'll build lifelong friendships, grow academically and personally, and create unforgettable memories.

Comfortable and Inviting Dorms

Our dormitories provide a safe and supportive environment. Each room houses 2-3 students, promoting camaraderie while ensuring personal space.

Dedicated Resident Team

Our resident team is the heart of our boarding program. Composed of experienced educators and caring mentors, they ensure each student feels at home and supported. One dorm parent resides in each dormitory to provide guidance and a caring presence for all students.

Structured Boarding Program with a Restorative Justice Approach

Our dorms cultivate academic excellence and personal growth through a balanced schedule, incorporating designated study times, meals, recreation, and downtime. Students thrive in an environment focused on academics, relationship-building, and engaging activities.

Academics are a top priority at Southwestern. Our weekday Evening Study Hall provides a structured environment for homework, studying, and project work, helping students develop effective study habits essential for their educational journey.

Emotional well-being is nurtured through a restorative justice-based pastoral care system. Students learn to resolve conflicts, contributing to a positive community. Guided conversations encourage accountability and empathy, promoting character development and fostering meaningful relationships.

Weekend Activities and Trips: Explore and Experience

Our boarding program is dynamic, with weekends filled with exciting activities and trips throughout Southern California. From movie nights and sports tournaments to hiking and cultural excursions, there's always something to look forward to. These experiences foster community and expose students to new places and ideas.

Campus Amenities: A Sanctuary for Everyone

A strong boarding community is built on connection. Our students have access to various common areas, including The SUNctuary for quiet reflection and Student Lounges for lively interactions—places for movies, games, and socializing.

Physical activity is crucial to well-being. Our facilities include a gym and indoor basketball/volleyball courts, while outdoor options like soccer, basketball, tennis, and sand volleyball provide opportunities for fitness and enjoyment. Students can join organized teams or play for fun.

Nutritious Meals on Campus

Eating well is vital for maintaining energy and focus. Our full service kitchen team offers nutritious meals catering to various tastes and dietary needs. Healthy breakfasts, brunches, and hearty dinners provide the nourishment necessary for active engagement in school life.



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

2019-2024

With unwavering dedication and a commitment to excellence, our students have earned acceptance to esteemed colleges and universities across the nation and around the world. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, perseverance, and intellectual curiosity.

Accademia del Lusso Milano
Albion College
Arizona State University
ArtCenter College of Design
Bergen Community College
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Cal Poly Pomona
Cal State Channel Islands
Cal State Fullerton
Cal State Long Beach
Cal State Los Angeles
Cal State Northridge
Cal State San Diego
California Lutheran University
Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Citrus College
City College of New York
Dominican University of California
Drexel University
Earlham College
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Glendale Community College
Hanoi RMIT
Hofstra University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University Bloomington
Knox College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University New Orleans
Massachusetts College of
Pharmacology & Health Sciences
Menlo College
Molloy College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Mary's University
New York University
Newbury College
Northeastern University

Occidental College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
Otterbein University
Pasadena City College
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Purdue University
Quest University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Siena College
Simmons College
St. John's University
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY Empire State University
Syracuse University
The City College of New York
Trinity College
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UCLA
UC Irvine
UC Merced
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Cruz
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign
University of La Verne
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Miami
University of Southern California
University of Rochester
University of San Diego

University of San Francisco
University of Texas at El Paso
University of the Pacific
University of Washington
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western New Mexico University
Westminster College
Whittier College
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Central Michigan University
ESSEC business school
Fordham University
Ghent University
International Fashion Academy
IUPU Ft Wayne
Kettering University
LIM College
Loyola Marymount
Miami University of Ohio
Northern Arizona University
Pepperdine University
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Sacramento State
Salem University
San Francisco Bay University
San Francisco State
Stevens Institute of Technology
Tufts University
University of Arizona
University of Guadalajara
University of Indianapolis
University of LaVerne
University of Pittsburgh
University of the Pacific
Universidad Católica de Murcia
Virginia Tech
Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Westmont College



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Location & Campus

Southwestern Academy, San Marino, California

Our campus is located in the beautiful community of San Marino, just south of Pasadena in Southern California. Situated just ten miles from downtown Los Angeles, the San Marino campus is nestled in a safe, upscale suburb with all the exciting opportunities of a vibrant big city nearby. Southwestern Academy is conveniently located 27 miles from Los Angeles International Airport and 18 miles from Bob Hope Airport in Burbank.

Explore the Los Angeles Area

The greater Los Angeles Area is home to 14 major sport teams, a bustling Arts District, lively concert venues, scenic beaches, amusement parks, and a wealth of shopping and dining choices. Every Southwestern student will enjoy the advantages of programs and activities, available through both in-school field trips and weekend excursions. Whether you're a day student or a boarding student, you'll never run out of things to do!



CAMPUS MAP

You Belong at

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| ① Main Entrance | ⑨ Chapel (All Faiths) |
| ② Pioneer Hall | ⑩ Athletic Field |
| ③ Lincoln Hall | ⑪ Baseball Dugout |
| ④ California Dormitory | ⑫ Tennis Court |
| ⑤ Illinois Dormitory | ⑬ Veronda Garden |
| ⑥ Washington Gymnasium | ⑭ Veronda House |
| ⑦ Sand Volleyball Court | ⑮ Founders Hall Dormitory |
| ⑧ Arts & Science Building | ⑯ Senior Garden |