

# 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 near-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 20 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.*

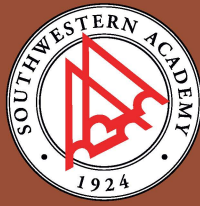
*And in a world sometimes overrun with confusion and turmoil, my heart and spirit soar each time our students form life-long friendships based on forbearance and empathy, even as they hail from differing cultures with wide-ranging customs.*

*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* **SOUTHWESTERN ACADEMY!**



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Southwestern Academy is a co-ed boarding and day school offering grades 6-12 in San Marino, California. Founded in 1924, we have become a school that is dedicated to offering students a personalized, stimulating curriculum that assists each individual in their preparation for college and the world beyond.

Our head of school, Robin Jarchow, has been a part of the Southwestern community for over thirty years. The Southwestern Academy campus is located in the heart of San Marino, California on 7 acres of land. We have three dorms on campus, have a student to faculty ratio of 6 to 1 and offer over 16 clubs and organizations for students to explore and enjoy.

Rich in culture and diversity, catering to the educational needs of both domestic and international students, Southwestern Academy offers eight AP courses where students are challenged to meet and overcome obstacles through creative problem solving and supportive teamwork.

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!







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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.





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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*

**SOUTHWESTERN ACADEMY**



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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           |

# FAST FACTS



## »»» SCHOOL:

*Number of Students:* **100**

*Total Number of Clubs and Organizations:* **18**

*Courses Offered:* **49**

*AP Courses Offered:* **8**

*Acres of Campus:* **7**

## »»» STUDENTS:

*Dormitories on Campus:* **4**

*Boarding Students:* **70%**

*Day Students:* **30%**

*International Students:* **60%**

*Countries Represented:* **14**

## »»» FACULTY:

*Average Class Size:* **8**

*Student to Faculty Ratio:* **6:1**

*Faculty Members:* **18**

*% of Faculty Living on Campus:* **22%**

## »»» FINANCIAL AID

*Total Financial Aid Available:* **\$800,000**

*% of Students Awarded Financial Aid:* **35%**



# How to Apply

***Southwestern Academy accepts applications throughout the year provided space is available.***

**Schedule a campus tour:** We invite you to schedule a campus tour of Southwestern Academy. While on campus, you'll tour the facilities, meet with students, faculty and administrators, and complete your interview with a member of the Admissions Team. Private campus tours are available Monday through Friday during school hours.

**Schedule an interview:** All applicants are required to schedule an interview as part of the admissions process. If visiting campus is not feasible during the application process, we welcome the chance to speak with you via Zoom.

**Submit your application materials:** Please use the Standard Application Online (SAO) to submit your application materials, including three years of transcripts, letters of recommendation, student/family information, and essays. **Our school code for SAO is 7430.**

A \$100 application fee is required to submit your application.

## International Students

Southwestern Academy offers a full English Language Learners (ELL) immersion program. In addition to conducting an English assessment, our Director of Academics carefully evaluates the applicant's academic records and formulates a graduation projection plan. Through these combined processes, we can determine the most suitable curriculum for each student.

**English Assessment:** All students applying should submit English language test scores. Please reach out to the Admissions Office to further discuss which language assessment you have available. Additional in-house testing as needed.

**Visa:** The application for a Form I-20 will be provided once the student has been accepted and one half of tuition has been paid. International students under Southwestern Academy's student visa (F1) are required to live on campus in our boarding program.

Admission is based on selective criteria including: prior academic record, teacher recommendations, and standardized assessments. The admission committee will also consider evidence of the applicant's potential for success in a college-preparatory program.

***Southwestern is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).***

Southwestern Academy is a nonprofit, nonsectarian school admitting students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin and sex to all rights and privileges, programs and activities. Southwestern does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, or sex in the administration of its educational admissions, athletics, or other school-administered programs. Southwestern is approved for international student attendance by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.