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## Class of 2024 Profile

Pacifica Christian High School is a four-year, college-preparatory day school located in Newport Beach, California. The school opened its doors in August of 2015 and enrolls students in grades 9-12. Pacifica is a liberal arts and sciences high school devoted to teaching students to think critically and wisely, instilling heart-felt joy and interest in learning, while encouraging lives of faith, character, and service to the glory of God. We expect 100% of our students to attend college. Typically, 95% of our graduates are accepted to four-year colleges and the majority will attend directly from Pacifica. The Class of 2024 will be Pacifica's seventh graduating class.

### ENROLLMENT

316 students in grades 9-12

71 students in the Class of 2024

72.4% Caucasian; 11.1% Hispanic/Latino; 9.2% Asian; 3.5% Black/African American; 1% Pacific Islander; 2.8% Other

38% of students receive need-based financial aid

### ACCREDITATION

Pacifica received accreditation in its first year by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and most recently received a six-year accreditation from WASC in 2019.

### FACULTY

24 full and part-time teachers hold a total of 34 advanced degrees. The student to faculty ratio is 13:1. The average class size is 16-18 students.

### SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Pacifica school year includes two semesters averaging approximately 16 weeks. Each day is divided into four 75-minute block periods. Classes meet either two or three times per week depending on the rotation of that week.

### GRADING AND RANK

Pacifica does not rank students. Each student's curriculum is college preparatory and grading is rigorous. Pacifica uses a traditional A-F, 4.0 grading scale. Honors course grades are given an extra .5 and AP / Dual Credit courses are given an additional 1.0 in the grade point calculation. Grade point average calculations displayed on the transcript include academic classes completed at Pacifica only. Transfer courses are not included in the calculations displayed on the transcript. Physical education, sports, theatre production, and TA grades are not included in the grade point average calculation.

## COVID-19 IMPACT STATEMENT

Pacifica students moved to online learning in March 2020 and remained online for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Our students were able to return to in-person learning on campus in September 2020 with COVID protocols in place and continued through the end of the 2020-21 school year. During the entirety of COVID, academic and attendance expectations for students were upheld and grading scales were not adjusted.

## CURRICULUM

Pacifica offers a college preparatory liberal arts and sciences curriculum that is founded upon the Western tradition of thinking and living well. Students study the canon of Great Books in Socratic seminars in order to engage in the Great Conversation, providing a foundation from which they can think critically and wisely about the history of ideas shaping modern cultures. English and history classes are taught sequentially and are integrated with Christian theology. Students are challenged in mathematics to gain not only a conceptual understanding of skills and principles, but also knowledge of and experience with pure reasoning. The Science Department endeavors to provide students with opportunities to develop an inquiring mind and a systematic approach to problem solving by providing a solid foundation in the scientific method. Each four-year graduate engages in over 900 hours of seminar training, as well as 100 hours of community service.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of History (transfer students are only required to have three)
- 3 years of Mathematics (completion through Algebra II required)
- 3 years of Laboratory Science (Biology and Chemistry required)
- 2 years of World Language (one language through level 2)
- 1 year of Visual & Performing Arts
- 1 year of Theology
- 2 years of Physical Education or a Varsity Sport
- 3 years of Electives
- 25 hours of Community Service

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Associated Students (AS)** is name of our inward facing student leadership program. It is made up of an executive council that consists of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer as well as seven committees each with their own chair. The executive council is elected by the students.

Our **Prefect Program** is an outward facing internship-based leadership program for students in grades 10-12 who submit an application and go through a rigorous selection process. There are 12 prefects selected each year to work in collaboration with their appointed staff person and are given responsibilities in accordance with the staff person with whom they work.

## THE GREAT CONVERSATION HONORS PROGRAM

“The Great Conversation” (TGC) Honors Program is available for those students wishing to graduate with honors. TGC Honors provides three unique pathways to enhanced learning. The **Liberal Arts Pathway** encourages students toward a solid general education with periodic deep dives into the individual subjects. The **STEAM Pathway**, offers specialization in Science and Math and is balanced by languages and the arts. The **Humanities Pathway** provides a captivating deep study of English, History, languages, and arts.

Each of these pathways offers a special senior-study course called TGC Scholars, a one-on-one guided project with a faculty advisor. This project reflects each student’s personal academic journey and interests, and acts as a capstone presentation for their time at Pacifica.

## DUAL CREDIT

Dual enrollment courses are offered in grades 10-12 through a partnership with Colorado Christian University for humanities and the University of Texas for science. Courses offered for 2023-24 include:

Honors Anatomy & Physiology  
Honors Economics  
Honors Engineering Design & Analysis  
Honors European History  
Honors Faith & Culture  
Honors Latin III  
Honors Latin IV  
Honors Medieval World History  
Honors US History  
Honors World Literature & Composition

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) AND HONORS OFFERINGS

Pacifica offers 14 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Honors level courses in all subjects except world language. Enrollment is contingent upon meeting the prerequisite grade requirement and teacher approval. It is uncommon for students to take any AP courses before their junior year and students must get permission to take more than three AP courses in a given year.

AP Biology	AP English Language
AP Calculus AB	AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
AP Calculus BC	AP Spanish Literature & Composition
AP Chemistry	AP Spanish Language
AP Computer Science	AP Statistics
AP Drawing	AP 2-D Art & Design
AP English Literature	AP 3-D Art

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM RESULTS

In 2023, 85 students took 161 exams; 75% of the scores were a 3 or higher. All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the exam.

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

*(Based on academic GPA at the end of junior year)*

Class of 2023		Class of 2024	
GPA	# Students	GPA	# Students
<3.0	7	<3.0	7
3.0-3.49	11	3.0-3.49	5
3.5-3.99	15	3.5-3.99	27
>4.0	26	>4.0	31

  

Class of 2023		Class of 2024	
Highest GPA	4.60	Highest GPA	4.60
Lowest GPA	2.58	Lowest GPA	2.11
Mean GPA	3.82	Mean GPA	3.87

## SAT & ACT TESTING STATEMENT

Due to the size of our senior class and small sampling of students who are choosing to report their SAT and/or ACT scores, the reporting of this data does not accurately represent our students. Since most colleges and universities are now test-blind or test-optional the inclusion of this data was deemed unnecessary.

## SUMMARY OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (2019-2022)

The Class of 2022 received acceptances to 162 different 4-year colleges and universities in 38 states and four countries. The list below is a representative sampling of our college acceptances over the past four years.

Arizona State University	Colorado State University	University of Maryland	Smith College
University of Arizona	University of Denver	Miami University, Oxford	University of Southern California
Babson University	Denison University	University of Miami	Southern Methodist University
Baylor University	Dickinson College	University of Michigan	University of St. Andrews
Belmont University	Duke University	New York University	St. John's College
Biola University	Elon University	Northeastern University	Syracuse University
Boise State University	Embry Riddle University	Northwestern University	Texas Christian University
Boston College	Fairfield University	University of Notre Dame	The University of Texas
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Fordham University	Oregon State University	University of Utah
California State University (Fullerton, Long Beach, Northridge, San Marcos)	Furman University	Patrick Henry College	Trinity College
University of California (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz)	George Fox University	University of Pennsylvania	University of Oregon
University of California	George Washington University	Pepperdine University	University of Utah
(Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz)	Gonzaga University	Point Loma University	Villanova University
Calvin University	Grinnell College	University of Puget Sound	Wake Forest University
Carleton College	High Point University	Reed College	Washington State University
Chapman University	Hillsdale University	Rice University	University of Washington
Clemson University	College of the Holy Cross	University of Richmond	Washington University (St. Louis)
Colgate University	Hope College	Saint Mary's College	Westmont College
University of Colorado	Kenyon College	Samford University	Wheaton College
Colorado Christian University	The King's College	San Diego State University	Whitman College
Colorado School of Mines	Lafayette College	University of San Diego	Whitworth University
	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Clara University	Willamette University
	Marist College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Wisconsin
	Marquette University	Seattle Pacific University	

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