

#### MISSION

The mission of The Webb Schools is to provide an exemplary learning community that nurtures and inspires boys and girls to become men and women who:

Think boldly, mindfully and creatively,

Act with honor and moral courage,

Lead with distinction,

Serve with a generous spirit

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**WEBB SCHOOL OF CALIFORNIA** 

**VIVIAN WEBB SCHOOL** 

## RAYMOND M. ALF MUSEUM OF PALEONTOLOGY

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# The College Guidance Profile 2021-22

#### BACKGROUND

The Webb Schools are a unique affiliation of three fully accredited nonprofit educational institutions: Webb School of California, Vivian Webb School and the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology. Webb School of California and Vivian Webb School are independent, college preparatory schools with boarding and day students in grades 9-12. **One hundred percent of the graduating classes is admitted to selective four-year colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and abroad.** The schools provide a superior academic and residential experience, a highly rigorous academic program and work harmoniously on the same campus. The schools maintain distinct student leadership, residential, athletic and advisory programs while providing all the social benefits of coeducation. The schools offer the full benefit of living and learning in a diverse and supportive community.

#### **FACILITIES**

The schools are located on a 150-acre campus nestled at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains in the college town of Claremont, about 35 miles east of Los Angeles. The campus has more than 50 buildings, including the Susan A. Nelson Performing Arts Center, Copeland Donahue Black Box Theater, Digital Media Studio, W. Russell Fawcett Memorial Library, Les Perry Gymnasium, Observatory, Hooper Community Center and 10 dormitories. The Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology is a prominent educational element of the schools and houses an extensive collection of fossils, the majority of which were unearthed and prepared by students.

## Faculty

Teaching faculty: **60** 

77% live on campus

Four-year degrees: 60

**85%** hold advanced degrees

Student/teacher ratio: 7:1

Administrators also advise and teach

### Enrollment

Webb School of California **202**Vivian Webb School **199** 

#### **CLASS OF 2022**

Webb School of California **45**Vivian Webb School **48** 

#### RANK

Given the competitive and selective nature of the schools and the small size of each senior class, The Webb Schools do not rank.

## **Graduation Requirements**

English 4 years – Humanities Program
History 3 years – Humanities Program

Math3 yearsScience3 yearsWorld Languages3 yearsFine Arts2 yearsElectives2 years



#### CURRICULUM

The academic curriculum provides superior programs in English, mathematics, world languages, history, science, visual and performing arts, and other disciplines that equip students intellectually to meet the demands of a rapidly changing society. Single-gender classes are offered in our core freshman and sophomore courses. The curriculum offers students a choice of more than 116 courses. Thirty-eight Advanced Studies and Advanced Placement courses are featured including anatomy & physiology, biology, biotechnology, calculus AB & BC, chemistry, Chinese, computer science, English, environmental science, French, humanities, linear algebra, organic chemistry, paleontology, Physics C, Spanish, U.S. history & world civilizations.

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Students may choose from an array of activities beyond the classroom. These include interscholastic sports, community service, debate, robotics, music, drama, dance, visual arts, literary magazine, hiking and camping trips (including fossil-hunting trips sponsored by the Alf Museum), and other opportunities unique to Webb and Southern California.

#### **INTERPRETATION OF GRADES**

The Webb Schools use the following scale in computing GPA. A cumulative weighted and unweighted GPA is reported on the transcript.\*

4.3 4.0 3.7	A+ A A-	Truly outstanding achievement combined with originality, effort, and excellence in the skills required by the course
3.3 3.0 2.7	B+ B B-	Highly creditable honors-level achievement with sound understanding of the subject material, consistent effort, and broad competence in the skills required by the course
2.3 2.0 1.7	C+ C C-	Satisfactory achievement with adequate under- standing of the subject material, adequate effort, and broad competence in the skills required by the course
1.3 1.0 0.7	D+ D D-	Minimum passing work, meeting the basic requirements of the course
0.0	F	Failing

 Extra weight is given to courses that are designated Advanced Studies, AP or Honors level – a full point for Advanced Studies and AP and a ½ point for Honors.

The Webb Schools adhere to a strict grading policy. We do not practice grade inflation. In the past five years, fewer than 20 of the over 400 total graduates have earned a perfect 4.0. The typical student carries a 3.5 unweighted average in his

# Special Programs at WEBB

#### INNOVATIVE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The innovative academic program at Webb combines a series of foundational required core courses with a deep and varied range of electives across Webb's five disciplines: humanities (combining English and history), mathematics, science, world languages and fine arts. The courses designed for freshmen and sophomores are skills-based and cross-disciplinary. Building on the skills students develop during their first two years at Webb, courses for juniors and seniors introduce students to college-level advanced study and research.

Many courses are more rigorous and thus carry Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) or Advanced Studies (AdvSt) designations. Honors courses differ from standard sections of a course by incorporating depth and advanced content. Advanced Placement (AP) courses incorporate the content and methods prescribed by the College Board for that subject and include test-preparation activities and practice. Advanced Studies (AdvSt) courses are AP-level courses and beyond designed by Webb faculty to engage students in high-level intellectual pursuits. They are characterized by their depth of study, embrace of the latest in academic research and attention to making connections among disciplines.

#### FIELD STUDY & ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Our focus on experiential learning at Webb is centered on learning by doing. It is a model based on our work with our one-of-a-kind Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology, the only accredited museum of paleontology on a school campus anywhere in the world. Across the curriculum, we offer students more than 30+ Field Study opportunities in courses in every discipline. In addition, we have created a number of Academic Partnerships with faculty at the Claremont Colleges (Pomona, Harvey Mudd, Keck Graduate Institute) and beyond (UC Riverside) covering chemistry, computer science, biotechnology and more. Each year we also offer our Unbounded Days program or a multi-day symposia dedicated to Webb's values and principles. Unbounded Days 2022 offers a variety of experiential three to five-day courses.

#### ALF MUSEUM OF PALEONTOLOGY

The Alf Museum is a perfect example of unbounded thinking in action. It's not just a place where students go to look at fossils. It's a place where students are part of the scientific process, where they learn the joy of discovery, where they actually advance science. And it's just plain fun. Webb offers a four-year program in paleontology, which culminates in independent research and submission of work to a scientific journal for publication.



### SAT / ACT AVERAGES—CLASS OF 2021 Webb School of California ACT Composite 30 Webb School of California SAT FBRW 710 Math Composite Vivian Webb School ACT Composite Vivian Webb School SAT **EBRW** Math Composite 1430

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions** and campus closure, AP exams were made optional for all students for spring 2021. We limit the number of Advanced Studies / AP courses most students can take to no more than: 3 junior year; and 4 senior year.

#### NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Over the past five years (2017-2021) - 503 graduates

- 30 Finalists
- 33 Semi-Finalists
- 80 Letters of Commendation
- 19 National Hispanic Scholars



# Class of 2021

#### **WEBB SCHOOL OF CALIFORNIA** (55 BOYS)

Babson College (2) Boston University (2) California State University-Fullerton Carnegie Mellon University Central Washington University Emory University (2) Fordham University

Franklin and Marshall College George Washington University (2)

Haverford College

Johns Hopkins University

Lake Forest College

Lone Star College-Montgomery

Macalester College

Montana State University

Mt San Antonio College

New York University

New York University SH

Northwestern University

Occidental College

Oxford College of Emory University

Pepperdine University

Pitzer College

Point Loma Nazarene University

Reed College

San Diego State University

Santa Clara University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Stanford University

Syracuse University

**Tufts University** 

University of California, Berkeley (3)

University of California, Davis

University of California, Los Ange-les

University of California, San Diego

University of California, Santa Cruz (2)

University of Chicago (2)

University of Pennsylvania (2) University of Richmond

University of Rochester

University of Utah (2)

University of Virginia

Washington University in St. Louis (2)

Westmont College

#### **VIVIAN WEBB SCHOOL** (53 GIRLS)

Amherst College

**Bates College** 

**Baylor University** 

**Boston College** 

**Boston University** 

California State University-Channel Islands

Carnegie Mellon University (2)

Case Western Reserve University

Claremont McKenna College

College of the Desert

Cornell University (3)

**Emory University** 

George Washington University

Harvey Mudd College

Haverford College

Kenvon College

King's College, London

Lewis & Clark College

Macalester College

Mount Holyoke College

New York University (2)

Northeastern University

Oberlin College

Parsons School of Design - The New School (2)

Pepperdine University

Pitzer College

Pomona College

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Scripps College

Smith College

Stanford University (2)

Texas A&M University

Tufts University

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Davis

University of California, Los Angeles (2)

University of California, San Diego (2)

University of Chicago (2)

University of Hawaii at Manoa

University of Miami

University of Southern California (2)

Wellesley College

**Xavier University** 

### In the last five years, the following colleges have enrolled three or more of our graduates:

Babson College, MA Boston College, MA Boston University, MA Brown University, RI California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA Carleton College, MN Carnegie Mellon University, PA Chapman University, CA Claremont McKenna College, CA Colgate University, NY Columbia University, NY Cornell University, NY Emory University, GA George Washington University, DC Harvard University, MA Harvey Mudd College, CA Haverford College, PA Johns Hopkins University, MD Lewis & Clark College, OR Loyola Marymount University, CA New York University, NY Northeastern University, MA Northwestern University, IL Occidental College, CA Pepperdine University, CA Pitzer College, CA Pomona College, CA Reed College, OR

Rice University, TX

Scripps College, CA

Smith College, MA

Santa Clara University, CA

Sarah Lawrence College, NY

Stanford University, CA The American University in Paris, France The New School (Parsons), NY Trinity University, TX Tufts University, MA University of California, Berkeley, CA University of California, Davis, CA University of California, Irvine, CA University of California, Los Angeles, CA University of California, Riverside, CA University of California, San Diego, CA University of California, Santa Barbara, CA University of California, Santa Cruz, CA University of Chicago, IL University of La Verne, CA University of Oregon, OR University of Pennsylvania, PA University of Redlands, CA University of Richmond, VA University of San Diego, CA University of Southern California, CA University of Washington, WA Vassar College, NY Washington University in St. Louis, MO Wellesley College, MA