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MISSION St. Monica Academy is an independent, coeducational school for grades one through twelve, founded by parents in fulfillment of their primary responsibility for educating their children, and seeks to form students in *faith, reason, and virtue*.

PHILOSOPHY St. Monica Academy High School prepares students to excel in college with rigorous courses in math and science and by reading great literature and philosophical writers, whose poetry, prose and logic train students' minds and inspire their own elocution. Our graduates are repeatedly cited by professors at Top 25 universities as models of strong writing and active seminar participation. Our graduates have been admitted to top graduate programs in medicine, science, art, film, engineering and other fields.

The aim of our curriculum and pedagogy is to instill in students a love of learning. Our students become lifelong scholars of history, lovers of culture, and knowledgeable and curious about the sciences. They have been trained to be observant, discerning, and independent thinkers. They are prepared to excel in college, to become their generation's rare masters of the vanishing crafts of fine writing and speaking. They will be creative problem-solvers.

They will be leaders.



A Tradition of Excellence at a Glance

NEW IN 2020!

**35 National Merit or
Commended Scholars**
3 National Hispanic Scholars

SCHOOL	STUDENT BODY	2019 NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS
Loyola High School	1,242	3
St. Monica Academy	102	2
Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy	391	1
La Salle High School	665	1
St. Francis High School	800	0
Mayfield Senior School	330	0
Alverno High School	180	0

100%
graduation rate and acceptance rate
into top 4-year college or
universities including
Stanford University & MIT

CLASS OF 2020
**Best AVERAGE Math
SAT Score in
School History:
639!**

16 perfect
800's
on the SAT

12
Boys and Girls
CIF
Sports Teams

27
League
Championships

1296
Average
SAT Score
National Average: 1059
California Average: 1065

Student-led
**Christian
Service**
Including
**Crusaders
for Life**
and
Crosswalk
(serving the homeless
in Skid Row)

Acclaimed
SCHOLA
and
**Shakespeare
Plays**

12
NCAA
ATHLETES
the last
three years

100%
pass rate on the
AP Chemistry, Latin,
English Literature, and
Physics 1 Exams
(2019 Exams)

Dozens of
National Latin Exam
**Gold
Medalists**

ENROLLMENT St. Monica Academy's college preparatory high school is a four-year high school enrolling 102 students in grades nine through twelve. The high school was founded in 2001 and saw its first graduating class in 2006.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY Located in Montrose, California, St. Monica Academy High School draws students from a geographical radius of over 50 miles. Approximately 45.8% of parents report having completed a 4-year degree, 28.8% of parents report having earned an advanced degree, and 25.4% of parents report having completed a high school degree. Thirteen students have been currently identified as "First Generation" for attending college. The current tuition rate is \$11,000, and 22% of students receive some form of financial aid. Prospective students take an entrance exam including a written essay, but students are admitted with a wide range of academic abilities; the desire and the will to learn is considered along with demonstrated academic achievement. The school is consistently awarded donations and grants from charitable organizations including the Ahmanson, Carrie Estelle Doheny, Bill Hannon, and Dan Murphy Foundations.



ACCREDITATION St. Monica Academy is fully accredited with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The school is also accredited with the Western Catholic Education Association. We have been honored by the Cardinal Newman Society as being one of the Top 50 Catholic High Schools in the nation.

MEMBERSHIPS National Association of Private Catholic and Independent Schools

CURRICULUM At St. Monica Academy, the centerpiece of the academic program is the integrated humanities cycle. Our high school students study the Theology, History, and Literature of specific eras of Western civilization. Those courses are run on a four-year cycle as follows:

- Freshman:** Ancient History, Ancient Literature, and Dogmatic Theology
- Sophomore:** Medieval History, Medieval Literature, and Sacred Scripture
- Junior:** Renaissance and Modern World History, Renaissance and Modern World Literature, and Moral Theology
- Senior:** American History, American Literature, and Apologetics/Comparative Religions

This literary and historical survey of the Western tradition inspires students through the great books, the great ideas, and the great figures who have formed our culture. While textbooks provide an overview, readings of major historians and writers, formal debates, formal essays, and Socratic discussions make the subjects come alive and create an abiding interest in history and a love for great literature. Our program exceeds the requirements for admission to the University of California in history, foreign language, science, and fine arts. Classes offered yearly are all levels of Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trig/Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC), all levels of Latin (I, II, III, and AP), all Lab Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Honors Physics, AP Chemistry), Physical Education for 9th and 10th graders, and Government and Economics for seniors. Our student to teacher ratio is 8:1 and the average class size is 20 students. *All of our college preparatory classes are extremely rigorous and taught at an honors and accelerated level. At present, we offer 6 AP courses, Honors Physics, and Honors Latin 5.* Our AP courses include Latin, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry and Literature Composition and Statistics. AP exams in Biology, Computer Science, Physics, Spanish, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Psychology, US History, and Music Theory are also taken by our students, though they are not part of our regular curriculum. Our students pass these AP exams with scores of 4 and 5. The capstone of each year of high school is a rigorous history research project and presentation in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades and a thesis paper and oral defense of the thesis in front of a faculty committee in 12th grade.

In response to the school shutdown beginning in March 2020 due to the Covid related restrictions, St. Monica Academy persevered in providing its stellar rigorous curriculum and maintained its original grading system using a successful distance learning method. Our educational approach was not mitigated nor minimized by the pandemic restrictions.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS Graduation requirements meet or exceed California state guidelines. To graduate from St. Monica Academy, students must, at a minimum, complete the following:

- Theology 4 years
- English 4 years
- Mathematics 3 years
- History, Government and Economics 5 years
- Science 3 years
- Latin 3 years
- Physical Education 1 year
- Concert/Performance Choir 4 years

GRADING AND RANKING St. Monica Academy assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system. Letter grades are assigned as follows:

A+ 97-100%	B+ 87-89%	C+ 77-79%	D+ 67-69%	F 59% and below
A 93-96%	B 83-86%	C 73-76%	D 63-66%	
A- 90-92%	B- 80-82%	C- 70-72%	D- 60-62%	

We do currently rank our seniors and AP designated classes are weighted in the GPA.

TEST SCORES The Class of 2020 have taken the SAT with an average pass rate of 1296 compared to the national SAT average of 1059. In 15 years, St. Monica Academy has produced 16 perfect 800's on SAT I and II tests, 35 National Merit Finalists or Commended Scholars, a regional "Poetry Out Loud" winner, and dozens of National Latin Exam Gold Medals.

ATHLETICS St. Monica Academy provides interscholastic varsity boys' and girls' basketball, volleyball and cross country teams, girls' soccer, girls' lacrosse and boys' baseball teams. St. Monica competes in the CIF Southern Section. Our teams have won over a dozen league championships and one Division championship. St. Monica Academy has been awarded the coveted CIF "Coach of the Year" honor in 2016.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES St. Monica Academy offers Yearbook publishing; Schola, a regionally recognized polyphonic choir; an Arts program that includes a yearly Shakespeare production and a yearly musical production; student government and leadership opportunities through Student Council; and voluntary service projects that encourage our students to contribute to their communities. We participate in the California Academic Decathlon competition. We hold a charter from the California Scholastic Federation and run our own service organization, the St. Monica Honor Society. An integral part of our program also includes a biennial trip to Washington D.C. for juniors and seniors and to the American Southwest for freshmen and sophomores. Our students average over 400 service hours by their senior year serving local and global impoverished populations.

GRADUATE INFORMATION/COLLEGE ATTENDANCE HISTORY Class of 2020 graduated 29 students and achieved 100% acceptance into four year universities. The Class of 2020 received a collective merit scholarship amount of \$6.2 million and were admitted into highly selective universities and military academies. Class of 2021 will graduate 25 students and it is expected that 100% will be accepted into selective four year universities.



The following is a partial list of those 4-year institutions who have accepted St. Monica Academy graduates:

Arizona State University	Holy Cross College	Thomas More College
Ashland University	John Paul the Great Catholic University	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Auburn University	Johns Hopkins University	United States Naval Academy
Ave Maria University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Alabama
Barnard College	Loyola University Chicago	University of California at Berkeley
Baylor University	Loyola University New Orleans	University of California at Davis
Benedictine College	Lycoming College	University of California at Irvine
Berklee College of Music	Marist College	University of California at Los Angeles
Boise State University	Marquette University	University of California at Riverside
Boston University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California San Diego
Bowdoin College	Middlebury College	University of California at Santa Barbara
California Institute of the Arts	Montana State University	University of California at Santa Cruz
California Maritime Academy	New York University	University of Chicago
California Polytechnic University, Pomona	Northern Arizona University	University of Dallas
California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo	Northwestern University	University of Evansville, Indiana
California State University at Fullerton	Occidental College	University of Louisville, Kentucky
California State University at Long Beach	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Michigan
California State University at Los Angeles	Pepperdine University	University of Minnesota
California State University at Northridge	Providence College, Rhode Island	University of Mississippi
Carleton College	Purdue University	University of Navarra
Catholic University of America	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Notre Dame
Chapman University	San Diego State University	University of Oklahoma
Christendom College	San Francisco Art Institute	University of Oregon
College of William and Mary	San Francisco Conservatory of Music	University of the Pacific
Colorado School of Mines	Santa Clara University	University of Pittsburgh
Creighton University	Scripps College	University of Portland
DeSales University	Seattle University	University of San Diego
Drexel University	Seton Hall University	University of San Francisco
Felician College	Southern Methodist University	University of Southern California
Fordham University	St. Andrews University of Scotland	University of St. Thomas
Franciscan University of Steubenville	St. John's University, Minnesota	University of Virginia
George Washington University	St. John's University New York	Vanderbilt University
Georgetown University	St. Mary's College, California	Vienna Conservatory of Music
Georgia Institute of Technology	St. Mary's College, Indiana	Washington State University, Pullman
Gonzaga University	Stanford University	Wellesley College
Hart School, University of Hartford	Swarthmore College	West Point Military Academy
Hawaii Pacific University	Texas Tech University	Wheaton College
Hillsdale College	Thomas Aquinas College	Xavier University