



Trinity Classical Academy

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Western Association of Schools and Colleges

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Association of Classical, Christian Schools

THE SCHOOL

Trinity Classical Academy is a coeducational, college preparatory, independent, liberal arts TK-12 school that was founded in 2001 on the classical, Christian educational model. The school opened its doors to 28 students and graduated its first class in 2012. Total enrollment is 565 students with the Rhetoric School (grades 9-12) having a student population of 199 students. The senior class of 2020 numbers 44. Financial aid is distributed to 60% of the Rhetoric School student body. The matriculation rate to four-year colleges for the Classes of 2012-2019 was 95% and 5% are attending a two-year college.

The primary objective of the Rhetoric School is to teach students to think critically and to articulate clearly and persuasively the knowledge they acquire in a variety of disciplines. The student/faculty ratio is 5:1 and the average class size is 18.

With a population of 213,000, the City of Santa Clarita is the third largest city in Los Angeles County and is located 25 miles north of the City of Los Angeles. Santa Clarita includes the communities of Valencia, Saugus, Canyon Country, Newhall, Stevenson Ranch and nearby Castaic. The community is enriched by the resources of The Masters University, The California Institute of the Arts and College of the Canyons.

Faculty

There are 31 Upper School faculty members, 58 percent of whom hold advanced degrees, including four Ph.Ds. The student-teacher ratio in grades 9-12 is 5:1, sections range from 2-21 students.

Admissions and Financial Aid

Admission is selective, with an application, academic transcript, standardized testing, teacher references, and a campus visit customarily required. Need-based financial aid is awarded to approximately 60 percent of the student body.

College Matriculation

Trinity has graduated eight classes totaling 221 students.

- 100% have been accepted to a four-year college or university
- 97% have been accepted to multiple colleges
- 95% are attending or have graduated from a four-year college or university

Classical Education

Trinity teaches through the ancient and medieval approach to classical education known as the Trivium which consists of three stages: Grammar, the fundamental rules and core knowledge of each subject; Logic, the ordered and logical relationship of particulars in each subject; and Rhetoric, how the grammar and logic of each subject may be clearly communicated.

With the Trivium as its framework, classical, Christian education is characterized by rich exposure to the history, literature, and culture of Western Civilization. Students are immersed in the "Great Books" and read numerous original source documents and literary works, principally in history and literature. Classes are taught through Socratic dialogue. The languages of Western Civilization, Latin in particular, are at the core of academic studies.

Curriculum

Classes typically meet each week for three 1 hour and 40 minute block periods. The Academy emphasizes the core academic disciplines of literature, mathematics, history, theology and science, foreign language and visual and performing arts. A distinctive of a Trinity education is a four-year course of study in Rhetoric including advanced composition, beginning disputation, advanced disputation and a culminating senior thesis.

Balancing out a Trinity education are numerous co- and extracurricular opportunities including house leadership (student council), theater, film, instrumental music, vocal ensembles, journalism and yearbook as well as clubs and off-campus educational ventures. Trinity's athletic program fields teams at the junior varsity and varsity level in 12 sports, with teams participating in the Heritage League of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) competition.

Senior Thesis

A graduation requirement for all Trinity students, the Senior Thesis involves researching, writing and presenting an original argument on a controversial subject. It is intended to demonstrate the students' rhetorical skills that have been trained throughout their Trinity tenure, and the ability to use the ideas and arguments discussed and evaluated throughout their studies. In the last month of school, seniors present and defend their theses before a panel of experts, peers, and members of the local community.

Graduation Requirements

Trinity offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum using a semester system of seven class periods. The minimum number of credits for graduating seniors is 300 in the following disciplines:

History	40	Liberal Arts Core	10
Literature	40	(Western Political Philosophy, Apologetics, U.S. Government)	
Mathematics	40	Physical Education	20
Science	30 or 40*	Fine Arts	10
Foreign Language	30 or 40*	Electives	30
Classical Rhetoric	40		

*40 credits required in either science or foreign language

Grading Calculation (GPA)

Trinity calculates two grade point averages (GPA) for each student: an unweighted GPA and a weighted GPA. Advanced Placement courses and Honors courses receive an additional 1.0 grade point each semester.

	General/College Prep	AP/Honors	
A	90-100	4.0	5.0
B	80-89	3.0	4.0
C	70-79	2.0	3.0

Trinity does not accept a grade of D or F.
Class rank is calculated based on the numerical order of GPA

Classes of 2012-2019, 221 Graduates

National Merit Competition	Advanced Placement
1 National Merit Finalist	42 AP Scholars
1 National Merit Semifinalist	22 AP Scholars with Distinction
20 National Merit Commended	13 AP Scholars with Honors
6 National Hispanic Scholars	1 Gates Scholar

2017-19 SAT Summary

Section	Average
Reading-Writing	665
Math	624
Total	1289

2016-19 ACT Summary

Score	Mean	No. of Students
Composite	26	59

Rhetoric School Curriculum (9-12)

	HUMANITIES (History, Literature, Theology)		RHETORIC	MATH		SCIENCE		FOREIGN LANGUAGE	ELECTIVES
				Non-Honors	Honors	Non-Honors	Honors	Honors	
Freshman Year	Ancient History ^h	Classical Literature ^h	Pre-Rhetoric I: Advanced Composition ^h	Algebra B	Geometry ^h	Biology	Biology ^h	Intro Latin or Latin II ^h	Theater Film Economics
Sophomore Year	Medieval History ^h	Medieval Literature ^h	Pre-Rhetoric II: Beginning Disputation ^h Western Political Thought ^h	Geometry	Algebra II ^h	Chemistry	Chemistry ^h	Latin I Latin III ^h or Spanish II	Art Jazz Ensemble Choral Ensemble Orchestra
Junior Year	European History ^h	British Literature & Composition ^h	Rhetoric I: Advanced Disputation AP Language & Composition ^h	Algebra II	Statistics ^h , Pre-Calculus ^h or Calculus ^h	Anatomy & Physiology	Anatomy & Physiology ^h , AP Biology or AP Chemistry ^h	Latin II, AP Latin ^h , Spanish III or Intro to Greek ^h	Christ and Culture AP Music Theory ^h Computer Programming
Senior Year	U.S. History ^h	AP Literature ^h	Rhetoric II: Senior Thesis ^h Government ^h / Apologetics ^h	Pre-Calculus ^h , Statistics ^h , or Math Theory	Statistics ^h , Pre-Calculus ^h , AP Calculus AB ^h or AP Calculus BC ^h	AP Physics ^h or AP Environmental Science ^h	AP Spanish or Intro to Greek ^h	AP Computer Science A ^h Yearbook	

^h - weighted honors course

College Acceptances for the Classes of 2012-2019, 221 Graduates

Abilene Christian University (5)	Grove City College (3)	St. John's University (MN) (2)
American University	University of Hartford	St. Johns University (NY) (9)
Anderson University (2)	Harvey Mudd College	St. Louis University
Andrews University (2)	Hawaii Pacific University	St. Mary's College (2)
Arizona State University (10)	Hillsdale College (8)	Stanford University (2)
Arizona State University (Barrett Honors)	Hofstra University (2)	Stetson University (3)
Army - Enlist	Houston Baptist University (2)	Syracuse University (3)
Augustana College	Hult Business School	Taylor University
Azusa Pacific University (31)	Humboldt State University	Temple University
Barry University (3)	Indiana University	Texas A&M (2)
Baylor University (2)	Iowa State University	Texas Christian University (5)
Belmont Abbey College	Johns Hopkins University (2)	Texas Christian University (Honors) (2)
Belmont University (5)	Johnson & Wales University	The Citadel
Benedictine College (2)	Kentucky Christian University	University of Arizona (Honors) (4)
Binghamton University (NY)	Kings College (16)	University of California, Berkeley (8)
Biola University (14)	La Sierra College	University of California, Davis (15)
Biola University (Torrey Honors)	Lewis & Clark College	University of California, Irvine (12)
Boston College (4)	Life Pacific College	University of California, Los Angeles (7)
Boston University (4)	Linfield College (2)	University of California, Merced (4)
Boyce College	Lipscomb University	University of California, Riverside (7)
Brown University (2)	Long Beach State University	University of California, San Diego (18)
California Baptist University (25)	Los Angeles College of Music	University of California, Santa Barbara (10)
California Lutheran University (24)	Los Angeles Figurative Academy	University of Central Florida
California Polytechnic Pomona (11)	Louisiana State University (2)	University of Colorado, Boulder
California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo (15)	Loyola Marymount University (10)	University of Colorado, Denver (3)
California State Univ., Channel Islands (5)	Loyola Marymount University (Honors) (2)	University of Denver
California State Univ., Chico	Malone University	University of Florida
California State Univ., Fullerton	Masters University (12)	University of Houston (2)
California State Univ., Humboldt	McKendree University	University of Idaho
California State Univ., Los Angeles (2)	Metro State Univ. of Denver (2)	University of Tennessee
California State Univ., Long Beach (3)	Michigan State University	University of La Verne (5)
California State Univ., Monterey Bay (8)	Michigan Technological University	University of Maine
California State Univ., Northridge (21)	Minot State University	University of Maryland
California State Univ., San Jose	Mississippi State University	University of Massachusetts Amherst (2)
California State Univ., San Marcos (3)	Montana State University (2)	University of Minnesota, Duluth
Calvin College (5)	Morningside College (2)	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (4)
Campbell University	Mount Saint Mary's University (5)	University of Nevada, Reno (3)
Case Western Reserve University (3)	New Saint Andrews	University of North Carolina
Cedarville University (2)	New York University (3)	University of Notre Dame (3)
Chapman University (10)	North Carolina State Univ.	University of Oregon (7)
Chatham University	Northeastern University	University of Oregon (Honors) (2)
Chicago School of Professional Psychology	Northern Arizona University (5)	University of Portland (4)
Chico State University	Northwest Christian University	University of Puget Sound (2)
Clemson University	Northwest University	University of Redlands
College of the Holy Cross	Northwestern College	University of Rochester
College of William and Mary	Northwestern University (3)	University of San Diego (12)
Collin College	Notre Dame de Namure Univ.	University of San Diego (Honors)
Colorado Christian University (12)	Ohio State University	University of San Francisco (7)
Colorado School of Mines	Oregon State University	University of Scranton
Colorado State University (3)	Otis College of Art and Design (2)	University of Southern California (9)
Columbi College Hollywood	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Tennessee
Columbia University	Pacific Union College	University of Texas, Austin
Concordia University, Irvine (12)	Pacific University	University of Toronto
Covenant College	Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.	University of the Pacific (6)
Creighton University (2)	Patrick Henry College	University of Utah (4)
Cuesta College	Pennsylvania State University (3)	University of Virginia
Dallas Baptist University	Pepperdine University (14)	University of Washington (5)
Dartmouth College (2)	Point Loma Nazarene University (6)	University of Wyoming
DePaul University (2)	Princeton University	US Air Force Academy (3)
Dominican University (2)	Providence Christian College (3)	US Merchant Marine Academy, King's Point
Drexel University (4)	Purdue University (8)	US Military Academy, West Point (2)
Duke University (2)	Reed College (2)	US Naval Academy, Annapolis (2)
Eastern Washington University (2)	Regents University	Utah State University
Elon University (2)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3)	Vanguard University (5)
Emerson College (3)	Rockhurst University (2)	Virginia Military Institute
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State Univ.
Florida Health Sciences	Samford University (2)	Wake Forest University
Florida State University	San Diego State Univ. (5)	Walla Walla University (4)
Fordham University (5)	San Francisco State Univ. (3)	Washington and Lee University
Fort Lewis College (2)	San Jose State University	Washington State University (2)
Franciscan University	Santa Clara University (2)	Washington University
Fresno Pacific University	Seattle Pacific University (12)	Waynesburg University
Fresno State University (3)	Seattle University (2)	Wellesley College
George Fox University (12)	Simpson College	Wesleyan University
George Mason University	Smith College	West Virginia University (23)
Georgetown University	Sonoma State University (3)	Westmont College (32)
George Washington University (3)	South Dakota State University (2)	Wheaton College (4)
Georgia Southern University	Southern Adventist University	Whittier College (4)
Gonzaga University (4)	Southern Methodist University (5)	Whitworth University (8)
Gordon College (11)	Southern Oregon State	Willamette University (2)
Grand Canyon University (43)	St. Edwards University	William Jessup University
Grand Canyon University (Honors)	St Joseph's University	Woodbury University (4)