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# JSERRA SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

## TYPE OF SCHOOL

JSerra Catholic High School, established in 2003, is the first non-diocesan founded, private Roman Catholic high school in California and the fourth in the country. Located in historic San Juan Capistrano, CA, JSerra is in an ideal location between San Diego and Los Angeles. Religious education, the use of technology, extracurricular activities, and active involvement in Christian service projects are important facets in its students' overall educational experience.

## MISSION STATEMENT

JSerra is an independent Roman Catholic high school that encourages students to pursue personal and professional excellence in life. Guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church, we work in partnership with committed parents and inspirational teachers to form the faith, intellect, and character of our young men and women within a Christ-centered, sacrament-based learning environment.

## ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

JSerra is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA). It is also a member of the College Board and the National Catholic Educational Association.

## THE CLASS OF 2020 PROFILE

<p><b>283</b></p> <p>SENIORS GRADUATED FROM JSERRA IN 2020</p>	<p>THE CLASS OF 2020 GAINED ACCEPTANCES TO</p> <p><b>110</b></p> <p>PUBLIC &amp; PRIVATE COLLEGES, ART COLLEGES AND FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES IN</p> <p><b>31</b></p> <p>STATES AND</p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p>COUNTRIES</p>	
<p><b>\$26,871,317</b></p> <p>AMOUNT OFFERED IN SCHOLARSHIPS AVERAGING</p> <p><b>\$94,951</b></p> <p>PER SENIOR</p>	<p><b>56</b></p> <p>NHS MEMBERS</p>	<p><b>36</b></p> <p>CSF GOLD SEAL BEARERS</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS</p>		

## THE CLASS OF 2020 GPA

<b>Mean</b>	Weighted	<b>3.70</b>	<b>Median</b>	Weighted	<b>3.76</b>
<b>GPA</b>	Unweighted	<b>3.41</b>	<b>GPA</b>	Unweighted	<b>3.48</b>

## STUDENT BODY 2020-2021

Admission is by entrance exam (HSPT), recommendations, and elementary school grades.

JSerra receives approximately **850** applicants annually. Approximately **59%** of those who were admitted enrolled.

For the 2020-2021 school year:

**35%** of the student body receives financial grants/scholarships.

**75** domestic public and private elementary schools are represented in the freshman class.

JSerra's international students come from **10 COUNTRIES:**

- China
- Germany
- South Korea
- Congo
- Japan
- Sweden
- Costa Rica
- Slovakia
- United Kingdom
- France

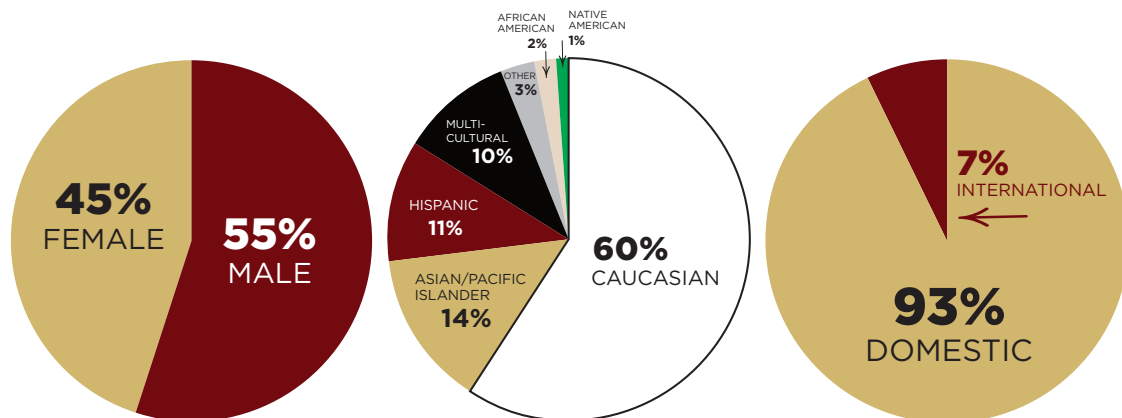
### ENROLLMENT BY CLASS

CLASS OF 2021 **294**

CLASS OF 2022 **311**

CLASS OF 2023 **315**

CLASS OF 2024 **355**



## CURRICULUM

The academic program is organized in a modified block schedule. Online classes taken will be denoted on our transcripts. Theology is included in our academic GPA and is considered a core academic class at JSerra. Freshman Communications is a required course for all students with the majority of the content covering logic and grammar. Students are not ranked at JSerra except for the valedictorian and salutatorian.

**A student must complete 270 credits to graduate.**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

Theology*	40 credits
English	40 credits
Math	30 credits
Science	30 credits
Social Studies	30 credits
World Language	20 credits
Visual & Performing Arts	10 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
Freshman Communications*	5 credits
Health	5 credits
Electives	40 credits

\*Transfer students are exempt from completing the full requirement.

**Students must also complete 80 hours of Christian Service (20 hours annually) by the time of graduation.**

## FACULTY

- 81** Full-time faculty teachers
- 67** Faculty teachers with advanced degrees
- 29** Faculty teachers with teaching credentials
- 4** Dominican Sisters serve as faculty
- 6** Academic and College Counselors
- 1** University Relations and College Counselor

## TRANSITION TO DISTANCE LEARNING

On March 18, 2020, JSerra moved to distance learning in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Students were required to complete the content of each class. Grades were based on various assessments such as homework, tests, and participation through Zoom. Final exams were waived. Students received semester grades calculated as follows: 50% for 3rd quarter and 50% for 4th quarter. Curriculum was delivered through an asynchronous format. The 2020-2021 school year has begun in the distance learning format; JSerra will resume in-person classes when deemed safe.

## 2020 SAT INFORMATION

In 2019-2020, **117** JSerra seniors took the SAT.

SUBJECT	JSERRA	STATE
ERW	<b>599</b>	534
Math	<b>637</b>	531
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,236</b>	1,065

## 2019 ACT INFORMATION

In 2019, **250** JSerra seniors took the ACT.

SUBJECT	JSERRA	STATE
English	<b>24.1</b>	22.4
Math	<b>23.6</b>	22.3
Reading	<b>23.6</b>	23.0
Science	<b>23.3</b>	22.2
Composite	<b>23.8</b>	22.6

## HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

JSerra offers a total of **82 Honors** and **25 AP courses**. Magnet courses count as Honors courses.

Below is a list of Honors and AP courses offered at JSerra:

### ENGLISH

AP English Language & Composition  
 AP English Literature & Composition  
 English 1  
 English 2

### FINE ARTS

AP 2-D Art & Design  
 AP Art History  
 AP Studio Art  
 AP Music Theory  
 Adv. Broadcast Journalism  
 Advanced Drawing and Painting\*  
 Advanced Theatre  
 Advanced Women's Ensemble  
 Adobe Suite  
 Chamber Choir  
 Chamber Orchestra  
 Chorale  
 Dance 2  
 Dance 3  
 Dance 4  
 Digital Photography 2  
 Digital Photography  
 Drawing/Painting 2  
 JAM-ON  
 (JSerra Arts Magnet Orchestra Nexus)  
 JAMS (JSerra Arts Magnet Singers)  
 Drawing/Painting  
 Film II  
 Graphic Design

Graphic Design 2  
 Guitar  
 Guitar Workshop  
 Introduction to Broadcast Journalism  
 Musical Theatre  
 Photojournalism  
 Rock Ensemble  
 Symphony Orchestra  
 Technical Theatre  
 Theatre II  
 TV Studio Production

### MATHEMATICS

AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Statistics  
 Algebra 1  
 Algebra 2/Trigonometry  
 Geometry  
 Pre-Calculus

### SCIENCE

AP Biology  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP Physics 1  
 AP Physics 2  
 AP Physics C  
 Anatomy & Physiology  
 Biology

Chemistry  
 Physics

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

AP Human Geography ‡  
 AP US Government & Politics  
 AP US History  
 AP European History  
 AP Macroeconomics  
 AP Microeconomics ‡  
 AP Psychology ‡  
 World History

### THEOLOGY

Lives of the Saints  
 Theology 2  
 Theology 3

### WORLD LANGUAGES

AP French Language & Culture  
 AP Spanish Language & Culture  
 French 2  
 French 3  
 French 4  
 Mandarin 3  
 Mandarin 4  
 Spanish 1  
 Spanish 2  
 Spanish 3

### ELECTIVES

AP Computer Science A  
 Accounting I\*  
 Aerospace Engineering\*  
 Business Communications\*  
 Civil Engineering\*  
 Concepts of Genetics\*  
 Constitutional Law\*  
 Business Contract Law\*  
 Criminal Law\*  
 Digital Electronics\*  
 Engineering Comp. Science & Software\*  
 Introduction to Health Sciences\*  
 Introduction to Law\*  
 Introduction to Business\*  
 Introduction to Engineering Design\*  
 Legal Research & Writing\*  
 Medical Ethics\*  
 Neuroscience\*  
 Principles of Engineering\*  
 Real Estate Principles\*  
 Real Estate Property Law\*  
 Sales & Marketing\*  
 Senior Capstone\*

\* Magnet courses

‡ Offered online only

## 2020 EXAM PASS RATES

SUBJECT	PASS RATE	STUDENTS	SUBJECT	PASS RATE	STUDENTS
Biology	80%	20	Macroeconomics	74%	68
Calculus AB	98%	42	Microeconomics	100%	3
Calculus BC	100%	9	Physics 1	84%	25
Chemistry	95%	21	Physics 2	100%	8
English Language	88%	68	Physics C (both)	100%	17
English Literature	64%	11	Spanish	100%	14
Environmental Science	90%	41	US History	100%	78

## GRADING & GPA

The school year is divided into two semesters. Grades are weighted for Honors and AP courses. JSerra assigns letter grades using a 4.0 system:

**A = 90-100**

**B = 80-89**

**C = 70-79**

**D = 60-69**

**F = 0-59**

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must obtain a GP of 4.0 or higher; for Honor Roll, 3.50-3.99.

## 2020 AP INFORMATION

JSerra offers **25 AP** courses.

JSerra students do not have open access to these courses. All students who enroll in AP courses are required to sit for the AP exam. Any student may elect to take an AP exam, including those who do not take an AP course. We report scores for all students who sit for an AP exam.

<b>42</b> AP SCHOLARS	<b>24</b> AP SCHOLARS WITH HONORS	<b>40</b> AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION	<b>5</b> NATIONAL AP SCHOLARS
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IN 2020, **545** EXAMS WERE TAKEN BY **292** STUDENTS

OVERALL, **88.4%** PASS RATE; **29%** EARNED A **5**

### CLASS OF 2020 / DECISION DATA

**90.4%** 4-YEAR COLLEGE

**51%** IN-STATE

**9.6%** 2-YEAR COLLEGE

**49%** OUT-OF-STATE

**14%** UC / **10%** CSU / **10%** CATHOLIC

## FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES / THE CLASS OF 2020

American University of Paris  
Amherst College  
Arizona State University  
Baylor University  
Berklee College of Music  
Biola University  
Boise State University  
Boston College +  
Brigham Young University  
Butler University  
Cal State Polytechnic San Luis Obispo  
California State Polytechnic Pomona  
California State University Channel Islands  
California State University Chico  
California State University Fresno  
California State University Fullerton  
California State University Long Beach  
California State University Monterey Bay  
California State University Sacramento  
California State University San Marcos  
Cardiff University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Central Washington University  
Chapman University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Colby College  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University  
Concordia University Irvine  
FIDM Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising  
Fordham University +  
Franciscan University of Steubenville +  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University +  
Gonzaga University +  
Grand Canyon University  
Harvey Mudd College

Holy Cross College +  
Indiana University  
Irvine Valley College  
John Cabot University  
Laguna College of Art and Design  
Loyola Marymount University +  
Loyola University Chicago +  
Macalester College  
Marymount California University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Michigan State University  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
New York University  
Oberlin College  
Oklahoma State University  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Rice University  
Saint Anselm College +  
Saint Mary's College of California +  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco State University  
San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University +  
Southern Methodist University  
Southern Utah University  
Stanford University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Syracuse University  
Texas Christian University  
Tulane University of Louisiana  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Arizona  
University of Arkansas

University of California Berkeley  
University of California Davis  
University of California Irvine  
University of California Los Angeles  
University of California Merced  
University of California Riverside  
University of California San Diego  
University of California Santa Barbara  
University of California Santa Cruz  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kansas  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
University of Nevada Las Vegas  
University of Northern Colorado  
University of Notre Dame +  
University of Oregon  
University of Portland +  
University of San Diego +  
University of San Francisco +  
University of Southern California  
University of Tennessee  
University of the Pacific  
University of Utah  
University of Washington  
Utah Valley University  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Wake Forest University  
Washington State University  
Washington University in St Louis  
Whitworth University

+ Indicates Catholic College/University

BY THE NUMBERS

**12:1**

STUDENT- TO-TEACHER  
RATIO

**18**

AVERAGE  
CLASS SIZE

**24**

MAXIMUM  
CLASS SIZE

**1240**

AVERAGE  
SAT SCORE

**5**

MAGNET PROGRAMS

ARTS  
BUSINESS  
ENGINEERING  
LAW  
MEDICAL

**83%**

FACULTY HOLD  
ADVANCED DEGREES

**7**

ACADEMIC & COLLEGE  
COUNSELORS

