



LE LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE LOS ANGELES

**WE TEACH  
THE WORLD**

Give me your child to educate and  
I will give you back two children:

# ONE FRENCH AND ONE AMERICAN.

Esther Kabbaz  
Founder, Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles

**LEFT** Raymond and Esther Kabbaz, founders of Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, with their daughter Clara-Lisa Kabbaz, New York City, 1963.

**RIGHT** Clara-Lisa Kabbaz, Esq., President of Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles.

**FRONT COVER** Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles is the proud home of three French Mariannes, the national symbol of the French Republic representing the ideals of liberty and reason. The sculptures were gifts to Raymond and Esther Kabbaz from Le Palais de Justice in Paris and Le Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale.



Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles has been a student's home away from home since 1964.

My kinship with this unique institution began the year the school was founded. As a small child I understood that my parents, our founders Raymond and Esther Kabbaz, were busy with something terribly important. Now I embrace their dedication, vision and hard work, as it has come to symbolize excellence in education. This school is a labor of love.

As a graduate of the class of 1979 the valuable life lessons I learned here shaped my adulthood. The lasting and important relationships from that time are still close to my heart. As a mother I watched my three children thrive in their learning environment. I have seen how three different personalities can excel and blossom in this magical school.

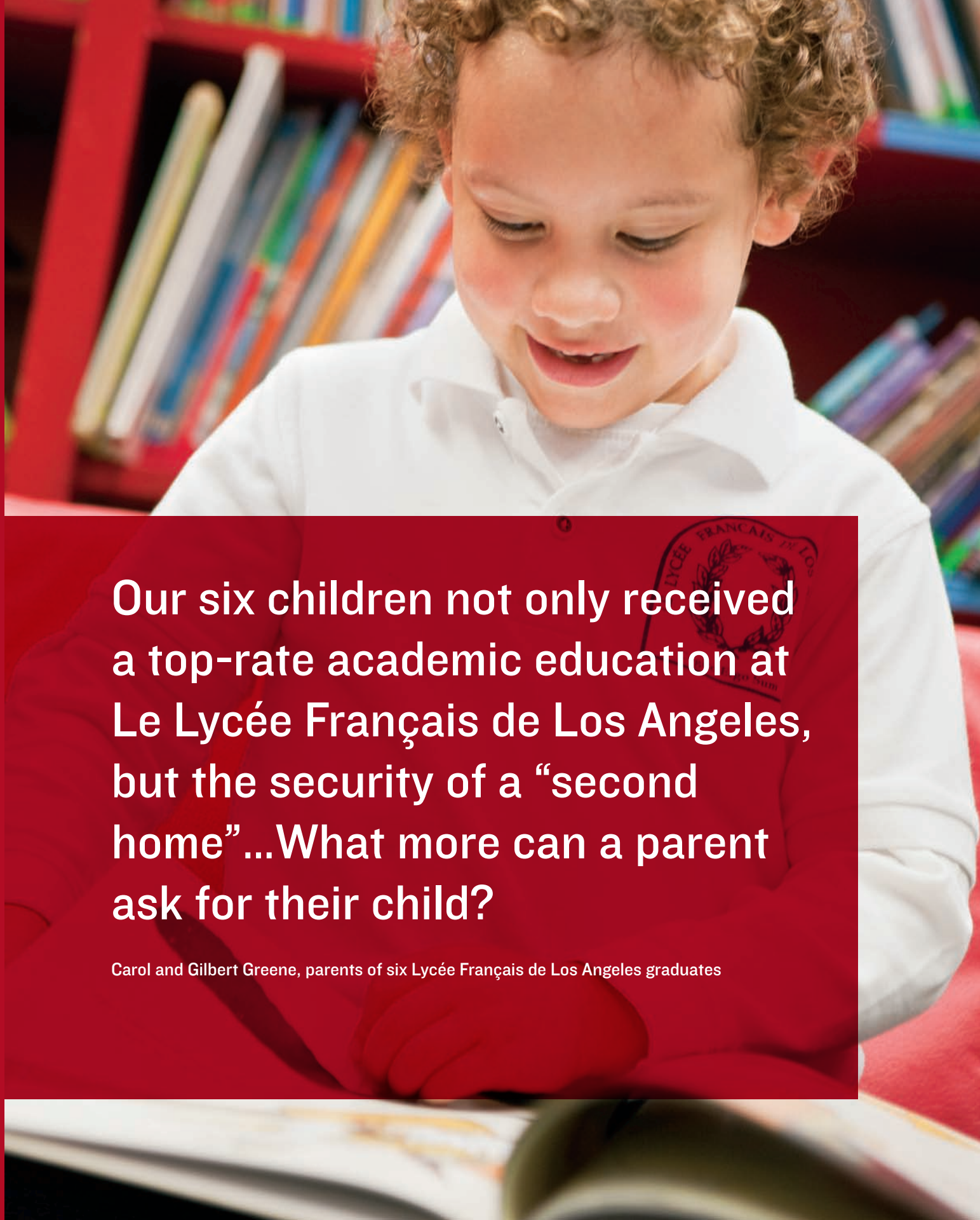
As president of Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, I have to say this is an exciting time to be part of this vibrant organization. Now I try to connect with our entire community—students, parents, alumni and friends—through my blog on our website. But I am still a “cursive-thank-you-note” type of gal. If I had to update my status on a social network I would say: “Still love my job.”

Although our students are not required to know any French to attend, my mother's words still ring true: “Give me your child to educate and I will give you back two children: one French and one American.” They will be citizens of the world, comfortable in any circle for the rest of their lives. I would love to meet your family, and I would be more than honored to care for your children as if they were my own.

Clara-Lisa Kabbaz, Esq.  
President, Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles

## A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

The students at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles are the focal point of a brilliant, cohesive and long-standing community. University-level research scientists, philosophers and mathematicians are drawn to teach at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles. Our community has included luminaries ranging from Eugene Ionesco to Alfred Hitchcock to Claude Levi-Strauss, from Eartha Kitt to Ray Bradbury. For our families, Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles is a tradition, passed down from generation to generation. As adults, Lycée grads take on the most important roles in society with commitment, ease and grace.



**Our six children not only received a top-rate academic education at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, but the security of a “second home”...What more can a parent ask for their child?**

Carol and Gilbert Greene, parents of six Lycée Français de Los Angeles graduates



*Before Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, California prohibited schools from teaching in any language other than English. Esther and Raymond Kabbaz petitioned to change the law.*

*Their historic effort paved the way for the opening of Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles and for the many other multilingual schools that now flourish in California.*

## GLOBAL CURRICULUM

Half a century ahead of their time, our founders saw the advantage of teaching children within a microcosm of the worldwide community. Today the students and faculty of Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles hail from more than 55 countries. Many schools now aspire to this diversity, but at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles it is the natural result of our history. Our students become bilingual, even multilingual, and adept in many cultures—vital professional and personal advantages later in life.

**In today's world, one of the most important requirements of international life is the ability to speak and understand two or more languages, and to understand varying cultures.**

U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, in a personal letter to Raymond and Esther Kabbaz, dated January 26, 1968

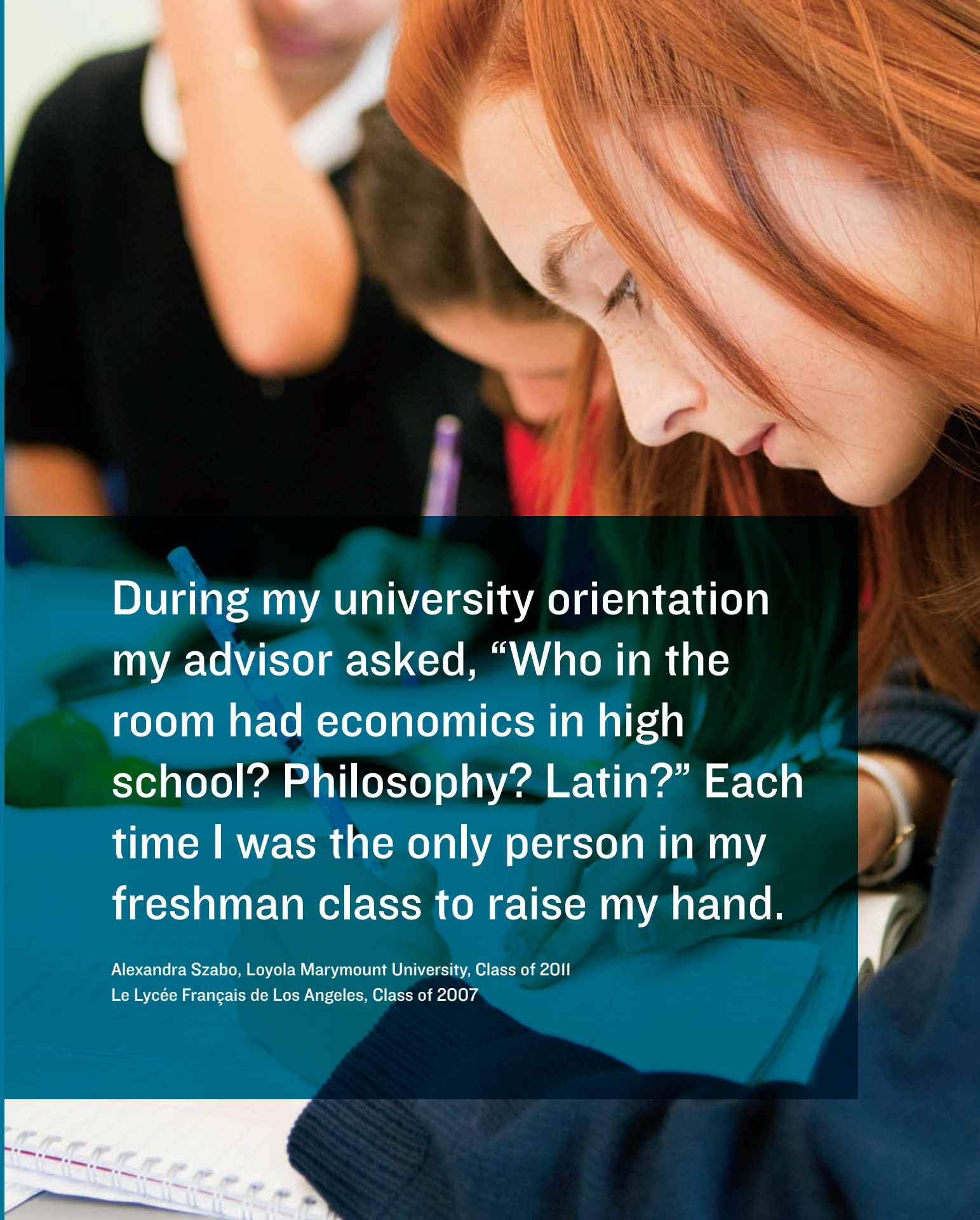


*We are honored to be one of the foremost schools within the network of French Lycées located in major cities around the world. The history of the Lycée in France dates back to at least 1563.*

*Outside of France, the global system of Lycées began in 1826. Thanks to the synchronized curricula, students and families transfer easily from Lycée to Lycée across the globe.*

## RIGOR, BREADTH AND DEPTH

The level of academic achievement at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles is internationally recognized as the most rigorous in the world. Our English and French language programs each offer an education of extraordinary breadth and depth. In a continuous process of evolution and development, the French Ministry of Education revises the intense demands of the Baccalaureate curriculum each year. Our programs also honor the west coast values of innovation and technical excellence, openness and self-reliance. Nurtured in a progressive ambience of scholarship and compassion, students at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles achieve a distinct competitive advantage at the world's best universities.



**During my university orientation my advisor asked, “Who in the room had economics in high school? Philosophy? Latin?” Each time I was the only person in my freshman class to raise my hand.**

Alexandra Szabo, Loyola Marymount University, Class of 2011  
Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, Class of 2007



*The French Baccalaureate (le bac), first given in 1808 under Napoleon the First, is an intensive multi-day written and oral examination. The highest marks on this exam are among the world's most prestigious academic honors. The College Board and the French Ministry of Education*

*have partnered to create the French-American Baccalaureate (FAB), which combines the French Bac with the American Advanced Placement exams. Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles is renowned for its historic record of exceptional performance on le bac, and is one of the first to offer the FAB.*

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Lycée students live their lives far beyond the classroom. They study music and the arts from preschool through graduation, as part of the standard curriculum. They go on to become international diplomats, entrepreneurs, classical musicians and economists. A few are even famous film or rock stars, or play professional soccer in France. Our students initiate their own school-sponsored clubs, including the cheerleading squads that inspire our championship basketball and soccer teams. The Lycée Lions compete in our state-of-the-art gymnasium, one of the best on the west coast. At Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, a universe of recreation, passion and relaxation surrounds our demanding academic curriculum.



*As an expression of his passion for the stage, Raymond Kabbaz created a world-class performing arts space, one of the finest intimate venues in Los Angeles. Le Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz has also become an informal cultural center for the French and international communities of Los Angeles.*

*"Lycéens" often enjoy performances together as a family occasion. Each professional season features a schedule of internationally renowned artists and film festivals. Students and professors also perform on stage. Le Théâtre is a vital part of life at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles.*

A close-up photograph of a young boy with dark hair, wearing a white shirt and a maroon tie, smiling as he uses blue-handled scissors to cut a piece of white paper. The background is softly blurred, showing a classroom setting.

**Do not train children to learning by force and harshness, but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.**

Plato

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **My children are in elementary school/middle school/high school and do not know any French. Are they eligible to attend Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles?**

Yes. Our students are not required to speak French to attend the school. There is an English-language college prep educational track that is on par with other private schools in the area. As long as your children meet the admissions requirements, they can become Lycée Français de Los Angeles students.

## **How is the curriculum at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles different from that of other private schools?**

All of our students enjoy the best practices of both the European and American educational systems. We feature an English language program and a French language program, each offering the same exceptional breadth and depth. Our English language program exceeds the criteria set forth by the University of California. The French language program follows the French curriculum, as administered by the French Ministry of Education to its network of schools throughout the world. The entire school is accredited by both the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the French Ministry of Education.

## **Do the English-language section students interact with the French-language section students?**

In every grade level, all of our students integrate and socialize with each other during recess, lunch, sports, after school and during extracurricular activities and time that is not spent in the classroom. Students are separated by section only during the academic portion of the day. Many French-language students report that their best friends are in the English-language section and vice versa.

## **What is the percentage of American students vs. French students?**

Schoolwide (preschool–12th grade), approximately 65 percent of the students are native English speakers, or non-French speakers. Approximately 35 percent of the students are native French speakers. Approximately 50 percent of the student body pursues the French-language or French-American Bac path (so many non-native French speakers, including American students, take the Bac path). Approximately 50 percent of the student body pursues the English-language college prep path.

## **What colleges do Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles graduates attend?**

A great percentage of our students attend Ivy League schools and UC schools, and the most prestigious universities abroad. We have a full-time college counselor on staff to provide individual guidance to each student. Our students have a 100 percent college matriculation rate. Please see our website for a sampling of colleges attended by graduates from recent years.

## **What is the student/teacher ratio at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles? What kind of faculty does the school have?**

There are approximately 15–20 students per teacher in all grade levels. Our faculty mirrors our student body population. Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles teachers come from all over the world and have advanced teaching credentials. Many of our teachers have been with the school for 10 or 20+ years. For more information about our faculty and their credentials, please consult our website or contact our admissions office.

## **What kind of sports program does Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles have?**

There are boys', girls' and co-ed teams in both high school and middle school. The team sports program includes CIF boys' and girls' basketball, volleyball and soccer teams. Individual sports include fencing, karate, archery and tennis. Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles competes against other private schools of similar size in Southern California. We have won

championships or advanced to finals in recent years, and we are extremely proud of our competitive sports programs.

## **Does Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles offer financial aid?**

Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles strongly believes in making a high quality education financially accessible to any student who desires it, regardless of socio-economic backgrounds. We evaluate each family in need of financial assistance individually on a case-by-case basis. We also offer a discount on tuition if it is paid in full early, in advance of the due date.

## **Are parents expected to donate money to the school beyond paying tuition?**

While we appreciate any financial donations, parents are not in any way expected to contribute beyond tuition and paying for the standard student expenses for uniforms, books, school trips and extracurricular activities.

## **How does Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles manage student behavioral issues?**

Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles has a strict no-tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol and related substances. We pride ourselves on exemplary behavioral conduct from all of our students, from preschool through high school.

*If you have additional questions about Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles that have not been answered here, please contact us at [admissions@LyceeLA.org](mailto:admissions@LyceeLA.org) or 310-836-3464.*

# CAMPUS LOCATIONS

## Campus 55 (Preschool and KI)

3055 Overland Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90034  
310-839-1055

## Main Campus (2nd–8th grade)

3261 Overland Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90034  
310-836-3464

## Century City Campus (K2 and 1st grade)

10361 W. Pico Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90064  
310-836-3464, ext. 304

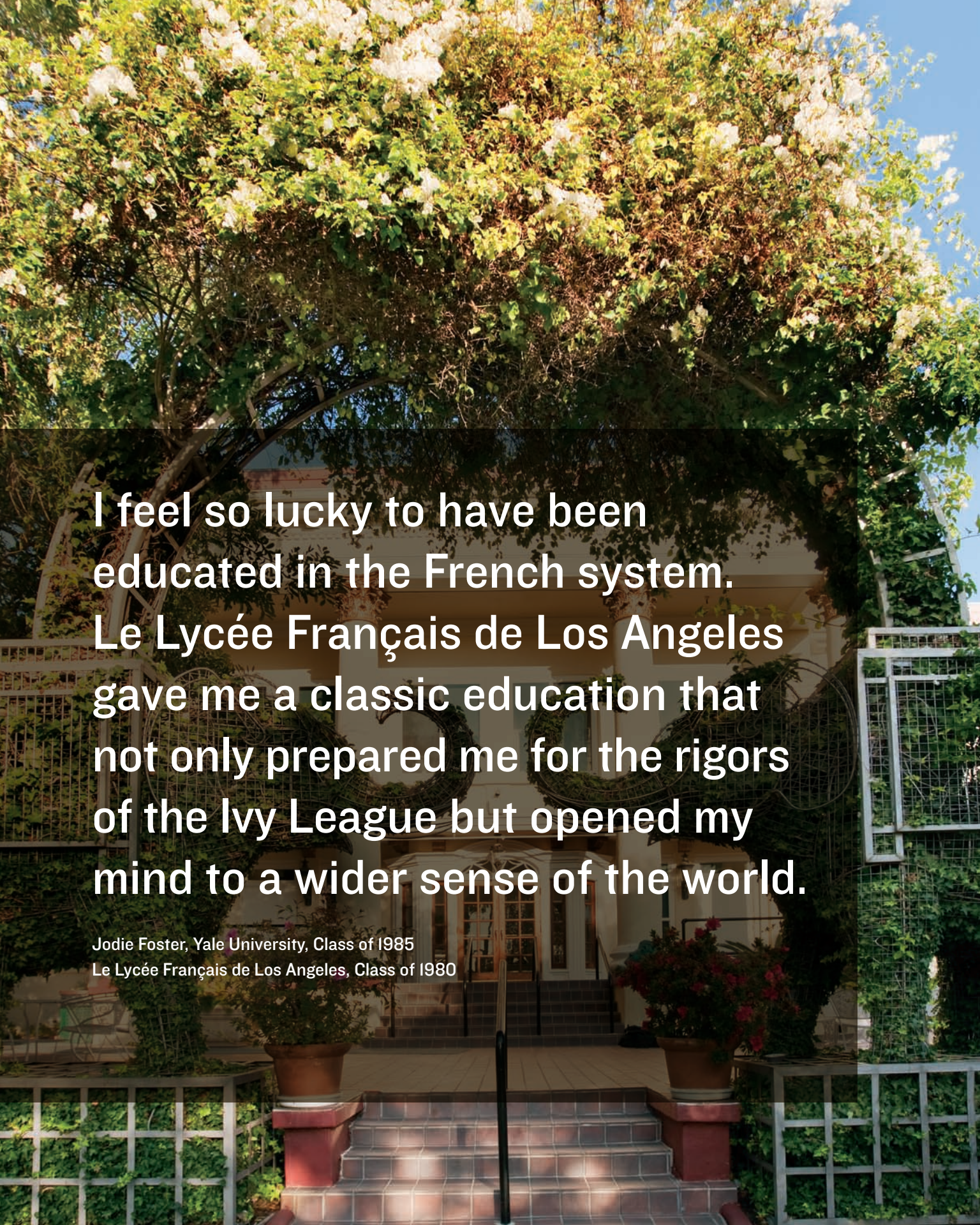
## Raymond and Esther Kabbaz High School (9th–12th grade)

10309 W. National Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90034  
310-836-3464, ext. 331

## Pacific Palisades Campus (Preschool–2nd grade)

16720 Marquez Avenue  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272  
310-454-9395

To request additional information about open house events, scheduling campus visits, or if you have any other questions about Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, please contact the admissions office at [admissions@LyceeLA.org](mailto:admissions@LyceeLA.org) or at 310-836-3464, ext. 315.



I feel so lucky to have been educated in the French system. Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles gave me a classic education that not only prepared me for the rigors of the Ivy League but opened my mind to a wider sense of the world.

Jodie Foster, Yale University, Class of 1985  
Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles, Class of 1980

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## ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the French Ministry of Education.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles admits students of any race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, disability, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial access programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.

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