



SAN DOMENICO UPPER SCHOOL

Ambition with Purpose

Facts at a Glance



176 years of excellence — continually evolving to meet the needs of today's learners

515-acre campus to call home — garden, hiking and biking trails, and room to explore

30 minutes from San Francisco

680 K-12 students

400 Upper School students, including 140 in our boarding program

142 courses offered in 2026-27

49 Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors classes offered in 2026-27

9:1 Upper School student-teacher ratio — helping every student feel known and valued

75% of our faculty members hold advanced degrees

20+ miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and clearing your head

30+ student-led clubs — from affinity groups and chess to social justice and photography, there's a club for nearly every interest

Zero additional fees for bus transportation and lunch — included in tuition for every student



Countless bowls of homemade soup served each week

100% participation in Spring Discovery programs, from Joshua Tree to Costa Rica

92% of the Class of 2026 admitted to at least one of their top five colleges of interest

20+ passport nationalities represented on campus

32 athletic teams, 16 sports

Ranked #4 in the world in sustainability by the Green Schools Alliance annual assessment

1-acre organic garden with outdoor kitchen, classroom, greenhouse, and performance space

6,500 K-12 collective student service hours

Millions of dollars in tuition assistance awarded every year

Rooted for the Future

Since 1850, San Domenico has prepared students to lead lives of meaning, contribution, and purpose. Holding the unique distinction as California’s longest-standing independent school, we continue to innovate and evolve—equipping students with the knowledge, adaptability, and ethical foundation needed to navigate an ever-changing world.

In the Upper School years, students are challenged to actively engage with complex ideas, real-world problems, and the communities around them. Through rigorous academics, interdisciplinary learning, global perspectives, and experiential opportunities, students learn to think critically, communicate effectively, and apply their knowledge in meaningful ways.

At the same time, we believe true excellence is measured not only by achievement, but by how students use their talents in service of something larger than themselves. As students connect deep learning with empathy, integrity, and action, they begin to understand the impact they can have on the world—and the responsibility that comes with it.

This is what it means to be Rooted for the Future.



Our Core Values

For nearly two centuries, our timeless values have remained embedded in every aspect of the SD student journey—empowering generations with a framework for navigating challenges and a deeper awareness of the world beyond themselves.

Study: Pursuing deep understanding through curiosity, thoughtful inquiry, and engagement with diverse perspectives.

Reflection: Taking time to think—learning from experience and discerning what is true, valuable, and worth pursuing.

Community: Fostering an inclusive, supportive environment where everyone feels respected, valued, and a joyful sense of belonging.

Service: Acting with purpose to uplift others, advance justice, and improve the world beyond ourselves.

Guided by these values, we create an environment where students learn to try new things, to spread their wings and stretch their limits, to live with purpose—rooted for the future.



A Campus Designed to Inspire

Set on 515 picturesque acres of open space, San Domenico's campus offers a college-like atmosphere, blending state-of-the-art facilities with expansive natural beauty, including miles of hiking and biking trails, lush woodlands, and stunning ridgetop vistas. Distractions fade as students settle into a peaceful environment that invites them to stop, think, and immerse themselves deeply in their studies.

From high school science labs analyzing creek water samples to seventh graders tending vegetables in the Garden of Hope to fourth graders hiking through the woods to refresh their minds and bodies, our campus provides unmatched opportunities for experiential learning.

This environment nurtures curiosity, promotes well-being, and strengthens each student's connection to nature and community.



Academics

At San Domenico, academic excellence is measured not by how much students can memorize, but by how deeply they can think, create, and apply their knowledge with purpose. We believe students learn best when they are actively engaged—doing, making, and questioning—through a rigorous curriculum designed to inspire curiosity, connection, and real-world impact.

Students are encouraged to ask big questions and pursue meaningful work, supported by teachers who know them well and challenge them to stretch. Whether designing an original experiment, pitching a startup concept, composing a score, or debating an ethical dilemma, students at SD are prepared for a life of learning.

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Through my classes such as AP English Language, AP Economics, AP US History, Myth and Meaning, and Global Studies, to name a few, I've particularly enjoyed discovering the “why” behind each subject. I thrive in an environment where the concepts that I am learning connect to a big picture, and where the purpose of what I am learning is evident.

- CHLOE F., CLASS OF 2023

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Academics:

English

At San Domenico, English is about learning to think critically, communicate powerfully, and understand ourselves and the world more deeply. Through discussion-based classes, analytical writing, creative projects, and close reading of diverse texts, students develop their voice while learning to engage thoughtfully with complex ideas.

Our curriculum spans cultures, time periods, and perspectives, reflecting the global nature of our community. From ancient epics to contemporary fiction, students encounter stories and viewpoints that challenge assumptions, spark curiosity, and connect meaningfully to their own lives. Teachers intentionally help students understand not just what they are reading, but why it matters.



Writing instruction emphasizes clarity, structure, and authentic expression. Whether crafting analytical essays, journalism pieces, memoirs, or creative writing, students learn that strong writing is empowering. Upper-level electives such as Banned Books, Dystopian Fiction, Mystery and Crime, Creative Writing, and Advanced Narrative Nonfiction allow students to dive deeply into subjects that inspire them.

Experiential and interdisciplinary learning are woven throughout the program. Students might create found poetry and charcoal artwork inspired by *The Road*, host a literary salon while studying Virginia Woolf, perform scenes from Shakespeare through Reader's Theatre, or publish stories and opinion pieces in *The Panther Press*, San Domenico's student newspaper. Across every course, students are encouraged to think boldly, express themselves authentically, and discover the lasting power of language and storytelling.





Spotlight on...

Understanding People, Ideas, and Perspective

Through writing, discussion, history, literature, and the social sciences, San Domenico students learn to think critically about the world and their place in it. Whether analyzing a primary source, crafting a persuasive essay, studying global economies, or exploring identity through literature, students engage deeply with ideas that shape human experience. They learn to communicate clearly, consider multiple viewpoints, and support their thinking with evidence. Across courses in the humanities and social sciences, students gain the insight and skills to understand how the world works and the confidence to help shape it.

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Going to school with students from so many different countries has definitely made me more empathetic and compassionate towards different experiences. When you're from a country where everyone lives by the same values, you get used to one perspective and one set of ideals. When I came to study at San Domenico, I realized that not everyone thinks of things in the same way, and things affect people very differently. I've grown so much in terms of being mindful of the language that I'm using because in my native language things are not taken as literally. I've learned to be more thoughtful while improving my English language skills.

-AARYA C., CLASS OF 2024

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Academics: Mathematics

Our course offerings range from Algebra 1 through Multivariable Calculus, including honors and AP pathways for students seeking additional rigor. Students are thoughtfully placed in courses that balance challenge with support, with opportunities to advance as their skills and confidence grow. Whether tackling abstract theory or real-world applications, students learn to approach mathematics with creativity, flexibility, and confidence.

Mathematics at San Domenico is grounded in curiosity, collaboration, and deep conceptual understanding. Our classrooms are active learning environments where students work together to solve challenging problems, explain their thinking, test ideas, and develop confidence through exploration. Guided by the principles of “Building Thinking Classrooms,” instruction emphasizes inquiry, discussion, and intellectual risk-taking over rote memorization or speed.

Students are encouraged to embrace four core beliefs that shape our department culture: there is no such thing as a “math person,” mistakes are valuable, speed is not the goal, and growth comes through persistence and practice. This mindset helps students build resilience while developing the analytical and problem-solving skills essential for success across disciplines.





Spotlight on...

Service as Leadership

At San Domenico, service learning is woven into the student journey from kindergarten through 12th grade. Students do not simply complete service projects; they explore real-world issues, investigate causes and solutions, reflect on their responsibilities to others, and take meaningful action connected directly to their learning. As students grow, so does the depth of their engagement: Lower School students build awareness and empathy; Middle School students develop understanding and agency; and Upper School students increasingly design, lead, and sustain initiatives of their own.

The Upper School experience encourages students to move beyond participation and grow into leaders. With continued guidance from teachers, advisors, and the K-12 Director of Service Education, students deeply study local and global issues, reflect on their learning, and apply it through purposeful engagement. This active approach offers a variety of opportunities with multiple service organizations and non-profits. Students support the local community by volunteering with non-profits that support housing, food, and medical insecurity. They also engage in global initiatives, from assisting rhinoceros rehabilitation in South Africa to developing sustainable food systems in Puerto Rico. Student leaders model the way as they design and lead dozens of projects for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

The culmination of the Upper School service curriculum is the Real Opportunities for Service Education (ROSE) Project. In completing this graduation requirement, students explore real-world issues through academic inquiry, reflect on personal meaning, and take action with compassion and purpose. By sharing their work with peers, faculty, and families, they strengthen community bonds and demonstrate what it means to be informed, engaged, and empowered student leaders.

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What makes the difference is that San Domenico does not just encourage s about ideas. It gives us the trust, mentorship, and support to turn those id real. Because of that support, I was able to help bring self-defense and em tion to young women on campus, create our new chapter of the National H Dance Arts, and pursue the first outside-mentored independent study in t to receive course credit, centered on the ethics of decoding interspecies co These experiences showed me that service becomes most meaningful when believes in young people enough to help them transform conviction into ac into lasting impact.

- JASMINE

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Spotlight on...

Interdisciplinary Design and Creation

Our IDC program breaks down the traditional walls of the high school classroom and reimagines what education can be. Students from multiple disciplines work side-by-side on a single, ambitious project—mirroring the way professionals collaborate in an entrepreneurial environment. Each year, the IDC program centers around a shared, real-world challenge, such as

designing and “building” affordable housing in Marin County—a project as complex and multifaceted as it is vital to our local community—or creating a sustainable fashion startup. Students enroll in a variety of specialized, UC-approved courses that all convene in the same room, at the same time, with learning driven by a shared, interdisciplinary project.



2026-27 IDC COURSES

IDC - Affordable Housing

- Architecture & Engineering
- Principles of Sustainable Design
- Law, Public Policy, and Urban Planning
- Augmented & Virtual Reality
- Stagecraft & Physical Construction
- Ethics of Science & Technology
- Real Estate Investment Modeling

IDC - Sustainable Fashion Startup

- Sustainable Fashion Design
- Sustainable Fashion Production
- Startup Financial Management
- Brand Strategy & Content Creation
- Retail Sales & Digital Commerce

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IDC has been my favorite class at SD! It is super creative, fun, collaborative, and challenging all at once. I've always been interested in architecture and engineering, but IDC gave me the chance to actually experience what those careers are like. Getting to visit job sites, work with professionals, and be part of real projects made me even more excited about the field. It helped me realize this is what I want to study in college and pursue as a career.

-RASTKO D., CLASS OF 2026

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Academics:

Science

Science at San Domenico is hands-on, inquiry-driven, and deeply connected to the world students live in. Across every grade level, students actively practice science by designing experiments, analyzing data, building original devices, and applying their learning to real-world challenges. Our classrooms and labs are collaborative spaces where curiosity is encouraged, questions drive discovery, and learning happens through doing.

The program begins with Biology, where students examine life systems through the lens of wildfire ecology, conducting field research at Point Reyes National Seashore and developing community-based mitigation projects. In Physics, students explore foundational scientific principles through projects like bottle rockets, elastic-powered cars, and Heron's fountains built from recycled materials. Chemistry students investigate topics ranging from reaction kinetics to green chemistry, debating issues like nuclear energy while creating environmentally conscious products for the annual schoolwide Garden Fair.

Students engage with emerging fields shaping the future, including biotechnology, neuroscience, and the ethical use of artificial intelligence in scientific research and problem-solving. Advanced coursework in AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, and AP Environmental Science provides college-level rigor through investigation-based labs, fieldwork, and quantitative analysis. Electives such as Human Biology and Engineering invite students to apply scientific and engineering principles in creative ways—from designing prosthetic legs in the 3D Lab to tackling structural design challenges through rapid prototyping and iteration.

Throughout the program, students learn to think critically, communicate evidence-based ideas, and approach complex problems with creativity, resilience, and purpose.



Spotlight
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Sustainability



Sustainability at San Domenico is a lived value that shapes how we learn, lead, and care for the world. Students engage with environmental science, food systems, ethical design, and policy-making through courses, campus initiatives, and our one-acre organic Garden of Hope. Our campus is a living lab—featuring solar power, composting systems, a seasonal creek,

chicken coops and aquaponics—where students engage with real-world challenges and solutions. Whether designing closed-loop food systems, analyzing renewable energy data from our solar array, or developing solutions to local environmental issues, students gain a hands-on education in ecological responsibility and systems thinking.



Spotlight
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Game Design Academy

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The Game Design Academy really prepared me for my major at the University of Utah, in one of the best game design programs in the United States. I was almost over-prepared for their courses! Not only did I already know the technical skills required, but SD taught me how to work with teams and reach a whole new quality of work in my games. I really owe it to San Domenico for helping me follow my dreams.

- ALMA T., CLASS OF 2025

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Welcome to the Game Design Academy, where students dive into the exciting world of game design and production. Through hands-on projects, students explore programming, 3D modeling, and interactive storytelling while developing real games using industry-standard tools such as Unity. Our curriculum combines creativity with technical skill, encouraging students to think critically, solve problems, and collaborate—with both peers and AI—as they bring their ideas to life. Courses culminate in the publication of original games showcased through schoolwide competitions, giving students the chance to share their work with the broader community.

Academics:

Social Studies

The Social Studies program at San Domenico helps students understand the forces, ideas, and human stories that shape our world. Through the study of history, economics, government, psychology, and international relations, students grapple with complex questions about identity, justice, power, truth, and responsibility—developing the knowledge and perspective needed to become thoughtful, engaged citizens.

Discussion, inquiry, and real-world application are central to the program. Students debate policy proposals, analyze historical case studies, evaluate competing perspectives, and apply what they learn to contemporary global issues. In one class, students may participate in an “Enlightenment Café,” discussing philosophy over coffee; in another, they may investigate Reconstruction through a historical escape room or create a podcast exploring post-colonial nation building. Across every course, students are encouraged to think critically, communicate clearly, and wrestle honestly with difficult questions.

Our curriculum is strengthened by the global diversity of our student body, with students from more than 20 countries contributing lived perspectives that deepen classroom conversations and broaden understanding. Advanced electives such as Contemporary Global History, Applied Economics, and International Relations invite students to explore the modern world through interdisciplinary, globally informed lenses.

At its core, the program seeks to cultivate wisdom, empathy, and civic engagement—preparing students not simply to understand the world as it is, but to participate thoughtfully in shaping what it can become.



Spotlight on...

Philosophy, Ethics, and World Religions

A hallmark of San Domenico education, PEWR courses invite students into a dynamic exploration of life's big questions through diverse cultural, philosophical, and moral lenses. Grounded in inquiry, empathy, and self-reflection, the department offers an interdisciplinary three-course sequence that integrates wellness, ethics, philosophy, and justice: Human Development explores the intersections of personal, social, and collective health and well-being; Myth and Meaning examines world religions through sacred stories and existential questions; and Social Justice challenges students to engage ethically with real-world issues. Across all courses, students cultivate critical thinking, intercultural understanding, and personal insight, preparing them to act with purpose and compassion in an interconnected world. We don't teach answers; we teach the art of asking and living out meaningful questions.





Academics:

World Languages

World language learning at San Domenico is immersive, active, and built around authentic communication. From the moment students enter the classroom, they are encouraged to speak, listen, and interact in the target language through real-world scenarios and collaborative activities. Whether practicing a job interview in Spanish, debating current issues in Mandarin, or ordering food at a local restaurant, students develop practical language skills through meaningful use.

Our Spanish and Mandarin programs emphasize cultural fluency alongside language acquisition, helping students understand the people, traditions, and perspectives connected to the languages they study. Classes are energetic and interactive, with students frequently moving, discussing, presenting, and engaging with one another in the language itself.

Experiential learning extends beyond the classroom through field trips, cultural celebrations, immersion experiences, and international travel opportunities. Students might visit SFMOMA during an art unit, celebrate Lunar New Year in San Francisco, participate in a Spanish immersion weekend in the dorms, or connect their classroom learning to service work abroad during Spring Discovery.

The global nature of the SD community adds another layer of authenticity to the program. With native speakers of both Mandarin and Spanish living and learning on campus, students are surrounded by opportunities to practice language skills and build cross-cultural understanding in everyday life.



Arts

At San Domenico, the arts are essential—not extracurricular. Whether students are picking up a paintbrush, composing a score, or designing a set, they are invited to express themselves fully, take creative risks, and connect their inner voice to the world around them. There’s often no single “correct” answer in art, and that forces students to explore multiple solutions, evaluate choices, and justify their artistic intentions. This process fosters intellectual flexibility and divergent thinking, skills crucial in every academic and professional field.

Our program offers a wide range of courses in visual art, music, dance, theatre, film, and digital media, taught by practicing artists in professional-grade spaces. Students of all experience levels are welcome—from those discovering a new interest to those preparing for conservatory or art school.



Our alumni have gone on to study at top programs including The Juilliard School, Rhode Island School of Design, Savannah College of Art and Design, and Carnegie Mellon. But more important, they leave with the confidence to think creatively, communicate powerfully, and contribute meaningfully—wherever their paths may lead.





Spotlight
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Virtuoso Program

Designed for students with a high level of talent and dedication in string orchestral music, the Virtuoso Program offers an extraordinary preprofessional experience. Our supportive approach, experienced music faculty, and state-of-the-art conservatory facilities create an ideal environment for serious musicians in a college preparatory setting. Participants benefit from expert coaching, master classes with world-renowned musicians, and frequent performance opportunities. Whether aspiring to conservatory or simply seeking to reach new heights as a musician, students in the Virtuoso Program are challenged, inspired, and fully supported in the pursuit of their craft.



Spotlight on...

Film

In this hands-on program, students become directors, screenwriters, editors, and producers. Working with cutting-edge professional tools and guided by expert faculty, student filmmakers develop technical skills while learning to tell stories that resonate—with the option to explore everything from documentaries to narrative shorts. Student films have screened at more than 100 festivals worldwide, including Mill Valley, Newport Beach, Austin, and the All American High School Film Festival in New York City. Graduates have continued their studies at top film schools such as USC and NYU.



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The opportunity to meet people in the industry through San Domenico's film program has helped inspire and push me to continue to develop my craft as a filmmaker. SD's active support in getting my work in front of an audience has led my film, Luisa, to be in over 24 film festivals

**- KIYOMI D.K., CLASS OF 2027 AND WINNER OF THE
YOUNGARTS AWARD WITH DISTINCTION IN ANIMATION**

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Curriculum Guide

ARTS

Dance

Dance 1: Introduction to Dance Technique
Dance 2: Choreography and Performance
Dance 3: Advanced Technical and Creative Practice
Dance Honors

Film

Film 1
Film 2A: Narrative Production
Film 2B: Documentary and Commercial Production
Film 3/4: Production Studio (see catalog for course options)
Screenwriting: Features
Screenwriting: TV Pilots
Screenwriting Honors

Game Design Academy

Game 1: Building 3D/VR Games
Game 2: Advanced Programming for Games and Applications
Game 3/4: Advanced Production Studio (see catalog for course options)

Music

Introduction to Band: Roots of American Music
Band Workshop Series
Raise Your Voice
AP Music Theory
Virtuoso Program: Chamber Music
Virtuoso Program: Orchestra da Camera

Theatre Arts

Theatre Arts 1: Introduction to Acting and Theatre
Theatre Arts 2: Contemporary, Shakespeare, and Sword Fighting
Theatre Arts 3: Advanced Acting
Technical Theatre
Theatre Honors

Visual Arts

Visual Arts 1
Visual Arts 2
Visual Arts Honors
Ceramics 1
Ceramics 2
Ceramics Honors
Digital Animation
AP Art and Design (2D, 3D, and Drawing)

After-School Arts

Non-credit enrichment courses vary by year and often include (but are not limited to):
Private Conservatory Music Lessons
Ensemble: Chamber Music, Piano Ensemble, Flute, Choir, or Classical Guitar
Sinfonia
Theatre Performance Workshop
Dance Ensemble
Beginning Pointe
Hip-Hop Dance
Intermediate Ballet
Visual Arts Evening Elective

ENGLISH

(Four years required)
English 9
English 10
English 10 Honors
English 11: American Literature
English 12: Banned Books
English 12: Creative Writing
English 12: Mystery and Crime
English 12: Novel into Film
English 12: Senior Composition
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition

Electives

Journalism
Advanced Narrative Nonfiction
Screenwriting
Screenwriting Honors

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL)

Academic English Language 9
Academic English Language 10

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education Options

(Four semesters of Physical Education required)
SD Athletic Teams
SD Dance Class (during or after school)
Strength and Conditioning Class
Co-Curricular with PE-designated activity



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COMPLETE 2026-27
COURSE CATALOG.

INTERDISCIPLINARY DESIGN AND CREATION (IDC)

IDC: Affordable Housing

Architecture and Engineering
Principles of Sustainable Design
Law, Public Policy, and Urban Planning
Augmented and Virtual Reality
Applied Physical Construction
Ethics of Science and Technology
Real Estate Investment Modeling

IDC: Sustainable Fashion Startup

Sustainable Fashion Design
Sourcing, Manufacturing & Delivery
Startup Finance
Brand Strategy & Content Creation
Retail Sales & Digital Commerce

MATHEMATICS

(Three years required, four recommended)
Algebra 1
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Algebra 2
Algebra 2 Honors
Precalculus
Precalculus Honors
Introduction to Statistics
AP Statistics
Calculus
AP Calculus (AB)
AP Calculus (BC)
Multivariable Calculus

PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS, AND WORLD RELIGIONS

(Three years required)
Grade 9: Global Studies
Grade 10: Myth and Meaning
Grade 11: Social Justice



Electives

Ethics in Science
Philosophy: Existentialism in Literature, Television, and Film

SCIENCE

(Three years required, four recommended)
Biology
Physics
Physics Honors
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors

Electives

Human Biology
Sports Medicine
Marine Biology
Neuroscience
Physics in Engineering
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science

SOCIAL STUDIES

(Three years required)
Global Studies
Modern World History
Modern World History Honors
United States History
AP U.S. History

Electives

Economics
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
Contemporary Global History Honors
Government and Civics
International Relations
Psychology
AP Psychology
Social Entrepreneurship

WORLD LANGUAGES

(Three consecutive years required)
Mandarin 1
Mandarin 2
Mandarin 3
Mandarin 4
AP Chinese Language and Culture
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 4: Debates in Latin America/Spain
AP Spanish Culture and Language
Spanish for Heritage Speakers
Students may petition to take a world language not offered at SD through approved online or off-site courses.



Student Well-being

We know teenagers, and we love working with them.

High school is a time of exponential growth, unlimited discovery, and stretching into independence. We help students develop the skills to manage stress, exercise resilience, and advocate for themselves. We also model what it looks like to live together in community—with empathy, accountability, and care.

Our robust support network includes two full-time school counselors, a Dean of Students, a Dean of Academics, a Dean of Learning Support, and an Assistant Head of School for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Together with advisors and classroom teachers, this team forms a wraparound system of care. Whether navigating academic pressure, social dynamics, or personal challenges, students always have trusted adults in their corner—ready to listen, support, and guide.





ADVISORY

Students thrive when they feel known, supported, and connected. Our Advisory Program provides a foundation for that connection—linking each student with a dedicated faculty advisor and a small peer group that meets weekly throughout the year.

Advisory is more than a check-in. It's a trusted space for conversation, goal-setting, personal growth, and relationship-building. Advisors stay with students year after year, forming strong partnerships with both students and families. They celebrate wins, navigate challenges, and ensure every student has someone in their corner. By the time they graduate, students have grown in confidence and self-awareness—supported by a web of meaningful relationships.



SENIOR VOICE: A TRADITION OF AUTHENTICITY, COURAGE, AND COMMUNITY

At San Domenico, the Senior Voice program is a meaningful tradition that invites seniors to reflect on their growth, share their stories, and step into leadership within the community.

Students are encouraged to think about who they are, how they have grown, and what lessons they wish to leave behind for the community. Through one-on-one support and feedback from faculty mentors, seniors craft and refine their voices, ensuring their message feels true to themselves. When ready, students present their personal stories to the community at assemblies and showcases.

Senior Voice is an opportunity to practice vulnerability and courage, to express gratitude and exercise empathy, and ultimately, to share in understanding what it means to be human.

Athletics

At SD, athletics is about character. Our program is built on the belief that sports can teach life lessons about resilience, leadership, teamwork, and joy in movement.

We offer a wide range of team sports, including badminton, baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, mountain biking, sailing, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, beach and indoor volleyball, and water polo, with opportunities for athletes of all levels—from beginners to college-bound competitors. Advanced tennis players enrolled in the Mouratoglou Tennis Academy receive personal instruction integrated into the school day. Students develop physical skill and mental toughness, supported by experienced coaches who care as much about who you are as how you play.

Recent graduates have gone on to play NCAA Division I sports at Stanford (basketball), SMU (soccer), and UC San Diego (swimming). But whether students compete at the highest level or just try something new, we celebrate growth, effort, and school spirit.

Our athletics facilities include a brand-new multisport turf field, gym, fitness center, pool, tennis courts, and miles of trails on our 515-acre campus—making movement a daily part of life at SD.



2025-26 ATHLETICS AT A GLANCE:

72%

of all high school students play on at least one team

136

multi-sport athletes and 35 three-sport athletes

47

All-League athletes

8

individual champions

21

varsity teams earned 3.0+ GPAs, qualifying as NCS Distinguished Teams

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athletes (64%) earned a 3.5 GPA or higher

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of only 2 schools in the United States partnering with Mouratoglou Tennis Academy





Residential Life

Our Upper School boarding program creates a vibrant, inclusive campus where young people from around the world live, learn, and grow together. Our boarding experience combines structure and independence, academic focus and personal freedom, all in a setting that feels like home.

The SD dorms house an international community of more than 140 students representing 20+ countries around the globe. This blend of cultures and backgrounds creates a rich, immersive environment where students learn not only from teachers, but from one another. Class discussions are shaped by diverse perspectives. Friendships cross cultures. And campus feels alive with energy long after the school day ends.

Our Residential Life program is designed with intention and care. Unlike at many schools, our boarding staff includes a dedicated team of residential faculty whose primary focus is on supporting our students after school and on weekends. These adults live alongside students, modeling integrity, resilience, and compassion in everyday moments—from shared meals to late-night conversations. It is through this daily living together that students experience the character and vulnerability of adults in authentic and meaningful ways.



At its core, our boarding program is about learning how to live well—with oneself and with others. It's where lifelong friendships are made, personal growth is accelerated, and a true sense of community is built. The result is a close-knit, international community where students feel supported, seen, and ready for life on their own—long before college starts.

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Being a boarding student means I have the opportunity to grow and become more independent by learning how to manage academics and sports with the option of having fun and creating new relationships with people with different ideas and from different cultures.

— SALIAH J., CLASS OF 2025, ZIMBABWE

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You are not just another student at SD. I can personally assure you that every day, every single faculty member is focused on helping you become the best version of yourself.

— ZAYETZY G., CLASS OF 2020, MEXICO

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SD boarding consists of a widely diverse group of students. What impressed me most was the diversity on our basketball team and on my dorm floor. I got to learn about new cultures, experience new food. This experience shaped me into a more mature and knowledgeable person. I feel confident and ready to go to Duke!

— STEPHEN S., CLASS OF 2026, CHINA

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International Experience and Support

Beyond the “home away from home” Residential Life experience, our international student program offers a comprehensive ecosystem of support, ensuring students from around the globe flourish academically and socially. Academic success is paramount, with full-credit language courses in grades 9-10 designed to help English language learners excel in our rigorous curriculum. Students whose primary language is not English benefit from regular proficiency assessments, testing accommodations, and dedicated English labs. We also invest in sustained faculty professional development in English learning and multilingual instructional strategies. Beyond the classroom, we foster an inclusive and connected community through student-led multicultural initiatives, affinity spaces, and emerging homestay opportunities. With international students comprising a significant portion of our Upper School, their presence is integral to the vitality and global perspective that we cultivate in our community.



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At San Domenico, you're encouraged to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Here, you know that the community will support you. — TOBECHUKWA O., CLASS OF 2021, NIGERIA

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“From initial worries to a sense of belonging, my journey as a boarding student has transformed me and helped me form unbreakable bonds. In this community, I've discovered that the people surrounding me are not just classmates but an extended family, guiding me through challenges and illuminating my path.”

— ROSIE S., CLASS OF 2024, CZECH REPUBLIC

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The San Domenico way of thinking is still very influential in my life. At SD, we collected broad viewpoints and were encouraged to explore different sides of ourselves. I deliberately chose a generalist engineering program at college in order to collaborate and integrate diverse perspectives in my work. The skills and confidence I built at SD have been pivotal to my success.

— CHELSEA F., CLASS OF 2022, UNITED STATES

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Beyond the Classroom

Learning at San Domenico doesn't stop when class ends—it expands. Our students are constantly exploring, connecting, and growing through experiences that bring their education to life.

Tailored to interests not otherwise covered in our standard curriculum, co-curriculars provide you with academic leadership opportunities and include Model United Nations, Junior Statesmen of America, and Speech and Debate, just to name a few. For those interested in school leadership, Affinity Groups, Student Council, and Peer Resource allow students to serve their community and share their voice. Student clubs are another area to explore strengths and passions. Anchored in distinct common interests, club possibilities abound, from Hip-Hop to Green Team, Poetry Club, and more.

With so many options to get involved and give back, students find myriad opportunities for connection, intellectual exploration, creativity, social impact, and fun.

Beginning with Belonging

In keeping with our core values, we begin building community before classes even start. During the first week of school, **Fall Retreats** create space for students to form friendships, challenge themselves, and connect beyond the classroom. From improv workshops in San Francisco to whitewater rafting on the American River, these shared experiences help students return to campus with stronger bonds, greater confidence, and a deeper sense of belonging within the SD community.



Learning Through Experience

For one week each spring, regular classes pause as students dive into immersive, hands-on learning experiences that expand their view of the world. From rhinoceros rehabilitation in South Africa to sustainable farming in Puerto Rico, to exploring art and activism in San Francisco, **Spring Discovery** is about taking learning of campus—and into the world.





College Counseling

At San Domenico, college counseling is a process of reflection, discovery, and purposeful planning. We help students ask the deeper questions: What do I care about? Where will I thrive? What kind of future do I want to shape?

Our three dedicated college counselors work closely with each student and their family to guide every step of the journey—from early exploration and course planning to final decisions and enrollment. The process blends structured guidance in group workshops and grade-level programming with highly personalized, one-on-one advising. Counselors meet regularly with students to help them reflect, research, and complete applications that genuinely reflect their interests and aspirations—ensuring each student is well-supported, well-prepared, and primed for what comes next.

What sets us apart is our belief that the right college fit is not just about where students get in, but where they will flourish. Through reflective conversations and individualized advising, students graduate with clarity about who they are and where they're headed—academically, personally, and purposefully.



SD's college counseling philosophy and emphasis on "fit" was very helpful from the beginning of my process. I didn't know where I wanted to end up or if I wanted a big school, a small school, or even a school in the US. My college counselor really emphasized research and helped me create a balanced list of schools, any of which I would have been happy to attend. This helped reduce my anxiety in the process, and I'm excited to attend my dream school [Stanford] in the fall.

- KYLE G., CLASS OF 2023

Our graduates are accepted to a wide range of colleges and universities with compelling and noteworthy programs—from aerospace engineering to the performing arts and everything in between—reflecting our students' unique strengths, values, and aspirations.

2022-2026

College Acceptances

Matriculations in bold

International
Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan
The American University of Paris
Anglo-American University
Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas, ESADE
HAN University of Applied Sciences
Hanze University of Applied Sciences
King's College London
Kingston University London
Macquarie University
McGill University
Northeastern University of London
Parsons School of Design Paris at The New School
Prague City University
Queen Mary University of London
Queen's University
Queen's University Belfast
Saint Louis University, Madrid
St. Andrews University
St. John's University
Trinity College Dublin
Universitat Internacional de Catalunya
University College Dublin
University College London
University of Aberdeen
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of British Columbia, Okanagan
University of Calgary
University of Dundee
The University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Leeds
The University of Manchester
University of New York in Prague
University of Otago
The University of Queensland
University of St Andrews
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Western Australia
University of Westminster

UNITED STATES
Adelphi University
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Allegheny College
American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University, Downtown Phoenix
Arizona State University, Polytechnic
Arizona State University, Tempe
Art Center College of Design

Azusa Pacific University
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Barnard College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Benedictine University, Mesa Campus
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Bethel College, North Newton
Bethel University
Boise State University
The Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California College of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Sacramento
California State University, San Diego
California State University, San Francisco
California State University, San Jose
California State University, San Marcos
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design
Central Washington University
Centre College
Champlain College
Chapman University
Charleston Southern University
City College of San Francisco

City University of New York, Brooklyn College
City University of New York, City College
City University of New York, Lehman College
Clark University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Coffeyville Community College
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
The College of Idaho
College of Marin
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University, Fort Collins
Columbia College, Chicago
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Cornish College of the Arts
Creighton University
Curry College
Dalhousie University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Dean College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dominican University of California
Drake University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Durham University
East Carolina University
Eastern Nazarene College
Eckerd College
Elmira College
Elms College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott
Emerson College
Emory University
Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School
The Evergreen State College
Fairfield University
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin College
Fresno Pacific University
Furman University
George Fox University

George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Graceland University
Grinnell College
Guildhall School
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hawai'i Pacific University
Hiram College
Hofstra University
Hollins University
Huntingdon College
Indiana University, Bloomington
International Christian University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Cook University
Kent State University
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Laguna College of Art and Design
Lancaster University
Landmark College
Lawrence University
Le Moyne College



Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield University
Long Island University
Loughborough University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Manhattan School of Music
Marist College
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Massey University
McMaster University
Menlo College
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
MiraCosta College
Misericordia University
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Moore College of Art and Design
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
Nazareth University
The New England Conservatory of Music
New Jersey Institute of Technology
The New School
New York University
Newcastle University
Niagara University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Olin College of Engineering
Oral Roberts University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Oxford College of Emory University
Pace University, Pleasantville
Pace University, New York City
Pacific Lutheran University
Pacific University
Parsons School of Design at The New School
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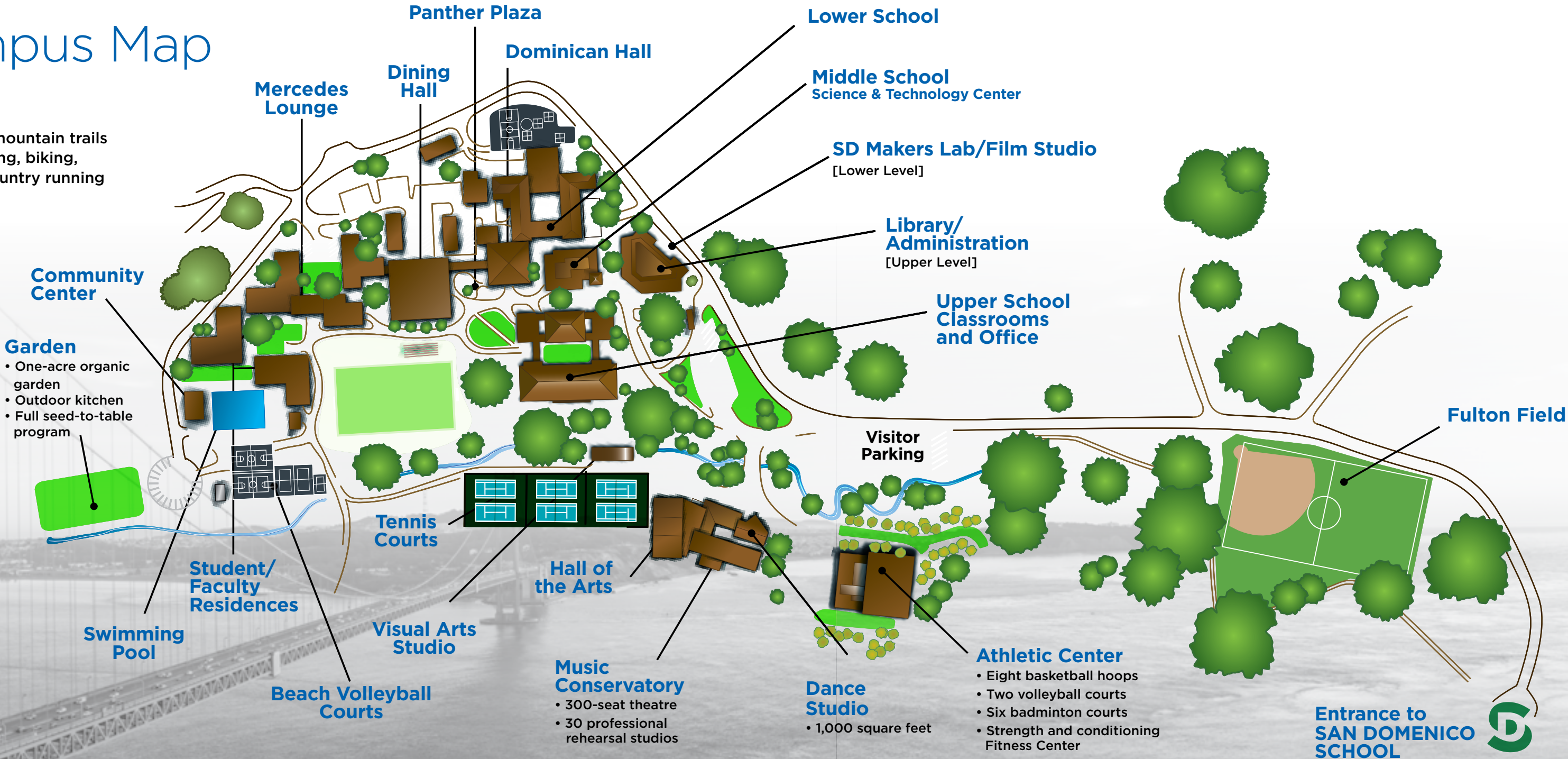
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Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
Santa Rosa Junior College
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Jazz and Contemporary Music at The New School
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Shaw University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Soka University of America
Sonoma State University
Sophia University
Southern California Institute of Architecture
Southern Methodist University
Southern New Hampshire University
Southern Oregon University
Southern Utah University
St. Francis College
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
State University of New York, Binghamton

Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY Buffalo State University
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Thomas College
Thomas Jefferson University
Trinity College
Trinity Washington University
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union College
United States Air Force Academy
University for the Creative Arts
The University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas, Fort Smith
University of Brighton
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 Central Florida
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Connecticut, Stamford
University of Delaware
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University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois at Chicago
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University of La Verne
University of Maine
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Montana
University of Mount Olive
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Hampshire, Main Campus
University of North Carolina, Charlotte

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University of North Carolina, Wilmington
University of North Florida
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Southern Mississippi
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University of the Pacific
The University of Tampa
The University of Texas at Austin
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University of Washington, Bothell Campus
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The University of West Florida
University of Wisconsin
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Institute of Technology
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wake Forest University
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Western Carolina University
Western Washington University
Westfield State University
Westmont College
Whitman College
Whittier College
Widener University
Willamette University
William & Mary
Williams College
Wilmington College
Wingate University
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University

Campus Map

20 miles of mountain trails
ideal for hiking, biking,
and cross-country running





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