

2026–2027 Upper School Activities

Awareness, Compassion, and Engagement (ACE) Orgs

All ACE Orgs meet 14 times throughout the year. These are social impact organizations that are proposed, designed, and led by juniors and seniors. Participation is required of all Upper School students. Note that some ACE Orgs require extra meeting times outside of Community Time.

- Branching Stories
- CEO (Social Entrepreneurism)
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Disability Advocacy Coalition
- Engineering for Equity
- Gators for the Bay
- Girls for Justice
- Halford Young Women Leadership Program
- Hope Against Hunger
- Invisible Ink (Effects of Redlining)
- Pediatric Care Connect
- Progress for Plastic
- Platform27 (Sustainable Transportation)
- Reproductive Justice
- Unity in Sports
- Youth Civic Forum





Enrichment Activities

Academic Enrichment Activities (AEAs) are mandatory and meet 10 times a year, in addition to meeting during lunch and after school.

- Artistic Advocacy Alliance
- BLAST (Chemistry Club)
- Casti Cams
- CastiHackers
- COMET (Math Team)
- Confident You
- Environmental Engineering
- History Hub
- Society for Women Engineers
- Speech & Debate
- STEMx
- US Rock Band
- Women in Business
- Women in Politics

Athletics

Teams compete on a seasonal basis after school, with occasional early dismissals before the school day ends. All sports are a five-day commitment with 2–2 ½ hour practices a day, depending on the sport. Each sport will require some weekends. Competitions will take place throughout the season.

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

Publications

Students bring their ideas to life through publications, collaborating, creating, and sharing their voices with the community.

- Changing pACE (publication)
- Counterpoint (newspaper)
- Paintbrush (yearbook)
- Caledonia (literary magazine)

Castilleja

Affinity and Dialogue Groups

Black Student Union (BSU)
Chinese+
Christian Affinity
Disabled/Neurodivergent Student Affinity Group (DND)
Jewish Student Union
Korean American Student Association
Latinas Unidas
Middle Eastern Affinity Group
Mixed Affinity Group
Muslim Affinity Group
Questioning, Queer, Here - LGBTQIA+ Affinity Group (QQH)
South Asian Affinity Group
Southeast Asian Pacific Islander
Taiwanese Affinity Group

Peer-to-Peer Support

Students mentor and support each other across grades levels in different ways, both inside and outside the classroom.

All Student Body (ASB) Government
New 9 Mentors
Peer Advisors
Peer Tutoring
Teacher Assistants (TA's)

Competitive Teams

Students compete on competitive teams, developing teamwork, confidence, and leadership skills both on and off the field.

COMET (math team)
Gatorbotics
Mock Trial
Model UN
National History Day
National Science Bowl
Science Olympiad
Speech & Debate
Wharton Investment Competition



Interest Groups & Collaborative Extracurricular Teams

Interest Groups are proposed by students during the first week of the school year, and approved by the ACE Center. Collaborative Extracurricular Teams meet outside the school day and work toward performances or competitions. Below is a list of this year's groups.

AI for Good
Alumnae Ambassador Program
American Sign Language Club
ASTRA (astronomy club)
Authors For Nature
Beyond the Game
Casti Bhangra
Casti Cookbook/Connecting Through Cuisine
Casti Dance Club
Casti Songwriters
Classic Lit
Climbing Club
Curieus
DJ + Digital Music Club
Film club
Glee
Green Team
GreenSpace
Pollen Pals
K-POP Club
Lei Pono
Making Caring Common
MUSE (Middle & Upper School Ensemble)
National Science Bowl
Neuroscience for Wildlife
Open Art
Pop Culture 212
Psychology & Neuroscience Club
Psychology and Neuroscience
Public Policy Coalition
Red Cross Club
SheLeads
Ski-tanstic
SOAR (Sisters of Action & Rising)
Spark Robotics Tutoring Program
Stanford Teen Lifestyle Medicine
Take Back The Night Club
Team HBV Castilleja
Veterans Advocacy Alliance
Women in Medicine
Words of Warmth

