



# VILLANOVA PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A CATHOLIC DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL SINCE 1924

OJAI, CALIFORNIA





Villanova Preparatory School offers a Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory curriculum for grades 9 through 12. We are accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and co-accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and are members of the Augustinian Secondary Education Association and National Catholic Education Association.

**Villanova is the only boarding school in California that offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**, part of the strong foundation that provides acceptance to selective colleges and universities, contributing to each student's future success.

We invite you to visit our campus and learn more about our rich heritage, meet our welcoming community, and witness the impact of a Villanova education.

**FOUNDED**  
**1924**  
**NEARLY 100 YEARS**  
**OF HISTORY**

**AVERAGE**  
**200**  
**ENROLLMENT**

**CAMPUS**  
**130<sup>+</sup>**  
**ACRES**

**STUDENT BODY:**  
**1/3**  
**RESIDENT**  
**STUDENTS**  
**2/3 DAY STUDENTS**

**DIVERSITY:**  
**REPRESENTED BY**  
**15**  
**COUNTRIES**

## Spirituality at Villanova

St. Augustine's personal life is profoundly relevant to what our own students face today. As an adolescent, Augustine struggled with life pressures, searched for meaning and purpose, and learned hard lessons from mistakes. Augustine came to realize that creating a community of friends was central to his intellectual and spiritual pursuits; that a shared quest for understanding and truth results in a unity of mind and heart, and ultimately, a relationship with God. This shared journey, or Unity, does not mean uniformity. The diversity of our school community draws us to a mutual respect for differences, and an openness to finding truth in other cultures and religions. Augustine believed that Jesus Christ is the Inner Teacher, enlightening every person, and from whom we can all learn to be happy and fully human.

Our dedicated and caring faculty and staff are companions in our students' spiritual journeys. We integrate the Augustinian core values of **Truth**, **Unity** and **Love** into all aspects of school life. We gather every morning in prayer to celebrate community and friendship. We encourage silent reflection, whether in our chapel, or in the outdoor beauty of our reflection garden. Our Campus Ministry provides opportunities to lead and participate in service projects, retreats, liturgies, and other spiritual activities both on and off campus.





## At Villanova, we inquire **TRUTH**

St. Augustine believed that truth is best pursued in a community of friendship, “intent upon God in oneness of mind and heart”.

We celebrate a learning environment that:

- Cultivates intellectual curiosity
- Promotes 21st century skills for college and for life: Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity
- Welcomes the exchange of ideas in an open, friendly and respectful atmosphere.

At the core of this experience are teachers as advocates, who empower our young adults to build authentic confidence, connect with adults in a safe way, and be comfortable speaking their mind.

**FACULTY TO**  
**7:1**  
**STUDENT RATIO**

**AVERAGE**  
**12**  
**CLASS SIZE**

**ADVANCED**  
**27**  
**& HONORS COURSES**

**FACULTY**  
**27**  
**MEMBERS**

**FACULTY**  
**81%**  
**WITH ONE OR MORE ADVANCED DEGREES**

**FACULTY**  
**67%**  
**HAVE TAUGHT AT VILLANOVA MORE THAN 5 YEARS**



## International Baccalaureate Program

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we provide our academically motivated students with the unique opportunity to study university-level courses during their junior and senior year with an emphasis on inquiry, knowledge, and caring. As an IB Diploma candidate, you will become globally-minded and discover ways in which you can positively impact the world.

International Baccalaureate courses are offered to Villanova's junior and senior students. Students may choose to take individual IB courses in pursuit of an International Baccalaureate Certificate in that course, or they may pursue the full diploma program.

Students graduating with the full diploma are able to study at universities all over the world, often with advanced credit. These university-level courses in the Diploma Programme will enable our students to be more successful in the university setting through research, writing, critical thinking, time management, and self-confidence.

The Diploma Programme requires students to study six subject groups (three at the standard level and three at the higher level) over two years and complete three additional core requirements: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the Extended Essay (EE), and Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) hours outside of class.

*“Megan has had professors approach her and ask if she was an IB student because the depth of writing, thought, and discussion shows the IB background. The level of discussion, research and writing that is done in an IB classroom setting has greatly prepared her for the transition to college.”*

—Parents of Megan '18,  
IB Diploma Graduate, Current student at Villanova University

**VILLANOVA  
ACADEMIC DEPTS.**  
**100%**  
OFFER IB COURSES



**JUNIORS &  
SENIORS**  
**82%**  
AT VILLANOVA  
TAKE IB COURSES

**A+** University admission officials say the **DP is the best qualification** for developing students' non-academic skills and preparing them for further education and careers.\*

\*Source: ACS Schools Admissions Officers Report 2015





**ON AIR**



## At Villanova, we inspire **UNITY**

The diversity of our school promotes intercultural exchange of ideas and friendships. Students share a mutual interest to learn from each other and grow together. Everyone has a place at the table to bring themselves as they are, and reveal their talents and passions.

Our Day and Resident experiences include an array of activities, athletics, and traditions that promote community and friendship.

**ATHLETIC**  
**16**  
**TEAMS**

**STUDENTS**  
**72%**  
**PARTICIPATE**  
**IN AT LEAST**  
**ONE SPORT**

**STUDENT**  
**30+**  
**CLUBS AND**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**

**THEATER**  
**2**  
**PRODUCTIONS**  
**PER YEAR**

**ELECTIVE**  
**19**  
**COURSES**

*Robotics, Graphic Design,  
Ceramics, Photography,  
and many more!*









## At Villanova, we illuminate LOVE

St. Augustine wrote, ***“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others...”***

Villanova promotes a love of learning that values a deep understanding of and respect for feelings, ideas and perspectives. This empathy translates into service for others that moves beyond volunteer work to social transformation.

Student service projects bridge their classroom learning with active, local and global community engagement. They staff soup kitchens; assist the elderly; build homes; work with orphans in Mexico; tutor children; participate in community cleanup and beautification and promote animal welfare.

Upon graduation our students leave as impassioned global citizens, ignited by love, empathy and compassion.

**100% OF  
STUDENTS  
SERVED  
7,321  
HOURS OF  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

**DONATED  
OVER 5 YEARS  
\$44,410  
TO ORPHANED  
AND ABUSED  
CHILDREN  
OF MEXICO**

*Through the Hogar Infantil Club*

*“I know that God has called me to continue this type of service, so I’m looking to join and lead service events as I move into college.”*

– Matthew ‘18





## Design Your Path

Our college counselors provide academic, college, and wellness support for students through classroom programming and individual meetings. We provide support for parents and families through fellowship opportunities in morning and evening programs. With a cultivated network of expert individuals and professionals, our college counselors serve as a dynamic and up-to-date resource for parents and students to support them to and through college. Our recent graduates...

<b>VILLANOVA GRADUATES</b> <b>100%</b> <b>ACCEPTED TO COLLEGE</b>	<b>MOVED ON TO A</b> <b>91%</b> <b>4-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS</b> <b>61%</b> <b>BASED ON ACADEMIC MERIT</b>
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## Villanova Graduates Get Accepted to Top 50 Schools:

Boston College	UC Berkeley
Boston University	UC Davis
Brandeis	UC Irvine
Case Western Reserve	UC Santa Barbara
Claremont McKenna College	UCLA
College of William and Mary	UCSD
Columbia University	University of Florida
Cornell University	University of Illinois, Urbana
Georgia Tech	Champaign
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Northeastern	University of Notre Dame
Northwestern University	University of Rochester
New York University	University of Southern CA
Pepperdine University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Stanford University	Villanova University
Tulane University	





## Your Backyard on Campus - Resident Life

As a resident student, Villanova is your home away from home. We offer a residential program in which our staff has only one responsibility: caring for students. Our resident assistants become your second family and support network. They live in the dormitories, providing an encouraging and nurturing environment for every student across all aspects of life. Whether helping a student with homework, playing basketball in the gym, or counseling a student, our resident staff work to develop each student's potential.

Not only do you have a 130-acre campus as your backyard, but our prime location offers plenty of weekend activity choices such as bicycling, hiking, shopping, surfing, cultural events, and many other day and weekend trips.

### Stats:

- 2 dorms
- 2 Full-time Girls Dorm Resident Assistants
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### Driving time to activities:



Religious Services: 10 minutes



Beach: 20 minutes



Hollywood: 90 minutes



Disneyland: 2 hours







*Villanova Admissions Team, left to right: Lisa Lopez AP '20, Jeff Natale, Hope Cottam '14, and Vincent Girardi*

Please visit us online at  
**[villanovaprep.org](http://villanovaprep.org)**

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