

THE  
BUCKLEY  
SCHOOL



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2007-2008  
CELEBRATING  
OUR 75<sup>th</sup> YEAR



## Class of 2008 Prepared for Flight

- The 79 graduates (including 31 “Buckley Lifers”) will attend 46 colleges in 17 states and Canada.
- 50% gained admission to the “most selective” schools that accept 25% or fewer of their applicants.
- They were accepted by 129 institutions, including:
  - Every University of California campus
  - Ivy League institutions including Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Penn and Princeton
  - Liberal arts colleges such as Dickinson, Pitzer, Smith and Vassar
  - Specialized schools Caltech, Emerson, and Parsons School of Design—and flagship state universities including Michigan, Arizona, Colorado-Boulder

In total, Buckley students were offered slightly more than \$1 million in scholarships. Four students were offered full- or half-tuition scholarships.

## Academic Excellence

- Last year, Buckley students earned scores of 3, 4 or 5 (out of 5) on 93 percent of their AP exams; they earned the highest score of 5 on 42% of their AP exams. (The national mean was 2.83.)
- The Buckley Class of '08 has four National Merit Scholars and 15 AP Scholars, including two AP Scholars with Distinction.
- Buckley ranked in the top 10 of schools in the U.S. in 5 categories of the MathFax competition. A Buckley student placed *first in the country* in the Advanced Math competition.
- 8 Buckley students ranked in the top 10 in their level nationally on the National French Exam. One Buckley student earned a perfect score on the National Latin Exam, placing him in the top 2% of test takers.
- The 2007-08 Student Voice newspaper earned a First Place with Special Merit from the American Scholastic Press Association.



## Athletics

- Buckley athletics turned in a history making winter season: three of four varsity teams won Liberty League titles—girls basketball, for the first time in school history, boys soccer for the first time in over 30 years, and boys basketball for the fifth straight year.
- Boys tennis reached the semi-final round of CIF playoffs. Girls tennis, girls basketball and boys baseball reached the quarterfinals.
- 5 Griffins were named All-CIF athletes and 2 were selected as Liberty League MVPs.
- 79 students were named Scholar Athletes, earning GPAs of 3.8 or higher.
- Buckley athletes included a champion in the Interscholastic Equestrian League, a runner-up in CIF girls diving finals, and two recipients of Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship Award for Athletics and Citizenship.
- More than 97% of Middle School students participated in at least one sport; 75% participated in two or more sports. 14 Middle School teams went to playoffs this year.



## The Arts

- Buckley's Upper School performances included the fall musical, "Grease," the spring drama, "Mother Courage and Her Children," seasonal concerts and the Spring Dance Festival. The Middle School performed "Free to Be You and Me."
- Buckley Upper School and Middle School students received seven gold awards in the national Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. More than 6,000 students submitted works.
- Based on success at this year's prestigious Heritage Festival, the Concert Choir was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall.
- Six of Buckley's finest artists had their work displayed alongside 200 other hand-selected pieces at the 11th Annual High School Art Invitational at the California State University, Northridge Art Gallery.
- "Reflections", an exhibit of works about the LA River by 30 Buckley students, traveled among Los Angeles City Council Offices. The show's final stop this summer will be City Hall.



## Community Service & Student Life

- Students in grades 9-12 performed nearly 13,000 hours of service in 2007-2008. The Middle School launched a community service honors program.
- A school-wide Walk-A-Thon to help MUS Administrative Assistant Mary Jackson raised more than \$55,000.
- 10 Buckley students travelled to mainland China in August.
- Among the many activities of the second year of Buckley's Diversity Initiative, 16 students, faculty and parents attended the NAIS People of Color Conference and Student Diversity Leadership Conference, and representatives from the Taos Pueblo in New Mexico, visited campus for a Culture Concert and two-day cultural exchange.
- 35 clubs are thriving on campus, including the new SOS Go Green Club, which introduced No Waste Wednesdays to campus.
- A record 26 Buckley students attended the Model UN program in New York. For the first time, Buckley was awarded a spot on the highly selective Security Council.



## The Lower School

- 5 Lower School faculty members attended “Seeds of Compassion,” featuring the Dalai Lama, in April.
- This year, the focus of the LS writing program shifted from fiction to personal narrative as a means to get students even more excited and engaged in the writing workshop. Buckley teachers have adopted this new approach based on their studies at Columbia University’s Teacher’s College Writing & Reading Institute.
- New this year, the science and the 4th & 5th grades have “laptop carts,” mobile carts that house 24 laptops each. Science students are using the laptops for cooperative learning projects with students worldwide. The laptops are used in 4th and 5th grade for math, writing and research.
- The Lower School Community service programs continue to explode. School-wide projects, such as annual toy and canned food drives shattered records this year and individual students are catching the bug. Every week in the Lower School Bell Tower Bulletin, Buckley features “Community Service Heroes,” mentioning students who give of their time gardening at community centers, making scarves for Project Jambo, collecting sports balls for needy schools, and volunteering in other capacities. Lower School students are not required to commit a certain number of hours to community service, but do so because they wish to, with the support of their parents.
- In its fourth year Project Jambo, a cultural exchange with children in Kenyan schools, expanded to include grades 1-5, so that the children now continue to grow with this program each year.
- Related to the Diversity Initiative, this year teachers and students created the Culture Club, a weekly lunchtime forum for students in grades 2 – 5 to learn about differing cultures around the globe through discussion, music, crafts, dance and the like.

