

Seniors from The Winston School, a College Preparatory Program for Students with Learning Differences, Accepted to 22 Colleges

100 Percent of the School's Seniors Passed the California High School Exit Exam Out-performing General and Special Ed Students Statewide

Del Mar, Calif. -- Seniors at [The Winston School](#) in Del Mar, a college preparatory program for students with learning differences in grades 4 through 12, have been accepted at 22 different colleges for the Fall 2009 semester. Each senior who applied at a two or four-year-school received at least one college acceptance.

Founded in 1988, The Winston School's unique, specialized focus on educating students with learning differences as well as its diverse college prep curriculum and low student - teacher ratio of 8:1 has proven very successful. One hundred percent of seniors passed the California High School Exit Exam compared to 58 percent of special education students and 90 percent of general education students statewide in California.

"Our teachers bring out the best in our kids. Through small classes, multi-sensory teaching and individual attention, we identify and develop natural gifts and nurture self-esteem," said Mike Peterson, the school's headmaster.

According to Mary Sterling-Torretti, Winston's college counselor, "We have a diverse and very talented student body. Every day, our kids scale greater heights, and they now can realize their potential to succeed in ways they couldn't previously imagine. Nothing can stop them."

Seniors have been accepted at California College of the Arts and the San Diego Art Institute; California State Universities at Chico, Humboldt, Monterey, Northridge, San Marcos and Sonoma; and Santa Barbara City College. Other schools include Arizona State University; Concordia University (Minnesota and Oregon); Evergreen College; Gallaudet University; Grossmont College; Lewis and Clark College; Menlo College; and Mira Costa College. Completing the list is Miramar College; Palomar College; Rochester Institute of Technology; Seattle University; and Southwestern College. Winston students received a variety of scholarship packages, up to full tuition in one case.

"It is such a privilege to be part of a school that helps children 'dream big,'" said Peterson, who joined Winston as headmaster in 2005. "Like their predecessors, these young men and women have the potential to go on and become writers, movie producers, teachers, entrepreneurs and scientists."

ABOUT THE WINSTON SCHOOL

[The Winston School](#) is a college preparatory program for children with learning differences in grades 4 through 12. A group of pediatricians and parents in San Diego founded the school in 1988 for bright children whose needs were not being met in traditional school settings. Students such as those struggling with dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, ADD, ADHD, specific learning disabilities or learning disorders, nonverbal learning disorders and slow maturation find what they need in the school's small, safe and caring environment. By incorporating small classes, multi-sensory teaching methods and individual attention, the school's faculty works together to help students fulfill their academic, physical, artistic, social and emotional potential. In the past 20 years, The Winston School has educated nearly a thousand students, preparing them for college and for the working world. This year's graduating class has been accepted by 22 colleges. Each senior who applied at a two or four-year-school received at least one college acceptance. The school is located at 215 Ninth St., Del Mar, Calif., 92014. Those interested in receiving information can email mindy@thewinstonschool.com or call the school at 858-259-8155.

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