



Dr. Song Column  
 College Entrance Trends



Easter Season is Here!  
 Office of Spiritual Life Events



Introducing Ms. Lacey Uhre  
 NCA's New MS Art Teacher

# New Covenant NEWS

## COLLEGE ENTRANCE TRENDS

As expected, this was one of the most competitive years for college applicants. Here are some statistics I received from Boston University (US News & World Report Rank #39): I find similar patterns from most of Top 50 schools in the nation.

First, the total applicants to BU increased by 6% in 2017 compared to 2016. UC Berkeley also reported 3% increase in applications. The trend is that competition is

getting steeper each year at selective and most selective colleges.

Second, the admit rate decreased by 4% from 2016 to 2017 at BU. Interestingly, the size of Freshman class decreased by 100 students at BU, making it even more difficult to get in.

Third, the average SAT score increased by 88 points at BU. This can mean the following: (1) the new SAT exams is "easier" than the former version; and (2) students with greater "aptitude" are applying to selective and most selective schools, as also

evidenced by the rise in the ACT average score.

Fourth, Early Decision and Action acceptance rates are rising in private institutions. In other words, students and

BU Stats	2016	2017	Difference
Applicants	57,416	60,815	3,399
Freshman Class Size	3,500	3,400	-100 (-3%)
Admit Rate	29%	25%	-4%
Avg. SAT	2067 (1364)	1452	+88
Avg. ACT	31	32	+1
Early Action & Decision	32%	36%	4%

families are making their college selection by September of the senior year.

Concerning UC schools, I've received many questions from both NCA and non-NCA parents asking, "Why is it so hard to get into UC's these days?"

Please review the infographic on the right hand column. There, you can see that, due to the UC's budget shortage, the acceptance rate for international and out-of-state students has reached 24% at UCLA, Berkeley, and UCSD. That means, over 42,000 "spots" across all UCs are given to non-California students.

### Why is it so difficult to get into UC schools as a California student?

- 20-24%** **International and out-of-state students in Freshman class**  
In plain English: 42,000 international and out-of-state students will be accepted to UCs rather than California students; if you're a California student, your acceptance rate is reduced by 20-24%
- 28%** **Under Represented Minorities in Freshman Class**  
In plain English: If you do not belong to the URM (African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, or Alaska Natives), your UC acceptance chance is decreased by 28%
- 42%** **First Generation Acceptance in Freshman Class**  
In plain English: If the applicant's parents have college degrees, that actually decreases the chance of acceptance by 42%

Data Source: <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/fall-enrollment-glance>

Further, URM (under represented minorities) students make up 28% of all accepted Freshman. If you belong to URM, that's great news. If not, your odds of acceptance is decreased by 28%.

Finally, 42% of the students in the incoming class is "First Generation Acceptance" students. This means, if the applicant's parents have a college degree, that actually decreases acceptance chance by a whopping 42%.

In conclusion, it's getting harder to get into top institutions. While I do not consider college as the ultimate aim of education, we must better understand the changing landscape in order to prepare our children well for their future.

# EASTER SEASON IS HERE

Hello Everyone!

Here at NCA we pride ourselves in being the extension of Christ's hands and feet to the world, and in this season, we remember the pain and suffering that our Lord Jesus Christ went through to save us and give us eternal life. With that in mind, we ask you to join us in praying for our students and school community as we actively seek to remember the passion of our Lord.

## Passion Week Devotional

Our students will spend the week leading up to Good Friday writing devotionals and prayers. We will be studying short passages found in the Gospels and drawing from the suffering of Christ, the stations of the Cross, and the reason why Christ died on the cross. Students will be reading the Scripture and will write down devotions and prayers on small slips of paper.

## Good Friday Service

On Friday, April 14, our school community will come together for a service to remember the death of Christ, and celebrate his love for us! Many of our staff will join our student praise team and lead our congregation in worship. Our elementary department will also be performing a song, and Reverend Daniel Song will deliver the message of Easter.

We ask that during this season, you join us for our Good Friday Service and that you also pray that our students' hearts will feel the love of Christ and understand the sacrifice he bore to give us eternal life in heaven with our good Father.

Blessings,  
Office of Spiritual Life



Calendar

Items

April 2017



- ACSI Science Fair @ APU (4/4)
- GCC Planetarium Field Trip (4/4)
- PTA Market Day (4/6)
- Easter Service (4/14 @ 2PM)
- Easter Break (4/15-4/23)
- Senior Trip to Hawaii (4/16-4/21)
- Fire Station Visit - K & 1st (4/26)
- Terra Nova Standardized Assessment (4/26-4/27)
- 8th Grade Graduation Trip to Pismo Beach (4/30-5/2)

Introducing.....

## MS. LACEY UHRE

Hello! My name is Lacey Uhre, the students call me Miss Lacey. I am originally from South Dakota. Due to my more rural up-brining, I love being in nature and nature inspires a lot of my creative thinking.

I studied Art Education for my undergrad degree at Montana State University. In 2012, I graduated with a BA in Art Education with an emphasis in ceramics and art history. After college, my creative pursuits became focused in the area of fashion. I worked for a designer in Austin, TX and then moved out to Los Angeles in 2014 to pursue a career in fashion. I attended and graduated from FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising) with a focus in product development (design and production of

design).

After working in the fashion industry for a couple years, I really started to miss working with kids and families. I wanted to return to education. I am LOVING being a part-time art teacher here at NCA. The students at NCA are so creative and such special kids, it's a joy for me to teach here! I look forward to getting to know more of you in the coming months.



Ms. Lacey Uhre

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# ACSI MATH OLYMPICS RESULTS

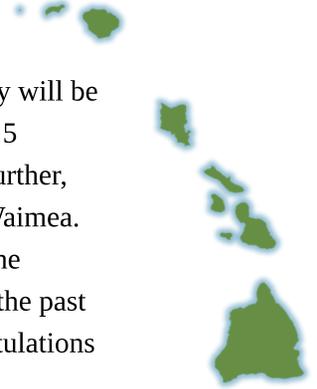


Grade	Name	Results
3rd Grade	Ian Lee	1st Place with Honors
	Yulian Kwon	1st Place with Honors
	Samuel Kim	2nd Place
4th Grade	Aiden Park	1st Place with Honors
	Esther Kim	2nd Place
	Daniel Park	6th Place
	April Lee	7th Place
6th Grade	Jovanni Perez	6th Place
7th Grade	Jadyn Kim	5th Place
8th Grade	Brian Yeo	1st Place with Honors

NCA's elementary and middle school students fared well at ACSI's Math Olympics. Please review the results on the left. We'd like to congratulate the students and thank the teachers who sponsored the event (Ms. Ellen Kim, Mrs. Esther Choi, and Mr. Cezar Luchian). Great job, Huskies!

## CLASS OF 2017 SENIOR TRIP INFO

NCA's Class of 2017 will be heading out to the beautiful Big Island of Hawaii on April 16, 2017. They will be lodging at a world class resort called Waikoloa Beach Villas, just about 15 minutes north of Kona and 5 minutes away from the Hapuna Beach (voted as one of the 10 most beautiful beaches in the world). Further, the students will visit various locations such as the Volcano National Park, Hilo, Waipio Valley, and Waimea. They will enjoy the following activities: snorkeling, kayaking, surfing, luau, parasailing, and more! The parents of seniors are blessing their children with this trip for all the hard work the students put in for the past 12 years. The vacationers will return to Los Angeles on April 21, 2017 (5 nights and 6 days). Congratulations to NCA's Class of 2017 for their accomplishments! Aloha and Mahalo, Seniors!



## 8TH GRADE GRAD TRIP INFO

The middle school graduates--8th graders--will be going to Pismo Beach and Santa Barbara for their graduation trip, from April 30 to May 2 (2 nights and 3 days). The chaperons for this trip are Mr. Samuel Song and Mr. Franklin Park. The group will be lodging at a spacious beach house in Pismo. There, they will enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, hang out, watch movies, dine out, and then enjoy the ATV experience. On their way back, they will stop at Santa Barbara. There, they will get on a 57-foot fishing boat called Stardust and fish for 1/2 day. The 8th grade anglers will catch rockfish and bring them home (well, hopefully...). Enjoy the trip, 8th graders!

## 5TH GRADE GRAD TRIP INFO

As an NCA tradition, the 5th graders will be going to sunny Palm Desert/Palm Springs for their graduation trip. This trip will begin on May 3rd, and the students will return to school on May 5th, at 2 PM (2 nights and 3 days). The crew will be lodging at the Marriott's Shadow Ridge resort, and enjoy the resort's various amenities: heated pool, water slide, game room, basketball court, tennis court, bicycles, etc. In addition, they will watch a movie at IMAX theater, adventure to the top of Mt. San Jacinto via the Aerial Tram, wander through the Palm Springs Street Fair, etc. Enjoy!!

