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# Learning, Growing, Succeeding

## *Paraclete High School Gets the Most From Every Student*

**T**he support of a family can make all the difference. The lasting benefits of cooperation, dedication, hard work, discipline, community, leadership, faith and love are undeniable.

Paraclete High School uses that same formula to develop young people to their highest potential. A Catholic college preparatory school in Lancaster, Paraclete's belief in the value of faith and family can be seen in its strong sense of community, the dedication of its faculty, the generosity of local businesses and social organizations, and the commitment and sacrifice of Paraclete parents.

This family atmosphere has an effect on every aspect of the school. "First and foremost, Paraclete provides a safe and caring environment in which students can flourish," says John Anson, principal. "Parents say they can't believe the transformation — their children actually get up in the morning and look forward to coming to school."

### Successfully Preparing Students for College

Offering a curriculum that meets the highest standards of accreditation, Paraclete seeks to shape students who value themselves and others, make value-oriented decisions and exhibit the ability to lead. The school has prepared students for many top colleges, such as Notre Dame, West Point, Air Force, Navy, UC Berkeley, UCLA, USC, Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount and Johns Hopkins. In fact, Paraclete graduates earned over \$2 million in scholarships this past year, and 97 percent went on to college.

"Paraclete works hard to bring all students to a level where they are prepared to be successful at any college they choose," says Anson. "We try to show that not only are we the best choice for a college-bound



**"I am who I am because of my time spent at Paraclete. Every day that I came to school, I learned something new and I saw different things."**

— Imagine Vincent, Paraclete class of '09

student, but we also can work with students at any level who are motivated to learn and get into college."

Honors and AP courses are available across all academic disciplines. But more importantly, the school prepares students for life as a Catholic and a Christian in the 21st century. Spiritual growth and Christian service are major parts of every Paraclete education. Last year's senior class of 185 students volunteered more than 5,000 hours of service.

### A Tradition of Exceptional Athletics

The talent, hard work and passion of Paraclete students can be seen on the playing field as well. The Spirits are a powerhouse in practically every sport in which they compete. This includes a recent CIF football championship, plus strong CIF showings from a number of boys' and girls' teams.

Likewise, the fine arts thrive at Paraclete. The drama club, band and choir are popular, while the school offers classes in computer graphics, sculpture, studio art and drawing. Additionally, students may choose from over 20 clubs and organizations covering a wide variety of interests.

"We have a very sincere and individualized relationship between our students and faculty," says Anson. "Each student is challenged to his or her own individual ability. Students are given the freedom to experience life in many different roles during their time here." But then, Paraclete is more than just a high school. It's a family, a way of life, and an incomparable place to learn, grow and succeed.

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