



The Culture of The Vanguard School

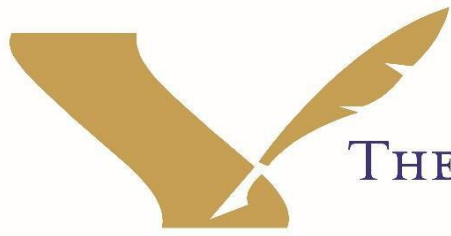
The culture of The Vanguard School is one of excellence in all things with particular focus on excellence in virtue, academics, leadership, and civics. This is achieved through continual self-examination with a focus on continuous improvement. Students and teachers are proud to be at a school that provides arigorous education and expects more effort and results than other schools.

At The Vanguard School, students are proud to excel in the classroom, in extra-curricular activities, in community involvement, and in virtue. Those who excel are acknowledged and celebrated while those who don't are encouraged, pushed, and supported. Our culture values every student and promotes fulfillment of The Vanguard School's mission for every student. It is the product of people and environment. Toward that end, the people who comprise the staff are virtuous, educated in the classical liberal tradition, and committed to striving with others in pursuit of a high and noble purpose. They possess an understanding of human experience that is a consequence of serious study in literature, history, and philosophy.

From this education, they understand each person's potential for good and evil, and they strive to develop virtue in themselves and their students as they impart knowledge. They recognize – and choose – what is good, true, and beautiful.

Together, these people endeavor to produce an environment that is serious, purposeful, academically oriented, appropriately intellectual, and student-focused; one that is, at the same time, warm, supportive, and compassionate. Those things that embody truth and beauty are hallmarks of the environment and readily discerned in the school. In this environment, objective rights and wrongs exist, and our American patrimony is explained, embraced, and celebrated.

Ultimately, the school culture – the school's environment and the people whose labor shape it – helps equip students to lead virtuous lives and achieve at the highest intellectual levels. It is a beacon for students, their families, and the wider society; it serves, in the words of T. S. Eliot, as “the preface to our successors' victory.”



THE Vanguard School

Recent Exemplary Achievements

- Last year's Class of 2020, with 48 graduates, earned \$4,328,541 in scholarships.
- Over the past ten years, our students have earned over \$43,000,000 in college scholarships.
- Students from the 2010-2020 classes have had 68 members who have received recognition through the National Merit Scholarship program.
- In the last ten years, we have had sixteen National Merit Finalists, two Boettcher Scholarship recipients, and seven Daniels Scholarship recipients.
- The Class of 2021 scored an average of 1245 on the SAT during their junior year.
- Sixty-five students took 135 Advanced Placement exams in the spring of 2020. The percentage of total AP students with scores of 3 or higher (on a 1 to 5 scale) was 81.5%. American colleges generally grant placement and course credit to students who obtain scores of 3 or higher on exams.
- In 2019, the Colorado Department of Education also awarded The Vanguard School the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award, and Vanguard was the only school in Colorado Springs and El Paso County to receive the High School Academic Growth Award.
- The Vanguard School consistently ranks as one of the top schools in Colorado and the nation and has received recognition from Newsweek and U.S. News and World Report. For 2020, Vanguard was ranked #1 in Colorado Springs and #7 in Colorado.
- Three Vanguard students earned a spot at last year's All State Choir, bringing our total students selected for this honor to 32 in the past eleven years.
- Our art department shines in competitions, bringing home top recognitions at both regional and national art competitions. Last year, in the Colorado Scholastic Art competition, Vanguard art students won 10 Gold Key Awards; two of those students went on to the National competition where they were awarded a Gold and a Silver Medal. Vanguard art students also won three awards at the Congressional Art Show, four awards at the Tri-Peaks League, and fourteen awards at the Young Peoples Art Exhibition.
- In 2020, the Vanguard Matchwits Team placed 1st among 2A schools at nationals.
- CHSAA Academic All-State Awards for 2019 included 20 Vanguard athletes on "First Team" (with a 3.60 or higher GPA) and 14 Vanguard athletes with "Honorable Mention" (with a GPA between 3.30 and 3.59).
- The Girls Basketball Team finished Fourth in the State tournament and completed the team's best season ever.

University and College Acceptances 2013 – 2020

*Note: * indicates students attending this college*

Abilene Christian College*
 Adams State University*
 Alfred University*
 Allegheny University*
 Azusa Pacific University*
 Baylor University*
 Beloit College*
 Benedictine College*
 Bethany College*
 Black Hills State University*
 Brigham Young University, Provo*
 Boston University*
 California State University-Channel Islands*
 Carnegie Mellon University*
 Carthage College*
 Case Western Reserve University*
 Chapman University*
 Central Washington University*
 Colorado Christian University*
 Colorado College*
 Colorado Mesa University*
 Colorado School of Mines*
 Cornell University*
 Creighton University*
 DePaul University*
 Dickinson University College*
 Drake University*
 Duke University*
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, AZ*
 Flagler College, FL*
 Florida State University*
 Fordham University*
 Franklin and Marshall College*
 George Mason University*
 George Washington University*
 Georgia Tech University*
 Gonzaga University*
 Grand Canyon University*
 Harvard University*
 Harvey Mudd College*
 Hillsdale College*
 Howard University*
 Iowa State University*
 Jacksonville State University*
 John Brown University*
 Juniata College*
 Kalamazoo College*
 Knox College*
 Lafayette College*
 Lake Forest College*
 Lehigh University*
 Letourneau University*
 Lewis and Clark College*
 Louisiana State University*
 Loyola Marymount University*
 Macalester College*
 Manhattan College*
 McKendree University*
 Michigan State University*
 Montana State University*
 Mount Holyoke College*
 Nebraska Wesleyan University*
 New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology*
 New York University*
 Pacific Lutheran University*
 Pepperdine University*
 Point Loma Nazarene University*
 Purdue University*
 Regis University*
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
 Rhoades College*
 Saint Louis University*
 Santa Clara University*
 Seattle Pacific University*
 Seattle University*
 Smith College*
 South Dakota School of Mines*
 Southern Methodist University*
 Swarthmore College*
 Syracuse University*
 Taylor University*
 Texas Christian University*
 Texas Tech University*
 The King's College, NY*
 Trinity University (TX)*
 Truman State University*
 United States Air Force Academy*
 United States Merchant Marine Academy*
 United States Military Academy*
 United States Naval Academy*
 University of Arizona*
 University of California – Berkeley*
 University of California – Santa Barbara*
 University of Chicago*
 University of Colorado-Boulder*
 University of Colorado-Springs*
 University of Dallas*
 University of Denver*
 University of Glasgow, Scotland*
 University of Kansas*
 University of Minnesota*
 University of New Mexico*
 University of Northern Colorado*
 University of Notre Dame*
 University of Pennsylvania*
 University of Puerto Rico*
 University of Southern Mississippi*
 University of Tennessee*
 University of Washington*
 University of Wyoming*
 Vanderbilt University*
 Villanova University*
 Virginia Military Institute*
 Virginia Tech*
 Wayland Baptist College*
 Western State University*
 Western Washington University*
 Wheaton College*
 Whitworth University*
 Whittier College, CA*
 William Woods University*
 Willamette University*
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
 Xavier University*