



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
 Secrete of Success
 Congrats! Elite FV Class of 2018

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SECRET OF SUCCESS

Three-month long summer vacations. While students in South Korea and Japan have 220 and 243 school days per year, those in the United States struggle with 180 days – nearly 2 months shorter. Every June, students look forward to their 3-month long summer vacation from studies and some parents feel that these extended breaks save their students from exhaustion. However, research done by sociologist, Karl Alexander at Johns Hopkins University question the value of long summer vacations.

Karl Alexander tracked the progress of 650 students from Baltimore, MD, looking at how they scored on the California Achievement Test over the period of 5 years. The students were broken down by socio-economic class – low, middle, and high – and their 5-year reading comprehension scores were compared.

The students from high socioeconomic class start with **32-point** advantage over the low socioeconomic class in the first year. However, this gap more than **doubled four years later** as depicted by the year 5 scores.

Next, Alexander compared the test results from beginning of the school year to that of the end of the school year to compare the “amount of learning” during the school year.

Unexpectedly, while the improvements in scores over the school year showed no differences among students in different socio-economic class, there were significant differences during the 3-month long summers.

The changes in scores over the summer vacations were the definite source of achievement gap between socio-economic classes. When these students were interviewed, Alexander found that students in high socio-economic class are exposed various educational activities during summer vacations. Consequently, they enter each grade with significant improvements – more than **50%** in some years. However, students in lower socio-economic classes spent their summers in front of television sets, with video games or “hanging out” with friends. After such three-month breaks from structured learning, students in the lower socioeconomic class showed decreased test scores after their summer vacation. Over the course of 4 summer vacations, these differences in “summer learning” led to score improvements of as much as **200-times higher** – equivalent to almost **2 years of school year** learning. Until the U.S. educational system changes dramatically, it appears that certain students will be given a gift of success—a chance to succeed—during their summer vacations.

ELITE PREP FOUNTAIN VALLEY NEWS

Congratulations to Elite Prep Fountain Valley Class of 2018!
 Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your success.

Donna Pham	Bolsa Grande	UCB, UCLA, UCSD, UCI
J Ahn	FVHS	UCLA
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J Huynh	FVHS	MIT
K Tran	FVHS	CalTech, Stanford Wait, UCB
S McCarthy	HBHS	ALL UC's, Yale Waitlist
E Hong	La Quinta	UC Irvine
M Vu	La Quinta	UC Irvine

L Tran	Laguna Beach	Dartmouth
K Dang	Mater Dei	UCB wait, UCSD, UCI
V Luu	Mater Dei	UCSD

- Elite Prep Success**
- **Most SAT Perfect Scores** among all SAT programs in CA.
 - **College Board** data show that **Elite** students are **27 times** more likely to scores Perfect on the SAT.
 - **Summer 2017 Elite Fountain Valley** SAT Boot Camp students raise their SAT scores by an average of **273** points.
 - **100%** of Summer 2017 1400+ students scored over **1450** and over **63%** scored **over 1500**.

With **four Nobel Prizes** awarded to alumni and faculty in the past six years, you might think UCLA is an intellectual brain trust. With a long list of well-known alumni in the arts, film, and sports, maybe UCLA is an incubator for truly talented and gifted people. Well, UCLA is all that and more. A superb faculty, a reputation for outstanding academics, and a powerful athletics program make this university the ultimate place to study.

UCLA's location—sandwiched between **Beverly Hills and Bel Air**, and a short drive from **Santa Monica Beach, Hollywood, the Sunset Strip**, and downtown **Los Angeles**—makes it appealing to students. The beautifully landscaped, **419-acre** campus features a range of architectural styles, providing one of many reasons students enjoy staying on campus.

First-year students participate in a 3-day summer orientation that provides workshops, counseling, an introduction to the

campus and community, and a chance to register for classes. In Fall Quarter, freshmen can begin a yearlong cluster of interdisciplinary courses or enroll in small-group seminars. To graduate, first-year students are required to take (or test out of) quantitative reasoning and English composition courses. Lab science and a language requirement are necessary for a liberal arts degree, and all students must take a course on diversity.

Strong programs abound at UCLA, and many are considered among the best in the nation. UCLA is well established in the **STEM** fields; the **Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science** is highly regarded and sets the tone on campus. The biological sciences are strong, and the math and chemistry departments boast a **Fields medalist and a Nobel Prize winner** among the faculty. The School of Theater, Film, and Television is first-rate, and its students have the opportunity to study in **Ve-**



rona, Italy, with the **Theater Overseas** program. The popular music school offers a course in jazz studies and has added legends **Herbie Hancock** and **Wayne Shorter** to its distinguished faculty. Political science, psychology, economics, and sociology enroll the most students. **Research opportunities** in the sciences are plentiful, and the university ranks **seventh in the nation** in federal funding for research. UCLA's **Ocean Discovery Center on the Santa Monica Pier** is an innovative, hands-on ocean classroom.

UCLA gets **more applications** than any other college in the country, and the academic environment is intense and competitive. Although **51 percent** of undergraduate classes have fewer than 20 students, required **core classes** can be as large as **300 to 400** people. A political science major says, "We are spoiled by incredible faculty at UCLA—top researchers in their field and amazing lecturers." Faculty-led study abroad programs are popular, and "financial aid travels with you."

Seventy-seven percent of undergraduates are **CA residents**, and 12 percent are international. **Asian Americans** account for **29 percent** of student population, **Hispanics 21 percent**, and **African Americans 3 percent**. Among major research universities, UCLA has the **highest** number of students receiving **federal financial aid**. Thirty percent of freshmen qualify for **Pell Grants**. **Merit scholarships** are also available.

Forty-five percent of undergraduates, and almost **all freshmen**, **live on campus**; freshmen are **guaranteed three consecutive years of university housing**. Residential communities with a **faculty member in residence** are an option for those who wish to bond with classmates over shared interests. Fifteen dining halls, restaurants, and snack bars serve **meals that students rave about**. "I have friends who attend other universities who will visit me just so they can eat UCLA's food," says a senior.

There is no shortage of **social options** at UCLA. Top-name entertainers, political figures, and speakers of all kinds come to the campus; film and theater presentations are frequent. **Spring Sing**, a campuswide student talent show presided over by celebrity judges, is a favorite tradition. **Volunteer Day** is a big deal here too, and attracts more than **8,000** students annually.

UCLA has won a staggering number of collegiate championships—110 NCAA Division I, 130 national champion—and 260 Olympic medals, with a gold medal in every Olympics in which the U.S. has competed since 1932. The men's **football** and **basketball** teams are the undeniable crowd pleasers. **Beat USC Week**, the week leading up to the football game between the two, is an event in itself, featuring a bonfire, and a concert.

"Although everyone is striving for excellence, UCLA allows everyone to experience *life*," muses a junior. "Taking time to prepare for exams, while making time to play beach volleyball at Sunset Rec with your friends." A leading research center, 200 fields of study, distinguished faculty members, and outstanding athletics make UCLA one of the most prestigious universities in the nation. And despite the large size, students still feel they are part of a tight-knit community bubbling with **Bruin pride**.

UCLA At a glance

Founded in 1919
Los Angeles, CA (Urban)
www.ucla.edu
2017-18 Tuition
\$13,256 in-state
\$41,270 non-CA
Room and Board: \$15,441
Undergraduates: 30,873
43% male/57% female
Student Faculty Ratio: 17:1
Freshman retention: 97%
4-year graduation rate: 74%
6-year graduation rate: 91%
Receiving Financial Aid: 55%
Early Decision N/A
Regular Decision: Nov 30
UC Application
SAT R or ACT with Writing
No Interviews
Class Profile: Fall 2017
Acceptance Rate: 16%
GPA Mid 50%: 4.29–4.64
SAT R mid 50%: 1270–1490
ACT mid 50%: 31–34



FROM YOUR ELITE COUNSELOR'S DESK...

2018 Elite Summer Program: June 25–August 18

On behalf of the staff and teachers at Elite, thank you for your continuing support. As the academic year draws to a close, we would like to introduce Elite's summer programs, which have a proven record of helping students achieve their academic goals—whether they are preparing for the SAT or improving fundamental academic skills. With over 30 years of experience in providing educational services and preparing high school students for college admissions tests, Elite will guarantee a successful academic future for your student. This year, the **8-week Summer Program at Elite** begins on June 25 and ends on August 18.

ELITE PREP: THE BEST IN SAT PREPARATION.

- ✓ **MOST PERFECT SAT.** Elite has produced more **PERFECT SCORES** on the SAT than any other prep program in California.
- ✓ **College Board** data show that **Elite students** are **27 times more likely to get a PERFECT SCORE** on the SAT.
- ✓ **Elite Fountain Valley 2017 Summer Boot Camp** students raised their SAT scores by an average of **273** points.

Using Elite's exceptional SAT curriculum, rigorous practice test regimen, and the guidance of our expert instructors, our students have been reaching their full potential and achieving the best results possible on the SAT.

- The **1500+ Programs** are designed to help students obtain a minimum score of 1500 on the August/October SAT so that they will be competitive applicants to the most selective colleges and universities. Enrollment in the 1500+ Programs is reserved for students who meet certain minimum diagnostic test scores and academic requirements.
- The **Summer Boot Camp** is a demanding program for students who want to utilize their summer to significantly improve their SAT scores. Daily lectures build and reinforce the fundamental skills necessary for the SAT Reasoning tests and weekly practice tests ingrain those skills in simulated Real SAT sessions. Morning Boot Camp sessions meet 5 days a week and Afternoon Boot Camp sessions meet 4 days a week. This program is recommended for rising **11th/12th** graders.
- The **SAT Intensive Summer Program (ISP)**. For summer, our regular SAT program is expanded to offer additional instruction in areas where student need the most improvement. This program is designed to help **9th/10th** graders build a strong foundation for the SAT Reasoning test.
- Developed from Elite's renown SAT R Test Curriculum, **PSAT Camp** prepares accelerated **8th** and **9th** graders to excel in various standardized tests leading to the PSAT. Students also attend **Algebra 1, Geometry or Algebra 2 / Trig Preview** Classes.

HONORS AND AP PREVIEW COURSES

- Elite AP Preview Classes ensure strong starts in AP classes by introducing students to first semester concepts, using local AP class textbooks and syllabi. We offer AP **Calculus**, AP **Biology**, **Chemistry H**, AP **Chemistry**, AP **Physics** as well as **Chemistry Honors** and **PreCalculus Honors**.

JUNIOR ELITE

For younger students, Elite offers programs to build proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics skills that are vital to students' success in high school and college as well as the SAT.

- The **Elite ReadIPrep® Reading & Writing Workshop** gives students a chance to read carefully selected works of fiction and non-fiction, improving their vocabulary and sharpening their critical reading skills. Integrated writing assignments help students improve their skills in grammar and composition.
- The **Elite ReadIPrep® Math Clinic** helps students preview the math coursework for the upcoming school year. Courses are offered in Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2.



Learning for Life.

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

INSIDER'S GUIDE TO TOP COLLEGES

When: May 19, 2018 (Sat) 10:00 AM

Where: The Center At Founder's Village
17967 Bushard Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Speaker: Stephen Lee
Yale AdmissionS Interviewer
Yale Campus Rep
UC Berkeley Admissions

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS STRATEGY SEMINAR

In order to guide our students and parents through the maze of college admissions process, the following topics will be covered.

- A+ Colleges for Your Student. The PERFECT Fit.
- 2018 Application and Admissions Trends.
- How do UC campuses and Private schools differ in evaluating students? Preparing for grad schools?
- Which colleges value GPA more? SAT more? Activities more? What else?
- Finding the RIGHT major/college for your student.
- Why some students getting rejected from lower schools and accepted from top schools.
- Hidden Doors to Ivy's and other Top Universities?
- How even top students fail at the last minute.



This FREE seminar is open to the public, but **SPACE IS LIMITED!**

Register Online Today at:

ELITEPREP.COM/SUCCESS



2018 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer is the best time to prepare for the SAT, when students are free from the obligations of homework, school clubs, and teams. Elite has a variety of programs, schedules, and locations to give you the flexibility to select the program that best meets your needs. Summer is just around the corner, so don't let today go by without reserving a spot in an Elite summer program.

Elite SAT Summer Programs

- SAT Boot Camp
 - Morning Boot Camp
 - Afternoon Boot Camp
- SAT 1500+
- SAT Intensive Summer Program
- SAT Weekend
- ACT Weekend

Elite PSAT Summer Programs

- PSAT Boot Camp

Elite ReadPrep Programs™ (GR 6-9)

- ReadPrep™ – Book Camp
- ReadPrep™ – Math Clinic

**DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME WITH OTHERS!
JOIN THE PROVEN SUCCESS AT ELITE!**

2018 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Starts June 25. Visit us on the web at www.eliteprep.com

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SUMMER 2018

CLASS SCHEDULE

SAT BOOT CAMP

June 25 - August 18

Elite's proven SAT Core program gives students the fundamental knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to do their best on test day.

SAT Morning Boot Camp (5 days / week)

Testing Monday 9:00am-1:00pm
Class Tue-Fri 9:00am-1:00pm

Tuition: \$2600 / 8 weeks

SAT Afternoon Boot Camp (4 days / week)

Testing Monday 2:00pm-6:00pm
Class Tue-Thu 2:00pm-6:00pm

Tuition: \$2200 / 8 weeks

SAT Intensive Summer Program (3 days / week)

Testing Monday 2:00pm-6:00pm
Class Tue & Thu 2:00pm-6:00pm or
Wed & Fri 2:00pm-6:00pm

Tuition: \$1800 / 8 weeks

SAT WEEKEND

(2 days / week)

June 25 - August 18

A challenging SAT prep program for students looking for a less intensive summer class schedule.

Testing Friday 2:00pm-6:00pm
Class Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

Tuition: \$1500 / 8 weeks

SAT 1500+

June 25 - August 18

Our exceptionally rigorous prep program designed for students aiming for a score of 1500 or higher on the SAT. Note: selective enrollment is based on the required minimum diagnostic test scores and academic achievement.

SAT 1500+ Morning (4 days / week)

Testing Monday 9:00am-1:00pm
Class Tue-Thu 9:00pm-1:00pm

Tuition: \$2800 / 8 weeks

SAT 1500+ Afternoon (3 days / week)

Testing Monday 2:00pm-6:00pm
Class Tue & Thu 2:00pm-6:00pm or
Wed & Fri 2:00pm-6:00pm

Tuition: \$2400 / 8 weeks

ACT WEEKEND

June 25 - August 18

A challenging ACT prep program for students looking for a less intensive summer class schedule. Classes cover English, Math, Reading, Science, and Essay.

Testing Friday 2:00pm-6:00pm
Class Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

Tuition: \$1500 / 8 weeks

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HONORS & AP PREVIEW

June 25 – August 18

Courses designed to help students prepare for the challenging material they will encounter in the upcoming year.

Chemistry (H)

Saturday 9:00am–12:00pm

AP Chemistry

Saturday 9:00am–12:00pm

Precalculus (H)

Friday 3:00pm–6:00pm

AP Calculus (AB/BC)

Friday 3:00pm–6:00pm

AP Biology

Saturday 9:00am–12:00pm

AP Physics I/II

Saturday 9:00am–12:00pm

Tuition: \$600 / 8 weeks

SAT Math Algebra 2/Trig Supplement

Saturday 9:00am–12:00pm

Tuition: \$600 / 8 weeks

\$300 / 8 weeks if enrolled with SAT program

ELITE JR. MATH CLINICS

Elite Jr. Math clinics provide students with a preview of the math subjects they will be studying in the fall, helping to ensure excellent math grades and successful advancement to next level.

Algebra 1 Tue & Thu 12:30pm–2:30pm

Geometry Tue & Thu 12:30pm–2:30pm

Algebra 2/Trig Wed & Fri 12:30pm–2:30pm

Tuition: \$800 / subject

(\$600 if paired with a Book Camp Program)

PSAT PREP

Our PSAT classes give students in grades 9 and 10 a solid understanding of the types of questions they will encounter on the PSAT, as well as a head start on their SAT prep.

Morning PSAT Prep (4 days / week)

Class Tue–Fri 9:00am–12:00pm

Tuition: \$1600 / 8 weeks

Afternoon PSAT Prep (4 days / week)

Class Tue–Fri 3:00pm–6:00pm

Tuition: \$1600 / 8 weeks

Weekend PSAT Prep (1 day / week)

Class Saturday 9:00am–12:00pm

Tuition: \$800 / 8 weeks

Enrollment in our programs is on a first-come, first-served basis. Register early to avoid the last-minute rush and secure a place in the appropriate class. Each student must take a free diagnostic test and meet with a director before being placed in the appropriate class.

A \$50 non-refundable registration fee will be assessed for first-time students. Prices and scheduling are subject to change without notice. Online registration does not guarantee enrollment.

READIPREP READING & WRITING BOOK CAMP

June 25 – August 18

Our Book Camp utilizes award-winning works of literature to develop critical reading and writing skills. Students will read books by writers whose previous works have appeared on various standardized tests, such as the PSAT, SAT, and ACT.

Morning Book Camp (4 days / week)

Class Tue–Fri 9:00am–12:00pm

Tuition: \$1500 / 8 weeks

Afternoon Book Camp (4 days / week)

Class Tue–Fri 3:00pm–6:00pm

Tuition: \$1500 / 8 weeks

Weekend Book Camp (1 day / week)

Class Saturday 9:00am–12:00pm

Tuition: \$700 / 8 weeks

ELITE ACADEMIC CONSULTING

College Application Workshop

Learn how to write unique, memorable, and powerful college application essays. We'll match you with an Elite instructor to help organize your ideas and tell your story, meeting with you individually to proofread, critique, and revise multiple drafts until you have compelling and polished personal statements.

Elite Academic Consulting

Students are guided through the maze of college admissions by an expert team of consultants, headed by our Chief Consultants who have years of experience in the college admissions process at UC and Ivy League campuses.

eTLC Membership

This all-inclusive package equips a student with an individualized plan of action through one-on-one counseling and unlimited access to any and all Elite group classes. Regular workshops with our seasoned counselor will allow the student to discover interests and strengths, to learn study skills and time management, and to prepare for the required tests for college admission.

Please contact us for program details and tuition.



Elite Prep Fountain Valley is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission



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IMPORTANT DATES



May

- 3 June 2 SAT Reasoning and Subject Test Regular Registration Deadline
- 4 June 9 ACT Regular Registration Deadline
- 5 SAT Reasoning and Subject Test Date
- 7 AP Exams Begin
- 18 May 5 SAT R Multiple-Choice and S Scores available online
- 23 June 2 SAT Reasoning and Subject Test LATE Registration Deadline
- 28 Memorial Day

June

- 2 SAT Reasoning and Subject Test Date
- 9 ACT Test Date
- 11 Final Exam week for local high schools
- 25 Elite Summer 2018 Programs start

