



## PROVIDENCE HALL

OPPORTUNITY PROFILE  
for the position of

## HEADMASTER

### *Our Mission*

Providence Hall is an independent college preparatory school that exists to challenge young men and women to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, to develop a passion for the pursuit of truth and excellence, and to love others as themselves through character, service, and leadership. Providence hall is dedicated to the education of the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—and to the pursuit of truth, beauty, and excellence in all of schooling and life.

The training of the mind is the core of our school's educational philosophy, equipping our students to excel academically as well as to become beacons of wisdom and leadership in a culture of continuous and rapid change. To that end, Providence Hall emphasizes the fundamentals of strong writing, analytical skills, and independent thinking throughout an interdisciplinary curriculum, preparing students for entrance into the finest colleges and universities in the country. Our curriculum emphasizes not only formation in the subjects traditional to the arts and sciences, but also logic, ethics, competitive athletics, fine arts, and technology.

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# Our Community

Santa Barbara is located 90 miles WNW of Los Angeles, along the Pacific coast. The city lies in a spectacularly beautiful area between the Santa Ynez Mountains and the ocean. These mountains rise steeply behind the city. Several peaks exceed 4,000 feet. Every few years snow falls on the mountains, but it usually melts within a few days. In and beyond the mountains is the Los Padres National Forest with several wilderness areas.

Santa Barbara's climate is "Mediterranean," which is, well, just about perfect. In 2000 the city had a population of about 90,000, while the surrounding urban area had a population of approximately 220,000.

Santa Barbara is a popular tourist and resort destination. Visitors come for the fine weather, beaches, historical sites, educational institutions, and the arts. The architectural image of Santa Barbara is Spanish Colonial Revival style. Among the architectural icons are Mission Santa Barbara and the Presidio of Santa Barbara, a Spanish military post built in 1782. Surfing is part of the Santa Barbara beach culture. Big name surfers like Tom Curren and Kelly Slater—and wannabe surfers as well—go north to The Point or south to Rincon.

Many artists live in the Santa Barbara area. Several museums, a variety of galleries, a major arts & crafts show, and an international film festival draw art lovers and tourists year around. Santa Barbara is also a haven for classical music lovers with a symphony orchestra and many non-profit classical music groups.

There are five colleges and universities in the area, notably University of California, Santa Barbara and Westmont College. Westmont, a liberal arts college in the evangelical Protestant tradition, has a fine reputation in the community and nationally. Providence Hall is blessed by close ties with the college, and individual support from administrators and professors.

## Distinctives

The academic program offers a full range of college preparatory courses, which are taught by an outstanding young faculty who mentor as well as facilitate the learning of each student. The size of the school allows for personalized relations and activities for students and their families with faculty and staff.

Providence Hall takes a semi-classical approach, emphasizing the study of the great ideas which underlie Western Civilization. This approach is built on a humanities core course, double credit, for teaching English and history. Additional disciplines—philosophy, art, music, political science, economics, and rhetoric—are included as well. The semi-classical approach makes use of significant class discussion and considerable writing.

While not espousing "right wing" positions or encouraging support for a particular political party, Providence Hall values limited government, personal responsibility, free and open markets, the sanctity of life, and religious freedom. Providence Hall teachers, though not uncritical of American culture or history, affirm the basic values of our national heritage.

Providence Hall's religious and philosophical stance is an unapologetic commitment to the evangelical protestant branch of the Christian church. At the same time teachers and staff are respectful of other Christian traditions.



# Our School

After one year of preparation, Providence Hall High School opened its doors in September of 2007 with seven faculty members and 25 students. Half of the beautiful Notre Dame School in historic downtown Santa Barbara was leased as the campus. In 2009 enrollment stands at 55, with an increase of 30 students expected each year.

The academic program is rigorous, preparing students well for admission to the finest colleges and universities in the country. Highly qualified teachers nurture critical thinking and communication skills, both writing and speaking. The curriculum provides strong offerings in the sciences, mathematics, and foreign languages, as well as music, art, and theater. The four-year Foundations of the Christian Faith sequence includes What Christians Believe, Church History, Biblical Studies, Christian Missions, and Christian World View.

The curricular program is supported by off-campus activities—retreats, field trips, all-school parties, sports and fitness activities—and by weekly student chapels and a range of co-curricular activities. Already Providence Hall has a successful athletic program, providing interscholastic competition in cross country, girls' volleyball, basketball, and track and field. Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, Providence Hall teams will compete in CIF athletic conferences.

At present Providence Hall shares the Notre Dame School campus with an excellent Catholic K-8 school. It is located in one of the most attractive areas of Santa Barbara and has ample space for recreational fields and outdoor activities. There are several quiet parks within a two-block radius, and Providence Hall is just three blocks from the Arlington Theater and downtown Santa Barbara.

Though a young school, Providence Hall is already fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).



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## Qualifications

To carry out the above responsibilities, the Board of Providence Hall seeks a high-energy and visionary leader, a competent, experienced manager to give voice and direction to the school in the decade ahead.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated Christian life, a deep understanding of Christian education, and a commitment to the core values and vision of Providence Hall.

Further, he/she will have demonstrated team building skills, the ability to inspire and motivate colleagues, entrepreneurial spirit, and comfort and capability in fundraising.

The ability to articulate the mission and vision of the school in all media is essential. Specifically this involves skillfully and persuasively speaking and writing and using technology effectively.

Qualified candidates will have at least a Master's Degree in education or business (MBA) or a comparable degree in an associated discipline.

## To Apply

A completed application includes the following:

1. Current resume
2. Written Statement of Faith
3. Transcripts of college and graduate study (unofficial copies acceptable)
4. At least three letters of recommendation
5. List of references with contact information

Send completed application to:

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## The Position

The Headmaster is the chief executive officer, educational leader, and visionary leader of the school. The head of school is responsible to the Board of Directors for the entire program and operation of the school. This includes the curriculum, faculty and staff, students, facilities, and finances. He/she administers the school internally and represents the school externally.

As visionary leader the Headmaster continually focuses the planning and action of the faculty and staff on twin purposes: developing the intellect of students and building lasting moral strength and character. As "Keeper of the Dream," the head of school ensures that an attitude of love and respect permeates the school, reflecting that it exists for students, each a unique and loved creation by God. He/she ensures that the school is a place of serious academic purpose and a safe place in all ways. The head continually exemplifies the core values of Providence Hall and articulates the school's vision in convincing and infectious ways within the school and in the Santa Barbara community.

Internally most of the academic program and daily operations are delegated to the very able Academic Dean, who directly supervises the faculty and staff. Of course, no major decisions are made without consulting the Headmaster.

As Providence Hall is still a young school, in its growth phase, the Headmaster will be expected to plan and carry out a strong and effective program of admissions and devote major time and attention to developing a support community and broadening the base of major donors. The head of school's priority will be to position Providence Hall as the educational leader in the Santa Barbara area and establish the reputation of PH as the accessible and academically superior choice for Christian families.

