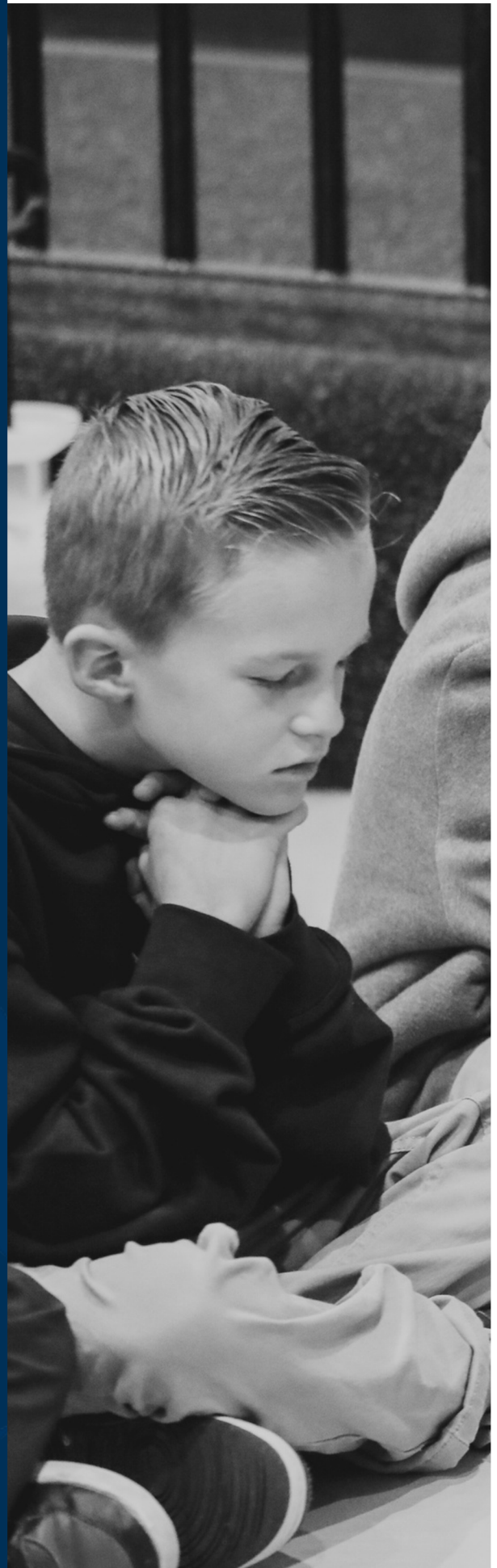




2023-2024
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



ABOUT US

At United Christian Academy, we are committed to academic excellence and helping our children develop as strong, healthy, and mature Christians. We desire for our students to learn skills in and out of the classroom that will prepare them for the future that God has in store for them. Each year, we remain prayerfully dedicated to moving forward with Christ as our center and focus.



Academic Excellence. Christian Character.

MISSION & VISION

To educate students by integrating academic excellence with a Christian worldview, equipping them to impact their world for Christ.

UC Academy shall be a reflection of God's excellence in school instruction and operation.

A REVIEW OF OUR

*Expected Student
Learning Results*



CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKERS



RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS



MATURING CHRISTIANS



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS



SCHOOL THEME

Bearing Fruit

United Christian Academy spent the 23-24 school year focusing on bearing fruit. In an alignment with our ESLRs, we saw our students, staff, and community remain on the vine and produce fruit that reflects Jesus. Through worship, study, service, and commitment we have seen tremendous growth and achievement for the Kingdom.

Throughout this report, you will see UCA as it reflects its ESLRs, Core Values, and culture. In the first several sections you will read examples and statistics for each of the four Expected Student Learning Requirements: Maturing Christians, Responsible Citizens, Effective Communicators, and Critical and Creative Thinkers. We will share stories that exemplify our Core Values, and proudly share where we are headed in the future.

We are most proud of the impact we are seeing in the world for Christ. Our students have broad academic achievements, strong character, and most importantly, bold faith in Christ Jesus. We hope that throughout this report, you will share that same sense of pride for United Christian Academy.

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8



CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKERS

Who are able to:

- Access and assess data
- Recognize problems and develop a plan to solve them
- Learn independently and collaboratively
- Investigate beyond the obvious, distinguish fact from opinion and integrate various disciplines
- Demonstrate innovative problem-solving



United Christian Academy is regularly evaluating its academic offerings to determine where improvements can be made. Last year, the desire to create a robust STEAM program that would allow students the opportunity to combine Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics in one class came to fruition. Through the STEAM program, UCA students are afforded a space for experimentation, an environment that encourages exploration, and the gift of failure.



Using everyday resources like pencils and advanced resources like codable drones, our students are able to create, develop, and build a wide range of projects highlighting their creativity.

Thank You

to our IMPACT parents for supporting our STEAM development with the purchase of 10 codable drones, 30 merge cubes, and a Science Assembly!

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Who are able to:

- Demonstrate a knowledge and use of general life skills
- Understand various viewpoints, belief systems, and cultures in today's world
- Develop and maintain proper relationships (with peers and authorities)
- Take personal responsibility and accept consequences for life choices
- Live healthy lives, including appropriate nutrition and physical fitness
- Serve and impact the community they live in

It is important that our students understand their individual role in their community as well as their ability to make a global impact for Christ. Students are encouraged to volunteer and participate in different activities that remind them of how uniquely gifted they are but also how they contribute to a bigger and broader global community.

For the first time, United Christian Academy had a participant in Boys & Girls State. After contacting the American Legion for sponsorship, an interview process was conducted with eight UCA students. Through an evaluation process, the American Legion selected Marissa Fileto (12th grade) to represent United Christian Academy during a weeklong immersive experience at Boys and Girls State.

To learn more about Boys & Girls State, visit: www.boystatecalifornia.org

Marissa joins the following list of notable Boys & Girls State alumni:

- *Mike Huckabee*
- *Tim Scott*
- *Scott Walker*
- *Cory Booker*
- *Hon. Samuel Alito*
- *Stacy Keach*
- *Jon Bon Jovi*
- *Roger Ebert*
- *Michael Jordan*
- *Phil Jackson*
- *Nick Saban*
- *Tom Brokaw*
- *Dr. Ben Sasse*
- *Neil Armstrong*



MATURING CHRISTIANS

Each year, United Christian Academy considers many factors when fostering Maturing Christians. Teachers, chapel speakers, and coaches all play a key role in the spiritual development of our students. Each with his or her own influence, our students find themselves gleaning from the everyday life of the teacher, the conduct of the coach in and out of competition, and in groups led by leaders all over campus. In addition to the voices leading and speaking, our students are able to join and lead their peers in groups and positions of spiritual influence.

One family who has seen consistent spiritual growth in their children is the Alfaro family. Jeremiah (6th grade) has been at UCA since kindergarten.

Who are able to:

- Define and defend a Biblical worldview
- Study, learn, and apply Scripture
- Recognize and utilize gifts and talents
- Continually grow in obedience and faithfulness to God

Through seasons of challenge and blessing, Jeremiah has had teachers who have poured into him, prayed with and over him and his family, and allowed him to live into his gifting. As a 5th grader, Jeremiah ran for Student Council Chaplin. While he didn't win, he did learn that he can serve the Lord in a chaplain role without holding the official title.

Now, in Junior High, Jeremiah is active in Chapel Committee where he is able to help create Chapel programs, pray for his peers, and use his gifting to nurture his own spiritual growth as well as the growth of those around him.



To learn more about Jeremiah and his family's story, scan here.

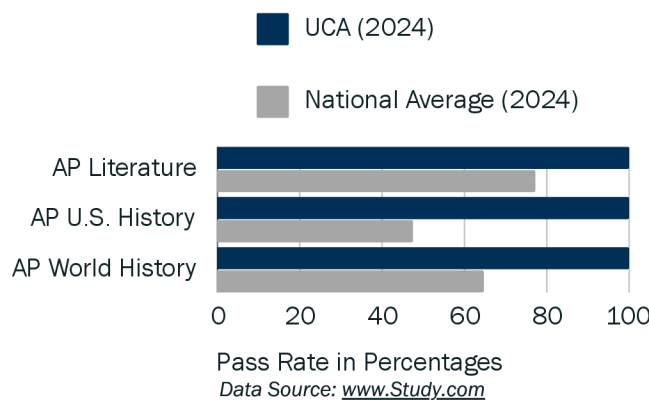
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

Who are able to:

- Comprehend and retain information through listening and reading skills
- Organize and express ideas effectively through verbal and written communication
- Express themselves through the arts, athletics, or media
- Use appropriate forms of current technology

At United Christian, we understand that being an effective communicator requires more than just being able to articulate your opinion. It demands good listening skills, the ability to process opinion from fact, and the restraint to share thoughtfully and respectfully. Through day-to-day interaction in the classroom, on the playground, in clubs, sports, and other activities, UCA students communicate with peers, adults, and students both younger and older than them.

At every grade level, students are able to showcase their communication skill development through written assignments, projects, and presentations. By integrating art and technology, students are learning to demonstrate their understanding of a subject using creative mediums. The assignments become more complex as each student advances, but so does their ability to prioritize information and create cohesive thoughts, reasoning, and strategy. Perhaps one of the most challenging examples of UCA students learning to effectively communicate is found in the AP coursework. In the 2023-2024 school year, UCA had three courses in which 100% of the students taking the exam, passed.



AP[®]
School Honor Roll
2023-2024

In recognition of schools that have done outstanding work to welcome more students into AP courses, deliver substantial results, and support students on the path to college success.

CLASS OF 2024 *at a glance*

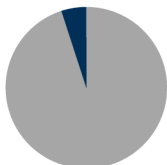


AN ABBREVIATED REPRESENTATION OF THE DESTINATION COLLEGES AND VOCATIONS OF THE CLASS OF 2024

100%
GRADUATION RATE

AWARDED OVER **\$8.2M**
IN SCHOLARSHIPS

 **82%**
of the Class of 2024 graduated with a **GPA of over 4.0**
- therefore qualifying for Valedictorian Society



95% COLLEGE BOUND

5% WORK FORCE OR OTHER

Our CORE VALUES

United Christian Academy has four core values anchoring its community.

Christ-Centered

- Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- Christ is the image of the invisible God...all things were created by Him and for Him... He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.
- We purpose to know Christ and to become like Him.
- We seek Christ's pre-eminence in all things.

Academic Excellence

- Our teaching is in harmony with Scripture.
- We prepare students for college, career, life, and eternity.
- Our education meets or exceeds State/National standards.
- We use proven, effective teaching methods.
- Our students perform at their full potential.

Loving Community

- We love one another as Christ first loved us.
- We delight in God's grace, extend it to others, and foster its growth.
- We practice accountability and uphold one another to high standards.
- Our students are committed to building community and serving others.

Transformational Learning

- Productive life changes (transformation) is the goal of our education.
- We seek growth of the whole person: mental, spiritual, physical, and social.
- We cultivate joyful, respectful obedience in students.
- We help students discover their life's purpose and equip them to fulfill it with excellence.

Our Gift
to You!



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We are excited to share that every family and student at UCA has been gifted FREE access to an extensive, video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. As a school, we're always looking for ways to help our families develop and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ! We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve your family as you live out your faith at home, at work, and in your classroom. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow in Christ!

To join for free, scan the QR code above or use this link: www.RightNow.org/Account/Invite/UCA

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Board President



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Board Member



Rich Munkvold
Board Member



Angie Richey
Board Member



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