

CBK Update

April Board Meeting



College Acceptances Update

Nothing is finalized yet. Admissions and waitlist decisions are still being sorted. I'll have final numbers, along with a comparison of last year's Seniors, at the May board meeting. Accepted schools:

Berkeley	Merced	SDSU	Sonoma St.	Wesleyan
UCLA	Santa Barbara	CSU-EB	SJ State	Parsons (NY)
Irvine	Riverside	SF State	Sacramento	USC
Davis	San Diego	Longbeach	NYU Shanghai	HBCUs

CBK Continued...

*Helping students with appeal letters related to: waitlist status, rejection status, financial aid

*Held a financial aid workshop for the Seniors; have begun meeting one-on-one with students (and some parents) about college plans. Will continue to end of month.

*Organizing field trips to local community colleges

*Released the 2019 AIMS scholarship contest to the students: \$1500 Alice Spearman STEM-related scholarship, \$1500 David Chiu creative field-related scholarship, 2 x \$1000 general scholarship.

Example essay prompt from Alice Spearman Scholarship:

Most scientists will tell you, at its core, science peddles in facts, not values. That “scientists strongly abhor fraud, error, and pseudoscience, while they value reliability, testability, accuracy, precision, generality, and simplicity of concepts.” (Hassan Zohoor, *The Experiences and Challenges of Science and Ethics*). However, what happens to these “facts” if the scientist(s) are raised and educated in an environment where their moral system or respective culture hinders true, *factual*, enlightenment? Examples range from female scientists like Jocelyn Bell Burnell and Chien-Shiung Wu whose work directly led to Nobel Prizes— for their male colleagues— to the widely accepted late nineteenth-century European thought that the skulls and posture of European races are more developed than those of African ancestry. In fact, a recent study concluded self-driving cars are more likely to hit black pedestrians than white pedestrians because, simply put, the lack of diversity in the programmer workforce leads to “algorithmic bias.” So, moving forward, **why are ethics and values in science so important in the constantly technologically evolving world we live in?** Think about the various cultures, ethnicities, politics, and religions that co-exist using real-world events as examples and guiding points.

CBK misc.

*Organized and oversaw PSATs for the 9th (130+) and 10th (108) grades. It was... a success!

*Continuing push for summer extracurriculars; latest update is one acceptance and one waitlist to USC Bovard program, I'm submitted recommendations to several other programs, and we're still awaiting Stanford's decisions on their medical program.

*All AP tests have been ordered.

*Almost all Juniors have either taken the SAT or are scheduled to take the SAT. Still need to sign up around 20 students for the June sitting.