



## **BERKELEY ACADEMY** FOR MULTICULTURAL STUDIES

### **SCHOOL PROFILE** **2023-2024**

**Vision:** To empower all of our students to positively impact and change the world.

**Core Values:** Honor. Prestige. Excellence.

**Established:** August 2013

#### **Accreditation/Associations:**

Costa Rican Ministry of Education

(Ministerio de Educacion Publica; Direccion de Educacion Privada)

College Board Institutional Member

#### **Graduation Program and Curriculum Standards:**

The U.S. High School (based on the UC/CSU “A-G” Course Requirements) and the Costa Rican National Baccalaureate programs are offered. Diplomas are awarded for each program. The official languages of instruction are: English for U.S. required courses and Spanish for Costa Rican required courses.

#### **Academic Calendar and Hours of Instruction:**

Berkeley Academy utilizes one academic calendar – the North American calendar (Costa Rican horario diferenciado). Academic school years are divided into two (2) semesters (Fall, Spring). Two (2) semesters are sub-divided into four (4) quarters (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th). Students are physically on campus from 7:45am – 2:45pm, Monday through Friday.

**Campus:** 30 classrooms, 1 auditorium on 5,000 sq meters (Apprx. 1 acre).

**Enrollment:** 350 Students (Apprx. 1/3 U.S. & Canadian Citizens; 2/3 Costa Rican or Other Nationality)

**Total staff and faculty:** 52 (10 Administrative Personnel; 42 Faculty); 42 Faculty (32 female, 10 male)

**Student/Faculty Ratio:** 17:1

**Average Class Size:** 16

#### **Community Service Graduation Requirement:**

A total of 100 certified community service hours is required for graduation beginning from Grade 9 through Grade 12.

#### **Student/Computer Ratio and Technology:**

“Bring your own electronic device” policy; 100% of classrooms have internet access. Berkeley Academy students are supported by Google Education Apps and have personalized accounts with Google Education products.

**Class Rank:** Berkeley Academy provides exact class rank. Student admission to Berkeley Academy is highly selective (10% admissions rate) and based on academic capacity as well as superior conduct.

### **BERKELEY ACADEMY LEADERSHIP**

**Peter J. Swing, Ed.M.**  
*President - Co-founder*

**Yorlenny M. Aguilar**  
*Vice President - Co-founder*

**Beth Martin**  
*Head of School*

**Ximena Castillo**  
*Deputy Head of School*

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

**College Board/CEEB**  
School Code: 834156

**College Board Institutional**  
Membership ID: 200682275

**Costa Rican**  
**Ministry of Education**

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### Grading Scale:

Unweighted – 0.00 to 4.00 | Weighted – 0.00 – 4.30

4.0 = 95-100 A, 3.9 = 94 A, 3.8 = 93 A, 3.7 = 92 A, 3.6 = 91 A, 3.5 = 90 A, 3.4 = 89 B, 3.3 = 88 B, 3.2 = 87 B, 3.1 = 86 B, 3.0 = 85 B, 2.9 = 84 B, 2.8 = 83 B, 2.7 = 82 B, 2.6 = 81 B, 2.5 = 80 B, 2.4 = 79 C, 2.3 = 78 C, 2.2 = 77 C, 2.1 = 76 C, 2.0 = 75 C, 1.9 = 74 C, 1.8 = 73 C, 1.7 = 72 C, 1.6 = 71 C, 1.5 = 70 C, 1.4 = 69 D, 1.3 = 68 D, 1.2 = 67 D, 1.1 = 66 D, 1.0 > = 65 > F Additional points = (1.0) is computed for AP courses with an 85% or higher in course.

### AP and Honors Courses:

Berkeley Academy offers 27 AP courses and 20 Honors courses.

**AP Courses** – Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Capstone\*, Chemistry, Comparative Government and Politics, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, French Language and Culture, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Physics 2: Algebra-Based, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture, Statistics, Studio Art (Drawing), Studio Art (2-D Design), U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics, and World History.

\*Consists of AP Research and AP Seminar

**Honors Courses** – Pre-AP English Literature and Composition (9-12th Grade), English Literature and Composition (9-12th Grade), Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Life Sciences, U.S. History, World History, Introduction to Western Philosophy, and Geography.

### Standardized Exams:

AP Exams, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, Costa Rican National Exit Exams

### Extracurricular Activities:

Berkeley Academy offers the following student groups – Model United Nations, Debate Team, Berkeley Academy Students for Engineering, Berkeley Academy Students In Computer Science, Associated Student Body, Journalism/Yearbook, Berkeley Academy Community Service Club, Berkeley Academy Business Entrepreneurial Leaders, Berkeley Academy Students in Film, Berkeley Academy Soup Kitchen, Berkeley Academy Dance Team.

### Sports Teams:

Boys JV/Varsity Soccer, Girls JV/Varsity Soccer, Boys JV/Varsity Volleyball, Girls JV/Varsity Volleyball, Boys JV/Varsity Basketball, Girls JV/Varsity Basketball, Boys and Girls Varsity Golf, Track and Field, and Cross Country.

### Regional Honors:

- Berkeley Academy was recognized as a center of excellence by the Costa Rican Ministry of Education's Private School Department in April 2015-23.
- Berkeley Academy's President was awarded the *Premio Don Quijote de La Mancha Costa Rica* in 2021.

### International Recognition:

- Berkeley Academy was recognized in publications from the Harvard Graduate School of Education regarding its methodology and administrative leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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## University Acceptances:

From 2015-2023 Berkeley Academy students have received offers of admission to the following universities:

Academy of Arts University (2)	Lynn University (5)	<b>University of California, Los Angeles (2)</b>
Art Institute of California, S.F. (3)	Manchester University	University of California, Riverside (3)
<b>American University</b>	Marquette University	<b>University of California, San Diego (8)</b>
Barry University	Mercer University	University of California, Santa Barbara (3)
Bentley University	Michigan State University (2)	University of California, Santa Cruz (3)
Bethel College	<b>McGill University</b>	University of Central Florida (3)
<b>Boston University (2)</b>	National Taiwan University (Taiwan)	University of Costa Rica
<b>Brigham Young University - Provo, Utah</b>	National University of Costa Rica	<b>University of Florida (11)</b>
BYU - Hawaii, Utah	<b>New York University</b>	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
BYU - Rexburg, Idaho	<b>Northeastern University (3)</b>	University of Kentucky
Bryant University	Otterbein University	<b>University of Maryland – College Park</b>
California Polytechnic State University	Pennsylvania State University	<b>University of Massachusetts, Amherst</b>
Carleton University	<b>Purdue University (4)</b>	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Clarkson University	Providence College	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Colorado State University	Quinnipiac University	<b>University of Miami (5)</b>
<b>Columbia University (2)</b>	Reed College	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Costa Rica Institute of Technology	Rockford University	University of Nevada Las Vegas
<b>Dartmouth College (2)</b>	Rollins College	<b>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</b>
Denison University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Ottawa
DePaul University (3)	Saint Leo University	University of Oregon
Drake University	Saint Louis University	<b>University of Richmond</b>
Duke Kunshan University (China)	Saint Louis University - Madrid	University of San Francisco (5)
Eckerd College	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	University of San Diego (2)
Emmanuel College	San Diego State University (8)	University of Southampton - UK
Esade Barcelona - Spain	San Francisco State University (5)	<b>University of Southern California (3)</b>
Fairfield University	Seton Hall University (4)	University of Tampa
Florida Atlantic University (4)	St. Thomas University	University of Texas at El Paso
Florida Institute of Technology	SUNY, Albany	University of the Incarnate Word
Florida International University	SUNY, Alfred State College	<b>University of Toronto (2)</b>
Florida Memorial University	SUNY, Binghamton University	University of Texas at Austin
<b>Florida State University (4)</b>	SUNY at Buffalo	<b>University of Virginia</b>
<b>Fordham University (3)</b>	SUNY, ESF	University of Washington, Bethel (3)
Gannon University (4)	SUNY, Farmingdale State College	<b>University of Washington, Seattle (3)</b>
<b>Georgetown University</b>	SUNY, New Paltz	University of Washington, Tacoma (3)
<b>Georgia Institute of Technology (3)</b>	SUNY, Old Westbury	<b>University of Waterloo</b>
Goucher University	SUNY, Purchase College	<b>University of Wisconsin, Madison</b>
<b>Harvard College</b>	Stonehill College	Utrecht University - The Netherlands
Hawaii Pacific University	Stony Brook University	<b>Valparaiso University</b>
Hofstra University (7)	Syracuse University	<b>Vanderbilt University (2)</b>
Hult International Business School	Towson University	<b>Vassar College</b>
I.E. University	Universidad Camilo Jose Cela (Spain)	<b>Virginia Tech</b>
Jacksonville University (2)	Universidad de Navarra (Spain) (3)	<b>Washington and Lee University (3)</b>
John Cabot University (Rome)	University of Arizona (3)	Washington State University
Johnson & Wales University	<b>University of British Columbia (5)</b>	Xavier University
Loyola University Chicago	<b>University of California, Berkeley (3)</b>	<b>Yeshiva University</b>
Loyola University Maryland	University of California, Davis (6)	
Loyola University New Orleans	University of California, Irvine (3)	

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED TO BERKELEY ACADEMY  
STUDENTS TO U.S. COLLEGES SINCE 2013**

**\$6,795,000 USD+**