



Thank you for your interest in Oakwood!

The admission season will certainly be an adventure this year as we navigate a remote visiting process, but please rest assured that our office will be here for your family every step of the way. In an ideal world, Oakwood would love to show you all the magic that happens at Oakwood live and in person.



We have generated a number of virtual events to help you and your family get to know everything about Oakwood. To RSVP for these events, please complete the registration form below. In the meantime, we encourage you to explore our [website](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).



“Embrace the Moment, is an optimistic call to action to use this moment in time as an opportunity to learn and grow” - Jaime Dominguez, Oakwood’s Head of School. [Read more here](#) as Jaime shares the challenges and opportunities Oakwood will be meeting head-on this year.

GET TO KNOW OAKWOOD SCHOOL

Throughout the fall, Oakwood School will be hosting several virtual events that are tailored specifically for parents and students. Register today to reserve your spot!

Prospective Parent/Guardian Virtual Events

Thursday, September 24 at 7 AM

Saturday, October 24 at 9 AM

Parent/Guardian Virtual Coffee with the Athletic Director

Friday, December 9 at 9:00 AM

Student Information Sessions:

Middle School Information Sessions (applicants for grades 7th-8th) - 9/10, 9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 11/5, 11/10, 12/3. *All sessions are at 3:30 PM.*

High School Information Sessions (applicants for grades 9th-12th) - 9/15, 10/8, 10/22, 10/27, 11/19, 12/8. *All sessions are at 3:30 PM.*

**RESERVE YOUR
SPOT**



Left to right: Angel, Jenna, Jenny, Sarah, and Yvette

Wondering who you will be meeting with this upcoming admission season?

The **Oakwood Admission Team** is dedicated to supporting your family throughout the admission process.

Jenna Frost, Director of Admission 7-12

Born and raised in Los Angeles and always admiring Oakwood from afar, I jumped at the opportunity to join the Oakwood community. Now 14 years later, I'm not only the Admission Director but I'm also the parent of two Oakwood elementary campus students. While admission work keeps me pretty busy, I love sponsoring student-led clubs. I currently sponsor AFWA (Appreciation for Female Athletes) and love cheering on **our teams**. Sponsoring the Best Buddies club and the Greater Middle Eastern Affinity Group also brings me great delight. I would love to bring back the middle school art and lit magazine. So if you're interested, let me know and we'll add it for next year! In essence, Oakwood is the secondary school I wish I could have attended, and I genuinely can't wait to share with you the school I love with all my heart.

Yvette Poydras, Assistant Director of Admission 7-12

My name is Yvette Poydras, and I'm the Assistant Director of Admission. I've been at Oakwood School for 15 years and I couldn't imagine myself working anywhere else. In addition to my role in the admission office, I also had two children attend Oakwood. I'm an advisor and a faculty sponsor for **CAAMASO** (Connecting African, African American, Multi-racial African American Students at Oakwood), Divas of Color, and GirlTalk (a digital feminist newspaper). Additionally, I earned a Master's Degree in Educational Technology and truly enjoy teaching web design and other **independent study courses**. What I love most about Oakwood is that it's not just a job to me, it's a community, and feels like a second family.

Sarah Culberson, Director of Outreach 7-12

I first came to Oakwood School as a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion speaker with a book that I co-authored called, *A Princess Found* – my journey of growing up transracially adopted and meeting my birth family in West Africa. After my presentation, I remarked to the principal that I was blown away by the family and community connection reflected at Oakwood. In that moment the principal turned to me and asked, “Would you like to work here?” Ten years later and I’m proud to be at Oakwood School as the Director of Outreach in Admission. My role includes outreach to the community, sharing Oakwood’s values with schools, families and organizations, as well as in reach to support new students as they transition to the school. I serve as a faculty sponsor for our student Affinity groups including Multiracial, Adoption, DIVAS of color, African and African American and Multiracial African American and the **Pad Project**.

Angel Solano, Admission Officer 7-12

Prior to joining Oakwood School, I spent over nine years at the Independent School Alliance for Minority Affairs (The Alliance), a community-based organization that represents and supports underrepresented families of color in independent schools. During my time at The Alliance, I discovered Oakwood and connected with the school’s philosophy and found Oakwood to be a great school choice for so many families of color. The joy and warmth I felt on the first day I stepped onto the Oakwood campus, I still feel today – three years later. The highlights for me are engaging with students (shout out to my 8th-grade advisory), **Immersion**, camping trips, sports games, and the many student-led clubs I have joined at Oakwood School (six clubs this year! B.M.O.R.E., Black/Brown Mentors of Oakwood Representing Excellence, Somos Unidos, Horror Movie Club, the Gardening Club, and Painting with Bob Ross).

Jenny Meza, Admission Coordinator 7-12

My name is Jenny Meza, and I joined the Oakwood Admission Team in 2019 as the 7-12 Admission Coordinator. If you can believe it, I was a student at Oakwood for twelve years and graduated in 2012. In addition to managing the admission office, I'm a 9th-grade advisor, I helped start SOMOS Unidos (Oakwood's LatinX Affinity Group) in 2011 and now I'm a faculty sponsor. Additionally, I'm a member of the Alumni Council and run our **Student Admission Committee** (which currently has over 150 members!). One of the aspects that drew me back to Oakwood was that I've always been inspired by the interactions between students and teachers as they discover their voices and become caring leaders. Returning to Oakwood has been like coming home!

Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to meeting you and your family!

Warmly,

The Oakwood School Admission Team

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