

Ten Years of Inspiration

Inspire
School of Arts & Sciences

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences
celebrates its first
decade in Chico



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A TEACHER'S VIEW

"Teaching is much more than just a job. It requires a substantial investment of time, energy, passion, patience, resistance to frustration, and commitment — but the rewards, though intermittent, are substantial. You have an impact on lives for good or otherwise.

"I've worked at many schools, and no school has demanded such a deep devotion but returned such deep satisfaction as Inspire. At any school, you form wonderful relationships with students and fellow staff. This is amplified here. There is a great sense of being in it together and that what we do and how we do it matters.

"Partly, it's being a charter school with greater autonomy and thus greater responsibility. Partly, it's a fabulous founding vision with staff and students committed to seeing that vision realized and even changing that vision when needed. Partly, it's the reality that we're a little different and we do things differently. Partly, it's recognition that relationships and motivation are the keys to unlocking potential. Wholly, it's wonderful people and a dedication to not just getting things done but getting them done right that makes us Inspire."

Scott Gunderson
Science/Engineering

A Message from Inspire's Principal

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences is a tuition-free, college-prep public high school that offers a nurturing environment. It encourages connections with students, teachers, staff and our community. In fact, we invite you to join us in celebrating our 10th year since opening the doors in 2010.

The school began with a commitment to ensuring students are at the center of our school. Inspire continues to be a place where curiosity is the norm, risks are encouraged, creativity is valued, leadership is fostered and learning is supported.

How is this possible? Here is what we believe:

We believe that high school is a time of incredible growth and development.

This is a crucial developmental time for students to contribute to something they want to be a part of. Inspire offers students a wide variety of classes, programs and clubs to explore and join.

We believe that the arts and sciences are both needed to adequately prepare students for 21st-century demands.

Colleges and employers want students who can work collaboratively, use data to make decisions and be ready to think outside the box. At Inspire, we teach these skills that directly translate to success after high school.

We believe that Inspire's unique rotating block schedule allows students to take more than just the classes required for graduation.

Students can simultaneously take classes preparing them for college entrance, career preparation, personal exploration

and more! There are dozens of elective choices in fine arts, performing arts, science and engineering, as well as 10 Advanced Placement courses. The schedule also allows students to enroll in the High School Scholars program at Cal State University, Chico.

We believe that school size is important.

Schools are successful when operated on a "human scale." Inspire is designed for 480 students and every student is enrolled in the advisory program. Starting freshman year, this comprehensive program provides students an opportunity to access support and connect with their peers through graduation and beyond.

Above all, we are grateful to the families throughout Butte, Glenn and Tehama counties that have chosen Inspire. We are proud of our nearly 650 alumni who tell us Inspire prepared them well for life after high school.

Finally, we invite you to join us at Inspire and discover ways to contribute to our mission and support our talented staff and students. Please call (530) 891-3090 to reserve your spot on our next campus tour.

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INSPIRE'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences will embark on a capital campaign in the 2019-20 school year to fund the construction of a new school campus.

The goal of the campaign is a 21st-century facility, capable of supporting the 21st-century learning that takes place every day at Inspire. The high school

campus will support innovation, imagination and creativity for both students and the greater Chico community.

The new design will include a state-of-the-art theatre complex, industry-standard digital, media and recording studios, contemporary maker-spaces that enhance the intersection of art

and science, and collaborative areas to ignite creativity and innovation.

A 21st-century campus will empower young people to bring their talents to the community and their ideas to the challenges we face in our nation and our world.

What the Students Say

Meet an alumnus, a recent grad and an incoming senior — all of whom are living their best lives

PHOTO COURTESY OF EMILY TEAGUE



“Inspire School of Arts & Sciences played a key role in the development of my character, confidence and creativity. My teachers were passionate role models I admired who truly cared for their students. They encouraged me to explore what I was interested in and were constantly providing their support.

I loved that there were so many creative courses offered and the A / B schedule allowed for more of those courses to be options.

After I graduated, I felt confident to set out into the world and pursue photography professionally, which I had started as a junior at Inspire. Since then, I've traveled and worked in 25 countries throughout North America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, the Caribbean and West Africa. I'm now living and working out of Brooklyn, New York, as an editorial and commercial photographer. I balance my passion for creating stories in fashion with telling the stories of others through my work with non-profits and non-governmental organizations.

I reflect on my time at Inspire often and am so grateful for all that it provided me. I gained a fantastic education, beneficial life skills, friends, a community, teachers I stay in touch with, and memories I cherish.”



Emily Teague

ASB President, Class of 2014

age 23

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“Coming into this school, there is a very high bar set — an expectation — to welcome each other, not just as students but as a family. Now in my fourth year here, I've developed this family with students I've been going to school with, but also with the new students coming in.

“I love all the teachers and staff. The classes are designed to challenge students, but we're also able to receive all the help and support we need. Many teachers stay after-hours or open their classrooms on weekends.

“Inspire is also definitely the best of both worlds with the combination of arts and science. And the teachers appreciate the aspects of the art world, like having to miss classes for rehearsal or set-building days.

“I came to Inspire wanting to perform, but I learned there is so much more to theatre: the production team, backstage, design, choreography, directing. I also had the opportunity to appear in ‘The Addams Family’ and ‘42nd Street,’ and I loved being on stage. So in the future, I would take any opportunity I can have to work in theatre.

“Inspire helps you ready yourself for any challenge and journey you'll be going through after graduation — either to college or to work. And the teachers and counselors are dedicated to finding you the best opportunities.”



Luciano Castaldo

Best Lead Actor Award, Rita Moreno California

High School Musical Awards, Class of 2020

age 16

PHOTO COURTESY OF OLIVIA CLARK



“Inspire helped me grow as a person because there were so many electives I was able to take from freshmen year on — and I had the unique opportunity to focus on engineering and dance.

“I was mainly a ballet dancer, but in the dance program, I was able to try out different styles and work with dancers I wouldn't have met otherwise. The dance shows are also student-choreographed, which some of my best friends did, and I got to be part of their creation, which was really fun.

“All the engineering classes are very hands-on. For example, sophomore year, there is a maze competition, where you work in groups of four or five, and design a robot to function without remote controls and the entire classroom becomes a maze. And in the STEM capstone project senior year, I worked with a partner and created an artificial environment to test the effects of added oxygen on insect size. We were able to run an engineering project and an actual science experiment.

“A couple of weeks after graduation, I started my first major career internship as a structural engineering intern, and in the fall, I'm going to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo as a civil engineering major. I want to design buildings and bridges and maybe work with Engineers Without Borders.”



Olivia Clark

Valedictorian, Class of 2019

age 17

Inspire Majors

Especialidades Escolares de Inspire



participate in Inspire events and at community events.

RECORDING ARTS MAJOR

Do you listen to recordings and want to create your own? Recording arts majors learn and experiment with industry-standard technology, instruments and computer software. You'll also gain experience with microphones, audio engineering, mixing, mastering and working in the studio. Recording arts majors work on projects from rehearsal to final mastered recording.

SCIENCE MAJOR

Are you fascinated by the world around you? A science major will give you the hands-on laboratory experience and critical thinking skills needed for a career in science or just to satisfy your curiosity for the unknown. Isolate your own DNA! Grow bacteria that glow! Use forensics to trace a disease outbreak!

TECHNICAL THEATRE MAJOR

Do you like to create magic from behind the scenes? A technical theatre major provides study in set design, costume design, makeup/hair design, lighting design, property design, scenery construction, scenic art, costume construction and sound design. You'll collaborate with the production team and can also focus on producing and stage managing.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE MAJOR

Do you think all the world's a stage? The theatre performance major provides training in the fundamental skills of acting, including improvisation, body control, voice/diction, pantomime, characterization and scene study format. Actors will have opportunities to perform in our Gala, theatre productions and musicals, as well as additional venues throughout our community.

VOCAL MUSIC MAJOR

Do you love to sing? The vocal music major offers training in various genres through pop band, choir, musical theatre and small vocal groups. You'll develop your vocal technique and your music reading skills, as well as learn to write and record your own songs and accompany yourself on the guitar and piano.

INSPIRE AWARDS

- Accredited Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC)
- Gold Ribbon School with an Exemplary Arts Program, State of California
- Ranked No. 1 Public High School in Butte County — Niche.com
- Ranked No. 1 Public High School in Chico — U.S. News & World Report
- Honor Roll School — Educational Result Partnership
- Exemplary School — Arts Schools Network
- Arts Equity School — Create California
- Support Music Merit Award — National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM)
- 98% graduate rate
- CAASPP achievement in English is 34% greater than the state average
- CAASPP achievement in Mathematics is 8% greater than the state average
- 70+ elective classes to choose from
- 12 Majors offered in the arts, science, engineering and humanities
- 10 Advanced Placement courses (85% passing rate on AP exams)
- Six Project Lead the Way engineering courses
- Spanish program taught through “target language” methods

GRABACIÓN

¿Escuchas grabaciones y quieres crear las tuyas propias? Los estudiantes de las artes de grabación aprenden y experimentan con tecnología, instrumentos y software de computadora acorde al estándar de la industria. También podrás adquirir experiencia con micrófonos, ingeniería de audio, mezcla, masterización y trabajando en el estudio. Los estudiantes de las artes de grabación trabajan en proyectos desde ensayos hasta la grabación final masterizada.

CIENCIAS

¿Estás fascinado por el mundo que te rodea? Una especialización en ciencias te dará la experiencia práctica de laboratorio y las habilidades de pensamiento crítico necesarias para una carrera en ciencias o simplemente para satisfacer tu curiosidad por lo desconocido. ¡Aísla tu propio ADN! ¡Cultiva bacterias que brillan! ¡Usa la ciencia forense para rastrear el brote de una enfermedad!

TEATRO TÉCNICO

¿Te gusta crear magia tras bastidores? Un estudiante de teatro técnico estudia el diseño de escenarios, diseño de vestuario, maquillaje/peluquería, diseño de iluminación, diseño de propiedades, construcción de escenarios, arte escénico, construcción de vestuario y diseño de sonido. Colaborarás con el equipo de producción y también podrás centrarte en la producción y la gestión de escenarios.

INTERPRETACIÓN TEATRAL

¿Crees que todo el mundo es un escenario? El estudiante de interpretación teatral recibe entrenamiento en las habilidades fundamentales de la actuación, incluyendo la improvisación, el control del cuerpo, la voz/dicción, la pantomima, la caracterización y el formato de estudio de escena. Los actores tendrán la oportunidad de actuar en nuestra Gala, en nuestras producciones teatrales y musicales, así como en eventos adicionales en toda nuestra comunidad.

MÚSICA VOCAL

¿Te gusta cantar? La especialización en música vocal ofrece formación en varios géneros como banda pop, coro, teatro musical y grupos vocales pequeños. Desarrollarás tu técnica vocal y tus habilidades de lectura musical, así como aprenderás a escribir y grabar tus propias canciones acompañándote con guitarra y piano.

PREMIOS DE INSPIRE

- Acreditada por la Asociación occidental de escuelas y universidades (WASC)
- Escuela de Cinta de Oro con un Programa ejemplar de artes, estado de California
- Puesto n°1 Escuela secundaria pública en el Condado de Butte — Niche.com
- Puesto n°1 Escuela secundaria pública en Chico — U.S. News & World Report
- Escuela Honor Roll — Sociedad de Resultado educativo
- Escuela Ejemplar — Red de escuelas de arte
- Escuela Arts Equity — Create California
- Premio al mérito de apoyo a la música — Asociación nacional de comerciantes de música (NAMM)
- Tasa de graduados de 98%
- El logro de CAASPP en Inglés es 34% mayor que la media estatal
- El logro de CAASPP en Matemáticas es 8% mayor que la media estatal
- Mas de 70 clases optativas para elegir
- 12 especializaciones en artes, ciencias, ingeniería y humanidades
- 10 cursos de Colocación Avanzada (tasa de 85% de aprobación en los exámenes de AP)
- Seis cursos de ingeniería Project Lead the Way
- Programa de español enseñado a través de métodos de “lenguaje objetivo”