

Dear Westmont –

With both our children attending Westmont, we could not be more pleased with the decision that they made for their college education. Westmont is located in a beautiful setting, and much more importantly, we have discovered that Westmont has an exceptional educational environment with a genuine sense of community where the faculty, staff and administration take a keen interest in all the students who have been entrusted into their care. Small class sizes, leadership and service opportunities, challenging academics, the enjoyment of collegiate activities and an unwavering commitment to the spiritual development of each student are cornerstones of the Westmont experience. We have grown to appreciate the positive peer groups that typify Westmont students as our kids have developed extraordinary, close knit friendships with fellow students who share their values. We are deeply grateful that the educational, social and spiritual foundations at Westmont have prepared our children to be successful in all areas of their lives while living as trustworthy and accountable stewards within God's creation.

*J.C. and Anne MacRae
(Scott '09 and Lizzy '11)*

Thank you again for such a wonderful introduction to Westmont. Caitlyn is so excited she can hardly wait. She commented on our way home how she wishes she could start tomorrow. And for me as a concerned parent, the time we spent with you was time well invested. I have heard many good things about Westmont, but to be honest, they did not do justice to what we experienced this past week. The Admission staff was informative, thorough, friendly and genuine.

It did not take long to really feel a confirmation that Westmont is the place for Caitlyn to spend her college years. And the confirmation just continued to grow throughout our time at Westmont. The chapel was the icing on the cake as I watched the students engaged in true worship. I felt God's presence in a very strong way in the gym and it was great to experience the focus, the energy and the vision of how Westmont can provide an incredible formation and transformational experience for Caitlyn. Thank you again. It's hard for me to have to admit this as a Vanguard Alum . . . but you have won me over to the Westmont side and I could not be more happy and enthusiastic for Caitlyn's choice for her college experience.

*Douglas Healy
Founder & Lead Pastor
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We just wanted to reach out to you to say "Thank You"! Thank you for providing our daughter Taylor with a highly challenging, yet safe, environment to become the woman that God wants her to be. Westmont is academically rigorous in a way that promotes self understanding and excellence while lifting the spirit up, not trying to put the spirit down. We were very adamant during the selection process, that Taylor visit all the campuses to find out which college "spoke" to her the most. After visiting (and spending the night at) many of the top secular and non-secular colleges and universities, Taylor's choice was natural and immediate – "Mom, Dad, I belong at Westmont!" We, too, through our interactions with the various campuses and staff came to a similar conclusion ... although we did not share this with Taylor until she made her choice. Westmont just seems to have a "soul" that is unlike any other campus ... it is a sense that the environment is ideal for this season in a young adult's life ... and that they will be shepherded through some exciting and challenging times ... only to come out on the other side as a solid, loving, bright and intelligent adult. We are already seeing God's hand at Westmont in molding our daughter ... and the faculty, staff and students are walking right beside her, day after day. It is a wonderful thing to watch and be a part of – Thank You!

*With love & blessings,
John & Lisa Fox
(Taylor '12)*

Together as a family we have personally experienced God's work through what we now consider our Westmont family. From the moment we entered campus during orientation and throughout the next few days we immediately felt God's presence at every event and in the staff and students we encountered. As parents of an only child, we anticipated a difficult farewell. However, we can truly say that when we left campus we, including our daughter Brandi, felt that she was exactly where God wanted her to be. We were assured through our interactions with various people, such as, President Beebe, Dean of Admission, Joyce Luy, RD Mark and multiple students that this was going to be an environment that would both challenge Brandi academically and provide numerous opportunities for spiritual growth. The Westmont community continued to amaze us in the following months and especially during their response to the Tea Fire. The positive impact of Westmont upon Brandi's growth was clearly evident when she returned for winter break. We witnessed a new strength and conviction in her faith and relished in the stories she told of relationships she had developed with faculty, staff and fellow students. These experiences and numerous others not mentioned amazingly reflect those shared with us by other families of both alumni and current students which in itself speaks volumes.

*Sean and Lori Nakamoto
(Brandi '12)*



To find a school of Westmont's caliber, whose focus is the academic achievement of its students and is solidly built upon a spiritual foundation of Christian strength and direction, was both a blessing and peace of mind. Westmont's integrity and values are not only within the students' teachings from home, but also within the depths of the faculty and every staff member who are there to help and guide students and parents. At Westmont my son is not another freshman student characterized by a number. Instead, he has a name and is recognized as a newest member of the Westmont Family. The small, intimate and private school lifestyle Westmont offers commands students' discipline, focus and achievement while supporting them with sibling and family-like passion and sincerity.

When considering college costs, Westmont's tuition equals many of the larger universities in the country. Certainly an amount of money most of us find to be of absolute concern - and whether or not it will be a deal breaker for our children to make it to college. As we compared the large university and Westmont's size of enrollment, this being a direct effect on the professor to student ratio, Westmont has a definite edge with the quality of its education offered. By comparison, the large university near my home has become known as a five to six year college because of the inability to enroll in classes of choice without a waiting list. Again, Westmont wins out.

If you can envision your son or daughter's education using these two points of interest alone, I believe the choice of their college will help clarify the value that each dollar of tuition has. If you decide to reward your student with the highest education possible, believe, dollar for dollar, Westmont's advantage is much larger than the size of its campus. Combine all that with its strong roots of Christian values and you can see why Westmont is recognized as one of the country's top quality private educational institutions.

The best advice that I can offer: you truly do want your son or daughter to walk this campus of Westmont College.

John Quinata
(John '12)

