

# SELF-GUIDED TOUR



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# WELCOME TO WESTMONT

We celebrate your visit to campus, and we're so glad you chose to check out this special place. Discover one of Santa Barbara's best-kept secrets when you arrive at our one-of-a-kind campus. Our charming city, known as the American Riviera for its Mediterranean architecture and seaside living and culture, will enchant you. We feel so fortunate for our scenic location and regard Westmont as a crown jewel of the Santa Barbara area.

You can choose to experience Westmont in your own personalized way. As you walk around our lovely wooded acres — one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country — we encourage you to take your time and picture yourself here. Envision Westmont becoming your destination of choice for your college years. Take lots of pictures as well!

This self-guided tour allows you to go at your own pace and discover what's important to you. You'll find the information and perspectives you need to gain a clearer picture of all that Westmont offers.

Enjoy the natural beauty of the Montecito foothills, the Santa Ynez Mountains and the breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. Breathe in the fresh air as you explore Westmont for yourself. We've designed this tour to provide the best possible experience for you because we want you to feel welcomed and cared for. We're so glad you're here!

Irene Neller  
*VP for Enrollment, Marketing, & Communications*

# SELF-GUIDED TOUR EXPERIENCE



This self-guided tour allows **YOU** to choose how you see Westmont! Read this guide, listen to our audio tour, take a tour led by current students, or do all three. Find the number for each location in the map on the back of this brochure to learn your position in our seaside sanctuary.

While this booklet serves as your ultimate guide to experiencing Westmont, you can watch a guided tour by students and admissions staff members by **scanning the QR code above**, which takes you to a Youtube Playlist with videos and insider information. Want to just read and not scan anything? No problem! **Choose how you experience Westmont!**

## HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE

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3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code

### *Other Android Users*

1. Download a QR reader app in Google Play.
2. Follow the instructions in the selected app and use the camera to scan the code.
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# MEET RUTH KERR, OUR FOUNDER



This remarkable woman graduated from business school and worked as a secretary-bookkeeper for Alexander H. Kerr, who owned Kerr Glass Manufacturing Company. After acquiring a patent, he perfected the canning jar that bears his name. The two married in 1913 and had six children. Mr. Kerr embraced Christianity at a D. L. Moody crusade and believed fervently in tithing, a practice he promoted in two tracts. He enclosed these pamphlets in every case of canning jars and distributed them widely to ministers and Sunday school superintendents. While collecting money for Community Chest in 1925, he contracted pneumonia and died. Left with six young children, Mrs. Kerr continued both her husband's business and charitable work. She assumed the presidency of the company in 1930 and became well-known for her business acumen and philanthropy.

Interested in preparing young men and women for full-time Christian service, Mrs. Kerr decided to start an affordable Bible institute that waived the usual \$150 deposit. The Bible Missionary Institute opened in Los Angeles in 1937. The vision for Westmont continued to grow, and in 1939, the board added a junior college curriculum and changed the name to Western Bible College. According to Mrs. Kerr, they then decided to found a "four-year liberal arts college built on a sound Christian basis, God having given us a vision for this larger work." In 1940, Wallace Emerson became the first president of the newly established Westmont. He envisioned an institution that rivaled the best colleges nationwide, and he set the standard for excellence that still applies.



*Westmont's first president,  
Wallace Emerson*

Despite World War II, enrollment grew, and five years later, the college sought larger facilities. For the second time, Mrs. Kerr helped Westmont acquire a campus. After driving onto the grounds of the former Dwight Murphy estate in Santa Barbara, she was convinced God had chosen it as a site for the college. She supported the college until her death in 1967 and was particularly interested in providing scholarships to students with need.





Ruth Kerr and others founded Westmont in 1937 as a Bible college in Los Angeles, and the institution became a liberal arts college in 1940. Seeking a larger site, the college purchased a Santa Barbara estate, El Tejado, from the Holland family in 1945. Dwight Murphy's parents built the first of two homes on this 133-acre property in 1907; the second, now Kerrwood Hall, dates to 1929. Murphy lived here until World War II, when the Hollands bought the estate.

When Westmont relocated to Santa Barbara, Kerrwood initially housed most functions: classes, the library, the dining commons, chapel services, and faculty and administrative offices. The college subsequently purchased a neighboring estate. To provide housing for faculty and staff, Westmont sold some land to a developer in the 1950s, who built homes. Today, Westmont includes 111 acres and enrolls 1,200 students on campus. Kerrwood Hall serves as the main administrative building with offices for the president, the provost, the registrar, admissions, financial aid, business functions and student life staff.

**DIRECTIONS:** Face the main door of Kerrwood Hall with Kerrwood Lawn at your back, turn left and walk down the driveway toward a path of yellow limestone. Follow it to the formal gardens. Stop at the wisteria arch at the top of a staircase.



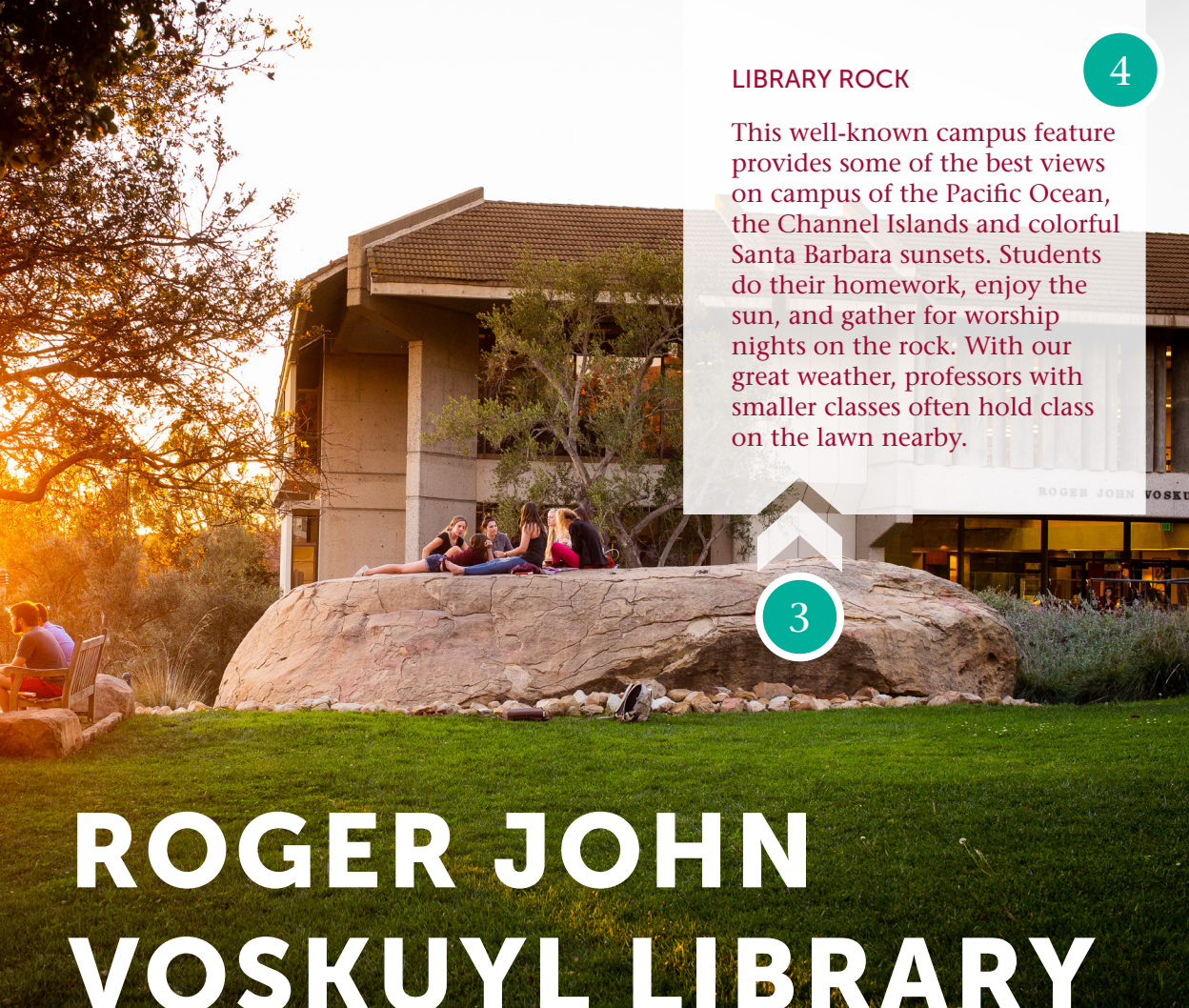
*"The kumquat trees lining this path offer a great snack on the way to class. I always get a few when I go to the library. If you're brave enough to try this tangy treat, make sure you eat it all in one bite! The peel and seeds are the sweetest part."*

# FORMAL GARDENS

Located directly behind Kerrwood Hall, the formal gardens maintain the original landscaping from the Dwight Murphy estate to honor Ruth Kerr's request that the area remain unchanged. This centralized space brings students together as they walk from class to class and offers a perfect space to enjoy the natural beauty of Westmont's campus.

**DIRECTIONS:** After admiring the formal gardens, notice the row of trees along the path on your left and right. These kumquat trees offer treats to our students and guests; help yourself if you see fruit. Walk straight ahead and discover the library rock.





LIBRARY ROCK

This well-known campus feature provides some of the best views on campus of the Pacific Ocean, the Channel Islands and colorful Santa Barbara sunsets. Students do their homework, enjoy the sun, and gather for worship nights on the rock. With our great weather, professors with smaller classes often hold class on the lawn nearby.



# ROGER JOHN VOSKUYL LIBRARY

Westmont’s library features three floors; the top floor contains most of our 250,000 volumes as well as the Disability Services and Information Technology offices. The top and main floors offer study rooms with whiteboards and Apple TVs for small-group collaboration, and the classrooms wrapped around the perimeter provide space for larger gatherings. The main floor, with its computer labs, access to printing, the research help desk, several walking desk machines, and the tutoring and writing centers, provides the perfect student study spot. Find a completely silent study zone in the basement.

**DIRECTIONS:** To continue, walk down the set of stairs between the rock and the library toward the Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art.





# WESTMONT RIDLEY-TREE MUSEUM OF ART

Free to the public, the museum offers students and visitors a variety of exhibitions, lectures and other community events. The college's collection features student artists, local and/or contemporary artists, and well-known masters such as Carot, Chagall, Fujimura, Turner, and Rembrandt. Each spring, the museum hosts an art sale, inviting the community to purchase a range of artwork.

**DIRECTIONS:** Once you have checked out our art department, continue down another flight of stairs to Porter Hall and Theatre and the second floor of the Adams Center for the Visual Arts.







# PORTER THEATRE

Home to Westmont's thriving theatre arts department, Porter Theatre houses a main stage and a black box theatre for smaller performances. With two faculty-directed productions each year, various student productions and senior projects, and the four-day Fringe Festival, students find many ways to be involved with, support, and enjoy the performing arts.

**DIRECTIONS:** After viewing Porter Hall and Theatre, turn to your right and notice several classrooms, some with six distinctive, large window panels.





# ADAMS CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

Adams Center, across from Porter Theatre, includes three levels with general-use classrooms feature windows that roll up like garage doors style to create open-air classrooms. Many general education courses meet in Adams, including required core classes such as Introduction to Old Testament, Introduction to New Testament, Introduction to Christian Doctrine, Philosophical Perspectives, and Perspectives on World History.

Find the beautiful printmaking and painting studios in the roof garden on the top floor, the drawing, photography, crafts, and design studios on the second floor, and sculpture and ceramics on the bottom floor.

**DIRECTIONS:** Walk past the flight of stairs on your right and head toward Whittier Science Building.



*“STEM majors spend lots of time in Whittier. I can assure you that you’ll enjoy your labs; the time passes quickly because the labs are interactive, and professors make them fun. If you’re like me, accidentally spilling things always increases the fun.”*

# MERICOS H. WHITTIER SCIENCE BUILDING

Future scientists and doctors make their home at Whittier. Recently renovated labs offer students access to cutting-edge technology, which you may see through the windows. The chemistry department occupies the top floor, with biology below on the ground floor. Professors in these disciplines work closely with students on research during the school year and the summer. About 91 percent of our graduates who apply to medical school get accepted due to excellent opportunities for student research and the rigorous academic training.

**DIRECTIONS:** Descend the stairs between Adams and Whittier, and turn left to walk along the side of Whittier’s ground floor. Winter Hall will become visible ahead.



*"Many of the classrooms at Westmont stay unlocked during the school year when classes aren't meeting. That means you can grab a laptop and use a classroom to project your notes or watch a movie with friends. Winter Hall is a hot spot for study spots, game nights and more!"*

# WINTER HALL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Winter Hall houses the computer science, mathematics, physics and psychology departments. On the top floor, faculty offices open to study lounges where students can work and meet with their professors. The two lower floors feature general-use classrooms, including the Darling Foundation Lecture Hall, known as the "UN Room" for its semicircular shape, graduated seating and lamps at each seat. Find our neuroscience labs, a popular program for our psychology majors, on the bottom floor. Notice the shape of the staircases, which resemble a double helix to represent DNA!

**DIRECTIONS:** If Winter Hall is locked, walk toward the statues and around the side of the building until you see Murchison Gym. If you can enter Winter Hall, continue down to the second floor and exit through the second set of doors. Continue straight and arrive at the Murchison Gym.



*"Chapel is hands-down one of my favorite things to do as a student here! It's amazing that as a school we can gather and be with one another as we worship and learn together. Chapel is the one place where you can get a break from that homework assignment, that class, or other problems that may consume your daily lives. Chapel allows you to forget about all that for a little while, and those are the moments we live for as students."*

# MURCHISON GYM PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX

Westmont's athletic coaches and kinesiology professors have offices in this complex. The gym, the largest gathering place on campus, hosts basketball and volleyball games, chapel services, pep rallies, intramural games, dances and special events. Chapel meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30-11:20 a.m., and students, staff, professors and people from the community participate in student-led worship and hear speakers from a variety of Christian denominations and organizations. The lower floor features an indoor fitness center, a dance studio, locker rooms and a competition-size swimming pool. Across the road to the west, the baseball team plays on Russell Carr Field, Thorrington Field hosts soccer games, and the track and field teams compete on the Westmont Track.

**DIRECTIONS:** Walk past the gym to a flight of stairs. Go up the steps to Carroll Hall, which formerly housed our telescope and observatory. You can still see the inscription from Psalm 19 on the front of the building!



*"I loved having early morning class in Carroll Hall. The morning light shines through all the windows on the front creating a good atmosphere for learning. And it's close to the Dining Commons, so I had a bit more time to enjoy breakfast before class."*

# CARROLL HALL

Once Westmont's observatory, Carroll Hall now serves as a large classroom for general education courses. You can find Westmont's new observatory (pictured below) by the baseball field. Every third Friday of the month, the college opens the observatory to the public, and you can look through the telescope at planets, stars, moons and other celestial sites.



**WESTMONT OBSERVATORY AND KECK TELESCOPE**

**DIRECTIONS:** Continue on the path behind Carroll Hall toward a small parking lot. Follow the sidewalk toward the larger parking lot to arrive at one of our six residence halls, Van Kampen.





*“Living here as a junior was absolutely amazing. Students can participate in events that promote and celebrate the community that develops in this hall!”*

# VAN KAMPEN HALL

This residence hall for juniors and seniors features suites with three students in a room, four rooms per suite and a large shared bathroom with multiple showers and toilets. The only hall with a courtyard in the middle, VK offers great views of the mountains! Like most residence halls, it includes a lounge where students can study and a kitchenette they can use. Each residence hall has open and closed hours for visitors of the opposite sex, as well as carefully selected staff members to support and assist students.

**DIRECTIONS:** Face Van Kampen, then turn around and walk across the parking to the small former house across the road that serves as our Health and Counseling Center.



The image shows the exterior of a building with vertical wood paneling. On the left is a window with blinds. To the right is a door with a sign that says "Counseling Center" and a smaller sign below it that says "By Appointment". Further right is another door with a sign that says "Health Center". There is a mailbox in front of the "Counseling Center" door. The foreground is filled with lush greenery, including pink hydrangeas and ferns, with a large white rock on the right side.

# HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER

Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, the Health and Counseling Center includes a full-time doctor, nurse practitioner and several nurses on staff, providing easy access to medical care. The Counseling Center employs licensed counselors and offers students up to six free sessions each semester and a total of eight each academic year. Tuition and fees cover the costs of these services.

**DIRECTIONS:** Cross the road to the parking lot you can see east of Van Kampen. Walk north between two buildings until you arrive at a staircase. Walk up the stairs to the Global Leadership Center.





# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CENTER

The newest facility at Westmont, the center includes student residences, a conference space for large events and classes, and our campus coffee shop, Ritchie's Place. The north and south halls house sophomores, juniors and seniors with apartment-style rooms featuring private bathrooms. Each hall has two lounges with fully equipped kitchens, allowing students to cook meals for themselves rather than purchasing a meal plan. The GLC seeks to foster community among students who have studied abroad and gives all residents a taste of life after graduation.



**DIRECTIONS:** Follow the sidewalk with guardrails uphill, which runs on the west side of the GLC. You'll pass the Martin Institute, which includes the Dallas Willard Center and oversees spiritual formation at Westmont and hosts retreats, counseling sessions and Bible study groups. Cross the bridge and continue on the paved path to the next building.





# KERR STUDENT CENTER (KSC) AND DINING COMMONS

At the Ruth Kerr Memorial Student Center, find the Dining Commons (first floor) and Campus Life offices (second floor). Open from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Dining Commons serves a variety of hot and cold food. Highlights include breakfast burritos, taco Tuesdays, a salad bar with ingredients from the Westmont Garden, the gluten- and dairy-free station, and unlimited servings from our ice cream machine. The top floor features offices and meeting space for the Westmont Student Activities Council, Westmont Student Ministries, Intercultural Organizations, and the Westmont College Student Association (student government). The COVE Career Center, upstairs in the KSC, actively advises students about choosing a major, developing a resume, preparing for interviews, obtaining internships during college, exploring careers and finding a job after graduation.

**DIRECTIONS:** Follow the path across campus from the Dining Commons directly into the Formal Gardens. Then take the path going down the stairs toward lower campus. Find the Greek pillars and wisteria arch, and you'll see the prayer chapel peeking through the trees.



A photograph of the Nancy Voskuyl Prayer Chapel, a small white wooden building with a steeple, surrounded by lush green trees and flowers. The chapel has a gabled roof, a small steeple with a dark shingle, and a circular window above the entrance. The entrance is framed by a decorative archway with a small pediment. The chapel is surrounded by dense green foliage and trees, with a stone path leading to the entrance. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

# NANCY VOSKUYL PRAYER CHAPEL

Spend time with God and pray and meditate in a quiet place away from noise and distractions at the Nancy Voskuyl Prayer Chapel. A Westmont student and the vivacious daughter of President Roger Voskuyl and his wife, Trudi, Nancy died in a tragic car accident in 1959. The chapel honors her memory and remains open at all times. Students may play the piano and a small organ as part of their worship and prayer. Occasionally, the chapel hosts weddings.

**DIRECTIONS:** Follow the path from the Formal Gardens back up to the back porch of Kerrwood Hall. Take a right and follow the stone path back to the front of Kerrwood Hall. This concludes the formal tour.





# RESIDENCE HALLS



LOCATION: Upper Campus

YEAR: First- and second-year students

FEATURES: Ten unique buildings set up suite-style. Suites range from three to nine rooms with two students in a room and one shared bathroom that varies in size. Clark's layout promotes close-knit communities within the hall, drawing the larger community together in its large, central lounge, which features a sizable kitchen, space to hang out, and a ping pong table.



LOCATION: Upper Campus

YEAR: First- and second-year students

FEATURES: Four separate halls with a large shared bathroom, two halls each for men and women with two students living in a room. With high ceilings on the top floor, Emerson offers amazing views of the ocean. Each floor includes a kitchen, and a large, main lounge offers fun foosball tables and an outdoor patio.



LOCATION: Upper Campus

YEAR: First- and second-year students

FEATURES: This traditional design includes two floors of long halls split into sections according to gender. A large, multipurpose lounge hosts lectures and events. Each floor also offers a recently renovated kitchen and lounge that students may use.



# VAN KAMPEN HALL

LOCATION: Lower Campus

YEAR: Second- and third-year students

FEATURES: Van Kampen includes a series of suites, each with four rooms that share a large bathroom. Three students live in each room, and multiple lounges offer access to kitchens, study spots and a pool table. Known for its beautiful courtyard, VK also creates a strong residential community.



# ARMINGTON HALLS

LOCATION: Lower Campus

YEAR: Second-, third- and fourth-year students

FEATURES: These five unique buildings include multiple floors for men and women, each floor with suites of three rooms housing two students each and a shared bathroom connecting two suites. Armington's large, communal lounge and smaller lounges on every floor, offer perfect places for late-night studying.



# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CENTER

LOCATION: Lower Campus

YEAR: Third- and fourth-year students

FEATURES: Two buildings with rooms set up like apartments, offering students their own private bathrooms. Shared lounges on each floor contain large kitchens with appliances, cooking utensils and food storage. Students who live in the GLC may opt out of the meal plan and cook their own food, which provides a smoother transition to post-graduate life.



# OCEAN VIEW

LOCATION: Off-Campus\*

YEAR: Fourth-year Students

FEATURES: Students living in Ocean View Apartments, three miles from campus on the eastside of Santa Barbara, enjoy being close to the beach, State Street, Farmers Market and a wide array of restaurants and activities while still living in community with their friends.

*\*Not labeled on the map*



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The Admissions Office is located in Kerrwood Hall

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