

2008 SOCSA FACT SHEET

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➤ **WHAT IS SOCSA?**

SOCSA – SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS - is a performing and visual arts Academy founded in 1996 within a public school, where the students take academic, acting, vocal, instrumental, dance and arts classes during and after school hours. SOCSA is the **only** such Academy in South Orange County.

➤ **SOCSA ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide an in-depth educational opportunity to talented young artists affording them the chance to explore and develop their artistic talents, while preparing them for placement in the college or university of their choice and employment in the professional arts or related fields.

➤ **SOCSA FOUNDATION**

The SOCSA Foundation is a 100% all-volunteer organization founded in 2000 to support the SOCSA Academy in fundraising and volunteer endeavors. The mission of the Foundation is to support the SOCSA Academy's educational and artistic mission, goals, and financial needs through fundraising and related operational activities. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

➤ **2008 SOCSA STUDENT STATISTICS**

- **Total SOCSA Student Membership: 434 Members**
- **SOCSA Student Residential Demographics**
- 57 % Laguna Niguel
- 30 % Dana Point, Monarch Beach & Capistrano Beach
- 10 % San Juan Capistrano
- 3 % San Clemente, Mission Viejo, Aliso Viejo and Laguna Beach
- **2007 SUPERINTENDENT'S HONOR ROLL 20%**
- **2007 PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL 21 %**
- **SOCSA STUDENTS IN ASU LEADERSHIP: 21%**
- **SOCSA STUDENT ON 2008 DANA POINT YOUTH BOARD**

Morgan Miyazono, Youth Board Agenda Secretary
www.DanaPoint.org/youth/Miyazono.html

➤ **ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BEYOND SOCSA**

SOCSA graduates currently attend Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UCLA, UCI, NYU, USC, Chapman University, California Lutheran, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, AMDA Los Angeles and New York, Pace University, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Fullerton and many others.

➤ **SOCSA HONORS**

Over 500 students have graduated from the SOCSA Academy since 1996. Involvements and awards of our present & Alumni students include:

- 1st & 3rd Place, 2008 South Coast Singers Stars of Tomorrow Competition
- "Wicked": 2008 Professional Stage Musical in Chicago lead role of Glenda
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006 movie)
- New national tour of "Stand Through the Eyes of a Child (2007)
- Broadway production of "The Color Purple" (2006/2007)
- NYU's Tisch CAP21 Summer 2007 program
- Summer Young Artist Program at the Lyric Academy in Rome
- Off-Broadway production performances
- Good Morning America
- Winner, Male, Musical Theater, 2007 Rotary Competition
- Winner, Male, Classical Voice, 2007 Rotary Competition
- South Coast Symphony "The Music Man"
- First place, Classical Voice Category of the "Tomorrow's Stars at the Center", sponsored by The Orange County Performing Arts Center
- SOCSA Students have won numerous CAPPIE and MACY'S AWARD including last year's Macys Award for best Comedian and the 2006 Best Musical for Southern Orange County, TEATRO DELL'ARTE AWARD.

➤ **BRIEF SOCSA HISTORY: *More online at SOCSArts.org***

- **Fall 1989:** A small group of administrators, teachers, parents, and students talked and planned the creation of a visual and performing arts public high school for the Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD).
- **Nov. 20, 1995:** The CUSD Board approved the concept of a visual and performing arts public high school academy.
- **Spring 1996:** a pilot program was launched at Dana Hills High School in Dana Point offering intensive arts programs which included Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre, Vocal Music, Production/Design, and Visual Arts.
- **Spring 2000:** SOCSA Foundation founded to support the SOCSA Academy in fund raising and volunteer endeavors.
- **Fall 2006,** SOCSA celebrated its Tenth Year Anniversary, moving into its Second Decade of operation.
- **June 9, 2008:** SOCSA's Showcase 2008 art exhibition and performance will return to The Orange County Performing Arts Center's Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall for our second year.