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# WATER POLO 2017 MEDIA GUIDE

HARVARD - WESTLAKE SCHOOL



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## HARVARD-WESTLAKE WATER POLO

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF ATHLETICS AT HARVARD-WESTLAKE SCHOOL

Welcome to the Wolverine Water Polo program at Harvard-Westlake School.

The Wolverines have a long tradition of winning Mission League championships and CIF titles over the last two decades. Many of our athletes have graduated to play for the top universities throughout the country and for the United States on the international stage.

Brian Flacks, Harvard-Westlake's Head of Program is one of the esteemed graduates of our school. With his knowledge of our community and our academic and athletic standards, Coach Flacks has elevated our program rapidly to national prominence.

In 2013, our young Wolverines squad beat Mater Dei, the previously #1 ranked high school team in the state in two key games, to win the USA Water Polo's California State Championship and the CIF-SS Division I Championship. At the end of the season [totalwaterpolo.com](http://totalwaterpolo.com) named Harvard-Westlake the #1 High School team in the United States. In 2014, a remarkable unbeaten season led to a second Division I championship for Coach Flack's squad and another #1 national ranking for the Wolverines.

This year we have a very talented and young team whom we envision challenging for Division I titles over the next few years. We are excited to watch this group develop as a team.

Sustained success at the Varsity level can only be achieved by developing student-athletes from the middle through high school levels. Coach Flacks oversees our vertically integrated program ensuring that our Middle and Upper school students are following a sequential program of age appropriate development.

The players and coaches are only part of the story when it comes to Wolverine water polo. Special thanks goes to the parents, support staff and administrators that log countless hours in service to our school.

Thank you for your support of Wolverine athletics.

Go Wolverines!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terence Barnum".

Terence Barnum  
Head of Athletics

# HARVARD-WESTLAKE AT A GLANCE

**Harvard-Westlake School is an independent coeducational college preparatory day school, grades 7-12. It is the result of a merger between Harvard School, founded in 1900, and Westlake School for Girls, established in 1904. Coeducation began in September of 1991.**

## Student Profile

- 1600 students enrolled
- 727 at Middle School (Grades 7-9)
- 873 at Upper School (Grade 10-12)
- Student to Faculty Ratio: 8:1
- Average Class Size: 16

## Advanced Placement Results

In 2016, 6663 Harvard-Westlake students took 1,911 A.P. tests

## SAT Performance (Class of 2017)

Critical Reading: 701

Math: 729

Writing: 712

## National Merit Recognition

Harvard-Westlake ranks among the top high schools in the country in number of National Merit Semifinalists. In the class of 2017, there are 26 students who received National Merit Recognition, with 75 students with letters of commendation.

## Finances

Operating Budget:	\$76,019,320
Endowment:	\$75,085,263
Annual Giving:	\$ 8,004,323

## Financial Aid

For the 2016-17 academic year, a total of over \$10.8 million was committed to aid. This represented more than 14% of the school's entire operating budget. Roughly 300 students, or 19% of the student body, were served. Tuition grants awarded for demonstrated need averaged \$27,000 ranging from a few thousand dollars to 99% of tuition. Automatic coverage of many school-related expenses raised the total of an average financial aid package to \$32,500.



# HARVARD-WESTLAKE ATHLETIC FACILITIES

The Copses Family Pool on Harvard-Westlake's upper school campus is a 50-meter pool, manufactured by Myrtha Pools in Mantua, Italy.

The stainless-steel pool features a surge tank underneath the pool deck to keep the water level, which reduces water resistance for swimmers. The facility also includes a pool house and bleachers.

The Copses Pool is home to Harvard-Westlake's 2013 and 2014 CIF-SS Boys' Water Polo Division I Champions, who were also named Totalwaterpolo.com's #1 ranked team in the United States.



The recently renovated O'Malley Family Field in Encino, is Harvard-Westlake's state-of-the-art baseball complex, featuring professional grade turf, drainage and irrigation systems, dugouts, bullpens, clubhouse and a covered hitting facility behind the right-field fence.

O'Malley Field is home to HW's 2013 CIF-SS Division I Baseball Champions, who were also named the *2013 Perfect Game High School National Champions*.

The Taper Gymnasium is located on Harvard-Westlake's Upper School Campus.

Its walls, festooned with league, CIF-Southern Section, State and National Championship banners tells of the storied Wolverine athletic program.

Taper gym is home of the Wolverine Basketball and Volleyball programs.



Ted Slavin Field is located on the Upper School Campus. Built in 2003, it features an NFL-caliber Field Turf surface and a synthetic track.

It is the proud home of Wolverine Football, Soccer, Track & Field, Lacrosse, and Field Hockey.

Many of our student athletes who have graced the Ted Slavin field have gone on to professional, Olympic and collegiate success in their chosen sports.





# HARVARD-WESTLAKE S C H O O L

## Sports Performance

It is the mission of the Sports Performance Department to encourage each student athlete to strive for excellence.

Our primary objectives are to teach the proper fundamentals of strength and conditioning, improve athletic performance, and reduce the risk of injury.

Our sport-specific training components include ground-based movements, multi-joint movements, three-dimensional movements, explosive training, progressive overload, pillar stability, flexibility and recovery, energy system development, linear speed development and lateral speed and agility development.

- *Department Chair, Jeff Crelling*



# HARVARD-WESTLAKE S C H O O L

## SPORTS MEDICINE

The Harvard-Westlake School Sports Medicine Program provides injury prevention, care and treatment services to the school's student-athletes. The Sports Medicine Program strives to establish itself as a model of excellence in sports medicine care.

Our services are categorized into the following areas: injury prevention (taping, bracing, padding, orthotic construction), management of athletic injuries (first aid, evaluation, referral, contest coverage) and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. We educate student-athletes about athletic injuries so they are empowered to lead healthier, injury-free lives. We use the best technology available for the prevention and treatment of athletic injuries and upgrade equipment and supplies whenever necessary.

There are four main goals of the Sports Medicine Program:

- Provide efficient and timely care to our student-athletes.
- Encourage an atmosphere that values health and wellness.
- Enable injured student-athletes to safely return to competition as soon as possible.
- Reduce the risk of athletic injury for our student-athletes.

We work closely with the strength and conditioning program, the coaches, the athletic support staff, school administration, physicians and other healthcare providers to provide the best possible healing environment for our student-athletes.

- *Department Chair, Brian Gallagher*



# HARVARD-WESTLAKE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

<b>Class of 2003</b> David Moran ('92) Jennifer Wong ('92) Josh Minuto ('93) Jesse Stern ('93) Jim Toring ('93) Erin Winter ('93) David Brende ('94) Alexis Larsen ('94) Phil Tseng ('94) Jenni Kriste ('96) Jarron Collins ('97) Jason Collins ('97) Trevor Julian ('97)	<b>Sport</b> Boys' Track & Field Girls' Cross Country Wrestling Boys' Track & Field Boys' Water Polo Gymnastics Boys' Swimming Girls' Swimming Boys' Tennis Girls' Volleyball Boys' Basketball Boys' Basketball Boys' Volleyball	<b>Class of 2004</b> Sarah Breech ('97) Marissa Irvin ('98) Zach Schwartz ('98)	<b>Sport</b> Girls' Soccer Girls' Tennis Boys' Soccer
<b>Class of 2005</b> John Dewell ('80) Peter Hudnut ('99) Rebecca Rauth ('99) William Strickland ('99) Omelogo Udeze ('99)	<b>Sport</b> Volunteer Boys' Water Polo Girls' Track & Field Boys' Volleyball Girls' Basketball	<b>Class of 2006</b> Joe Axelrad ('00) Lee Carlson Rich Corso Imani Dorsey ('00) Jeanine Jackson ('00) Russell Lakey ('00) Anna Russell ('00) Gary Thran	<b>Sport</b> Boys' Water Polo Coach Coach Girls' Soccer Girls' Water Polo Boys' Basketball Softball Coach
<b>Class of 2007</b> Ina Kim ('01) Jon Schaeffer ('94) Karina Siam ('01) Barbara Welsh	<b>Sport</b> Girls' Golf Baseball Girls' Basketball Coach	<b>Class of 2008</b> Elena Ferrero ('02) Karalyn Kuchenbecker ('02) Jill Oakes ('02) Courtney Schultz ('02)	<b>Sport</b> Softball Girls' Volleyball Girls' Soccer Girls' Volleyball
<b>Class of 2009</b> Brennan Boesch ('03) Juan Delgadillo ('03) Katie DeWitt ('03) Alexandra Dunphy ('03) Gina Farias-Eisner ('03) Alexandra Fisher ('03) Jason Glushon ('03) Matthew Lachman ('03) John Ludden ('03) Joshua Satin ('03)	<b>Sport</b> Baseball Boys' Water Polo Girls' Track & Field Girls' Volleyball Girls' Soccer Girls' Soccer Baseball Boys' Track & Field Boys' Track & Field Baseball	<b>Class of 2010</b> Lindsay Flacks ('04) Shelly Madick ('04) Bryce Taylor ('04)	<b>Sport</b> Track & Field Softball Basketball
<b>Class of 2011</b> Jared Bell ('05) Jay Connolly ('05) Alexa Merz ('05) Kenji Porter ('05)	<b>Sport</b> Track & Field Boys' Water Polo Girls' Swimming Wrestling	<b>Class of 2012</b> Bridget Ballard ('06) Meredith Butte ('06) Brian Flacks ('06) Jesse Quiroz Ed White ('06)	<b>Sport</b> Cross-Country, Soccer Swimming, Track Girls' Water Polo Boys' Water Polo Coach Boys' Basketball
<b>Class of 2013</b> Cara Bickers ('07) Ryan Calvert ('07) Yosepha Greenfield ('07) John Howe ('07)	<b>Sport</b> Track & Field Football Basketball Football	<b>Class of 2014</b> Nadia Dan ('08) Julie Fernandez ('08) Cathryn Quinn ('08) Ryan Thacher ('08) Sam Wagner ('05)	<b>Sport</b> Girls' Water Polo Softball Girls' Volleyball Boys' Tennis Boys' Tennis
<b>Class of 2015</b> Jim Brink Alex Holmes ('00) Jonathan Martin ('08) Jim O'Connor	<b>Sport</b> Coach Football, Basketball Football Coach	<b>Class of 2016</b> Haley Boyson ('10) Sydney Haydel ('10) Nicole Hung ('10) Nicole Nesbit ('10) Meg Norton ('10) Nick Treur ('10)	<b>Sport</b> Girls' Soccer Girls' Basketball Girls' Basketball Girls' Basketball Girls' Volleyball Wrestling



# HEAD OF HARVARD-WESTLAKE WATER POLO PROGRAM



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**BRIAN FLACKS**  
**HEAD OF PROGRAM**  
**HARVARD-WESTLAKE**  
**BOYS' WATER POLO**

**Brian Flacks** is Harvard-Westlake's Head of Aquatics and Program Head for boys' and girls' Water Polo. In this role, he oversees the Wolverine teams in the middle and upper schools, and teaches Physical Education.

Flacks, a 2006 graduate of Harvard-Westlake was a four-year letter winner, earning All-American honors before graduating from the esteemed UCLA Men's water polo program.

Flacks has built an equally impressive coaching resume. In 2012 he guided the Girls' to their second CIF-SS Championship and in 2013 and 2014, he led the boys' water polo team to back-to-back CIF-SS Division I Water Polo Championship. Flacks has been named the CIF-SS Coach of the Year three times and has received the Bill Barnett Distinguished Men's Coaching Award.

Flacks has coached for the US national age group teams, the LA Water Polo Club and at Loyola Marymount University. He currently serves as the Technical Director of the LA Premier Water Polo club.

As a determined, dedicated and driven water polo player; Flacks modeled integrity and a persistent desire to grow as a student-athlete. His goal is to pass on his relentless pursuit of excellence to his team.

*"I have been incredibly proud of how the team has used this offseason to prepare, grow and get better," said Coach Flacks. "Although this team will be one of the youngest and more inexperienced groups I have coached in my time at Harvard-Westlake, for what they lack in experience, they make up with an infectious enthusiasm and gritty competitiveness."*

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# HARVARD WESTLAKE

## 2017 VARSITY WATER POLO SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent
08/30 Wed. 5:30 PM	@ Dana Hills High School San Juan Hills High School
<b>09/06 Wed. 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Murrieta Valley High School</b> Harvard-Westlake US
09/07 Thu. 7:00 PM	@ Mater Dei High School Mater Dei High School
<b>09/14-9/16</b>	<b>Elite 8 Tournament</b> Harvard-Westlake US
<b>09/19 Tue. 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Newport High School</b> Harvard-Westlake US
09/21 Thu.	@ South Coast Tournament
09/22-23	@ South Coast Tournament
09/26 Tue. 5:00 PM	@ Huntington Beach High School Huntington Beach High School
09/27 Wed. 4:30 PM	@ Notre Dame High School* Notre Dame High School
<b>09/29 Fri. 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Drake High School</b> Harvard-Westlake US
10/04 Wed. 4:00 PM	@ Crespi High School* Pierce College
<b>10/07 Sat. 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Loyola High School*</b> Harvard-Westlake US
10/12 Thu.	@ Miramonte HS Cal
10/13 Fri.	@ North/South Challenge TBD in Northern California
10/14 Sat.	@ North/South Challenge TBD in Northern California
10/17 Tue. 4:00 PM	@ Orange Lutheran High School Santiago Community College
<b>10/18 Wed. 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Aleman High School*</b> Harvard-Westlake US
10/21 Sat. 1:00 PM	@ Santa Margarita High School Santa Margarita High School
<b>10/26 Thu. 3:30 PM</b>	<b>St. Francis High School*</b> Harvard-Westlake US

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# 2017 HARVARD-WESTLAKE WATER POLO ROSTER

Cap #	Name	Grade
1	Sam Krutonog	12
2	Nico Tierney	10
3	Jacob Cohn	12
4	Mot Stothart	10
5	Gabe Kaplan	12
6	Cristian Pang	10
7	Keller Maloney	12
8	Pierce Maloney	11
9	George Caras	10
10	Ethan Shipman	10
11	Ryan Neapole	11
12	Shay Gillearn	9
13	Asher Schwartz	9
14	Spencer Mendelsohn	9
15	Alex Bucur	11
17	Nick Shapoff	9
18	Nolan Krutonog	10
21	Chris Kim	10
22	Len Korl	9
23	Jake Engelberg	9
24	Gage Franchina	10

# HARVARD-WESTLAKE WATER POLO:

## SENIORS – CLASS OF 2018



JACOB COHN #3



GABE KAPLAN #6



SAM KRUTONOG #1



KELLER MALONEY #7



# HARVARD-WESTLAKE BOYS WATER POLO 2017



SAM KRUTONOG #1



NICO TIERNEY #2



JACOB COHN #3



MOT STOTHART #4



GABE KAPLAN #5



CRISTIAN PANG #6



KELLER MALONEY #7



PIERCE MALONEY #8



GEORGE CARAS #9



ETHAN SHIPMAN #10



RYAN NEAPOLE #11



SHAY GILLEARN #12



ASHER SCHWARTZ #13



SPENCER MENDELSON #14



ALEX BUCUR #15



NICK SHAPOFF #16



NOLAN KRUTONOG #18



CHRIS KIM #21



LEN KORL #22



JAKE ENGELBERG #23



GAGE FRANCHINA



## 2017 HARVARD-WESTLAKE WATER POLO COACHING STAFF



**BRIAN FLACKS**  
**PROGRAM HEAD**



**IAN DAVIDSON**  
**ASSISTANT COACH**



**TYLER KANDEL**  
**ASSISTANT COACH**



**MATTHEW KUBECK**  
**ASSISTANT COACH**



**PETER SCHIAVELLI**  
**ASSISTANT COACH**

# HARVARD-WESTLAKE SCHOOL

## ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT STAFF



TERRY BARNUM  
HEAD OF ATHLETICS



SCOTT BELLO  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



DARLENE BIBLE  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



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