

PARENT NETWORK

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Claremont: A Great College Town...for Parents

By KK Streator P'18

For students at Claremont, the college experience is more than the proverbial ivy-covered walls, classes, and cafeterias. The entire village of Claremont and its myriad of attractions—and distractions—are available to students and their families. We asked current CMC parents for some of their recommendations for having fun in Claremont, as well as their best travel trips for getting here.

Enjoy—and go to the CMC [Parent Network Facebook page](#) if you have any suggestions to add!

Dining: So Many Choices!

To fuel up for the day ahead, parents chose the egg sliders at Some Crust Bakery in the village as the best breakfast around. But be sure to call ahead to order or you could be in for a long wait—they're that good! Recommended places to grab a cup of coffee include The Spot (by the Doubletree Inn), The Motley Coffeehouse (located at Scripps), as well as The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, and Le Pain Quotidian, both located in the village. [Read more.](#)



My Top 5 Things to Do When the Parents Are in Town

By Jordan Aronowitz '18

1. Explore the Village

Collins food is great, but when my parents are in town, I like to try the wide variety of restaurants in the village! I take the opportunity to turn my trip to the village from a boring errand to awesome dining at some of the best restaurants in Los Angeles County.

2. Introduce My Professors

Professors are our greatest resource at CMC, and I have introduced my parents to many of my favorites. This has given them the opportunity to learn about my curriculum and what makes CMC such a unique academic institution directly from the source. The Monday of Parents Weekend is the best time to make this happen. I've found it's a win-win—classes are open for parents who would like to sit in, but the readings



A Short History of Claremont: Boom, Bust, Colleges, Oranges, and Pilgrims

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Located at the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Claremont was originally established in 1887 by the Pacific Land Improvement Company, land developers from Boston who were expecting a population boom along the extended Santa Fe Railroad line. In advance of the crowds, a grand hotel was built in anticipation of crowds that would never come.

The Eastern boys had badly mistimed their investment in the California boom. By 1888, the project was abandoned and the Hotel Claremont given to Pomona University to serve as the centerpiece of a new campus. Pomona was established to be an institution in the "New England style"—and the style of the town that grew up around it and the other Claremont Colleges

aren't required! [Read more.](#)

reflected the New England roots and styles of the original founders. [Read more.](#)

The Countdown Has Begun: Quick Tips for Parents on Commencement Day

Ready or not, the countdown has begun to the 69th Annual Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14. Here are some quick tips for the weekend's festivities.

Don't miss the reception for graduates and families on Friday, May 13, from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at Collins Dining Hall! This event is hosted by the CMC Board of Trustees and the CMC Alumni Association. It's the perfect way to kick off the weekend for the whole family. No tickets are required for the ceremony or reception.



The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. Seating for the ceremony is on a first-come basis. Seats may not be reserved but may be held. A representative from your party must remain in the tent with the chosen seats. [Read more.](#)

Chapter and Regional Events

Bay Area Chapter

Thursday, May 19

[Oakland A's vs. Yankees Game](#)

Oakland, CA

Europe Chapter

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, June 15

Reception with President Chodosh and
Tour of Parliament
London, England

June 17-19

[Euromet XXVII](#)

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Las Vegas Area

Thursday, May 5

[Alumni and Parent Reception](#)

Las Vegas, NV

New York Chapter

Thursday, June 9

[Yankees vs. Angels Game](#)

Bronx, NY

Saturday, June 11

[Botanical Garden Tour](#)

Bronx, NY

Orange County Chapter

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, June 15

Angels vs. Oakland A's Game
Anaheim, CA

Washington, D.C. Chapter

Thursday, May 26

[Nationals vs. Cardinals Game](#)

Washington, DC

Currently, the Trustees of CMC are sponsoring a 2:1 match for every gift made to the Parents Fund until graduation day, May 14th. To have your family's gift effectively tripled, please go to www.cmc.edu/giving/parents-fund to make your gift. As an additional incentive, we will also donate \$300 on behalf of every first-time donor to the Parents Fund. As always, the Parents Fund supports all of the extra-curricular programming your child loves, including: Athenaeum speakers, off-campus study, networking trips, and more!





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