

Principal's Welcome Letter
July 2018

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year from the award winning Western Sierra Collegiate Academy! Western Sierra is known for our academic rigor and success and we have prepared our graduates for admittance into the finest colleges and universities in the United States. Along with their acceptance, our students enter college with the 21st Century skills needed to achieve excellence. Additional evidence of our success came this past spring when Western Sierra was named the #1 school in Sacramento for college readiness by U.S News and World Reports for the second year in a row.

We have been busy preparing for the year and are looking forward to the return of students on August 15th! As we have increased enrollment over the last several years, we have found the need to add an additional science lab and redesign the former Student Services area into useable space, so we are currently under construction. Please know we have a classroom for every class and the areas under construction are sealed off from students and staff. With that said, we cannot wait for the finished product as we will introduce three new classrooms, office space and a large College and Career Center that can accommodate college presentations, large student and parent meetings and AP testing!

In addition, over the past year, we have engaged in the roll-out of our year one strategic plan goals and initiatives and this year we will align our vision of Core Knowledge and AP for All with a cohesive K-12 English Language Arts road map of all essential standards as well as implement social/emotional learning curriculum in our Pack Time classes. Staff will participate in two days of training related to the social/emotional learning curriculum and parents are encouraged to attend a parent night hosted by the curriculum developer on September 4th to learn more about the program and find ways to support your student(s) at home.

With all of this said, it is paramount that we have a strong partnership with our families. In this partnership, we will continually strive to maximize student achievement and we look forward to collaborating this school year. With the accolades and initiatives to support our students, Western Sierra anxiously awaits your children in what promises to be an exceptional new school year.

We look forward to educating your student(s) and continuing Rocklin Academy's exemplary academic experience.

Go Wolves!

Sincerely,

Chelsea Bowler-Shelton
Principal