

# Soka University of America



## ***Soka University, Aliso Viejo Graduates First Class***



In 2001, Soka University, Aliso Viejo opened on 103 acres of land overlooking the 4,000-acre Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park in Aliso Viejo. In 2005, the first class is graduating from this new four-year liberal arts college founded upon the pillars of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life.

These values have drawn students from all over the United States and the world. Half of the students come from the United States, and half come from 32 other countries.

Entering students have an average GPA of about 3.55. The student/faculty ratio is 9:1 and average class size is 16. Faculty members come from such prestigious universities as Colby, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, George Washington, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore, Texas A&M, UC Berkeley, UCLA, University of Hawaii, University of Mysore (India) and Yale.

Soka University of America's first 400 students have already formed 35 official clubs, including the Buena Vista Social Club (salsa, swing and other dance instruction), the Chinese Club, Eat Art, Global Peace Builders, Green Planet, Hawaii Club, Knights of Chess, Rhythmission Dance (hip hop), Soka Aikido Judo, Soka Business Development, Tae Kwon Do, V.O.I.C.E., Yearbook, the Soka Education Club, Soccer Club, Baseball Club, Basketball Club and Volleyball Club.

SUA facilities include the Olympic-size swimming pool, track and six tennis courts. Intercollegiate competition has begun in swimming, water polo, track and cross country.

Applications are now available for the entering class of 2006-2007 as the university continues the search for highly motivated students who are interested in the SUA mission of fostering a steady stream of global citizens committed to living a contributive life. The deadline for applications for Fall 2006 is January 3, 2006. See [www.soka.edu](http://www.soka.edu).

Free campus tours are also offered Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with reservations. Reservations may be made by e-mailing [info@soka.edu](mailto:info@soka.edu). Save the date for Soka's great International Festival with over 500 musicians and dancers performing on three stages on May 7, 2005. The festival is free for students under 18, \$5 for adults. See [www.soka.edu](http://www.soka.edu), or call (949) 480-4083 for more information.



*Aerial view of Soka University of America*