



MIDDLE SCHOOL

**LE LYCÉE
FRANÇAIS
DE LOS ANGELES**

Middle School at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles is an exhilarating time of discovery.

The French still hold precious a mind that is

**DISCIPLINED,
BROADLY INFORMED
AND SENSITIVE
TO INTELLECTUAL
DISTINCTIONS.**

Esther Kabbaz, founder of Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles

Students are eager to meet each other, full of curiosity. Many new faces appear, adding to the excitement. Our Elementary School graduates go “down the hill” beneath the beautiful green canopy of trees on our Main Campus to the Middle School complex below—a traditional rite of passage here at Le Lycée.

The new arrivals are welcomed with open arms. They are integrated into our international community and the global network of Lycée schools around the world. Middle School pupils are far more worldly and autonomous than they were in Elementary School. This period of transition before High School is an enchanting, relaxed time in their lives. They gain the advantages of our outstanding education, based on European tradition and American innovation and ingenuity. They benefit from the diversity of their teachers and fellow students, who hail from many countries.

We have an excellent student-to-teacher ratio and focus on our students’ personal development, as well as their self-confidence and independence. This is a time to experiment, to make mistakes in a safe environment, to attain self-reliance. We nurture and support their security and happiness. Their spirited energy enlivens us all.

OPPORTUNITIES

Middle School at Le Lycée offers a vigorous, well-rounded education to every student. In both the French- and English-Language Sections, students have the opportunity to study additional modern and ancient languages, including Spanish, German, Latin and ancient Greek, among others. All of our graduates are fluent in both French and English by the time they finish High School at Le Lycée.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH

Le Lycée Middle School offers both French and English language programs. What are the differences between the French-Language and English-Language Sections? There are a few curricular variations in science and languages but all of our students participate in team sports, mingle socially, and take some classes together. They open their minds to new languages and cultures, constantly hearing two or more idioms throughout the school day.

NEW STUDENTS

What can new students to Le Lycée expect at the Middle School level? What is their experience, particularly

for students in the English-Language Section? We welcome our new students with enthusiasm and distinct individual attention. The school director and faculty strive to smoothly integrate each new pupil into the community. Students who have experience at Le Lycée volunteer as guides and companions for the new arrivals in the first days and weeks on campus.

Our Middle School students conceive and take action on their own ideas. They produce their own fundraising events. They run the Student Council. They green the school campus. Both within and beyond the classroom, they are immersed in new discoveries.

“We wanted you to know how much we value the education your Lycée gave to the children. They’re typical American students, but with a much greater respect for and broader awareness of the world they live in.”

Melissa Anderson Sloan, parent of two Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles students



**I am friends with everyone here—
students, teachers and everyone on staff.
It’s kind of like a second family.**

Milad Hajian, Le Lycée Middle School English-Language Section student

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Le Lycée Middle School has a superior academic curriculum brightened with a wide range of electives including ancient Greek and Classroom Without Borders, an international cultural program. Our French- and English-speaking faculty are highly qualified and credentialed.

HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES

In Middle School, our students study English and French according to their level of preparation, with a strong focus on writing and communication skills. We offer ancient history and world geography, U.S. history and civics, and modern European history. In addition to Latin and Greek, students also begin a third modern language, such as Spanish or German.

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

In the sixth grade, students begin with pre-algebra, geometry, biology, geology, earth and physical sciences, and computer science. These subjects continue through

the eighth grade with the addition of algebra, life science, and more advanced physics and chemistry.

Our Middle School students are constantly engaged and entertained by a myriad of experiences. At the same time, they reach a high level of academic achievement. They prepare to enter Le Lycée's Raymond & Esther Kabbaz High School, where our students pursue multiple AP courses and have historically achieved an unparalleled passage rate on the prestigious French Baccalaureate Exam, as well as the French-American Baccalaureate.

"A child's education should begin at least one hundred years before he is born."

Oliver Wendell Holmes



We are also expected to be more multicultural here and to bring those points of view into the classroom. If you can put kids from different backgrounds into a learning environment that makes them think about real world issues, it's amazing what they end up sharing and learning.

April Carver, Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles Middle School English teacher

ART, MUSIC, DRAMA

Art and music are essential to our curriculum throughout Middle School. Le Lycée's dramatic productions and theatrical resources are also outstanding, particularly our state-of-the-art theater and concert hall, Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz.

ART

Our art courses cover studio art, including drawing, painting, sculpture, and Photoshop. Students also learn the history of art and art criticism. Student art projects often include research into a particular tradition or culture, such as indigenous masks or the creation of images in mosaic tile. These assignments may last three to four weeks and involve genres such as the self-portrait, the totem pole, or still-life painting.

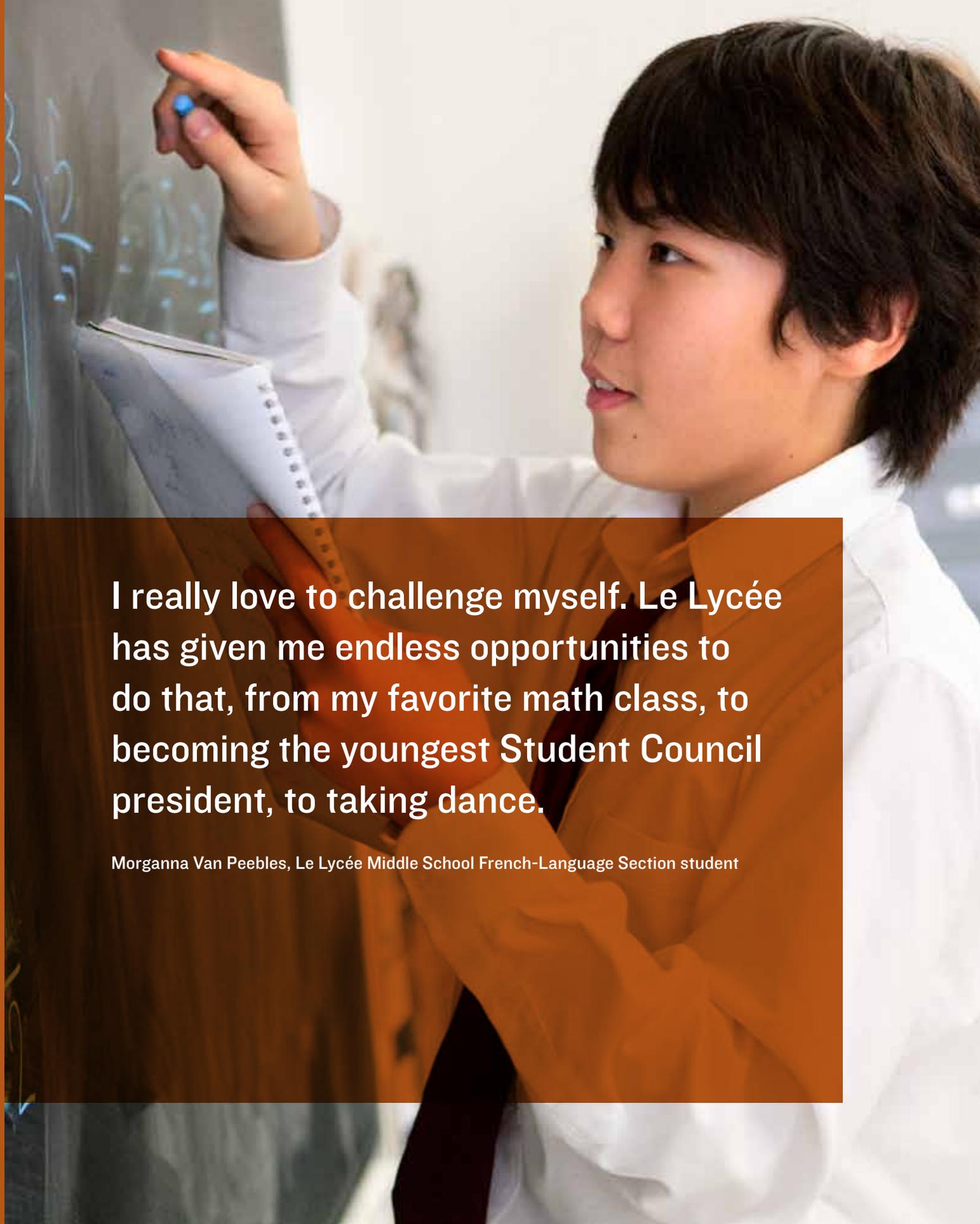
MUSIC

Our students learn to sing, to read music, and to play simple instruments. They study the history of music. Many of our young musicians also take private lessons, with enthusiastic support from our faculty. Some of our students have

studied concurrently at one of the nearby world-class conservatories, such as the Colburn School of Music in downtown Los Angeles.

DRAMA

Middle School students produce their own Shakespeare/Molière Theater Festival in the outdoor amphitheater on campus. Occasionally, they perform in theatrical programs that are school-wide. Many Lycée students and families attend events at the renowned professional Théâtre Raymond Kabbaz. One of the finest intimate dramatic venues in Los Angeles, Le Lycée's theater is a focal point for the international performing arts community. Each season, both students and faculty also perform at the theater.



I really love to challenge myself. Le Lycée has given me endless opportunities to do that, from my favorite math class, to becoming the youngest Student Council president, to taking dance.

Morganna Van Peebles, Le Lycée Middle School French-Language Section student

“Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself.”

John Dewey

EXTRACURRICULAR PURSUITS

Outside the classroom, the Lycée Middle School overflows with interests and endeavors.

Modern and jazz dance, the Student Council, *The Cub* (our Middle School newspaper), chess, community service and school dances are all popular. Our outstanding school-wide choir performs in several languages. The annual Readathon is a fundraiser, like a slumber party at school with sleeping bags and tents where the students spend an entire day reading, sponsored by donors to raise funds for greening the campus.

SPORTS

Many of our students first experience competitive team athletics at the middle school level. Sports include soccer, basketball, karate and volleyball. They play and compete in the excellent gymnasium at our High School campus, on the Main Campus' multipurpose sports court, and on nearby sports fields.

FIELD TRIPS

The Middle School field trips include a weeklong science trip to Catalina Island to investigate wildlife, and visits to the Getty Villa, LACMA and a working farm. Our science classes tour the world-renowned institutes of NASA, Caltech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

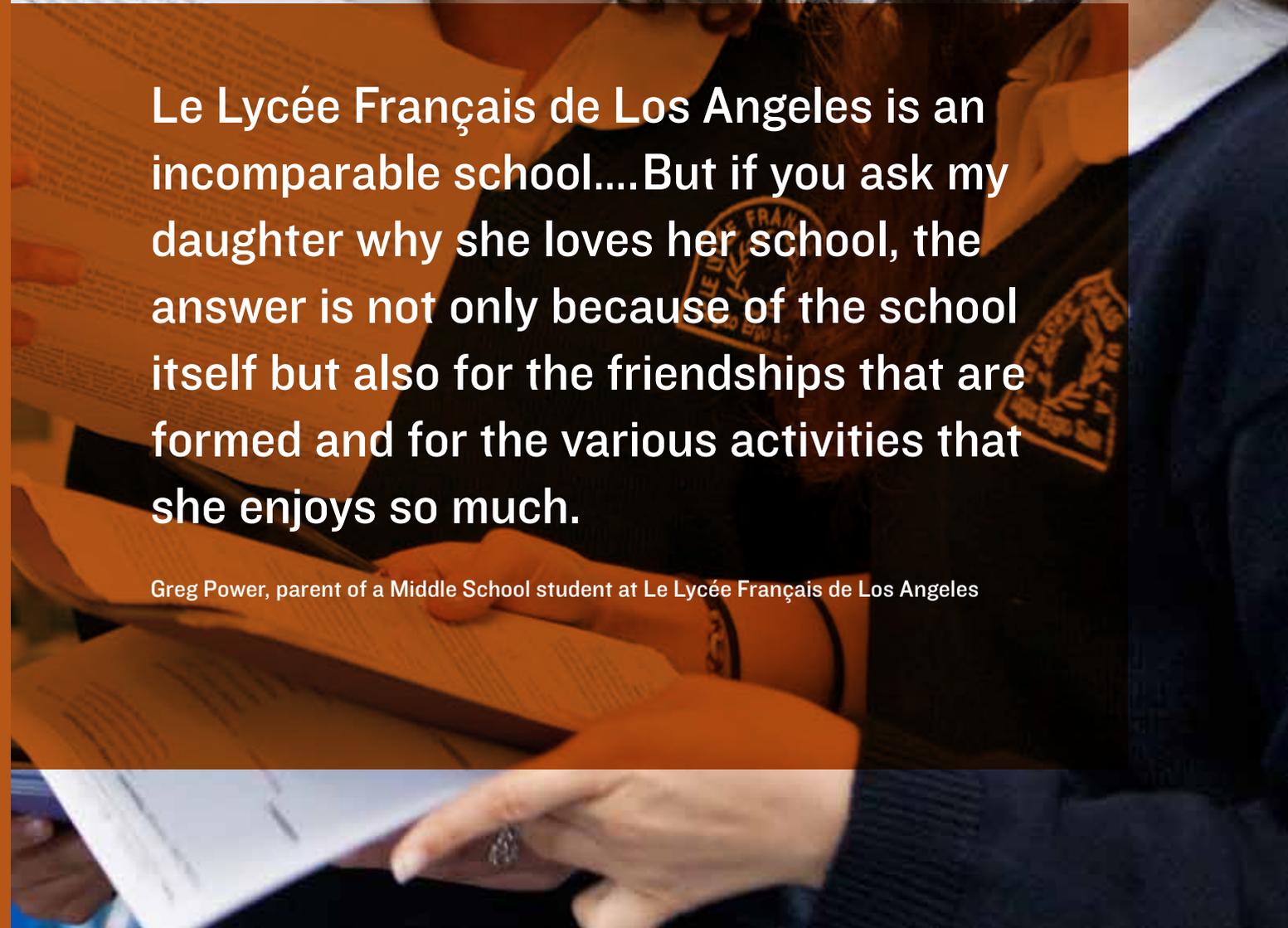
“Education is not merely a means for earning a living or an instrument for the acquisition of wealth. It is an initiation into a life of spirit, a training of the human soul in the pursuit of truth and the practice of virtue.”

Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit



Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles is an incomparable school...But if you ask my daughter why she loves her school, the answer is not only because of the school itself but also for the friendships that are formed and for the various activities that she enjoys so much.

Greg Power, parent of a Middle School student at Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles



Our academic routine

A DAY IN THE LIFE

8:32 AM As part of Classroom Without Borders, the students plan a charitable drive to collect school supplies for *Prête-Moi Ta Gomme*, a nonprofit organization that helps underprivileged children in Africa.

9:21 AM A student ponders an assignment about *Le Médecin Malgré Lui* by Molière, a French play that the class also performs during the Middle School Molière festival.

9:52 AM A teacher demonstrates geometric concepts of symmetry and angles during math class.

10:23 AM A student examines a tissue sample of a human lung damaged by cigarette smoke, as she studies the functions of the human body during Life Sciences class.

11:16 AM Basketball is a popular exercise during morning P.E. class, which takes place on campus, at the local park, and in the High School's gymnasium.

12:30 PM After eating lunch, students play a friendly game of ping-pong in preparation for the highly anticipated Middle School tournament.

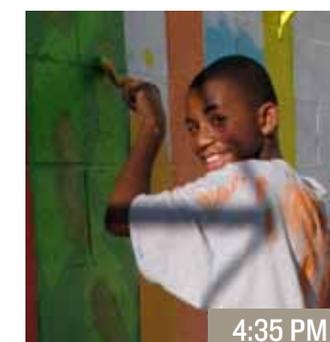
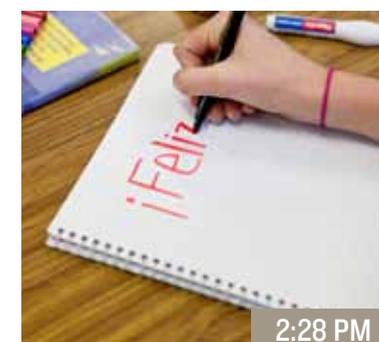
1:47 PM An English teacher reviews a student's report on Gene Luen Yang's graphic novel *American Born Chinese*, part of the multicultural body of literature presented at the school.

2:28 PM A student who is fluent in both French and English begins studying Spanish.

4:35 PM A student participates in after-school mural painting, one component of the student-led campus beautification initiative.



“Le Lycée offers a really, really good education, and the teachers are patient and will review with you until you understand.”
Misha Cade, Le Lycée Middle School English-Language Section student



THE PRINCIPAL GOAL OF EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS

should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done; men and women who are creative, inventive and discoverers, who can be critical and verify, and not accept, everything they are offered.

Jean Piaget

To request additional information about open house events or scheduling campus visits, or if you have any other questions about the Middle School, please contact the admissions office at admissions@LyceeLA.org or at 310-836-3464, ext. 315.

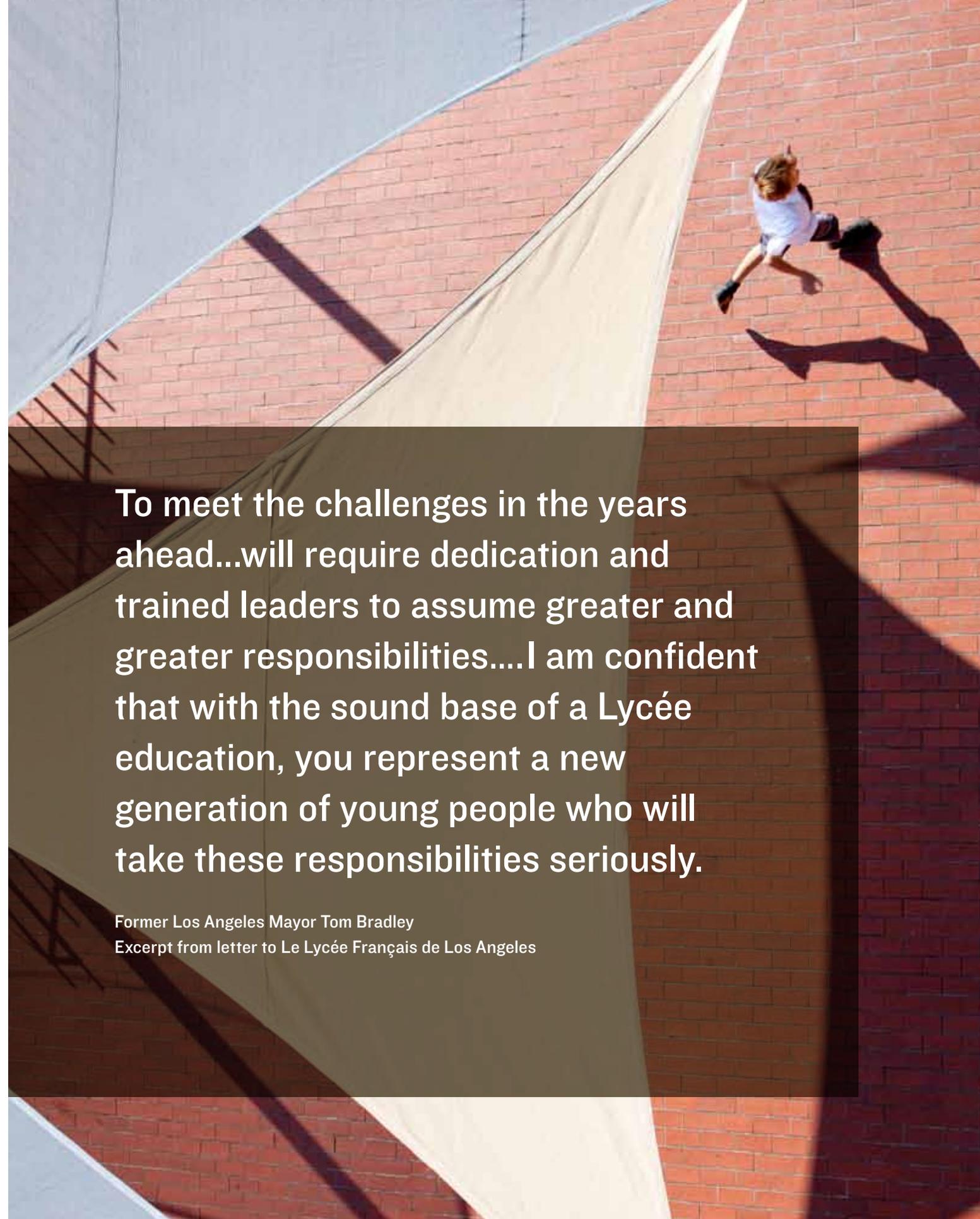
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To meet the challenges in the years ahead...will require dedication and trained leaders to assume greater and greater responsibilities....I am confident that with the sound base of a Lycée education, you represent a new generation of young people who will take these responsibilities seriously.

Former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley
Excerpt from letter to Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles

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