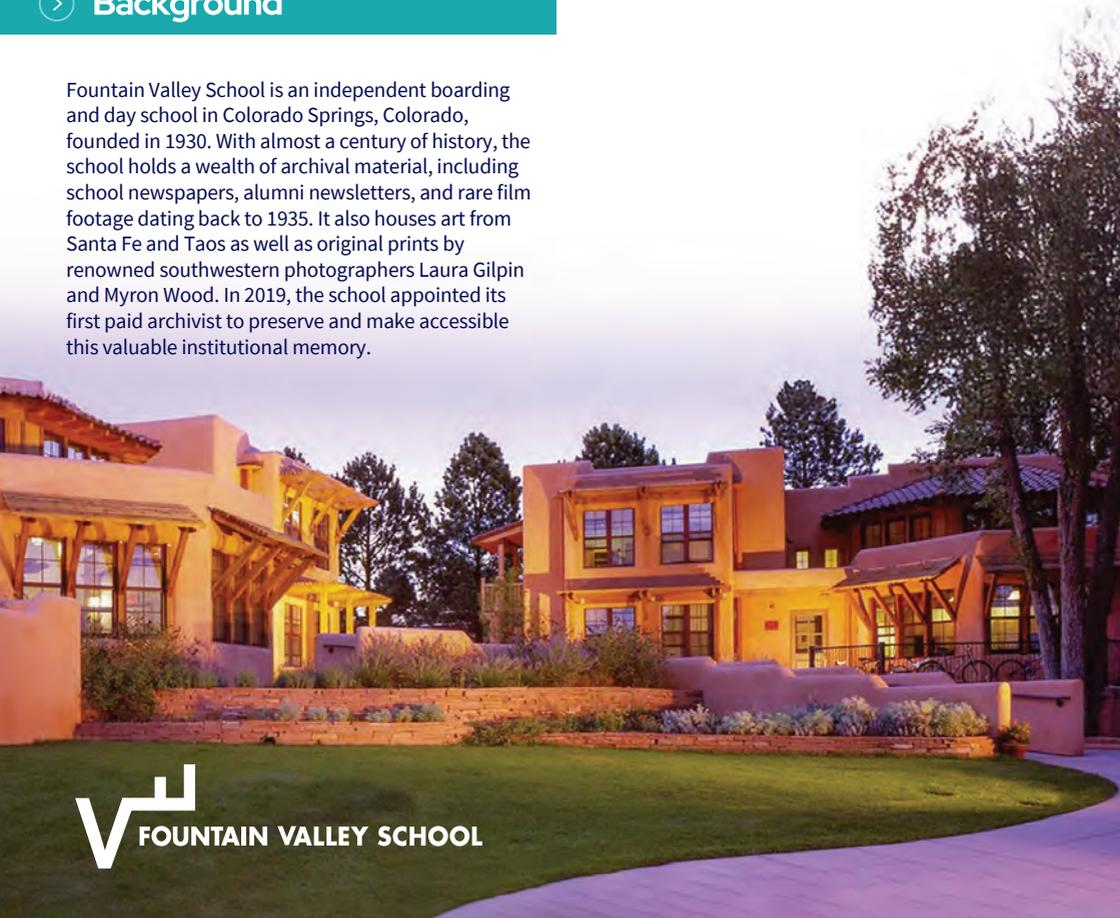


# Preserving Institutional Memory at Fountain Valley School

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## > Background

Fountain Valley School is an independent boarding and day school in Colorado Springs, Colorado, founded in 1930. With almost a century of history, the school holds a wealth of archival material, including school newspapers, alumni newsletters, and rare film footage dating back to 1935. It also houses art from Santa Fe and Taos as well as original prints by renowned southwestern photographers Laura Gilpin and Myron Wood. In 2019, the school appointed its first paid archivist to preserve and make accessible this valuable institutional memory.





## Results

The digitization project has transformed how Fountain Valley School accesses and uses its historical records. Research that previously required hours of manual searching through physical archives can now be completed in Showcase in minutes.

The development office has used the digitized archives to research building funding histories for a capital campaign, and to quickly retrieve information about prospective donors' time at the school. The communications office has used the newspaper archive to identify historical events for anniversary projects, including preparations for the 50th anniversary of co-education in 2026.

Staff across departments now reach out to the archivist for help with research and projects. The school can be confident that its valuable historical materials are preserved and accessible, maintaining institutional memory for current staff, alumni and future generations.



***This project with Ovation has been a phenomenal tool for connecting with and strengthening relationships with alumni. It's remarkable what you learn, and the value you create for your institution when you undertake a project like this. My advice to archivist colleagues in other institutions would be that if you're not already doing it, you should figure out how to get on it asap.***

**Jake Emery**

Archivist, Fountain Valley School

**Preserving institutional memory is essential for schools and heritage organizations as they navigate change while honoring their history.**

- **For more than forty years,** Ovation has helped organizations unlock valuable information held in fragile or inaccessible media formats, from paper records to film and legacy digital formats.
- **Ovation discovers, enhances and preserves** the value of your archives, making decades of institutional history searchable and accessible.
- Using Ovation Showcase, organizations can **provide controlled access to sensitive materials** while making everyday research fast and efficient.





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## Seniors Kick Off the Weekend

The weekend of October ninth is run by the Seniors. Those who were involved made the weekend lots of fun. A lot of time and energy was put in to provide the seniors with a good time. Friday night after the game, smoothies with fruits, and ice blended were served in Penrose as well as a campfire outside. Marshmallows, Hershey bars and crackers were on sale for Seniors' lovers. Saturday, the Seniors prepared for that night after the game with a night movie. During the movie, anyone who wanted Smoothies and ice cream were sold to top

Sunday was a rainy day. A long waterslide was on. The sun shone through the brisk wind to warm the bodies from the slide. Though the wind didn't discourage children or students, it was in use a good deal. Those who didn't get to play lacrosse were waiting for the three o'clock game to begin. The game brought many smiles regardless of any sore ankles. Soon there will be another Senior Weekend. So please don't miss it. Thank you to those of the senior class who made this weekend a successful one!



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## Fall Play in Action

Flash! Big news! The resident of at least one of the FVS fall plays, written by Arthur Hanes, and directed by Hanes, is a past success. It would encourage the dramatic taste to

world. Ronnie's father, Arthur Hanes, is a resident of at least one of the FVS fall plays, written by Arthur Hanes, and directed by Hanes, is a past success. It would encourage the dramatic taste to

The philosophy of Interim Work is to provide time for otherwise educational activities that Fountain Valley and its staff are proud to offer. A variety of on and off campus activities are being offered.

The computer center is open during the school year. A course run by a professional diver will utilize the swimming pool during the summer.

Other on-campus activities include Art, Photography, Rock Climbing, and International Cooking.

Over half of the student body has elected to take advantage of various off-campus interims. These interims offer the opportunity to explore other areas of the country and pursue new interests. This year there are two trips to San Francisco; one concentrating on historical and cultural aspects, the other on the arts. Three trips are planned from the four corners of the state: Outward Bound, a wilderness training trip down the Colorado River, another a canoe trip down the Green River, and the third a sailing trip on the boat exploring the coast.

a time to divert our minds from the heavily structured FVS routine and to explore more creatively oriented activities. This allows us partially to regain our sanity so that we can return refreshed and motivated for the term.

Every activity is sponsored by one or more faculty members in their activity. The students' interests depend on how they like to spend their time.

sometimes, what their friends are doing.

There is quite a variety of interim activities to choose from. Initially, a long list of possibilities and tentative costs is announced to the school. This list is then refined and limited according to student interest. Then the updated roster emerges and students make their final decisions. This year's available experiences include trips to San Francisco, Mexico, Oregon, the

## Welcome to Fountain Valley!

Welcome parents, friends and relatives to Parents' Weekend here at Fountain Valley School! We have quite an eventful itinerary planned for you. Though attendance is not required, we are sure that the activities we have planned for you are ones you just can't miss!

Friday, October 23, 1981:  
4:45 p.m. — Junior Varsity "B" Soccer vs Doherty High School Soccer.  
6:00 p.m. — Dinner in Dining Room  
8:00 p.m. — "The Winslow Boy" Student Production directed by Mr. [Name]. A definite "must" for anyone attending school for a crime he did not commit —  
8:30 a.m. — October 24, 1981:  
8:00 a.m. — Check in bright and shiny for Parents' Weekend!

