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Webb Schools to Celebrate Centennial

Gala event set for October 22 at Claremont campus

CLAREMONT, CA – More than 600 alumni and families will join <u>The Webb Schools</u> for a Centennial Celebration on Saturday, October 22, featuring an original composition by composer Andy Street, a film on the schools' origins and an evening of dancing with iconic L.A. DJ Richard Blade.

"This will be an evening to remember," Head of Schools Taylor B. Stockdale said. "For 100 years, Webb has delivered an unmatched experience founded on honor and moral courage and the value of unbounded thinking. It's an incredible legacy worthy of celebration."

Thompson and Vivian Webb founded <u>Webb School of California</u> in September 1922 in the hills above Claremont. In 1968, Webb launched the <u>Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology</u>, which in 1998 became the only such museum on a high school campus to be nationally accredited. In 1981, Vivian Webb School joined the other institutions, and the collective became known as The Webb Schools.

Today, The Webb Schools enroll over 400 students from across the world, including 250 boarding students. Alumni represent 49 U.S. states and 46 countries. They are prominent in the fields of business, service, entertainment, government, literature, medicine, science and the arts.

Over the last several years, the schools have focused on plans for the next 100 years, launching a <u>fundraising campaign</u> to strengthen student scholarships, support for faculty and their innovative curriculum, and ongoing development of what has grown to be a 150-acre campus.

In October 2021, the schools announced a \$100 million future estate gift – the largest such gift ever made to an independent high school in the American West, and one of the four largest ever recorded to any such institution in the U.S.

The celebration will include remarks by Stockdale and Board of Trustees President Sanjay Dholakia '87 as well as <u>recognition</u> of best-selling author <u>John Scalzi '87</u>, musician <u>Summer Swee-Singh</u> '07 and retired attorney Chip Greening '62 for their service and accomplishments.

