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### **Alliance College-Ready Public Schools Kicks Off Innovative Mentorship Program Proven to Increase College Attendance and Persistence**

*Nearly 700 Alliance seniors – many the first in their family to go to college – will meet their mentor at the June 1<sup>st</sup> College Prep Summit and be inspired by keynote speaker, National Youth Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman.*

**EVENT DATE: JUNE 1, 2018 (LOS ANGELES)** – Nearly 700 college-bound students from Alliance-College Ready Public Schools will gather for a full-day College Prep Summit, kicking-off the Alliance Mentorship Program (AMP) for the class of 2018. AMP matches an Alliance alumni attending the same university with incoming freshmen, establishing a relationship that has shown to increase a students' likelihood of making a successful transition into college.

AMP is part of Alliance's commitment to ensure their scholars not only get into college, but persist and graduate from college. Alliance recently completed a study of the [six-year-old college mentorship program](#) which has dramatically improved college persistence rates for Alliance scholars. This one of a kind program is a pioneering model for K-12 public schools to support their students through college.

At the College Prep Summit, mentees will meet their mentors, and hear from experts on ways to achieve college success. The event will also feature a **keynote address by Amanda Gorman, the first person to hold the title of US Youth Poet Laureate.**

Mentors, mentees, as well as Alliance program directors are available for press interviews. Please contact us to schedule.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Keynote by US Youth Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman, 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Cal State LA (program begins in the gym)

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**About Alliance College-Ready Public Schools:** Alliance College-Ready Public Schools is one of the largest and most successful nonprofit charter school networks in the nation, operating 25 high-performing, public charter middle and high schools that educate nearly 13,000 students from Los Angeles' most underserved communities. Alliance schools have been recognized as among the best in the nation by US News & World Report, Newsweek, the U.S. Department of Education and the California Department of Education. Since opening its first school in 2004, 95% of Alliance students have graduated from high school and been accepted to college.