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**All 17 Eligible¹ Alliance High Schools Recognized as 2020 Best Public High Schools
in the Nation by U.S. News & World Report**

Alliance College-Ready Public Schools—the largest nonprofit network of public charter schools in Los Angeles—celebrates all 17 eligible high schools ranked in top 25% nationally in the *U.S. News & World Report* for Best Public High Schools, proving all children can learn, regardless of ZIP code or background.

Los Angeles, CA, April 21, 2020—17 Alliance high schools have been recognized as one of the 2020 Best U.S. High Schools. Alliance Ted K. Tajima High School and Alliance Marc and Eva Stern Math and Science High School have been ranked in the top 500 schools in the nation and top 50 schools in California. New to the list are Alice M. Baxter College-Ready High School and Alliance Margaret M. Bloomfield High School. All eligible Alliance high schools were ranked in the top 25% of schools in the nation.

The [*U.S. News & World Report*](#) reviews annual data on public high schools in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. This year, more than 24,000 schools were reviewed and ranked by their college readiness, math and reading proficiency, math and reading performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth, and graduation rate.

Alliance scholars graduate high school and are admitted to college at a rate of 95 percent—higher than the local, state, and national average. Alliance credits five core values to its successful approach to learning:

1. High Expectations for All Scholars
2. Small, Personalized Learning Environments
3. Increased Instructional Time
4. Highly Qualified Educators
5. Parents as Partners

¹ To be eligible, schools must have 2017-2018 graduation data.



“We have an ambitious goal of 75% or higher college completion from a four-year institution,” shared Alliance CEO Dan Katzir. “This report confirms that our approach to learning is closing the opportunity gap and building educational equity for more than 13,000 scholars across Los Angeles. In the midst of what has been an uncertain and challenging time, I am all the more proud to celebrate the life-changing work of Alliance schools.”

Alliance 2020 US News & World Report Best High Schools	COMMUNITY SERVED
Alliance Alice M. Baxter College-Ready High School	San Pedro
Alliance Cindy & Bill Simon Technology High School	South LA/Watts
Alliance Collins Family College-Ready High School	Huntington Park
Alliance Dr. Olga Mohan High School	Downtown LA
Alliance Gertz-Ressler/Richard Merkin 6-12 Complex	Downtown LA
Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology High School	South LA/Watts
Alliance Leichtman-Levine Family Foundation Environmental Science High School	Glassell Park/Lincoln Heights
Alliance Marc & Eva Stern Math and Science School	East LA
Alliance Margaret M. Bloomfield High School	Huntington Park
Alliance Morgan McKinzie High School	East LA
Alliance Ouchi-O'Donovan 6-12 Complex	South LA/Watts
Alliance Patti & Peter Neuwirth Leadership Academy	South LA/Watts
Alliance Piera Barbaglia Shaheen Health Services Academy	South LA/Watts
Alliance Renee & Meyer Luskin Academy High School	South LA/Watts
Alliance Susan & Eric Smidt Technology High School	Glassell Park/Lincoln Heights
Alliance Ted K. Tajima High School	Downtown LA
Alliance Tennenbaum Family Technology High School	Glassell Park/Lincoln Heights

About Alliance College-Ready Public Schools

Alliance College-Ready Public Schools was founded 15 years ago on the belief that all children—regardless of ZIP code, income, ability, or background—are capable of achieving at high levels. Alliance is one of the largest and most successful nonprofit public charter school



networks in the nation, operating 28 high-performing, tuition-free middle and high schools in Los Angeles communities that are systemically oppressed. Alliance has a proven record of success for our 13,000 scholars and 14,000 alumni, 97% of whom are scholars of color and 93% qualify for free and reduced meals. Though 93% of our incoming 6th graders enter Alliance reading below grade level, they outperform California state and local districts on state standardized testing. Ninety-five percent of Alliance scholars have graduated from high school and been accepted to college, 73% to a four-year university. Our schools have been recognized among the best in the state and nation by the U.S. Department of Education, the California Department of Education, U.S. News & World Report, and the University of Southern California (USC) Rossier School of Education.

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