



Collegiate Academies

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All Means All

Collegiate's Year in Review

ANNUAL REPORT



A message from our CEO

“All of us were growing together.” — Maicha’n Bazile

As high school freshmen in 2008, Maicha’n and Jeon needed different things. Jeon remembers craving rigor and academic challenge. Maicha’n recalls the desire for variety— clubs, sports, electives, and all the trappings of a traditional New Orleans high school. At that stage in Sci Academy’s founding year, we were finding our way as a school and refining our identity. We realized we needed to adapt to meet our students’ needs. So we changed the curriculum and added honors sections. We supported teachers to increase interventions. We helped students found clubs and teams. As Maicha’n put it, “all of us were growing together.”

Now, eleven years later, I’m proud to say that Collegiate Academies’ focus on growth is what sets us apart. We are committed to the belief that the Maicha’n and Jeons of the world should be able to go to the same school: a place where you don’t have to sacrifice academics in the name of co-curriculars or rigor in the name of intervention. All kids deserve schools that are dedicated to serving all scholars.

Jeon and Maicha’n are still growing with us today—both are educators at our school Opportunities Academy. Because of their contributions to our team, along with those of thousands of other alumni and current students, Collegiate Academies continues to grow as an organization. While we’ve maintained our college focus, we have continually developed responsive programming to support the needs of all of our students: from trauma-informed practices to enhanced co-curriculars; from English Language Learning supports to honors extension coursework; from AP classes to autism specific-interventions. Our team is persistent and expert in meeting the needs of ALL kids.

While the obstacles they face are often greater than those of the most challenged student populations in urban high schools, Collegiate Academies students grow at a rate that is among the highest ever recorded for schools nationwide. No matter your academic or social background, enrolling with Collegiate Academies gets you the equivalent of nearly two years of normal schooling in just one. Through a

balance of rigorous instruction and need-responsive interventions, our students are proving what is possible in the classroom and beyond. In each year since the organization’s founding, every single Collegiate Academies school has ranked in the top ten for academic growth citywide. We would not be able to achieve these outcomes without a commitment to serve ALL students, not just some.

Collegiate Academies schools are united by our mission to prepare ALL students for college success and lives of unlimited opportunity. “All” is a small word but the commitment it inspires across our community is not only helping our students succeed, it is also widening the scope of what educators can do in public schools. The commitment to ALL students turns formerly “impossible” challenges into innovative programs that could soon produce daily triumphs across schools beyond our walls and city. Each year, we deepen and grow our understanding of our commitment to ALL students. It makes the job harder, but it makes these triumphs more lasting and significant. We are excited for you to learn about many of them in this report.

I’m excited to share our annual report with you, as it is a snapshot of where we are winning and how much we’ve grown.

Benjamin Marcovitz, CEO

Collegiate Academies builds world-class public schools that prepare all students for college success and lives of unlimited opportunity.

2019

11 Years
2 Cities
2,800 Students
170 Teachers
850+ Years Cumulative Experience.
88% Retention Staff Returning in 2019-2020

Collegiate school leaders collectively have over **75+** years of experience.

85% of our students are first generation college students.

1363 alumni are attending **68** colleges and universities nationwide.

99% of the Class of 2019 were accepted to college.

2019 Seniors were accepted to **91** colleges nationwide.

\$4,665,657 in scholarship money was awarded to 2019 Seniors.

Education is the key to unlo

golden door of freedom.

-George Washington Carver



Abramson Sci Academy

9-12 grades, New Orleans

School Leader: Rhonda Dale



GW Carver High School

9-12 grades, New Orleans

School Leader: Jerel Bryant



Livingston Collegiate Academy

9-12 grades, New Orleans

School Leader: Evan Stoudt



Collegiate Baton Rouge

9-11 grades, Baton Rouge

School Leader: Kelsey Lambrecht



Rosenwald Collegiate Academy

9-10 grades, New Orleans

School Leader: Benjamin Davis



Opportunities Academy

Ages 18-22, New Orleans

School Leader: James Lukens

Our unique school for individuals with autism, intellectual disabilities, and developmental disabilities

all means ALL

Teaching is a revolutionary act.

63% of teachers identify as people of color

70% of overall staff identify as people of color

155 staff members in intervention roles

38 staff members dedicated to Restorative Practices

18 on-site mental health professionals

2 of 3 teachers run a club or elective

373 teammates across the network

88%

Staff retention rate from the end of last school year

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The dream of our schools is to be the engine of the community to improve and sustain itself. Our schools should not just produce the worlds we want kids to live in but resemble them.”

— **Ben Marcovitz** CEO of Collegiate Academies



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I love working at Collegiate Academies because everyone is truly doing all they can for their students' success! Everyone present wants to see students win!

— **Jazmin Milburn**

Chemistry Teacher - Collegiate Baton Rouge

I like the flexibility and creativity that teachers have within their curriculum. I feel like I have a lot of power and control over what I teach compared to teachers at other schools.

— **Eliana Blum**

Reading Teacher - Rosenwald Collegiate Academy

Collegiate Academies has smart and passionate teachers who want to change what is possible in education.

— **Erica Mariola**

English Teacher - Livingston Collegiate Academy

We strongly believe that we are molding some of the best people in the world, and we will continue to do just that.

— **Sonia Scott**

Math Essentials Teacher - Rosenwald Collegiate Academy



PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHT



Collegiate Academies Restorative Education

(CARE) program is a network-wide initiative that provides a restorative framework to help our schools become places where students are deeply cared for. CARE is centered around non-traditional disciplinary strategies to increase engagement in school, reduce time spent out of class, and build social-emotional skills for students.

Increased Academic Achievement

Paired with Collegiate Academies' rigorous academic curriculum, CARE is playing an important role in improving achievement outcomes for students.

All CA schools ranked in the _____

Top 10 for growth among comparison open-enrollment high schools statewide.

Decreased Suspension Rates

Our out-of-school suspension rates went down

76% since the 2012-13 school year.

Comprehensive Options for Diverse Learners

We create innovative programs to serve **diverse learners** who thrive in a continuum of settings and services that push them uniquely regardless of their previous experiences or current abilities.

Essential Skills

Supports students with significant disabilities in growing both functional and Common Core aligned literacy and numeracy skills, along with transition skills to build independence.

REACH

Supports students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities and autism to achieve significant growth in reading and math by focusing on transition-based skills and internships alongside Common Core aligned literacy, numeracy, and transition skills.

Journey Program

Supports students who have the most intensive social-emotional needs by leveraging therapeutic settings and increased counseling supports and wrap around services to maximize each student’s ability to achieve academic success.

English Language

Supports students whose first language is not English. We do this by supplementing standard instruction with appropriate language resources, partnering ESL teachers with general education teachers to identify opportunities to accelerate learning, and providing accommodations such as translated materials in their home language.

Opportunities Academy

Supports high school graduates, ages 18-22, with autism, intellectual disabilities, and developmental disabilities to build skills in independent living, employability, and community access through applied learning in real-world settings. For more information, see page 25.



52% of all students access Collegiate’s **Responsive Support Services** *

20% of students participate in **Special Education settings and services**

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Special Education settings, English Learners supports, Response to Intervention (RTI), reading and math intervention, Behavioral Intervention Plans, and mental health services.



CA Next’s mission is to equip all Collegiate Academies alumni to complete college or their most rigorous post-secondary outcome and have the power to control their future. Our Alumni Advisors offer one-on-one advising and cohort advising to ensure students are successful in navigating and persisting in college. Advisors partner with student services at colleges and universities to connect students with resources on their campus.

1,363 Collegiate Alumni

13,728 touchpoints with alumni annually across
69 colleges nationwide.
38 annual alumni events.

\$4,665,657 in scholarship money
awarded to the Class of 2019.

**Our alumni are
currently attending:**

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| Agnes Scott College | Marshalltown Community College |
| Alcorn State University | McLennan Community College |
| American Academy of Dramatic Arts | Minnesota State Community and Technical College |
| Arizona State University-Tempe | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College |
| Bard College | Morehouse College |
| Baton Rouge Community College | Mt. San Antonio College |
| Brandeis University | Nicholls State University |
| California State University- Long Beach | Northshore Technical |
| Carleton College | Nunez Community College Community College |
| Clark-Atlanta University | Pearl River Community College |
| College of the Sequoias | Randolph Community College |
| Colorado Technical University | Rust College |
| Connecticut College | Simpson University |
| Delgado Community College | Southeastern Louisiana University |
| Dillard University | Southern University A & M College |
| Emory University | Southern University at New Orleans |
| Franklin & Marshall College | Stanford University |
| Full Sail University | Stillman College |
| George Washington University | Talladega College |
| Grambling State University | Texas A & M University-Galveston |
| Hinds Community College | Tougaloo College |
| Howard University | Tulane University |
| Illinois Wesleyan University | Tuskegee University |
| Independence University | Universidad Del Turabo |
| Jackson State University | University of Houston |
| Johnson & Wales University | University of Louisiana at Lafayette |
| Kutztown University of Pennsylvania | University of Southern Mississippi |
| Lane College | University of Texas at Arlington |
| Louisiana College | University of Texas of the Permian Basin |
| Louisiana State University | Vermillion Community College |
| Louisiana Tech University | Wesleyan University |
| Loyola University | Xavier University of Louisiana |

The mission of Abramson Sci Academy is to prepare all scholars for college success, equipped with the passion and tools to strengthen any community they choose.

I am proud to be a part of ASA student council. In middle school, I often felt as if my voice was unheard, but coming to ASA student council amplified the voice of those who could not speak for themselves. — Darian Trotter, Class of 2021

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608 students

Grades 9-12

17 teams & co-curriculars

Meet Rhonda Dale

 Years in Education 19

 Alma Mater
Western State College

 Leadership Superpower
Big Vision with Small Details



CA's Founding School

Guided by a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, Abramson Sci Academy strives to provide a comprehensive high school experience for all scholars. As Collegiate's flagship school, Abramson Sci Academy is one of the highest performing open-enrollment schools in New Orleans serving grades 9-12. This past year, more than 98% of Abramsom's seniors received acceptances to college.



3059 Higgins Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70126

The vision of George Washington Carver High School is to prepare all scholars for college success, inspired and ready to exceed any expectations.

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My hope for future alumni is that they do even better than me. I hope that they don’t take opportunities for granted and strive to be THE best. — La’Shae Joseph, Class of 2020



#1 in growth in open enrollment high schools grades 9-12 in NOLA

Rooted in the Desire neighborhood since the 1950s, Carver has an extensive legacy as a long standing pillar within the community in the Upper Ninth Ward. Carver’s educators have a shared vision of excellence and expectations, supported by college-aligned curriculums. Carver’s rich co-curricular programming offers students an opportunity to find what inspires them and build their own legacy as Rams.

799 students

Grades 9-12

18 teams & co-curriculars

Meet Jerel Bryant



Years in Education 12



Alma Mater Yale University



Leadership Superpower
Foresight & Resilience



The mission of Livingston Collegiate Academy is to empower all students to graduate from college and lead the world.

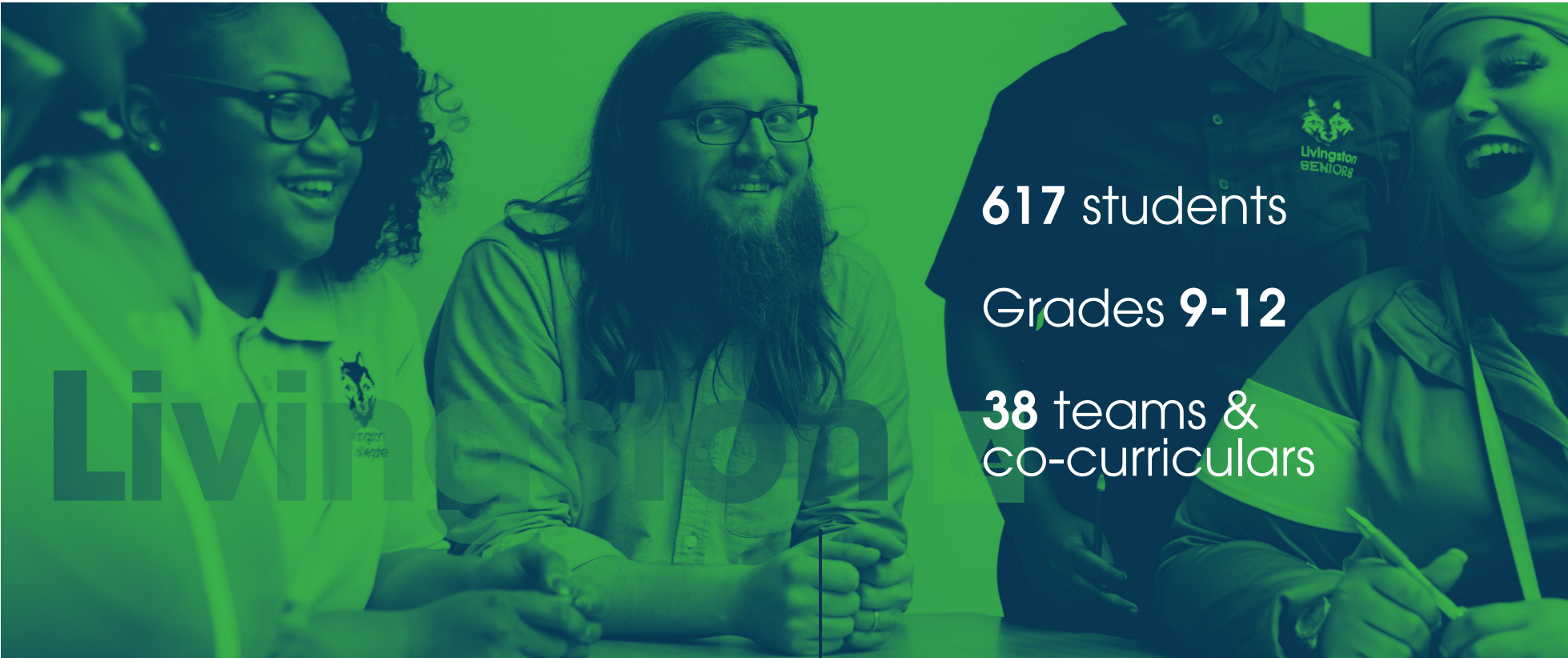
A lot of high schools say that they are a family, but Livingston is really a family. It's a positive place to learn and grow. — *Cierra Brown, Class of 2020*

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 **30+ electives and clubs**
offered during Flex Block

Paired with rigorous academics and individualized interventions, Livingston offers students a chance to participate in clubs and co-curriculars during the school day in what is called Flex Block. This approach ensures that all students have an opportunity to discover and explore what they are passionate about both in and out of the classroom.



617 students
Grades 9-12
38 teams & co-curriculars

Meet **Evan Stoudt**

-  Years in Education **12**
-  Alma Mater **Loyola University of New Orleans**
-  Leadership Superpower **Creativity & Innovation**

The mission of Collegiate Baton Rouge is to empower all students to graduate from college and change the world as learners and leaders.

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My graduating class started off in a small building in 2017. We have grown tremendously in academics, knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. We have also grown as a family through tears, laughter, and support of one another. — Taylor Rowe, Class of 2021

419 students

Grades 9-11

22 teams & co-curriculars

Meet Kelsey Lambrecht


Years in Education 10


Alma Mater
Concordia University


Leadership Superpower
Unrelenting High Standards



#1 in growth in open enrollment high schools in Baton Rouge

Collegiate Baton Rouge’s classrooms intentionally prepare students for college and equip them with the tools to deepen their understanding of the world and thereby increase their ability to lead it. Our founding class will walk across the stage as graduates in 2021, the first graduates from Collegiate Baton Rouge, empowered and college-bound.



The mission of Rosenwald Collegiate Academy is to build a better world by preparing all students for college success and lives of limitless opportunity.

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The thought of being a founder of something is really cool to me. I was excited about having a say-so in how the school is built. I was interested in helping build a community. — Kayla Butler, Class of 2022



Top LEAP Scores for 9th Grade in NOLA

Rosenwald’s approach to academics and school culture is rooted in the belief that college access for their students will pave the way to a better future for our country. Rosenwald’s advisory program is built around their robust offerings of clubs and co-curricular activities so that each student is supported by their team on the field and in the classroom.



257 students

Grades 9-10

20 teams & co-curriculars

Meet Ben Davis



Years in Education **12**



Alma Mater
Middlebury College



Leadership Superpower
Student Relationships

The vision of Opportunities Academy is to redefine 'college and career for all' by empowering students to build lives of independence, connection, and happiness.

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[When visitors come] I show them around rOAsT, the coffee shop, and show them how we make coffee. — **Henry Truong**, 1st year at OA



2 student-run businesses

As Collegiate's most unique school, OA serves students with autism, intellectual disabilities, and developmental disabilities ages 18-22. OA's offers individualized instruction and career coaching through applied learning experiences. Students build skills that set them up for long term success in work and in life through internships at student-run enterprises and externships with external partners.



67 students

4 student internship tracks

5 external career readiness partners

Meet **James Lukens**



Years in Education **12**



Masters in
Special Education

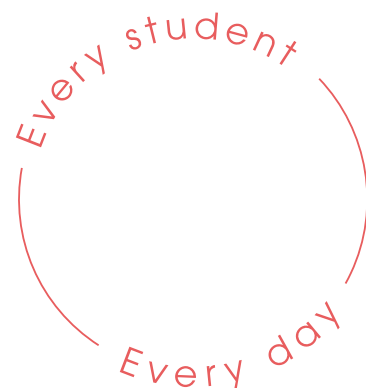


Leadership Superpower
**Calm, Collected
& Consistent**

Co-Curriculars

Over **100** different co-curriculars to choose from.

Collegiate Academies is committed to providing students a well-rounded high school experience. We offer a rich co-curricular program that allows students to find what they are passionate about outside the classroom. We are so proud of how our students shine on the parade route, the basketball court, the football field, the stage, and beyond.



Coming to Carver one thing you cannot miss is Chef Long's Culinary Arts class. It really gets you excited to learn how to cook and also teaches you basic skills like how to properly sanitize yourself and your work station.

— Bre'ionya "Yellow" Irvin
Carver class of 2020



Our bands marched over **15 Million** steps last Mardi Gras season.

Athletics

Football
Basketball
Volleyball
Soccer
Flag
Cheer
Dance

AND MANY MORE

Clubs

Anime
LGBTQ+
Quizbowl
Drama
Step Team
Chess Team
Yoga

AND MANY MORE



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Financials

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| Revenue: | | | |
| State & Local | \$31 Million | 79% | |
| Federal | \$5.9 Million | 15% | |
| Contributions | \$2.3 Million | 6% | |

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| Expenses: | | | |
| Educational | \$28 Million | 72% | |
| Organizational* | \$4.8 Million | 12% | |
| Student Transportation | \$3.4 Million | 9% | |
| Facilities & Maintenance** | \$2.6 Million | 7% | |

*Most central support team expenses and security services
**Custodial, disposal, lawn care services, building repairs, utilities

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