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A message from our CEO

Collegiate Academies is a network of open-enrollment public charter schools, each uniquely designed to serve learners of all backgrounds and experiences.

Our mission is to create world-class public schools that prepare all students for college success and lives of unlimited opportunity. Since our founding in 2008, we have steadily grown from a single 9th grade class to over 3,000 students across six schools in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. We're proud to have served over 1,700 young people who make up Collegiate's alumni community.

Our students have been a national proof point of what is possible in the realm of academic growth in secondary schooling. A Stanford University study spanning from 2012 to 2016 found that Collegiate students' growth far outpaces that of their peers who would need an additional 140 school days each year to keep up with them.¹ In each year since their founding, all of Collegiate's high schools have ranked among the top ten schools for academic growth outcomes statewide.

But this year is not 2008. This year is not 2012 nor 2016. **This is 2020 -- a year that magnified, and for some, surfaced the stark inequities and inequalities that exist within healthcare, race relations and public education.** Like so many students across the globe this spring, Collegiate's students lost valuable learning time and crucial connection to their school communities during the Coronavirus pandemic. Members of the Class of 2020 lost their opportunity to celebrate graduation as they'd previously imagined it. We also saw the much older pandemic of systemic racism exacerbate the devastating consequences of COVID-19 for many of Collegiate's Black students, families, and teammates. Under the shadow of these dual calamities, we ended the 2019-2020 school year with the conclusion that our organization is not doing enough to dismantle the systemic racism that stands between our current efforts and the true realization of our mission.

Taking action on that conclusion is top of mind as we plan for the unknowns of the new school year, arguably the "newest" school year in memory. **We are poised to make changes that will not only accelerate our students when they are most concerned about falling behind, but will also create a more just and lasting institution, one to which our alums are thrilled to send their children and grandchildren, to work in themselves, and to call upon in times of crisis and celebration.** With a deep commitment to transition into an absolute anti-racist organization, our hunger to evolve stems from a conviction to overturn our foundations and reimagine equity anew.

Over the last twelve years, this hunger has led us to continuously grow and develop responsive programs to support the needs of all of our students: from expanded co-curriculars to English Language Learning supports; from trauma-informed practices to honors extension coursework; from autism-specific interventions to enhanced bridge year options. Despite the past urgings of many teammates and stakeholders that white leaders like me have had in our blindspots, we are late to the task of evolving enough in our messages, policies, and norms to create the high level of equity in our school community to which we've long aspired.

This snapshot of the 2019-2020 school year cannot begin to convey all of the hard work, thought, resilience, and joy that our students, staff, and families poured into Collegiate this year. It doesn't have the traditional end-of-year academic data points we'd usually include, because they weren't available. But, of course, they are not this moment's most important touchstone. Instead, we offer a message of love to the people that have made Collegiate—and all it hopes to do—possible.

To our students, we offer a message of love: We're grateful for you. We grow because of you. We're here for you because [opportunity can't wait.](#)

— Benjamin Marcovitz, CEO



Collegiate at a Glance

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



12 Years
2 Cities
5 High Schools
3 College & Career Programs
213 Teachers
3100 Students



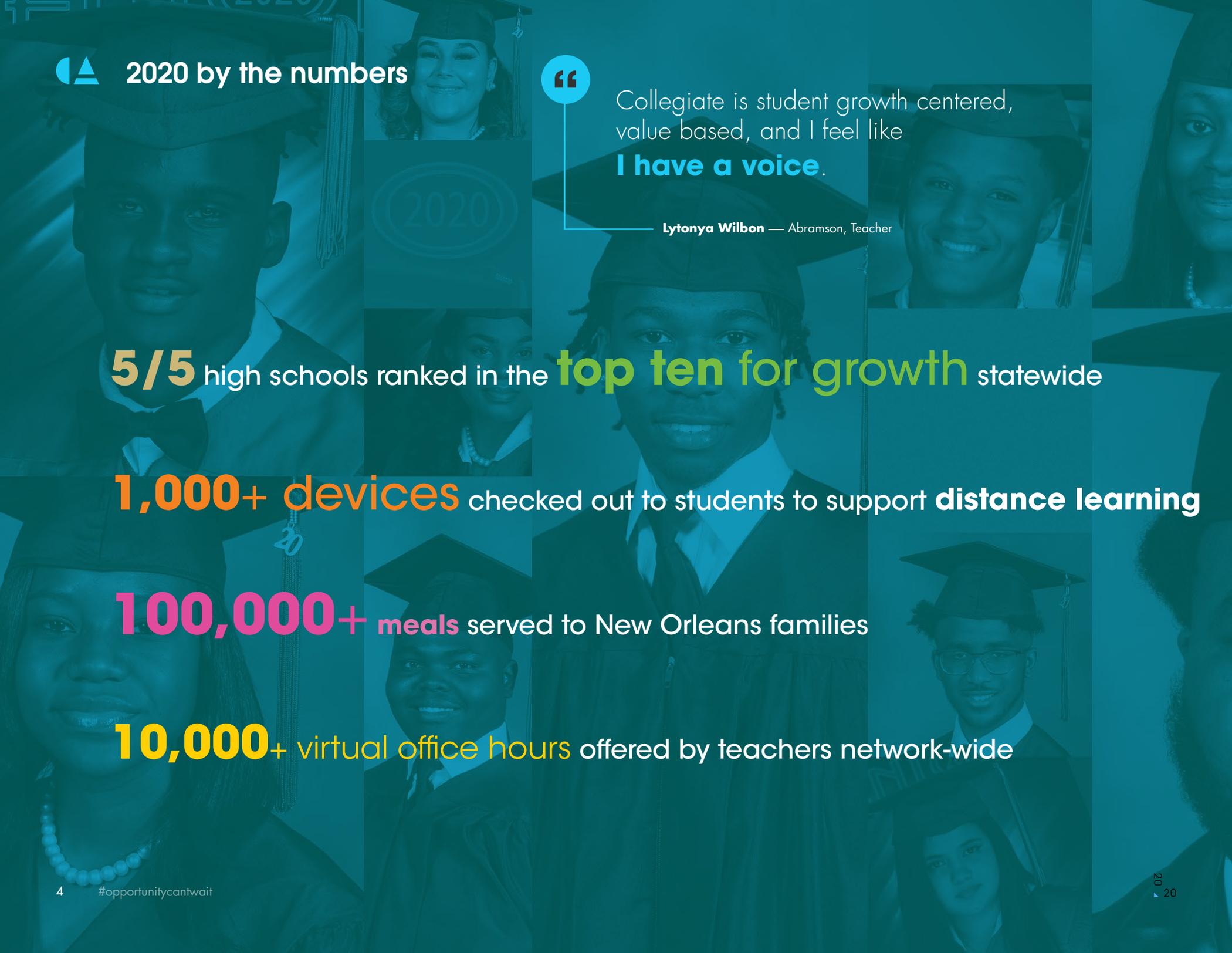
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The staff makes sure that the students know that **we are the most important people at school**, and that's what I absolutely love about it. The school makes sure that you are heard.

Logan Hughes — Livingston, Class of '22



 2020 by the numbers



Collegiate is student growth centered, value based, and I feel like
I have a voice.

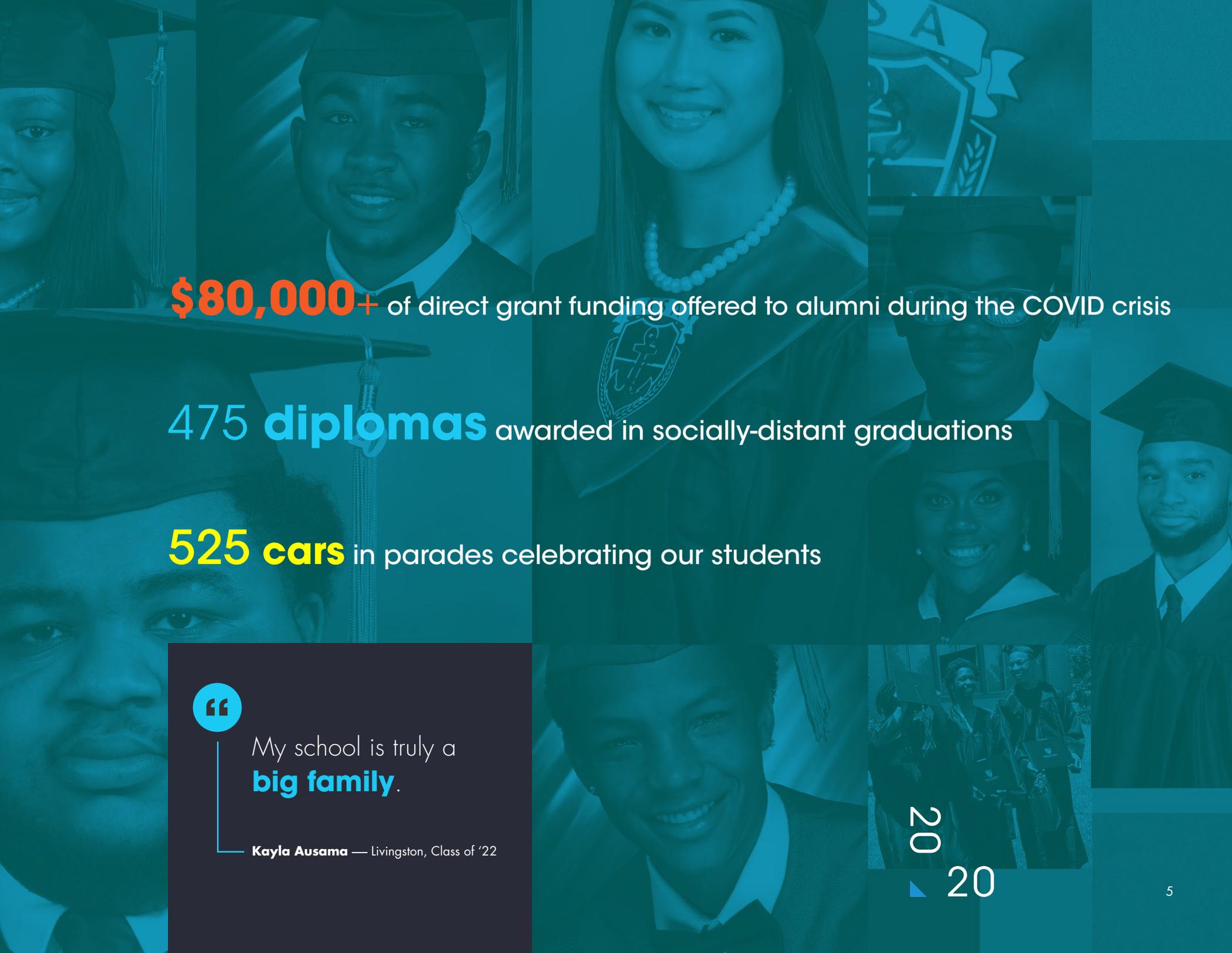
Lytonya Wilbon — Abramson, Teacher

5/5 high schools ranked in the **top ten for growth** statewide

1,000+ devices checked out to students to support **distance learning**

100,000+ meals served to New Orleans families

10,000+ virtual office hours offered by teachers network-wide



\$80,000+ of direct grant funding offered to alumni during the COVID crisis

475 diplomas awarded in socially-distant graduations

525 cars in parades celebrating our students



My school is truly a
big family.

Kayla Ausama — Livingston, Class of '22

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My son's teachers are always checking in on him and ensuring that he's completing and progressing with his assignments. They also make him have a sense of confidence with himself by letting him know that he's doing very well in school.

Collegiate Parent Survey Response on COVID-19

In March of 2020, Louisiana became an epicenter of the global crisis caused by the novel coronavirus. Facing the extensive fall out from COVID-19, our schools adapted in real time to meet the needs of all. Our main priority throughout the spring was to maintain connection while providing services and support to students, families, and staff. We came together as a network to design the most accessible, flexible, and simple approach to learning. The result was a curriculum that was designed WITH students, families, and teachers, and not FOR them. While the circumstances were difficult, our network has undeniably grown in our approach to curriculum development and serving all students. We are committed to applying our learnings to next school year and beyond.

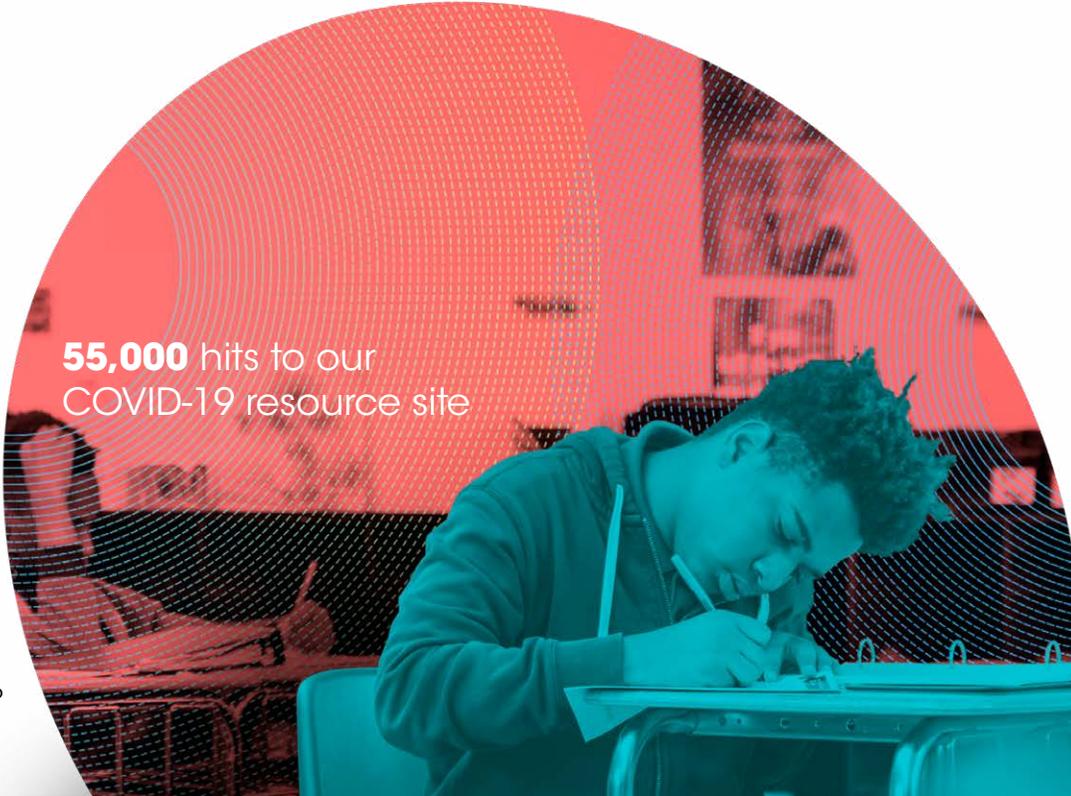
20,000+ touch points with students and families during closure

84% of families reported receiving consistent messaging about the network's response to COVID-19

73% of families reported their child's school maintained a high level of connection during closure

10,000+ virtual office hours offered by teachers network-wide

525 cars in socially distant parades celebrating our students



55,000 hits to our COVID-19 resource site

Overview of Schools



Abramson Sci Academy

Grades: 9-12 New Orleans
School Leader: Anthony McElligot



Collegiate Baton Rouge

Grades: 9-12 Baton Rouge
School Leader: Kelsey Lambrecht



GW Carver High School

Grades: 9-12 New Orleans
School Leader: Jerel Bryant



Livingston Collegiate Academy

Grades: 9-12 New Orleans
School Leader: Evan Stoudt



Rosenwald Collegiate Academy

Grades: 9-11 New Orleans
School Leader: Benjamin Davis



Opportunities Academy

Ages: 18-22 New Orleans
School Leader: Sophia Scott

A public charter school for students with intellectual disabilities and autism.



Next Level NOLA

Grades: 12+ New Orleans
School Leader: Rhonda Dale

A public college and career bridge program for graduating high school seniors.



Our Teachers

Our teachers and staff are the heartbeat of Collegiate Academies. Everyday, they approach the work of supporting all students with joy and a commitment to excellence. This year, Collegiate launched best practice training for teachers outside of our network through the Collegiate Academies Excellence in Teaching Institute in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. During school closure this spring, we were proud to offer increased curriculum support, increased access to mental health resources, and a new leave policy for COVID related needs crafted to be more generous in pay and duration than mandated under federal guidelines. Because of our amazing staff, we continued to grow in 2020, even in the face of hardship.

61% of our school teams identify as people of color

106 teammates work in intervention roles supporting students with special needs

81% of our schools teams and families strongly agree that there is a shared vision and strategy for effective remote learning.

80% of our schools teams a strong sense of connectedness to the school or network community and feel supported personally and professionally

89%
Staff Retention



My experience working for Collegiate Academies has been an amazing journey. It is grounded in support and growth; without the team at Collegiate Baton Rouge I would not be the teacher I am today.

Ashley Blake — Collegiate Baton Rouge, Teacher



My child's school has great teachers and staff members. They really connected with students and parents.

Emily Nguyen — Rosenwald, Parent

Next Level NOLA

1340 Poydras St, Suite 1600
New Orleans, LA 70112

Next Level NOLA is Collegiate Academies' new college and career bridge program designed for New Orleans Public School seniors. Next Level NOLA equips fellows with the skills, mindsets, resources, networks, and experiences needed to achieve their chosen college, career, and life goals.

66 fellows

5 success coaches

25 hours of learning labs, classes, & coaching meetings weekly

18 course hours of financial literacy, resume building, and online branding skills

1 year bridge program



Kathlyn Jones: 2020 Fellow

Alma Mater: Abramson Sci Academy
Dream School: Dillard University
Career Goals: Film Producer



Next Level NOLA offers me flexibility as I plan for next year because they can prepare me to get better at my ACT, offer me tips to help me, and also connect me to local Louisiana colleges.

Leah Krandel: NLN Success Coach

Role: Diverse Learning Coordinator
Alma Mater: Tulane University
Expertise: Supporting fellows with exceptionalities



Next Level NOLA is critical to ensuring our youth have the educational and professional opportunities they deserve.

Incoming Leadership

Anthony McElligot — Principal, Abramson Sci Academy

Years in Education: **12**
Alma Mater: **Carleton College**
Leadership Superpower: **Engagement Balanced with Rigor**

Sophia Scott — Executive Director, Opportunities Academy

Years in Education: **13**
Alma Mater: **Xavier University**
Leadership Superpower: **Creating Access for All**

Whether it is setting up kids to be excellent in classes while finding their passions or putting our staff and alumni in the spotlight to leverage their strengths, I'm looking to make sure our school is a place where the power of the people in our community is tapped into and released into the world.



I am always thinking about how we best serve ALL. That is in terms of all students: meeting each student's individual needs. That is also in terms of all staff: meeting each staff member's individual needs. And that is also in terms of ensuring each person who comes into our building feels that OA is the best place for them to learn and grow.



Restorative Education

#allmeansall

Collegiate Academies Restorative Education (CARE) started as a network-wide initiative in 2012 that applied a restorative framework to help resolve conflicts at our schools. For the past eight years, restorative approaches have grown beyond this single initiative and have become fundamental to the way our schools operate. By focusing on positive relationships and student engagement, our schools successfully implement a non-traditional disciplinary strategy that reduces time spent out of class and ensures all of our students feel a deep sense of belonging.

14 mental health professionals

53 teammates on our restorative team

4,000+ hours of restorative practice training completed across our staff

132,052 minutes of mental health supports logged this school year

46% decrease in out-of-school suspensions since 2012

25% increase in student GPAs since 2012

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Collegiate Academies strives everyday to be better than the day before and uses strategies that are productive as well as supportive in regards to the well being of the students.

John Walker — Livingston, Culture Dean



Diverse Learners

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Our innovative programs serve diverse learners in a variety of settings to uniquely challenge and support each student. Fifty three percent of our students access our responsive support services including English Learners supports, Response to Intervention (RTI), and Mental Health Services (MHS). Twenty percent of students receive Special Education services.



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Essential Skills supports students with significant disabilities to grow in literacy and numeracy. Students build transition skills to facilitate independent living and communication.

REACH supports students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities and autism. By focusing on transition-based skills, students achieve significant growth in literacy and numeracy.

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

English Language Program supports students in English language acquisition by supplementing standard instruction with appropriate language resources, partnering ESL teachers with general education teachers, and providing accommodations in students' home language.

Opportunities Academy is a public charter school serving 18-22 year olds with intellectual disabilities and autism. Instruction focuses on building independent living skills, job skills, and on accessing resources in our community.

Specially Designed Instruction supports students in inclusion settings by supplementing standard instruction with pre-teaching, co-teaching, re-teaching, and small group instruction.



CA Next is Collegiate Academies' initiative to support all alumni on their path through postsecondary success. Each spring, our 7 CA Next Alumni Advisors partner with our 5 College Counselors, our 4 Transition Counselors, and other members of our high school College & Career Teams to build solid postsecondary plans with students and to prepare all students for success after high school. We will continue to build partnerships and relationships with institutions of higher education, including universities, community colleges, and certification programs, until all students achieve their most rigorous post secondary outcome and have the power to control their future.

1,791 Collegiate Alumni

10,000+ touchpoints with alumni annually

113 colleges offered acceptances to the class of 2020

126 colleges and bridge year program acceptances offered to the class of 2020

Frederick Johnson, IV Alumni Advisor

Years in Education: 7
 Alma Mater: University of New Orleans
 Advising superpower: Inspiring Pride in Students
 Nickname: Mr. J

“It gives me a lot of energy to potentially play a huge part in students achieving what they want for themselves. I provide guidance and some accountability to help students reach their goals. The most satisfying thing is when you see a student start to believe in themselves and that belief leads to a shift in their actions and ultimately to their success.”



Phillip Joseph 2016 Alumni

CA Alma Mater: G.W. Carver High School
 Currently enrolled: Nicholls State University
 Interests: Mentorship & Education
 Career Goals: Entrepreneurship



To me **Mr. J** is more than an adviser. He's a long lost friend. He has given me good ideas and good advice that keep me going and motivated. My advice to new graduates is don't let anyone steer you away from your goals. Don't stop chasing your dreams.



Abramson Sci Academy

5552 Read Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70127

604 students Grades **9-12**

20+ sports teams and student groups

Our mission is to prepare all scholars for college success, equipped with the passion and tools to strengthen any community they choose. 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. Since its founding, it has ranked among the top ten high schools statewide in student growth.

I love my kid’s teachers. The school keeps the parents informed and up to date. My child has become more independent, and more confident in his school work.



Monique Brock — Abramson, Parent

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I’ve grown from being silent to voicing my opinion and becoming more open with the students and staff. Abramson is competitive, but at the end of the day we all love each other.

Koraneé Harvey — Abramson, Class of ‘22

Visit Abramson Sci Academy!
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[504.264.8183](tel:504.264.8183) or eperez@collegiateacademies.org

*academic growth among open enrollment high schools





G.W. Carver High School

3059 Higgins Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70126

807 students Grades 9-12

15 sports teams and student groups

Our vision is to prepare all scholars for college success, inspired and ready to exceed any expectation. Rooted in the Desire neighborhood since the 1950s, Carver has an extensive legacy within the Upper Ninth Ward community. 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.



I love that the school is all about the scholars’ needs and goals! My scholar’s school engages with parents and the community by keeping the parents as well as alumni in the loop on what’s going on in the school by using social media. My child has shown growth!

Kinyota Watson — Carver Parent, Staff Member, & Class of ‘95



During the pandemic, my school has helped me with a number of things. They gave me a strong guidance counselor to help me get into the college of my choice and help me pick the best financial option for me. They also offered me a number of resources that I have easy access to so I could ensure I was on track to graduating.

Bre’ionya Irvin — Carver, Class of ‘20



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Livingston Collegiate Academy

7301 Dwyer Rd
New Orleans, LA 70126

617 students Grades 9-12

40+ sports teams & student groups

Our mission is to empower all students to graduate from college and lead the world. 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.

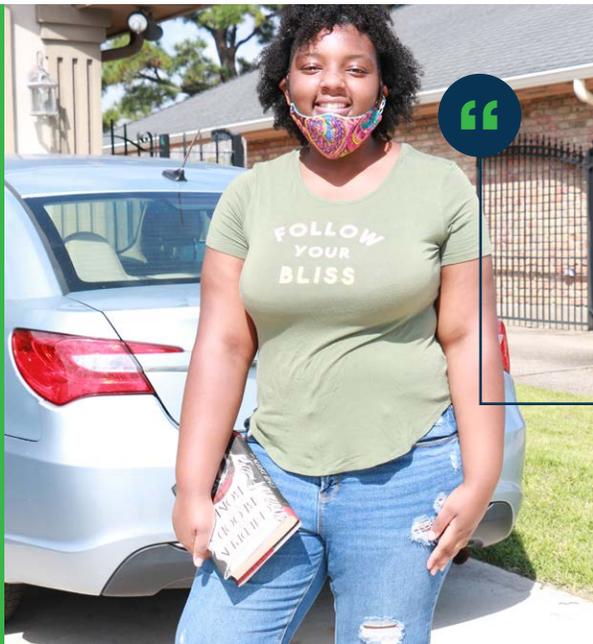
Livingston and Collegiate Academies are breaking new ground and is at the forefront in making quality education available for ALL! Therefore, I am proud to be a member of this team!



Melrose Biagas — Livingston, Teacher



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growth*



There is an endless list of things that I can say about why I love Livingston...There is something for everybody, there is always a challenge or someone pushing you to be better. Last but certainly not least, hard work, determination, and dedication doesn't go overlooked. It is praised and appreciated.

Sanaya Mickel — Livingston, Class of '23

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Collegiate Baton Rouge

282 Lobdell Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

510 students Grades 9-12

30 sports teams & student groups



Collegiate Baton Rouge is an amazing community that provides many opportunities to give back to the students.

Kiara Wallace — Collegiate Baton Rouge, Teacher

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Our mission is to empower all students to graduate from college and change the world as learners and leaders. 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. This school year, our founding class will walk across the stage as the first graduates from Collegiate Baton Rouge, empowered and college bound.



The thing that Collegiate does differently than other schools is the teachers treat us as individuals. They have a relationship with each individual student. More responsibilities are being placed on us each year, so I’m slowly getting ready for the college experience. That’s why they call it Collegiate.

Kevin Wilkins — Collegiate Baton Rouge, Class of ‘21



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Rosenwald Collegiate Academy

1801 LB Landry Ave
New Orleans, LA 70114

360 students

Grades 9-11

20 sports teams and student groups

Our mission is to build a better world by preparing all students for college success and lives of limitless opportunity. Rosenwald's approach to academics and school culture is rooted in the belief that college access for our students will pave the way to a better future for our country.

Rosenwald's advisory program is built around our robust offerings of clubs and co-curricular activities so that each student is supported by their team on the field and in the classroom.



The staff are very concerned and supportive. They also made sure my child got what she needed academically.

Linda Bright — Rosenwald, Parent

I am able to use my voice to help shape my school by talking to or emailing teachers or staff at Rosenwald about issues or things that I want from school. These ideas get passed on to others and eventually become a reality... Student council is also a great way to share ideas that would improve the school.

Dominic Nguyen — Rosenwald, Class of '22

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Opportunities Academy

2625 Thalia St
New Orleans, LA 70113

67 students **7** externships
2 years of continued learning

Our vision is to redefine 'college and career for all' by empowering students to build lives of independence, connection, and happiness. A unique and innovative Collegiate school, OA serves 18-22 year old students with intellectual disabilities and autism. OA offers individualized instruction and career coaching through applied learning experiences with eight different career partners. Students build skills that set them up for long term success in work and in life.

Opportunities Academy has very good communication from teachers. We are always updated and alerted about what's going on in the school and everyone is always so supportive and positive. Derrick has become someone I really admire as a young adult.



Liana Williams — Opportunities Academy, Parent



I love the teachers, students, and staff. I love the activities we do here. I learned new skills in culinary class. This will help me when I'm on my own... The teachers always help you when you need it if you're uncertain about anything.

Chelsea Brady — Opportunities Academy, Class of '20

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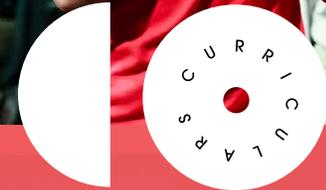


Clubs, Teams, and Student Activities at Collegiate Academies

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. Students even have the opportunity to create their own clubs. We are so proud of how our students shine on the parade route, the basketball court, the football field, the stage, as leaders in our schools, behind the camera, in the lab, in the digital world, as creators and beyond.



Over 100 different co-curriculars to choose from.



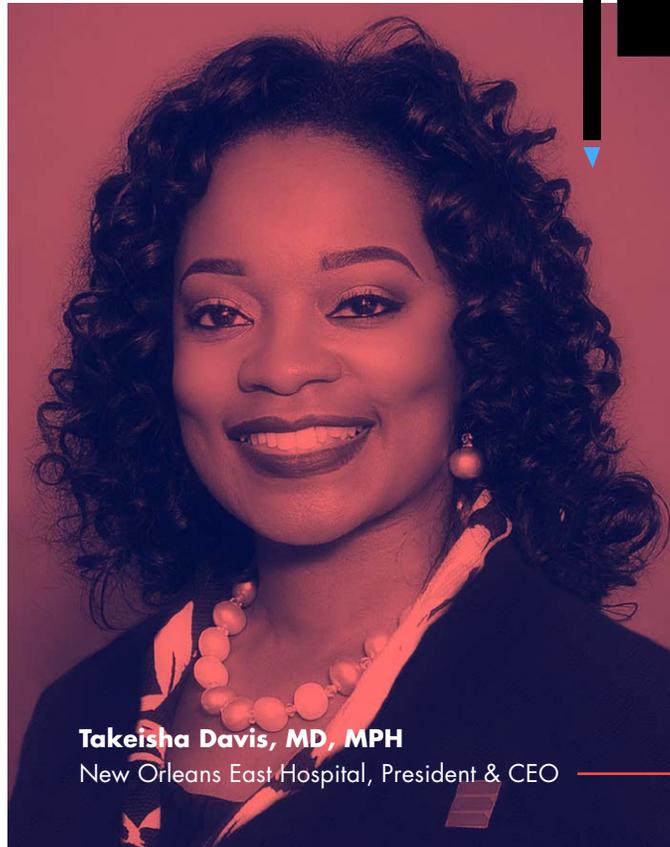
Co-curricular opportunities include...

- Anime
- Art
- Band
- Baseball
- Black Student Union
- Cheer
- Choir
- Coding
- Cosmetology
- Creative Writing
- Cross Country
- Culinary Arts
- Dance
- Digital Media
- Fashion
- Flag Team
- Football
- "Geeks at Work"
- LGBTQIA Alliance
- Majorette Team
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Softball
- Step Team
- Student Council
- Theater
- Track
- Video Gaming
- Volleyball



Community Partners

Collegiate Academies is fortunate for our external partnerships. Through consistent dialogue and collaboration with our partners, we are continuously committed to making our community one in which our students can thrive. If your organization is interested in partnering with Collegiate Academies, please reach out to **Stacy Martin**, Chief External Affairs Officer, at smartin@collegiateacademies.org



Takeisha Davis, MD, MPH
New Orleans East Hospital, President & CEO

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COMMUNITY

Collegiate's partnership with **New Orleans East Hospital** has given our student athletes access to athletic training and field side medical services. Every year, this amounts to over \$180,000 of in-kind services per school. Likewise, with NOEH's support, Collegiate offered hundreds of community Covid-19 tests at our school sites. This ongoing partnership ensures the health of and safety of our student community in and out of school.

This school year, Collegiate Academies was honored with the **Community Roots Award** from the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools for our quarterly round tables with the New Orleans Police Department. This work puts our students first by building strong relationships and communication between school leaders, resource officers, district captains, and community.

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*It is an honor to be a community partner in conjunction with Collegiate Academies. Part of building a healthcare system from the ground up is touching base with our young citizens. **New Orleans East Hospital** is dedicated to making the continuous effort to provide sports medicine programming and athletic training to student-athletes. We're thankful to these young people for a chance to showcase our comprehensive sports medicine services, including certified athletic trainers, sports fellowship-trained physicians, and community education.*

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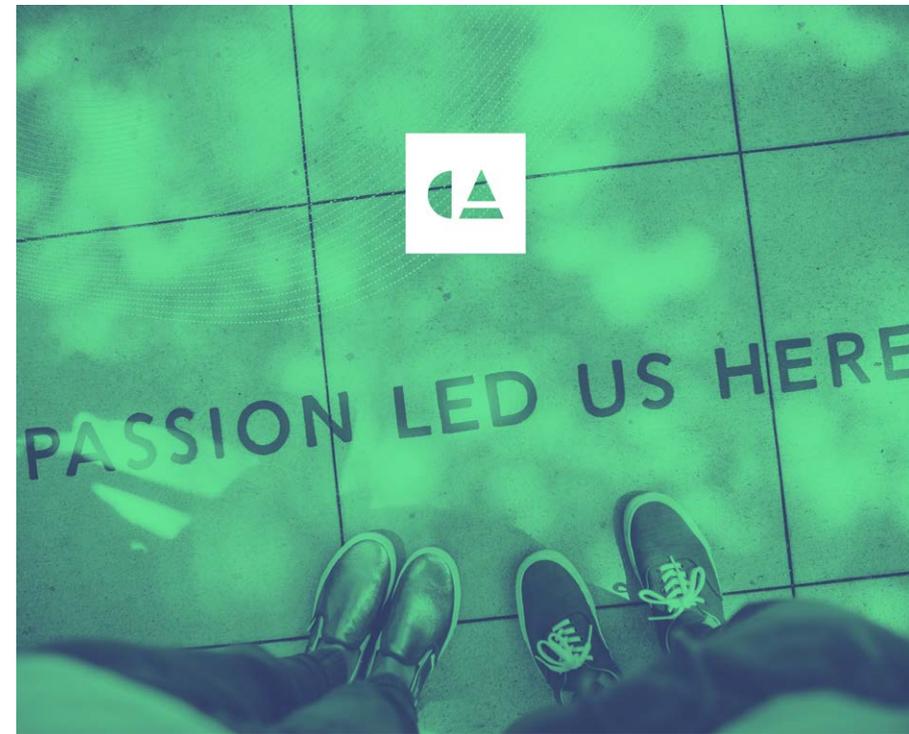
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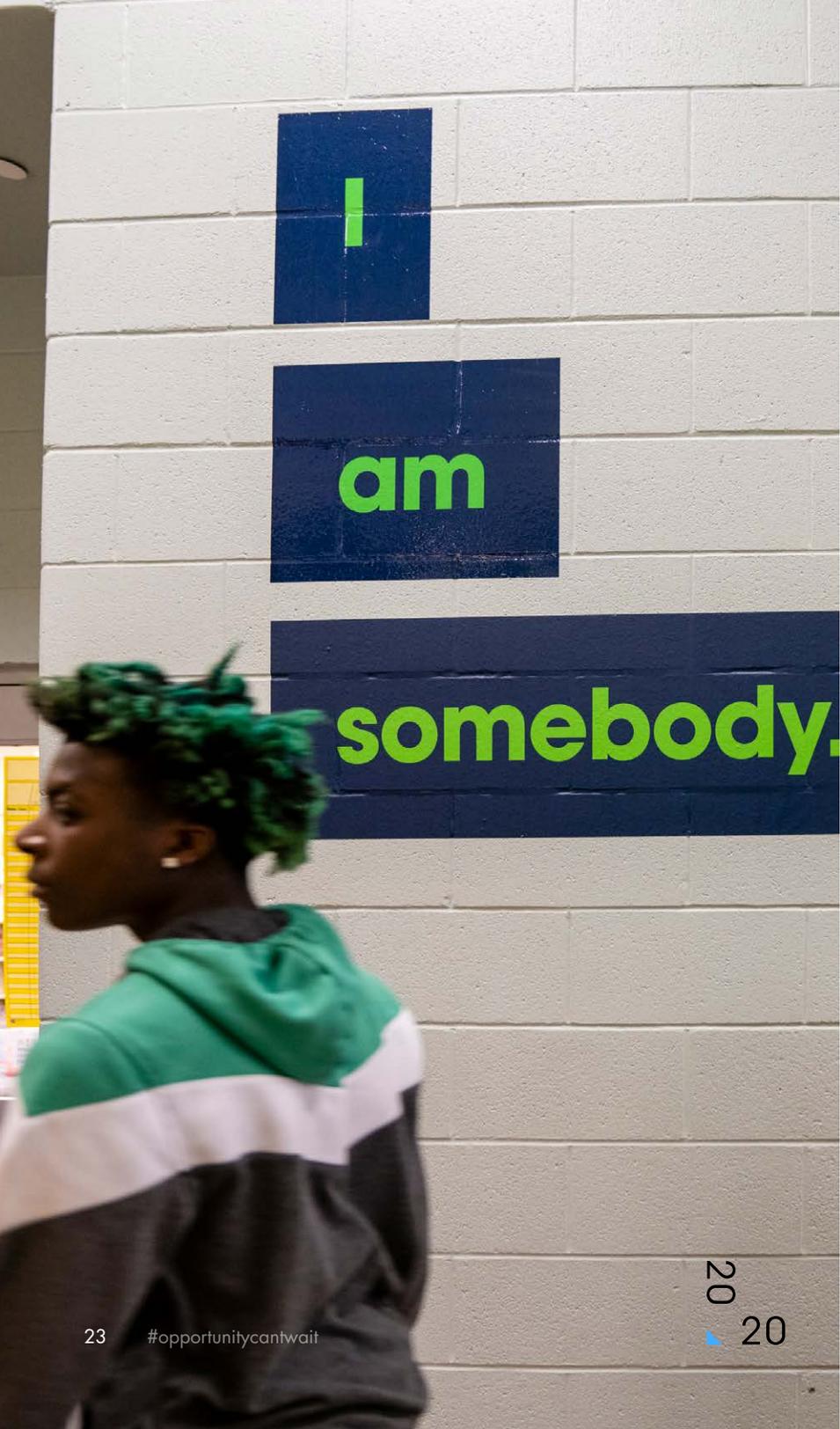
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Global Manager of Contracting and Procurement,
Shell Global Solutions



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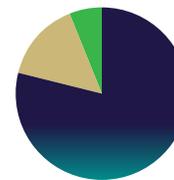
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Financials

Revenue:

State & Local	79%
Federal	15%
Private	6%



Expenses:

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



This data reflects the 2019 fiscal year (June 2018-July 2019). Details on the 2020 fiscal year will be available on our website in January 2021: www.collegiateacademies.org

*Most central support team expenses and security services

**Custodial, disposal, lawn care services, building repairs, utilities

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