



# **COLLEGIATE ACADEMIES ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2021-2022**



# Collegiate Academies

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**What our students achieve is a reflection of what we expect, demand, and know to be true.**

Every day, we have the opportunity to build school communities grounded in unshakeable belief in students. Those beliefs translate into expectations, supports, pathways, relationships, and countless moments of connection in every CA school. We make the choice to celebrate and affirm our scholars as we work together toward an audacious vision.

My hope as Chief Executive Officer of Collegiate Academies and School Leader at G.W. Carver High School is that every student knows without question that each adult in the building believes that they can and will build a life of unlimited opportunity. From that certainty comes incredible growth and progress.

This report showcases some of the many ways that we manifest that belief. I hope the pages that follow spark a renewed and deeper belief in the young people in your life, including the nearly 3,000 students at our schools.

We are grateful for your partnership, always. Please consider this an invitation to learn more about our organization, see our work in action, and find opportunities to help make our vision a reality.

Jerel Bryant  
CEO, Collegiate Academies



## About Collegiate Academies

The mission of Collegiate Academies is to build world-class public schools that prepare all students for college success and lives of unlimited opportunity. Collegiate Academies' staff, students, board, and partners are united in an unshakeable belief in the potential of schools to transform a young person's life. We focus on serving students in high school and beyond because our shared belief is unbounded by time: all students, regardless of their previous academic experiences or unique challenges, can learn and achieve at the highest levels.

We work collectively to enable all students to achieve their personal postsecondary goals and lead lives full of choice. This north star drives every decision we make, including the decision to expand. To maintain our focus on academic achievement and ensure that each of our new schools are equipped with the fundamental features essential to our model, we have developed a scale strategy, described in detail in this application, that creates a clear path to success for our organization and, ultimately, our students.



**Abramson** 



**Carver** 



**Livingston** 



**Rosenwald** 



 **Collegiate Baton Rouge**



**Opportunities Academy**



**Next Level Nola**



## By the numbers

2,787 students

18% Students with Disabilities | 5% English Language Learners  
9% Over Age | 58% Economically Disadvantaged

2,944 alumni (2012-2022)

789 currently enrolled alumni in college

4 Gap Grants awarded (value of \$1,100 each)

20 Laptops awarded

3 Hardship request laptops distributed

5 high schools

2 post-secondary programs

2 cities

515 staff members

14 years rooted in Louisiana

Incredible  
students,  
incredible  
growth

Collegiate Baton Rouge has outperformed all other high schools in the city every year since its founding in academic growth.

In 2021-22, CA high schools in NOLA continued their record of outperforming schools throughout the city in academic growth.



## What's new

- Opportunities Academy was recognized as the Distinguished Merit Award Winner at the 2021 Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disabilities Awards
- The Carver boys' basketball team won the state championship
- Financial literacy programs were rolled out at our high schools as part of our Portrait of a Graduate initiative





# CA in Context: Charter schools in New Orleans

What does it mean to be a charter school in New Orleans? The Louisiana charter landscape is different from that in any other state in the country. In New Orleans, a charter school:

- is public: New Orleans charter schools are public schools: They are tuition-free, and they must serve all students in accordance with state and federal laws, including students with disabilities, students who are homeless, and students who are English Language Learners. They are also held to the same state accountability standards as traditional public schools in Louisiana.
- is a nonprofit: All New Orleans charter schools are operated by nonprofit charter organizations which are governed by community-based, volunteer boards of directors. Louisiana state law does not allow for-profit entities to hold charter school contracts.
- is local: Per Louisiana law, all New Orleans charter schools are governed by community-based nonprofit boards of directors. These boards must include at least one member who is an alumnus of the school or a parent/guardian of a current student, and must be representative of the New Orleans community in terms of race and gender. Additionally, 90% of New Orleans charter schools are operated by organizations that were founded locally.
- has equitable enrollment: For the vast majority of New Orleans charter schools, the processes for application, admissions, transfers, and readmissions are centrally managed through NOLA Public Schools' unified enrollment system, EnrollNOLA. This unified system ensures that school enrollment is equitable and transparent for all students and families.
- must fill open seats: The 95% of New Orleans charter schools that participate in EnrollNOLA are required to accept new students when they have open seats in any grade, both between school years and during the school year. Accepting new students at all grade levels is critical for equity, in order to provide families that are new to the district or that desire a transfer with as many school options as possible.
- has an equitable expulsion policy: Similar to the unified enrollment system, expulsion policies and referrals are centrally managed by NOLA Public Schools' Student Hearing Office (SHO).

Source: New Schools for New Orleans

## Our Board

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## Financials

### Revenue

Private:	\$2,829,238	5%
Federal:	\$15,413,375	29%
State and local funds:	\$35,433,525	66%
	<b>\$53,676,138</b>	

### Expenses

Student Transportation	\$4,643,019	9%
Facilities and maintenance*	\$4,751,123	9%
Organizational Support**	\$7,068,453	13%
Educational Programs	\$37,116,179	69%
	<b>\$53,578,773</b>	

*This data reflects the 2022 fiscal year (June 2021-July 2022). \*Custodial, disposal, lawn care services, building repairs, utilities, property insurance, building leases \*\*Most central support team expenses and security services*



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# Abramson

5552 Read Blvd. | New Orleans, LA 70127 | [www.asa.collegiateacademies.org](http://www.asa.collegiateacademies.org) | Principal: Anthony McElligott



Abramson Sci Academy has a unique history and a strong legacy. Since opening in 2008, Abramson has been known for achieving extraordinary academic results and developing specialized programming to meet the needs of diverse learners. The school spent its first two years on Dwyer Road, and in 2010 relocated to Read Blvd. The new Marion Abramson High School building opened at 5552 Read Blvd in November of 2015. Sci Academy was the fortunate school to be assigned to this building by NOLA Public Schools. Shortly after moving into the facility, Sci Academy welcomed home Marion Abramson Senior High School alumni and began the process of joining the history of Sci Academy with Abramson. The union of these two schools helped combine all of their tradition and history to create a comprehensive high school rooted in New Orleans East.

As Collegiate Academies' flagship school, Abramson strives to provide a comprehensive high school experience for all scholars. Our team is guided by a commitment to academic excellence as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion. Among Abramson's educators number several Collegiate Academies Featured Teachers and multiple teachers on the Honor Roll for TNTP's Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice.

More than 98% of all Abramson's seniors are accepted into college. In 2010, we were recognized by Oprah's Angel network with a \$1,000,000 grant. In 2014, US News and World Report named Sci Academy the #2 high school in Louisiana. Our school has ranked in the top ten in academic growth citywide and statewide since our founding.

Abramson athletic teams include football, boys/girls basketball, volleyball, and track, participate in leagues regulated by LHSAA. Our band, affectionately known as "The Beast From The East," dance, cheer, flag, and majorette teams get their steps in during Mardi Gras in multiple parades throughout the season, including Krewe of Orpheus and Krewe of Endymion. Our co-curricular and club opportunities include Theater, Choir, Student Council, Art, Geeks at Work, and LGBTQIA Alliance.



**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.**



631 students

17% Students with Disabilities | 7% Over Age

6% English Language Learners

92 staff members



# Collegiate Baton Rouge

282 Lobdell Blvd. | Baton Rouge, LA 70806 | [www.cbr.collegiateacademies.org](http://www.cbr.collegiateacademies.org) | Principal: Samantha Johnson



Collegiate Baton Rouge (CBR), a high school in East Baton Rouge, was founded in the 2017-2018 school year, originally housed in a six-classroom modular in the parking lot of another school. We started with 120 ninth graders in our founding class. Our second year, we moved our campus to ancillary buildings of the old Living Faith Campus. In the fall of 2019, we moved into our permanent home: a brand new building designed to house our entire school community. In 2021, our founding class graduated.

Each year since our founding, Collegiate Baton Rouge has received an A grade in growth, ranking in the top 3 in growth across all open enrollment public high schools in the city. Likewise, our students' growth ranks in the top ten among open enrollment schools statewide and we were recognized as a Top Gains School by the State of Louisiana.

Our classes intentionally prepare students for college and equip them with the tools to deepen their understanding of the world and thereby strengthen their ability to lead it. We are proud to have a team that is truly devoted to excellence in serving all students. Collegiate Baton Rouge's staff boasts several Collegiate Academies Teacher Features, recipients of the TNTP Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice Honors, and a LDOE Outstanding School Support Employee Award recipient.

Collegiate Baton Rouge athletic teams include, football, boys/girls basketball, volleyball, and track, participate in leagues regulated by LHSAA. Our band, dance, cheer, flag, and majorette teams get their steps in during Mardi Gras in multiple parades throughout the season, including Krewe of Mystique and Krewe of Artemis. In addition to our athletics and support team offerings, Collegiate Baton Rouge offers students the opportunity to participate in clubs during the school day with a special club block that happens twice a week. Our co-curricular and club opportunities include (but are not limited to) Choir, Coding, Art, Creative Writing, Cosmetology, and Step Team.



**THE MISSION OF COLLEGIATE BATON ROUGE IS TO EMPOWER ALL STUDENTS TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AND CHANGE THE WORLD AS LEARNERS AND LEADERS.**



471 students

20% Students with Disabilities | 14% Over Age

1% English Language Learners

71 staff members



3059 Higgins Blvd. | New Orleans, LA 70126 | [www.gwc.collegiateacademies.org](http://www.gwc.collegiateacademies.org) | Principal: Jerel Bryant



Rooted in the Desire neighborhood since 1958, Carver has an extensive legacy as a community pillar in the Upper Ninth Ward. When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, Carver's building was destroyed and the school moved into a nearby modular campus. In 2012, Collegiate Academies reopened Carver as two ninth grade academies. Over the following four years, the schools grew to serve grades 9-12 once again, and eventually merged into one high school. By 2016, Carver's new building was completed and we triumphantly returned to our home campus on Higgins Boulevard.

Since our refounding, Carver's students' growth has ranked in the top ten among open enrollment schools in the state. On average, 99% of our seniors are accepted into college. Our educators have a shared vision of excellence and expectations, supported by college-aligned curriculums. Among Carver's teachers number several Collegiate Academies Featured Teachers, New Orleans Teachers of the Year winners and finalists, and multiple teachers on the Honor Roll for TNTP's Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice. We are proud to have a team that is truly devoted to excellence in serving all students.

Carver's rich co-curricular programming offers students an opportunity to find what inspires them and build their own legacy as Rams. Carver's athletic teams, including football and boys/girls basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, cross country and track, participate in leagues regulated by LHSAA. You can catch our band, dance, cheer, flag, and majorette teams during Mardi Gras in multiple parades throughout the season, including Krewe of Zulu and Krewe of Muses. Our other co-curricular and club opportunities include (but are not limited to) Drama, Men of Carver, and Ramime (Ram Anime).

We offer AP courses, arts electives, tutoring, and small group intervention classes to our scholars to ensure that everyone is prepared for college success.

**THE VISION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER HIGH SCHOOL  
IS TO PREPARE ALL SCHOLARS FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS,  
INSPIRED AND READY TO EXCEED ANY EXPECTATION.**



**784 students**

18% Students with Disabilities | 7% Over Age  
4% English Language Learners

**99 staff members**

**#1 citywide in academic growth**

**Top Gains Honoree**

**2021-22 Boys' Basketball State Champions**



# Livingston

7301 Dwyer Rd. | New Orleans, LA 70126 | [www.lca.collegiateacademies.org](http://www.lca.collegiateacademies.org) | Principal: Akeem Langham



Located on Dwyer Road in the East, Livingston Collegiate Academy (LCA) is a landmark for academic rigor and school pride. Growing from one freshmen class in 2016 to a fully enrolled high school in 2019, LCA has evolved into a pillar in the New Orleans East community with a reputation for developing students into leaders who are equipped with the skills necessary to pursue their passions and impact positive change.

Since the founding, Livingston students' growth has ranked in the top ten amongst open enrollment schools in the state. We offer AP courses, arts electives, tutoring, and small group intervention classes to our scholars to ensure that everyone is prepared for college success. On average, 99% of our seniors are accepted into college. As developing leaders, our scholars use their voice to impact the school including founding clubs, holding events, and bringing wolf pride to life. Our educators have a shared vision of excellence and expectations, supported by college-aligned curriculums. All teachers receive professional development throughout the year to ensure every student receives a rigorous and joyful learning experience. As a result, our students report their classes are engaging spaces where they are encouraged to take risks, make mistakes, and push themselves to grow.

Livingston offers rich co-curricular programming that gives students an opportunity to find what inspires them and build their own legacies. Livingston's athletic teams, including football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, and track, participate in leagues regulated by LHSAA. You can catch our band, dance, cheer, flag, and majorette teams during Mardi Gras in multiple parades throughout the season. Our other co-curricular and club opportunities include, but are not limited to, Student Council, chorus, and drama. This wide variety of clubs and extracurriculars allow students to find their passion outside of academics and create a holistic high school experience.



**LIVINGSTON COLLEGIATE WILL EMPOWER ALL STUDENTS TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AND LEAD THE WORLD.**



577 students

18% Students with Disabilities | 8% Over Age

5% English Language Learners

81 staff members

# Rosenwald

6501 Berkley Drive | New Orleans, LA 70131 | [www.rca.collegiateacademies.org](http://www.rca.collegiateacademies.org) | Principal: Rhonda Dale



**"I love the family-like culture here. The staff are very familiar WITH ALL STUDENTS and that speaks volumes of the genuine concern and interest in the kids."**  
- RCA parent

Rosenwald has created a reputation for academic excellence and community in the short years since its founding. Opening with its first 9th grade class in 2018 and graduating its first class in 2022, Rosenwald now serves students from 9th through 12th grade. 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. Among Rosenwald's educators are several Collegiate Academies Featured Teachers and multiple teachers on the Honor Roll for TNTP's Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice. We are proud to have a team that is truly devoted to excellence in serving all students.

Rosenwald offers rich co-curricular programming that allows students to cultivate their own identity and passion both in and outside of the classroom. RCA proudly offers football and boys/girls basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, cross country, and track and participates in leagues regulated by LHSAA. Outside of athletics, students can participate in band, dance, cheer, flag, and majorette teams, all of which participate in Mardi Gras parades, including Krewe of Alla and Krewe of Morpheus.

We offer AP courses, arts electives, clubs, tutoring, and small group intervention classes to ensure that everyone is prepared for college success.



In 2022, RCA ranked in the **Top 3** for **academic growth** in NOLA, as it has every year since its founding in 2018.

According to family survey data, RCA is ranked in the **99th percentile** of U. S. high schools in school climate.

63 staff  
306 students

12% Over Age  
24% Students with Disabilities  
4% English Language Learners



**THE MISSION OF  
ROSENWALD COLLEGIATE  
ACADEMY IS TO PREPARE  
EACH STUDENT TO  
SUCCEED IN THE COLLEGE  
AND CAREER PATHWAY  
OF THEIR CHOICE.**



# Cohen

## **\*\*DECEMBER 2022 UPDATE\*\***

NOLA PS has decided to move us to the Cohen building on Baronne St. in Uptown New Orleans for the '23-24 school year. We will be adopting the Cohen name, colors, and mascot, as well as welcoming current Cohen students to our community!



# Opportunities Academy

2625 Thalia St. | New Orleans, LA 70113 | [www.OA.CollegiateAcademies.org](http://www.OA.CollegiateAcademies.org) | Executive Director: Sophia Scott



Opportunities Academy began as classroom-based programs within Collegiate Academies schools. At OA, students between the ages of 18-22 focus on building functional skills to increase their independence and employability through working student jobs and practicing other life skills.

During the 2018-19 school year, Opportunities Academy consolidated all students at the G.W. Carver Campus and opened its doors to students from outside the network. That year, enrollment went from 21 students on two different campuses, to over 50 from high schools (and home schools) across the city; and OA was awarded a charter of its own for the 19-20 school year.

As Opportunities Academy grew, it became apparent that the school would need its own space. OPSB approved the school's use of the Guste facility in Central City, an ideal location for students to get to an expanded number of off-campus externship experiences. We've also been able to serve more students - and add additional classroom sections and on-campus work experiences that best target students' abilities.

## Our programming

A student's day at OA begins in the workplace. Students either travel off campus to an externship, or to a credential-based course of study, or work in an on-campus student job (internship) to get work experience and begin building the social skills and work habits needed to gain employment. We partner with the several local organizations for our externships, including Covenant House, the National World War II Museum, and New Orleans Public Library.

Our on-campus internship offerings include sOAptopia (OA's car wash business), the Clean Team (our student-led custodial team and stewards of OA's Go-Green Initiative), rOast (OA's on-campus coffee shop and school store) and supported Assembly, Food Service, and Custodial internships, through which students work on building proficiency, independence, and task endurance by performing simulated tasks as teachers and job coaches take data on their progress toward independence.

Afternoon instruction at OA focuses on three key elements of skill building: Independent Living, Community Access, and Employability. During this time, students practice such skills as making friends, using assistive technology, everyday math and reading skills, building healthy habits and routines, and accessing public transportation and community resources. Students also receive any counseling, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech services outlined in his or her IEP.

**OPPORTUNITIES ACADEMY PREPARES STUDENTS TO CREATE LIVES OF UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITY BY TEACHING THEM TO SELF-ADVOCATE, LIVE INDEPENDENTLY, AND OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT.**



81 students  
33 staff members

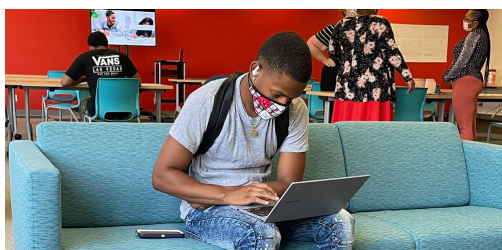


# Next Level Nola

1340 Poydras St. Suite 1600 | New Orleans, LA 70113 | [nextlevelnola.org](http://nextlevelnola.org) | Executive Director: Rhonda Dale



Nestled in the heart of the Central Business District, Next Level Nola has been educating New Orleans high school graduates since its inception in 2020. Next Level NOLA provides fellowships to New Orleans youth that offer an alternative to traditional postsecondary options and ensure more young people have a rigorous, debt-free path to achieve their college and career ambitions.



## Our programming

NLN offers graduating New Orleans Public School students a supportive, challenging, and inclusive environment that equips them with the skills, mindsets, resources, networks, and experiences needed to achieve their chosen college, career, and life goals. Through NLN, all fellows have the opportunity to:

- Earn college credit through concurrent enrollment with Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU)
- Experience real-world learning opportunities in a range of career pathways alongside local professionals (e.g., guest speakers, mentors, job shadowing, site visits, internships, and more)
- Build career readiness skills through NLN-led courses and all-cohort meetings
- Engage in personalized Success Coaching to plan for their immediate and long-term success, access necessary resources and services, and navigate life after high school
- Receive holistic support to reach their goals, including learning labs, academic tutoring, writing workshops, flexible scheduling, free transportation, ACT prep courses, 21st-century skill training, financial literacy and planning courses, and more

**NEXT LEVEL NOLA EQUIPS FELLOWS WITH THE SKILLS, MINDSETS, RESOURCES, NETWORKS AND EXPERIENCES NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THEIR CHOSEN COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE GOALS.**



43 fellows  
5 staff members  
13 NOLA high schools represented



