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Horizon Science Academy Lorain Student Receives National Recognition



Jalicia Smalley, a senior at [Horizon Science Academy Lorain](#), was recently recognized by the National Center for Women & Information Technology.

Just last year, Jalicia received first place at the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair.

Jalicia was invited to the International Science and Engineering Fair, and she also earned a full academic scholarship of over \$100,000 from Indiana Tech University

"I'm proud of where I come from," she said. "I feel this recognition was well deserved because I've come a long way."

Michigan Math and Science Academy Ranked Among Top Schools

A recent report published by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy ranked the performance of public high schools in Michigan. In the report, [Michigan Math and Science Academy](#) received an "A" and ranked 21st out of 639 public high schools in Michigan including selective schools, public schools, and charter schools. MMSA was ranked as a Top 10 public charter high school in Michigan.

Top 10 Charter High Schools Based on 2012-2015 Overall CAP Score

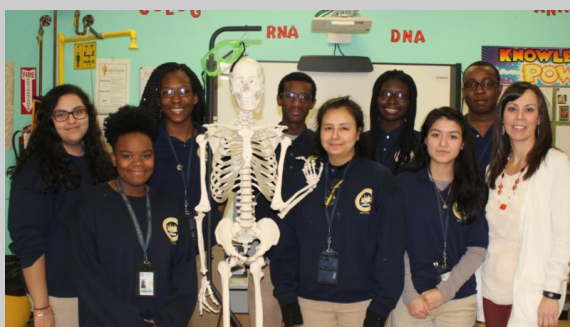
Rank	High School	School Type	District or Municipality	Locale	Overall CAP Values		
					Score	Percent Rank	Grade
1	Star International Academy	Charter	Dearborn Heights	Suburb: Large	126.80	100.00%	A
2	Riverside Academy - West Campus	Charter	Dearborn	City: Small	115.34	99.22%	A
3	Central Academy	Charter	Ann Arbor	City: Midsize	114.96	99.06%	A
4	Cesar Chavez High School	Charter	Detroit	City: Large	114.13	98.90%	A
5	Wellspring Preparatory High School*	Charter	Grand Rapids	City: Midsize	112.55	98.75%	A
6	Frontier International Academy	Charter	Hamtramck	Suburb: Large	112.15	98.28%	A
7	Universal Academy	Charter	Detroit	City: Large	111.00	97.18%	A
8	Michigan Mathematics & Science Academy*	Charter	Hazel Park	Suburb: Large	110.94	96.87%	A
9	Chandler Park Academy - High School	Charter	Harper Woods	Suburb: Large	109.59	95.93%	A
10	Countryside Academy-Middle/H.S.	Charter	Benton Harbor	Rural: Fringe	108.52	95.15%	A

* Denotes schools that have less than four years of data publicly available, but still have enough publicly available data to be included in the model.

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Because poverty is closely related to academic performance, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy factors in poverty in its overall rankings. These Context and Performance (CAP) Value ratings provide a much clearer picture whether schools truly meet or exceed academic expectations for all students.

Chicago Math & Science Academy Students Intern at Northwestern



Special thanks to Mrs. Rodriguez for her continued support

Eight students from Chicago Math & Science Academy were selected from 2,000 applicants to join the Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program at Northwestern University's School of Medicine.

During this 5-week internship, students attend the Medical School and work side by side with medical students and learn what it takes to become a physician.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Concept Schools Celebrates National School Choice Week 2017



- Top: Seniors and Kindergarten classes from [Indiana Math & Science Academy North](#)
- Bottom Left: Superintendent Mr. Murat Efe, Concept CEO Mr. Sedat Duman, 2 young students, and Principal Mr. Kadir Parlar at [Noble Academy Columbus](#)
- Bottom Right: Mr. Duman visits with students at [HSA Columbus Middle School](#)

Mr. Duman took part in National Choice Week celebrations as he visited each of our Columbus campuses: Noble Academy Columbus, HSA Columbus Middle School, HSA Columbus High School, and HSA Columbus Elementary School. On his visits he noted, "I enjoyed observing effective classroom teaching and happy faces throughout each school."



Mr. RaShaun Holliman, Director of the Office of Community Schools at the Ohio Department of Education, visited Horizon Science Academy Columbus Elementary. Mr. Holliman encouraged staff, students, and families to continue to advocate for a family's right to chose a high-quality education, and he celebrated the achievements of the school.

[CMSA Partners with Local Organization to Feed Chicago Neighbors](#)



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Former Major League Baseball Player Visits Horizon Science Academy McKinley Park



After being drafted in 1985, Mike Huff played for 5 MLB teams, including the Chicago White Sox, whom today, play just down the road from [Horizon Science Academy McKinley Park](#).

Huff, currently Vice President of Chicago Bulls & Sox Academy, spoke to the students about what it takes to be a professional ball player, good nutrition, and treating your body, rounding out a week of health and wellness activities.

NETWORK NEWS

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Concept Alumni Network Council Election



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The first Alumni Council Election at Chicago Math and Science Academy was recently held.

Concept is very proud to support recent graduates, and we are grateful to those for accepting leadership roles in support of their fellow alumni.

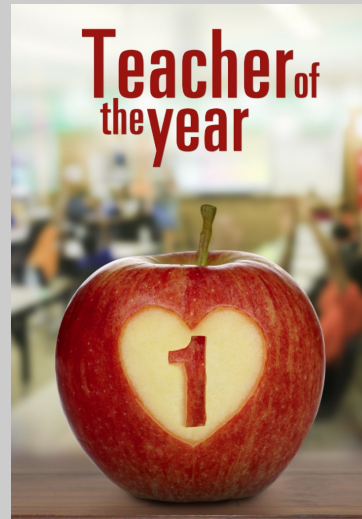
Learn more about Concept Alumni Network; click [here](#).

Network Teacher of the Year

As part of our ongoing effort to improve teaching and learning, Concept Schools continues to provide a Teacher of the Year recognition program to honor, promote, and encourage outstanding teachers among our schools.

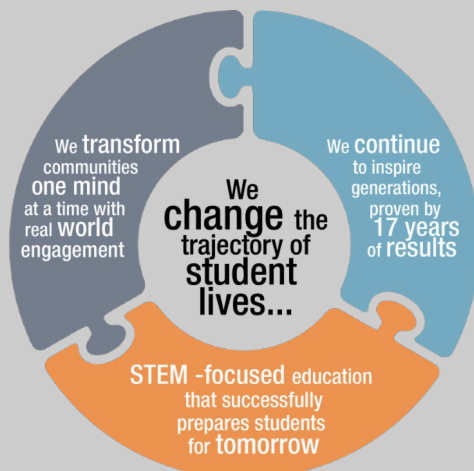
The Concept Schools Teacher of the Year will also serve a community point person who both promotes charter community schools and innovative teaching strategies. He or she will receive a \$1000 monetary award for this recognition.

Administrators, teachers, parents and students shall nominate a teacher by submitting an application.



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Who are we?

Concept Schools is a nonprofit charter management organization that manages or operates 30 public charter schools across the Midwest.

We believe that every child deserves access to a high-quality education. Our college-prep curriculum is STEM-based, and schools within the Concept Network are continuously recognized for their excellence in education.

At Concept Schools, we change the trajectory of student lives...

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