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THE NOBLE NINE

Noble public schools are nine of the top ten open enrollment public high schools in Chicago.

Chicago (September 3, 2013) – Nine of the top ten open enrollment public high schools in the city of Chicago are Noble high schools for the second year in a row, according to ACT scores published by Chicago Public Schools last month. Chicago Math & Science Academy and Chicago International Charter Schools – Northtown round out the list.

In a year that saw the national and Illinois ACT averages go down, we are particularly proud of the success of the thousands of Noble scholars. Not only did Noble schools top the ACT ranking list, but 100 percent of Noble students were accepted to college last year earning more than \$100 million in scholarship support. A culture of academic rigor and high expectations for personal discipline have created an atmosphere of success and possibility at Noble public high schools.

Chicago's top ten open enrollment public schools – those requiring no testing to get in – rank as follows:

1. Noble – UIC College Prep
2. Noble – Muchin College Prep
3. Noble – Pritzker College Prep
3. Noble – Chicago Bulls College Prep*
5. Noble – Golder College Prep
6. Noble – Noble Street College Prep
7. Noble – Rauner College Prep
8. Noble – Johnson College Prep
9. Noble – Gary Comer College Prep
10. CICS – Northtown
10. Chicago Math & Science Academy*

*Schools with identical scores were given the same ranking number.

“While we realize that the ACT is only one indicator of the success of our students, it is important measure of their academic readiness for college,” says Michael Milkie, Noble’s superintendent and a former Chicago Public Schools teacher. “The students worked hard to improve their skills and had great support from their teachers and families.”

For three years in a row, UIC College Prep, the LSV Campus of Noble, has been the highest performing open enrollment public high school in Chicago, averaging a 21.7 on the ACT in 2013 – a full point higher than the Illinois state average and more than four points higher than the CPS average while serving a population that is 86 percent low-income and 97 percent minority.

“The most exciting thing for me this fall is finally being able to grab my dreams,” says Daniel Rodriguez, who graduated from Noble’s Chicago Bulls College Prep campus this past spring and is now attending University of Wisconsin-Madison. “Noble has helped me gain the skills and knowledge that I will carry with me to college, to my career, and beyond.

Noble was founded by two former Chicago Public School teachers in 1999. Now in its 15th year of operation, Noble has expanded to fourteen public high school campuses serving 9,000 students from every ward in the Chicago. Over the last eight years, ACT scores, college matriculation, and college completion have improved as the network has grown. Ninety percent of Noble graduates matriculate to college each year and 84 percent of them are first-generation college students. Through their success, Noble alumni are changing the expectations for their families and communities.

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About Noble Network of Charter Schools

The Noble Network of Charter Schools (www.noblenetwork.org) is Chicago’s largest and highest performing network of public charter high schools. Noble is a non-selective network serving 9,000 students throughout Chicago at fourteen campuses. Noble campuses are located in some of Chicago’s highest need communities and serve a student population that is 89 percent low-income and 98 percent minority. In 2013, Noble campuses were nine of the top ten open enrollment public high schools in Chicago and more than 90 percent of graduates will matriculate to college this year. As a public charter high school, there are no testing requirements for enrollment at any of Noble’s campuses. Noble has a waitlist of over 4,700 families and opened two new campuses in August 2013 to help meet this overwhelming demand.