



College for Certain Newsletter | October 2015

Dear Aspire Friends,

This month has been full of exciting developments across Aspire - from [continued progress toward being matched with a new school in Memphis](#) to our announcement of [expanded blended learning](#) in the San Francisco Bay Area. I'm excited by the achievement and innovation I see on each and every one of our campuses, from Sacramento to East Palo Alto to Memphis. I am also inspired by the dedication of our staff in Aspire's home office who work so hard to make sure that each school has what it needs to succeed.

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of witnessing others validate our achievement and innovation with the unanimous charter renewals of Aspire Inskeep Academy, Aspire Juanita Tate Academy and Aspire Slauson Academy in Los Angeles. These schools were some of our earliest schools to implement blended learning and have seen tremendous results for their students since they opened. We share more about these renewals in this issue, along with some impressive college acceptances that some of our students received at a recent historically black colleges and universities fair.

I'm very thankful for your unwavering support of Aspire. Your commitment to our students, staff and communities help make *College for Certain* the rule instead of the exception for our students. To see images of *College for Certain* in action, [follow us on Instagram](#) #100DaysofAspire.

Thank You,

Carolyn Hack
Chief Executive Officer

Record Number of Early College Acceptances!

Saturday, September 26th was a day of celebration for the Aspire community as 12 of our high school seniors from Aspire Langston Hughes Academy in Stockton attended the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Fair. The college fair was held in Elk Grove, outside of Sacramento, and hosted admissions officers from many HBCUs. Students arrived with their college application materials and learned what different colleges offer, including scholarships.



During the fair, an impressive 49 college acceptance offers were given to our students by the following schools:

- * Paine College.
- * Fisk University.
- * Wilberforce University.
- * Texas Southern University.
- * Virginia State University.
- * Bethune- Cookman University.
- * Wiley College.
- * Tuskegee University.

Congratulations to all the Langston Hughes seniors who received these acceptances! We are so proud that all their hard work has been validated and achieving *College for Certain* is in their near future.

Living Our Mission: Expanding Blended Learning

At the beginning of this month, we announced the expansion of our successful blended learning program to 15 of our 38 schools - serving an additional 1,600 K-5 students in classrooms in the Bay Area, Los Angeles and Central Valley this school year. We believe that every student learns differently and it's our responsibility to create pathways for students to learn in ways that are tailored to their needs. Integrating technology, as part of our blended learning approach, is just one way we support teachers in differentiating instruction.



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Successful Los Angeles Charter Renewals

Earlier this month, three of our Los Angeles schools successfully had their charters renewed for another five years! Aspire Inskip Academy, Aspire Juanita Tate Academy and Aspire Slauson Academy were unanimously approved by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education to continue



serving over 1,000 LAUSD students and families. Every charter school in the state must have their charter renewed every five years in order to make sure that students get the best possible educational experience.

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Aspire in the News

[California's Aspire Charter Network gets a Blended-Learning Boost from Silicon Schools Fund](#)

The Hechinger Report

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The Commercial Appeal

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