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PAAAS Named Among the Best High Schools in the US By US News & World Reports

Plainfield, NJ- April 21, 2020– The Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS) was ranked among the best high schools in the United States, according to an announcement released today by U.S. News and World Report. PAAAS ranked 174 among New Jersey’s 551 Secondary Schools.

U.S. News & World Report noted that PAAAS was ranked among the top schools in the country based on data that reflects how well it serves all students, not just those planning to go to college. According to the report, 52% of the 279 students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement courses and exams. The total minority enrolment is 99% and 69% of the students are economically disadvantaged. The school serves students in grades 7-12 and the student-teacher ratio is at 10:1.

Dr. Diana Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools, said, “I am extremely proud of the PAAAS Administration and teachers who take pride in preparing competent, forward-thinking, confident young adults who are committed to life-long learning -- What an honor for Plainfield Public Schools.”

This is the third time PAAAS is recognized by the U.S. News & World Report. In 2016 PAAAS received a Bronze Medal for its standing among schools nationwide.

About PAAAS

The Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS) is a premier educational facility of excellence in the area of visual and performing arts. It serves approximately 390 students in grades 7 -12. Its dynamic, innovative and rigorous curriculum is academically and talent ability balanced. It focuses on

equipping students with practical skills that will prepare them for the 21st Century as well as experiences and training that will enable them to compete in the Visual and Performing Arts industries. The Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies enables students to develop their abilities, talents and minds, and inspires and empowers students to become leaders in an innovative and challenging arts education program and highly competitive industry.

Link to US News & World Report: <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/new-jersey/districts/plainfield-public-schools/plainfield-academy-for-the-arts-and-advanced-studies-144555>

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