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PLAINFIELD ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS AND ADVANCED STUDIES (PAAAS) AMONG THE BEST HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES

PAAAS ranked 147 among New Jersey's 551 Secondary Schools

Plainfield, NJ- May 1, 2019– 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 yesterday by U.S. News and World Report.

U.S. News & World Report announced that in an evaluation of more than 17,000 public high schools, PAAAS was among the Best High Schools in the Nation. PAAAS earned the privilege to display the coveted U.S. News Best High School Badge. Only the top 40% of schools earn eligibility to display a U.S. News Best High School Badge.

Richard Wyatt, President of the Plainfield Board of Education said, "We take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Angela Bento, Principal, her administrative team, all PAAAS educators, staff and students for a job well done!"

The National Schools are ranked based on five ranking factors such as College Readiness Index, College Curriculum Breadth Index, Math and Reading Proficiency Ranks Math and Reading Performance Ranks and Graduation Rate.

Robert Morse, U.S. News's chief data strategist explains, "The comprehensive ranking methodology, which reflects how well high schools serve all students, not just those planning to go to college, included measures of performance on state math and reading proficiency tests; college readiness measured by participation in and performance on challenging college-level coursework using Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations; and graduation rates."

Dr. Angela Bento, Principal of PAAAS, said, "It is with great honor and pride that the PAAAS community celebrates the honor bestowed upon us by U.S. News and World Report; a Best American High School. This achievement is only possible when a team believes in the school's vision and mission. This was accomplished through hard work, diligence and a

strong work ethic by all members of the PAAAS community. It is our hope that our successes continue and that we provide the best educational experience for all of our students.”

This is the second time PAAAS is recognized at a national level 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.

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