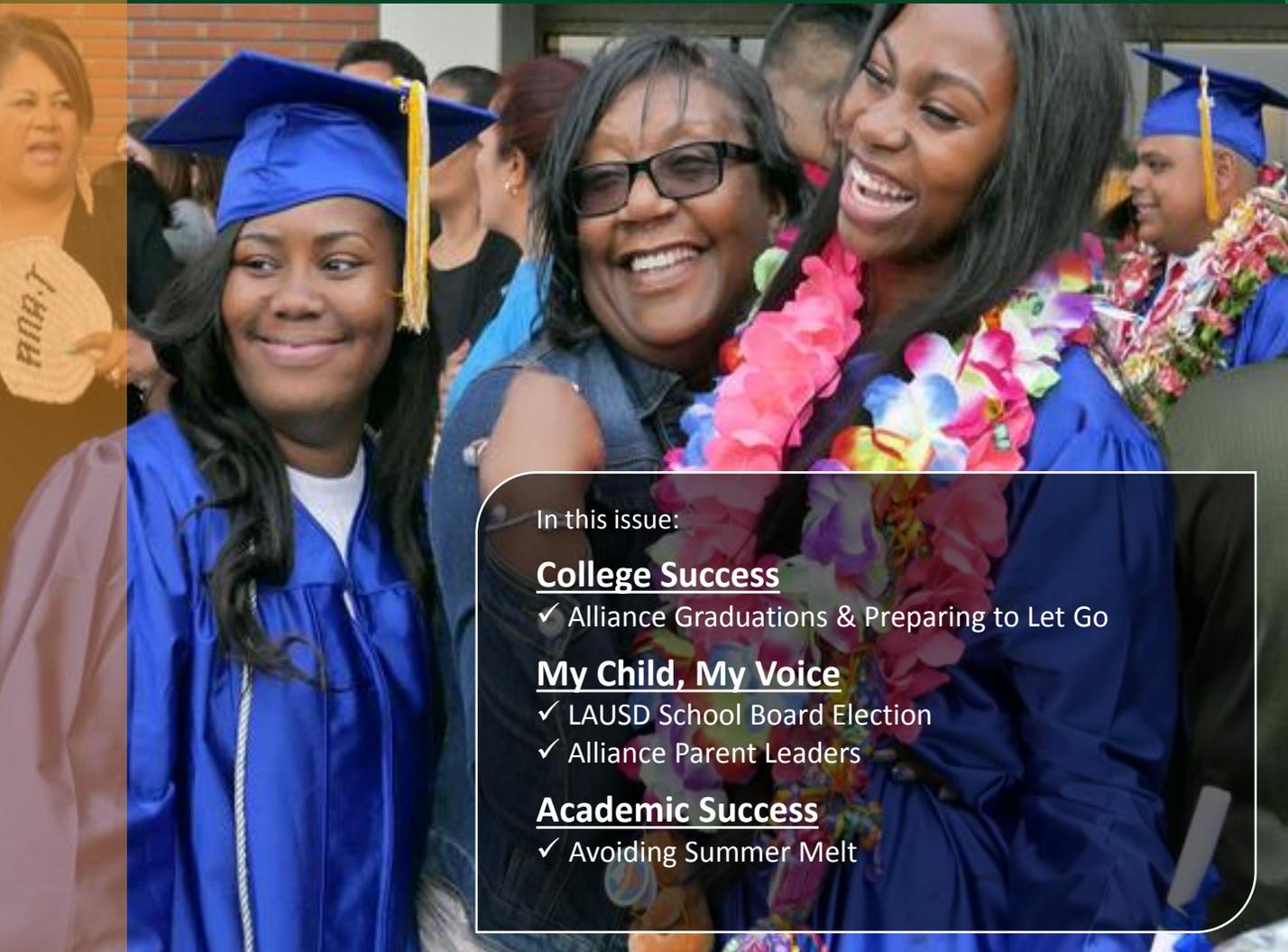


PREPARING OUR STUDENTS NOW TO BECOME

# TOMORROW'S LEADERS



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### Alliance Graduations & Preparing to Let Go

Congratulations to all Alliance parents who have scholars who are graduating this month!

This is an exciting time for you and your family. As you prepare to send your student to college, some parents may also find it difficult to let go if their scholar is leaving home for college. [Click here](#) for some tips on how to prepare yourself and your scholar for the transition.



## MY CHILD, MY VOICE

Stay informed to advocate for your child, your school and your community.

### LAUSD School Board Election

Please join us in congratulating the newest Los Angeles Unified District School Board members, Nick Melvoin and Kelly Gonez. The school board election in May elected the newest Board members who will begin their four year term in July. They will join five board members who will be responsible for reviewing and voting on the renewal of charters at eight Alliance schools this fall. A vote to renew our charters by the school board will allow our schools to operate for another five years.

**The work to support those eight Alliance schools that are up for renewal begins now!** Even if your school is not up for renewal, our collective voice is powerful. You can write a letter to your school district Board member to let them know the impact your Alliance school is having on your child and in your community. Not sure who your LAUSD Board member is? [Click here](#) to see a list of Board members and how to contact them.

You, as a parent, have the power to make lasting changes that support the education of your child and all children in your community!

## Alliance Parent Leaders

Thank you to all parents who devote countless hours to volunteering at their child's school. We value your partnership. We would especially like to thank our Parent Superstars who have exceeded the annual recommended parent volunteer service hours and/or have significantly gone above and beyond to support the success of their child's school. [Click here](#) to see a list of our 2016-17 Parent Superstars.



Another way to get involved is to attend various workshops that are offered throughout the year as part of the Parent Leadership Network (PLN). Eloisa Hernandez, a parent at Alliance Marc and Eva Stern Math and Science High School, explains what she learned at the latest Parent Leadership Network workshop:

"At today's workshop, I learned that it can be hard and yet simple to let our students go away to college. We also talked about what we expect of them and what they should expect from us as parents and how we can support them to succeed while they are away at college."

**If you are interested in becoming more actively involved in your child's school in the new school year, contact your school's Parent Engagement Specialist.**

## Parents as Partners Awards

Every year Alliance treats all Parent Engagement Specialists to an appreciation lunch. At this lunch, we also award the Parents as Partners awards which celebrates the outstanding work of schools who have made parent involvement a priority and who are successfully engaging parents as partners to promote student success. Each winner won \$1,800 which must be applied to parent engagement opportunities and resources at the school.

## Congratulations to the winners of the Parents as Partners awards:

- Alliance Collins Family College-Ready High School
- Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology Academy High School
- Alliance Morgan McKinzie High School

## Honorable mention awards went to:

- Alliance College-Ready Middle Academy 8
- Alliance Gertz-Ressler/Richard Merkin 6-12 Complex
- Alliance College-Ready Middle Academy 12

Thank you to all our parent engagement specialists for your collaboration with parents and your community to create a safe and inclusive school!



## Avoiding Summer Slide

This summer, it is important to continue to support your child's learning to avoid "summer slide," a reference to the summer months when students can forget much of what was learned in school. Summer slide can also affect students who are planning to enroll in college in the fall.

Here are some tips to help you support your child's learning through the summer:

- Encourage your child to read every day! Visit your local library and create a family book club. [Click here](#) to participate in the Los Angeles Public Library Summer Reading Challenge.
- Enroll your child in summer school, camp or an enrichment program.
  - Many programs are offered at no or very little cost. The City offers a summer enrichment program, [click here](#) to learn more. They also offer classes from cooking to sports, [click here](#) to learn more
  - Nearly every Alliance school also offers Summer School and Summer Bridge -- please see your principal or parent engagement specialist.
- Find summer breakfast and lunch programs near you by [clicking here](#).
- Find an organization/company where your child can serve as a volunteer. Click here to search for volunteer centers.
- Register your child to take a class at a community college.
- Encourage your child to job shadow a professional who has embarked on a career path that may interest your child
- Encourage your child to be physically active (swimming, hiking, nature walks, bike riding, skate boarding, etc.)
- Visit museums, local parks and places of significance. [Click here](#) for the Passport to Success provided by Families in Schools. This free program provides resources to explore local libraries, museums and cultural events.

**The best way to avoid summer slide is to keep your child intellectually and physically engaged during summer break!**





SEE YOU ON THE FIRST DAY OF  
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