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SYNERGY ACADEMIES 2016 ANNUAL REPORT.



**“WE HAVE FIVE CHILDREN,
AND SYNERGY HAS BEEN ABLE TO
TRANSFORM EACH OF THEM
INTO A CHILD THAT
WANTS TO ACHIEVE
ACADEMICALLY.”**

Monica and Jorge Pasillas enrolled their oldest daughter, Melissa, in Synergy’s elementary school the year it opened in 2004. “Synergy’s purpose was to eliminate the gap between rich and low income area schools,” said Monica. “My younger children are just in elementary and middle school. But they already know they are going to college like their big sister.”

Melissa (that’s her in the photo sister Melanie is holding) graduated from Synergy Quantum Academy in 2016. She’s now a freshman at Kalamazoo College, Michigan, on a full-ride scholarship.





“I KNEW AS SOON AS I WALKED INTO THE FIRST MEETING THAT I WAS IN THE RIGHT PLACE.”

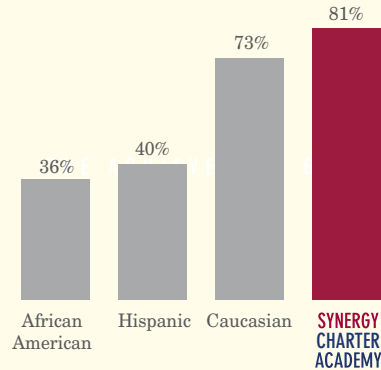
Michael Sutton was raised by his grandmother Iona. When it came time to enroll him in elementary school, she says, “I wanted something different from the experience that the rest of my children had.” That was about the same time she received a flyer for Synergy Charter Academy in the mail. Michael has attended Synergy schools since the year the schools first opened, and he is now a senior at Synergy’s high school.

Says Iona, “Synergy involves the parents and students in every capacity. It backs you up and is there for every single child. At Synergy, your children will have a great future!”



CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TEST, SCIENCE, 2016

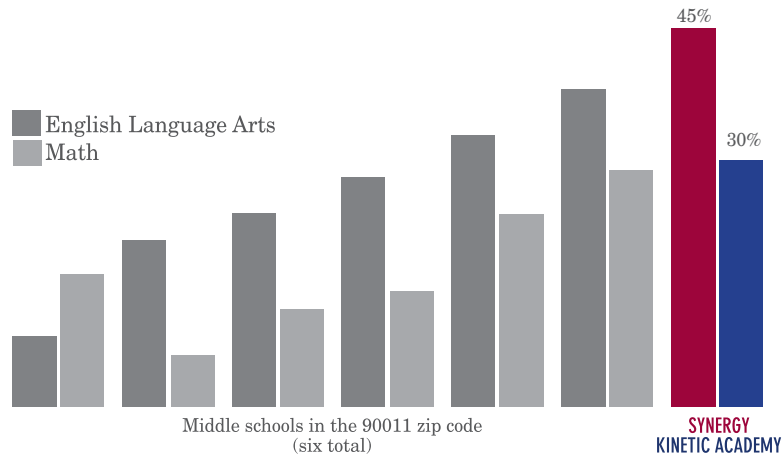
Percent of students scoring proficient or advanced, statewide



SYNERGY CHARTER ACADEMY is one of the most highly-honored elementary schools in America, and is eliminating the achievement gap that has existed for decades between schools in the inner city and schools in more affluent neighborhoods. 99% of Synergy Charter students are Latino or African-American.

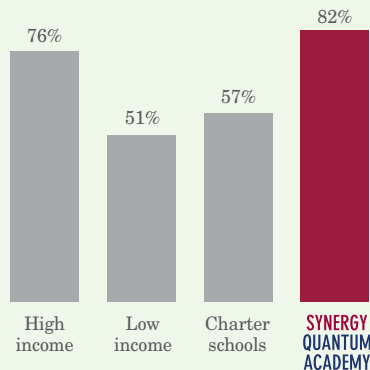
SOUTH LOS ANGELES MIDDLE SCHOOLS, 2016

Percent of students meeting or exceeding Common Core standards



Since 2010, **SYNERGY KINETIC ACADEMY** has been the highest scoring 6th-8th grade school in Historic South Central, and continues to excel under the new Common Core testing. Synergy Kinetic students have participated in USC's MESA competitions each year since 2010, amassing a slew of awards along the way.

NATIONAL COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATES, 2016



98% of **SYNERGY QUANTUM ACADEMY** students qualify for Free & Reduced Price Lunch, placing them well within the low income bracket. Yet they're enrolling in college at a significantly higher rate than the national average for charter schools— and higher than students from much more privileged schools. *US News & World Report* named Synergy Quantum Academy a Best High School in both 2015 and 2016.



“NO PRINCIPAL EVER TOOK THE TIME TO HELP MY DAUGHTER. BUT SYNERGY’S DID. I CARRY THAT IN MY HEART EVERY DAY, AND I WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL.”

When Violeta Ramirez’ oldest daughter was struggling in school, one of Synergy’s founders worked with her after school to make sure she caught up to grade level. “I saw the difference between Synergy and other schools. At Synergy, it’s a culture of respect and acceptance.”

Violeta and Jose Ramirez have a child enrolled in each of Synergy’s three schools— Synergy Charter elementary, Synergy Kinetic middle, and Synergy Quantum high school.





“IT WAS A **NO-BRAINER** TO ENROLL MY TWIN SONS WHEN THEY WERE READY TO START SCHOOL.”

Dana Westbrook enrolled her daughter Erianna in Synergy’s kindergarten class back in 2005. “Synergy’s staff are very caring, friendly, and respectable. They are like an extended family. I love how Synergy recognizes students for their achievements at the end of every school year. I really believe that it jump starts students’ hunger for their next accomplishment in life.”

Synergy’s founders chose the name “Synergy” with the idea that we can accomplish more together than any individual could on their own. Says Dana, “As a team, goals like going to college are possible through hard work and dedication. Synergy has been consistent in helping our children strive for the best and in helping us, as parents, assist our children to be the best they can be.”





“SYNERGY HAS REALLY HELPED ROSEMARIE TO THINK CRITICALLY AND PREPARE FOR COLLEGE.”

Rosemarie Aceituno was already enrolled in another charter school in South LA, but she wanted to take more advanced classes and participate in athletics and after school clubs. When her mom, Maria, visited Synergy Quantum, she was impressed. Rosemarie transferred in 11th grade.

Synergy’s schools are STEM-focused. At Synergy, Rosemarie got more involved in technology than she would have ever imagined. She’s now part of Synergy’s Technovation Challenge Team, where she’s creating an iPhone app to solve real-world problems.

Says Maria, “Synergy, with its parents, teachers, and staff, are like a family that helps one another. You cannot find this quality of education at any other school.”



ONLY 1,000 GRADS NATIONWIDE EARN A GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP. LAST YEAR, **THREE WERE FROM SYNERGY.**

For a school to win even one Gates Millennium Scholarship is a huge honor, let alone three. Awarded for academic excellence and strong leadership skills, they cover the full cost of college through graduation. From left: Ricardo, majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Music Production at NYU. Josephine, majoring in Sociology, with an emphasis on Pre-Med, and a minor in Forensics, at USC. Carlos, majoring in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Political Science at UC Davis. Amazing.



SYNERGY ALUMNI

75% of all Synergy grads have gone on to college. Many of them, to top schools around the country. And they stick with it: 80% of them return for a second year. All of which puts us on par with high schools in far more privileged communities.

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| Antelope Valley College | El Camino College | Los Angeles Harbor College | Savannah College of Art and Design | UC Santa Barbara |
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| Barnard College | Everest College | Los Angeles Trade Tech | Universidad Politecnica Puerto Rico | University of La Verne |
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FINANCIALS

	Synergy Charter Academy	Synergy Kinetic Academy	Synergy Quantum Academy	Synergy Central Office	Eliminations	TOTAL
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	2,630,444	3,454,704	2,765,481	582,758	-	9,433,387
Accounts receivable	367,108	517,418	682,456	1,412	-	1,568,394
Intracompany receivable	51,726	-	-	-	(51,726)	-
Prepaid expenses	5,199	12,316	19,971	1,206	-	38,692
Total current assets	3,054,477	3,984,438	3,467,908	585,376	(51,726)	11,040,473
FIXED ASSETS						
Property, plant, equipment net	-	1,331	14,890	-	-	16,221
Total long-term assets	-	1,331	14,890	-	-	16,221
Total assets	3,054,477	3,985,769	3,482,798	585,376	(51,726)	11,056,694
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	39,327	91,761	451,137	28,696	-	610,921
Payroll liabilities	23,173	32,950	49,155	46,139	-	151,417
Intracompany payable	-	-	51,726	-	(51,726)	-
Total liabilities	62,500	124,711	552,018	74,835	(51,726)	762,338
NET ASSETS						
Unrestricted/designated by board for emergency reserve	1,500,644	1,500,644	1,500,644	-	-	4,501,932
Unrestricted/undesignated	1,466,620	2,322,347	1,361,304	480,513	-	5,630,784
Total unrestricted	2,967,264	3,822,991	2,861,948	480,513	-	10,132,716
Temporarily restricted	24,713	38,067	68,832	30,028	-	161,640
Total net assets	2,991,977	3,861,058	2,930,780	510,541	-	10,294,356
Total liabilities and net assets	3,054,477	3,985,769	3,482,798	585,376	(51,726)	11,056,694

JUNE 30, 2016



SYNERGY ACADEMIES

SYNERGY CHARTER ACADEMY ELEMENTARY, SYNERGY KINETIC ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL,
SYNERGY QUANTUM ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL.



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