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CAMINO NUEVO CHARTER ACADEMY HONORED BY STATE FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

For the Second Consecutive Year Camino Nuevo is recognized with the Title I Academic Achievement Award.

LOS ANGELES, CA - The k-8 campuses of Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, a leading community-based public charter school organization serving grades pre-k-12 within the Los Angeles Unified School District, have been named Title I Academic Achievement Award Schools by the California Department of Education for a second consecutive year. Camino Nuevo's Burlington K-8 and Harvard K-8 campuses have earned this distinction, highlighting the schools' success in significantly closing the achievement gap for all students.

"These schools have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the education of their students and have achieved impressive results," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson in a statement. "I congratulate all those who put forth the extra effort that resulted in this prestigious award—school administrators and staffs, teachers, parents, and, of course, the students themselves."

Of more than 6,000 schools in California participating in the Title I program, only 209 schools (or 3%) were honored with the award this year. Awarded schools must demonstrate that all students are progressing towards proficiency on California's academic content standards. Additionally, the school's socioeconomically disadvantaged students must have doubled the achievement targets set for them for two consecutive years.¹

"Our students and staff are leading the charge in demonstrating that all students, regardless of the social and economic challenges they may face, can and do achieve at high levels," said Ana Ponce, Camino Nuevo's Executive Director. "Our goal is to ensure that every student we serve forges their own path to success and is equipped with the college readiness skills to make them college ready, college bound."

Camino Nuevo students have demonstrated exceptional academic results with an Academic Performance Index (API) of 859, significantly exceeding the state's API goal of 800. Camino Nuevo's K-8 schools were also named 2010 California Distinguished Schools by the California Department of Education, and the bilingual program has also been recognized with the Seal of Excellence by the California Association of Bilingual Educators. Additionally, the Harvard K-8 campus was recently honored with the 2011 Effective Practice Incentive Community (EPIC) Award, which recognizes schools that have made significant student achievement gains, based on the growth that individual students have made on state academic tests from year to year, over the last three years. The Harvard campus was one of only four schools nationwide who was recognized as a "gold gain" school, the highest honor given.²

¹ <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr11/yr11rel28.asp>

² http://www.caminonuevo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=131&Itemid=140

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ABOUT CAMINO NUEVO:

"College Ready, College Bound" - The mission of Camino Nuevo Charter Academy is to educate students in a college preparatory program to be literate, critical thinkers, and independent problem solvers who are agents of social justice with sensitivity toward the world around them.

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