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MVHS and LAHS Academically Rank in the Top Two Percent Nationally

U.S. News and World Report released today that Mountain View (MVHS) and Los Altos High School (LAHS) continue to excel on the annual U.S. News and World rankings of our 21,000 national high schools. Both schools received the highest gold medal based on state proficiency standards and how well schools prepare students for college. Both MVHS and LAHS ranked in the top two percent of schools nationally with Mountain View ranked 297 and Los Altos 337. On the statewide rankings of 2,039 California High Schools, both schools were in the top 100 with Mountain View ranking 50th and Los Altos 63rd.

The U.S. News and World website states the following when discussing their methodology of choosing the top schools:

“U.S. News joined forces with the American Institutes for Research, a D.C.-based organization, to evaluate schools on overall student performance on state-mandated assessments, as well as how effectively schools educated their black, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged students. Performance on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams was then used to determine the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work.

Schools were ranked within each state, as well as on a national stage, so families can see how their public high school stacked up against rivals within the community and across the country. In the national rankings, 500 schools earned gold medals, 1,790 were awarded silver and 2,515 took home bronze.”

Mountain View Principal Keith Moody commented, “We continue to be amazed at the accomplishments of our students and staff. Although this is only one measure of academic achievement, we are pleased that our focus on a rigorous curriculum that provides open access to all courses has yielded excellent results for all student groups. I could not be happier with our progress.”

For more information on these high school rankings, please go to <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/california/rankings>

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