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### Momentum Award Presented to Columbus Collegiate Academy – Main Street

*CCA-Main recognized by State Board of Education for exceeding growth*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – The United Schools Network’s Columbus Collegiate Academy – Main Street received the Ohio Department of Education’s [Momentum Award](#) given to schools whose students achieve more than one year’s worth of growth within a single school year. Schools must earn straight A’s on all Value-Added measures on the report card and have at least two Value-Added subgroups of students, which include gifted, lowest 20 percent in achievement, and students with disabilities.

“It’s an honor to receive this distinction from the Board of Education,” said Andy Boy, Founder & CEO of [United Schools Network \(USN\)](#). “It reminds us that by providing a dedicated, talented staff and creating a culture of respect, we are helping our students exceed expected growth.”

USN was one of 10 Columbus-area schools to be distinguished in a national index for excelling at helping low-income students achieve as much academically as their higher-income peers. The Education Equality Index’s [findings](#) were also consistent with the success demonstrated by all USN schools on the most recent state report card in which both CCA-Main Street and its sister school, CCA-Dana Avenue, received an “A” for student progress and exceeded the Ohio average in reading and math proficiency.

Recently, USN was also praised by *The Columbus Dispatch* for its standout results. USN “has thrived by finding and training highly qualified teachers, establishing a culture of respect for learning where it’s cool to get good grades and helping students beyond the classroom, including guiding them into a successful high school and developing character,” the newspaper wrote in its May 20 [editorial](#). “Charter schools such as Columbus Collegiate are demonstrating models for larger public-school districts.”

### About United Schools Network

United Schools Network is a nonprofit charter management organization, which began as a single middle school, Columbus Collegiate Academy, in 2008. Currently, USN serves over 600 kindergarten to second-grade and sixth to eighth-grade students in three schools and is dedicated to preparing elementary and middle school students to achieve academic excellence and to become citizens of integrity. Admission is open to all students; academic proficiency is not considered during the admissions process. Seventy-five percent of USN students are students of color, and over 90 percent are economically disadvantaged. Additional information about USN can be found at [www.unitedschoolsnetwork.org](http://www.unitedschoolsnetwork.org).