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iLEAD North Hollywood

LEAD North Hollywood offers a structured yet independent learning model designed and administrated by credentialed, award-winning faculty and staff. The school offers project-based learning, extensive college counseling, "Flipped Learning" practices, arts integration, individual learning plans, a nationally ranked speech and debate program, and strong connections to the professional writing community through its "Get Lit" partnership. Extracurricular activities include speech and debate, contemporary music/songwriting, theatre, student council, Key Club and Cheers For Queers. iLEAD North Hollywood enrolls more than 300 students in grades 9 through 12.

Tell us about the history of your school in our community.

"iLEAD NoHo originally opened in 2014 as Valley International Prep-South (VIP)—a charter high school serving grades 9 through 12 with Anne

Cochran as its founding director. In 2015 VIP joined the charter management organization iLEAD Schools and changed its name to iLEAD North Hollywood. The site leadership and core faculty/staff have remained the same."

What makes your school exceptional in terms of the educational experience?

"We offer a challenging, college-prep academic experience that includes AP and honors coursework and is supported and uplifted via project-based learning. We oftentimes hear that kids love our small size, openness and communicative spirit."

How important is parent involvement at your school?

"One of the hallmarks of a charter school is the inclusion and input of parents and guardians in its creation and execution. At iLEAD NoHo, we have a particularly passionate and effective parent

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group called Parents In Partnership, which plays a pivotal role in supporting our vision, daily operations and ever-changing needs."

What does your school offer that is unique?

"Our program offers individualized, college-targeted planning and support for each learner within a small and supportive learning community. Some of our most unique activities and arts instruction include a contemporary music/songwriting program, Get Lit curriculum and poetry team, and a nationally recognized speech and debate program with mock trial component."

What's most rewarding about your work?

"It is certainly the joy received in facilitating the building of relationships within a culture of teens from all walks of life—regardless of beliefs, income level, ethnicity. Devising a truly diverse and happy learning and social community is something we're proud of at iLEAD NoHo."