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**** Two SABIS® Member Schools Ranked among Best in U.S. ****

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Two SABIS® Member Schools in the United States rank amongst the best schools in the country according to the 2014 list of “Best High Schools” by *U.S. News and World Report*. The SABIS® International Charter School (SICS) in Springfield, Massachusetts received a silver medal, its fifth silver medal in a row, and the International Academy of Flint (IAF) in Flint, Michigan, received a bronze medal for the seventh time in the last eight years.

U.S. News & World Report and the American Institutes of Research (AIR) ranked more than 19,400 public high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia based on a three-step process and awarded medals based on how well the schools’ prepared students for college. They first factored in the percentage of economically-disadvantaged students enrolled at each school to determine which schools had students that performed better than statistical expectations. Secondly, they selected schools that performed better than the state average by comparing the school’s math and reading proficiency rates for the least-advantaged students. Finally, the schools were assessed on how well they prepare students for college by comparing the number of students that took at least one Advanced Placement® (AP®) test during their senior year divided by the total number of seniors that year.

SICS earned a Silver award on the ‘Best High Schools’ List. The school ranked 57th among 352 total Massachusetts high schools and was ranked 154th nationally among charter schools. IAF received a Bronze medal and was ranked 2nd among all charter schools in Michigan with a student body with greater than 75% minority and low income students. Of the 75 charter high schools in Michigan, IAF was one of only 13 schools that received a ranking medal, a testament to the strength of the school.

Directors at both schools were enthusiastic about the recognition. “*We are always excited when our students and staff are recognized for their hard work,*” said IAF Director, Ms. Kendra Giles. “*We intend to use this recognition as motivation to continue to raise the bar.*” Speaking about SICS, Director Karen Reuter said, “*Receiving the silver award is a confirmation that we are meeting our mission and high standards for student achievement. We are proud to be ranked among the nation’s top schools.*”

IAF and SICS both implement the proven SABIS® Educational System, a comprehensive educational program that gives students a solid academic foundation and the skills needed to achieve success in a changing world.

To view the two SABIS® schools’ *U.S. News and World Report* listing, visit <http://bit.ly/1iElddo> (IAF) and <http://bit.ly/1kqueWN> (SICS). To learn more about SICS, IAF, or the SABIS® Educational System, visit sics-sabis.net, iaf-sabis.net, or sabis.net, respectively.

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