

KIPP NYC CLOSSES THE GENDER DIVIDE IN HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER SCIENCE

*Leading Public Charter School Network Earns the Prestigious
College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award*

*With Over 50% Female Students, the Program Prepares Students to
Earn College Degrees in Computer Science*

NEW YORK, February 2024 — KIPP NYC College Prep High School is proud to be a leader in diversity and inclusion, with more than half of their students in the AP Computer Science A (CSA) course identifying as female. With some of the highest female enrollment rates nationally, KIPP NYC's program has received the College Board AP[®] Computer Science Female Diversity Award, recognizing the school's ongoing commitment to gender and racial equality, especially in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). As part of KIPP NYC's rigorous STEM program, the CSA course readies students for their future in college and equips them to be responsible stewards of our world in successful technology-related careers.

KIPP NYC College Prep is honored to be part of only 225 schools recognized for diversity in College Board's AP computer science program for the 2022-23 school year. KIPP NYC's notable enrollment of female students in CSA actively addresses gender disparity in the national tech industry. Since 2017, the industry has witnessed a 69% surge in female participation, and [54% of female computer science majors have taken AP CSA in high school](#). By offering a rigorous CSA program, KIPP NYC sets its students up to impact the future of the tech industry.

"Our students are doing more than excelling in our AP program and securing spots in elite computer science programs," said KIPP NYC AP CSA teacher Anthony Lifrieri. "The young women in AP CSA are programming the future for a new generation of innovators and problem solvers."

"Computer science is a fast-evolving field that has and will continue to play a pivotal role in the future of our society," said Alicia Johnson, CEO of KIPP NYC. "It is our responsibility, especially as an organization that serves students of color, to empower students not only to navigate but become active agents in shaping the future of this field."

"This discipline is the source code of our economy and much of the career landscape," said Trevor Packer, Head of the College Board's AP Program. "In the six years since we began the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award, it's been heartening to see schools like KIPP NYC College Prep High School welcome so many more young women into this vital field."

With only 34% of AP Computer Science Principles participants and 26% of CSA students nationally identifying as female, KIPP NYC's CSA program is an inspirational model for promoting diversity and equity in tech fields and is leading the way to creating a more inclusive future in computer science education.

For more information about KIPP NYC Public Schools and to enroll for the 24-25 school year, please visit www.kippnyc.org.

About KIPP NYC Public Schools

KIPP NYC is a network of 18 public charter schools educating children in grades K-12 (eight elementary and nine middle schools and a college preparatory high school). Together with KIPP Forward, the alumni support program, KIPP NYC educates and serves 10,000 students and alumni. KIPP NYC is part of KIPP, the largest charter network in the country. Today, 280 KIPP public charter schools in 20 states and the District of Columbia educate over 120,000 Children.

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