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I have loved this program. It helped me understand more math. My parents are happy that I am studying for math. That makes me and my parents happy.



—A 7th grade student in ALearn's Math Acceleration Program (MAP)



## Overview

### The Challenge

Our region, our state, and our country are losing skilled workers at an alarming rate. We need college graduates to replace a retiring workforce. Locally, fewer than half of all high school seniors are qualified to apply to a four-year state college. Just 31% of graduating Latinos are college-eligible.

By 2025, California will be one million college graduates short of the trained workers that our economy needs for 21st century jobs, and the situation is worsening. Our state cannot prosper without the contribution of all students to our future.

### The Solution

ALearn was founded in 2007 to significantly raise the college-going rates for students from low-income backgrounds. Since then, we have served over 9,200 underserved youth in 16 local school districts who have benefited from our summer and extended-day programs in math, college readiness, and growth mindset. Annually, we serve more than 1,400 sixth through twelfth graders in improving their academic knowledge and building a mindset of motivation and perseverance.

ALearn's programs:

- **Extend the in-school learning day.** U.S. students spend far less time in the classroom than foreign youth. ALearn extends the academic year with summer and after-school classes.
- **Reduce summer learning loss.** Students from low-income backgrounds are especially prone to summer learning loss, losing as much as 3 months of knowledge.
- **Raise students to grade-level performance and beyond.** After participation in ALearn programs, students increase their math knowledge and rise to grade-level performance. 87% of high school students in accelerated summer classes advance an entire grade level in math.
- **Focus on college planning.** College field trips and college information programs help students and their families understand the importance of a college education. The 'right' high school courses for college admission are identified and financial aid information helps families plan.
- **Enhance professional development.** All teachers and teaching assistants learn cutting edge pedagogy during professional development.
- **Provide strong assessment.** Each school district provides ALearn with student data through high school. We want to track the percentage of our students who do, in fact, meet college eligibility and pursue their college dreams.