



### NAI and Foshay Learning Center rank high in USC admission numbers

Foshay Learning Center was third among high schools who sent the most students to USC this fall, with 20. Other top schools included Loyola High (23 students), Palos Verdes High (21) and Harvard-Westlake (19). Foshay is the home of USC's Neighborhood Academic Initiative, a pre-college enrichment program that prepares students for admission to a college or university. It includes intensive tutoring before and after school and on most Saturdays.



For full story: [bit.ly/foshayadmits](http://bit.ly/foshayadmits)

"I've been to many, probably hundreds of universities across the country and I've never seen anything like [the NAI]. It's truly amazing; I commend it. [Clinton] recommended I tell you about it."

**HENRY CISNEROS**  
*former HUD secretary, at the Mexican American Leadership Initiative event honoring Hillary Clinton*

For full story: [bit.ly/naicisneros](http://bit.ly/naicisneros)



### KABC featured NAI gala, hosted by Alysha Del Valle, ABC-7 reporter and USC Civic Engagement Advisory Council member



“The program has helped hundred of teens get into college.”

**ALYSHA DEL VALLE**  
*ABC-7 reporter*

For full story: [bit.ly/naigalakabc2014](http://bit.ly/naigalakabc2014)

## Diverse

### University of Southern California Inviting Neighbors Over for Education



Sierra Williams is one of more than 3,000 new freshmen at the University of Southern California this fall. She is majoring in biomedical engineering, and, if the technical track doesn't work out, she says she plans to become a doctor.

Where Williams stands out from the majority of her peers is her familiarity with the campus. That's because she has already spent four years in high school taking classes there as a student scholar with USC's Neighborhood Academic Initiative (NAI). "It's pretty easy to navigate my way through campus," she said.

For full story: [bit.ly/naidiversefoshay](http://bit.ly/naidiversefoshay)

USC's signature college access program, Neighborhood Academic Initiative (NAI) received notable media coverage in 2013-2014. Media placement highlights in major publications include NBC-4, ABC-7, Los Angeles Times, and La Opinion. The intensive seven-year academic enrichment program has recently expanded its reach to the schools of East Los Angeles, Murchison Elementary School and El Sereno Middle School, both in the Family of Schools program in the USC Health Sciences Campus neighborhood.

## IN THE NEWS:

# USC Neighborhood Academic Initiative 2014



For full story: [bit.ly/naidickenslat](http://bit.ly/naidickenslat)

## Los Angeles Times

### Winning essays take 2 South LA students to Dickens conference

NAI Scholars Kenia Coyoy and Karen Molina were the first students from the Los Angeles Unified School District to win the high school essay contest, which drew entries from across the U.S. and beyond. The contest is sponsored by the Dickens Project, a consortium of international scholars who study the 19th century author.

## 89.3 KPCC

### Patt Morrison with KPCC-Air interviews NAI Scholars who were awarded the Dickens scholarship



Two young women from South Los Angeles have gained admittance into the 'Dickens universe' after writing two winning essays granting them an all-expense trip to a Charles Dickens' themed conference.

Kenia Coyoy and Karen Molina are the first students from the Los Angeles Unified School District to win the essay contest, which draws entries from all

across the U.S. and abroad. The two had to indulge and dissect over 800 pages of "Our Mutual Friend" by Charles Dickens, connecting the author to their daily life in South L.A.

Both scholars will join us to talk about their winning essays and their prize: a weeklong conference and their contributions to the discourse of all things Dickens.

For full story: [bit.ly/naikpccdicken](http://bit.ly/naikpccdicken)



[Wavenewspapers.com](http://Wavenewspapers.com)

### The Wave: USC expands NAI program to Eastside



USC Neighborhood Academic Initiative student Tabitha Bunch hopes to attend USC and study marine biology.

The Los Angeles Wave ran a story on USC's Neighborhood Academic Initiative, a rigorous seven-year program dedicated to preparing students in low-income neighborhoods to attend college. In the last 15 years, about 745 students from South Los Angeles have participated in NAI, most of them Latinos, with 99 percent of them eventually graduating high school.



## USC News

### NAI Scholar Tristan Baizar keynotes President Nikias Leadership Circle dinner

USC freshman Tristan Baizar received a standing ovation from the 400 guests at the third annual Good Neighbors Campaign (GNC) President's Leadership Circle dinner, hosted by USC President C. L. Nikias and first lady Niki C. Nikias on Sept. 24 at their home in San Marino, Calif.

"I don't believe I would be standing before you tonight as a proud new Trojan if it wasn't for NAI and wonderful folks like you who donate to programs you believe in," said Baizar, who is majoring in accounting. "As you can see, I am a true-life example that it works. The contribution, commitment and the love works to produce strong, educated, college-ready scholars like myself, and many others like me and before me."

For full story: [bit.ly/naitristanbaizar](http://bit.ly/naitristanbaizar)



### USC college program comes to Ramona Gardens



A community program sponsored by the University of Southern California to ensure kids are ready for college will begin this year at Murchinson Elementary School in the Ramona Gardens neighborhood of Boyle Heights. The Neighborhood Academic Initiative began over twenty years ago as a way for low-income students to attend USC, tuition free.

Under the program guidelines, students must commit to a seven-year plan of after school tutoring, coupled with Saturday morning classes. Once in high school, students must attend an additional weekday morning class at USC and their parents must begin attending Saturday seminars as well.

Students who remain in the program in good standing from sixth grade until their high school graduation, gain a full-scholarship to USC, provided they meet admission requirements.

For full story: [bit.ly/bhbnaieastla](http://bit.ly/bhbnaieastla)

## USC NEWS

### South LA Foshay Learning Center is among top 3 high schools that send most students to USC this Fall

by Merrill Ballassone | September 25, 2014

For full story: [bit.ly/foshayadmits](http://bit.ly/foshayadmits)

### USC NAI Initiative honors record number of young graduates

by Teresa Lara | May 12, 2014

For full story: [bit.ly/naischolars2014](http://bit.ly/naischolars2014)

### A youthful twist to Hamlet

by Pamela Johnson | November 20, 2013

For full story: [bit.ly/naihamlet2013](http://bit.ly/naihamlet2013)

### Playing it forward

by Susan Bell | October 28, 2013

For full story: [bit.ly/naisplayforward](http://bit.ly/naisplayforward)

### USC Dornsife senior fosters the care for others

by Laura Paisley | October 9, 2013

For full story: [bit.ly/naijasminetorres](http://bit.ly/naijasminetorres)

### The spirit of giving 1.6 million times over

by Teresa Lara | September 23, 2013

For full story: [bit.ly/naitristanbaizar](http://bit.ly/naitristanbaizar)

### Trojans in training, East Los Angeles

by Teresa Lara | August 22, 2013

For full story: [bit.ly/naieastla](http://bit.ly/naieastla)

## DAILY TROJAN

### Initiative hosts Gene Simmons

by Morgan Greenwald | November 7, 2013

For full story: [bit.ly/naigenesimmons](http://bit.ly/naigenesimmons)

### USC's Neighborhood Academic Initiative plans to expand

by Matt Lemas | September 8 2013

For full story: [bit.ly/naieastladd](http://bit.ly/naieastladd)

Social Media Impact



**University of Southern California**  
November 12, 2013

Hillary Clinton was at USC Town & Gown on Saturday to receive an award from the Mexican American Leadership Initiative. She is shown with Henry Cisneros, former HUD secretary, who gave a shoutout to USC Neighborhood Academic Initiative at ... See More



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#TBT to the 2013 Neighborhood Academic Initiative dinner, where I met a group of bright college-bound high school grads. This initiative, which helps kids from local neighborhoods achieve their dreams of attending college, is made possible by donations to USC's #GoodNeighborsCampaign. #USC #USCNAI

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**USC Neighborhood Academic Initiative**  
June 25

NAI Mentoring Moment - NAI Alumni are Making a Difference!



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Last night, Niki and I hosted over 400 USC faculty and staff to thank them for donating 1% or more of their salaries to the USC Good Neighbors campaign, which funds various neighborhood programs. Examples are the USC Neighborhood Academic Initiative, a college access and success program, and USC Kid Watch, which ensures children can safely walk to and from school every day. Our goal this year is to raise \$2

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diegodb4 Excellent! Congatulation!

noef\_11 Forever grateful to NAI and the people that stand beside it.

rachelherrera11 Thank you for having us. I was fun!!

joshualeeyoung just in case no one told you yet, you're awesome.



**Gene Simmons** @genesimmons · 8 Nov 2013

I was invited to speak at University of Southern California and their special education program for some really bright young people. #usc

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RT @dailytrojan: USC's Neighborhood Academic Initiative hosts @genesimmons | ow.ly/qDuqT

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Thanks to @genesimmons for visiting kids at USC's NAI program yesterday! ow.ly/l3FyFJ

**University of Southern California** shared a link.  
Posted by Tommasina Troy · September 25

The class of 2018 is among the most diverse and academically talented in USC history.

Among the new freshmen: Sierra Williams, a graduate of Foshay Learning Center in USC's neighborhood, who is studying biomedical engineering and plans to become a doctor.

**Standout students abound in the class of 2018**  
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USC welcomes nearly 3,100 diverse and accomplished freshmen from 48 states and 52 countries.