

## December Spotlight

### The 2011 Broad Prize Winner: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, N.C.

The Broad Prize is an annual \$1 million award that was created by The Broad Foundation to honor urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement, while at the same time reducing achievement gaps across ethnic groups and between low-income and non-low-income students.

The Broad Prize has four goals:

- Reward districts that improve achievement levels of disadvantaged students
- Restore the public's confidence in our nation's public schools by highlighting successful urban districts
- Create competition and provide incentives for districts to improve
- Showcase the best practices of successful districts

As the winner of The 2011 Broad Prize, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) will "receive \$550,000 in college scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and the finalist districts [will] each receive \$150,000 in college scholarships.

#### Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



##### District Profile\*:

Rank among U.S. school districts (by size) **:	18
Number of schools:	178
Number of students:	135,638
Number of teachers:	
Per pupil expenditures***:	8,565
	\$8,739

##### Student Demographics

White:	33%
African-American	41%
Hispanic:	16%
Asian:	5%
American Indian/Multiracial:	5%

\*2010/11 data, unless noted otherwise \*\*2009/10 data \*\*\*2007/08 data

The hiring freeze for CMS has been lifted and a representative has already contacted the Career Services Center to express interest in recruiting students from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. For additional information about Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools please visit <http://www.cms.k12.nc.us>.

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