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Indian River State College Charter Schools Achieve Outstanding "A" Ratings from Florida Department of Education

Clark Advanced Learning Center Maintains Historic Excellence While Indiantown High School Demonstrates Remarkable Academic Progress

Fort Pierce, FL – Indian River State College announces that both of its charter schools, Clark Advanced Learning Center in Stuart and Indiantown High School in Indiantown, have earned prestigious "A" ratings from the Florida Department of Education for the 2024-25 school year, demonstrating exceptional academic achievement and student success.

Clark Advanced Learning Center: A Legacy of Excellence

Clark Advanced Learning Center has once again demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence, earning an "A" rating for the 16th year in a row and achieving 88% of total possible points. The school's outstanding performance places it among the top high schools in Florida, with exceptional scores across multiple categories:

- **English Language Arts Achievement:** 89%
- **Mathematics Achievement:** 90%
- **Science Achievement:** 93%
- **Graduation Rate:** 100%

Operated by Indian River State College, Clark Advanced Learning Center is a public charter high school in the Martin County School District and serves approximately 275 students in grades 9-12. The school has built a reputation for rigorous academics and has been recognized as a High-Performing Charter School and a School of Excellence by the Florida Department of Education. Clark Advanced Learning Center was named to U.S. News rankings for its outstanding performance.

"We are thrilled to have earned an A designation again and know this consistent level of academic achievement and growth is a result of the effort and dedication of our incredible students, staff, and community," said Principal Dr. Leslie Judd. "Our 16-year streak of 'A' ratings reflects our commitment to providing students with the highest quality education and preparing them for success in college and career pathways."

Indiantown High School: A Remarkable Transformation

Indiantown High School has achieved extraordinary academic gains, demonstrating the transformative power of dedicated educational leadership and innovative programming. The school's dramatic improvement is evident across multiple performance indicators:

- **Overall Grade:** "A" (2025)
- **Previous Performance:** "D" grade (2024)
- **English Language Arts Achievement:** 63%
- **Mathematics Achievement:** 45%
- **Learning Gains:** Strong performance in both ELA (77%) and Mathematics (40%)
- **Science Achievement:** 100%

This remarkable turnaround represents one of the most significant academic improvements in the region, with Indiantown High School jumping from a "D" to an "A" rating in just one year. The school

serves 100% economically disadvantaged students, making this achievement particularly remarkable and demonstrating that high-quality education can overcome socioeconomic challenges. Indiantown High School is the only A rated Title 1 comprehensive high school in Martin County.

"We're so pleased by the wonderful transformation at Indiantown High School. This A rating represents the hard work of our teachers and students, and it shows what's possible when we create real pathways for our local students. By focusing on data-driven, standards-based instruction, along with placing a strong emphasis on literacy, Indiantown High School teachers guided our students towards substantial learning gains and academic growth," said Principal Lisa Davenport.

Operated by Indian River State College

Both charter schools benefit from their special relationship with operator Indian River State College, which provides students with access to dual enrollment opportunities, college-level coursework, and career technical education programs. Clark Advanced Learning Center and Indiantown High School offer a rigorous and robust selection of academic and career technical education (CTE) courses. This enables students to earn college credits while completing their high school education, providing a significant advantage in their post-secondary pursuits and career preparation.

Recognition and Impact

The "A" ratings from the Florida Department of Education are based on comprehensive assessments including student achievement on Florida Standards Assessment Tests, learning gains in reading and mathematics, graduation rates, and college and career acceleration metrics.

"We are incredibly proud to operate not one but two A-rated schools," said Dr. Timothy E. Moore, Indian River State College President. "Clark and Indiantown are offering students and families something special—not only a high-quality high school education but also a seamless pathway to college, right in their own communities. When students can start their college journey while still in high school, without leaving home, that changes everything for these families."

To view the 2025 Florida School Grades reports, visit:

<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>.

For information about Clark Advanced Learning Center, visit www.clarkadadvancedlearningcenter.org or call 772-419-5750. For information about Indiantown High School, visit irsc.edu/about/indiantown-high-school/ or call 772-619-1100. For information about Indian River State College, visit irsc.edu or call 772-462-4772.

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About Indian River State College: *Indian River State College, serving Florida's Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee counties, offers high-quality, affordable education to 23,000 students annually through traditional and online courses. The River provides 175 programs leading to bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, technical certificates, and applied technology diplomas.*

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