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**** SICS Awarded Sixth Consecutive Silver Medal****

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The SABIS® International Charter School (SICS) in Springfield, Massachusetts, recently received its **sixth consecutive silver medal** from *U.S. News & World Report* and placed among the “Best High Schools” in the U.S. for 2015. SICS, which was established in 1995 and is a member of the global SABIS® Network, was among only 6,517 high schools to be selected for a medal out of over 19,000 eligible high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

U.S. News & World Report collaborated with research firm RTI International to establish the 2015 *Best High School rankings*. The rankings were calculated based on three determining factors. First, schools were measured through all students’ state reading and math test scores to compare their performance to other students statewide. For the second determinant, a school’s economically-underprivileged students were assessed statewide by comparing their math and reading proficiency rates to other students of the same background. For the final factor, high school students’ college readiness was measured by calculating Advanced Placement® or International Baccalaureate® test data.

Only ten percent of the more than 19,000 eligible high schools received a silver medal for 2015, and SICS is proud to be one of the selected schools. *“We are honored to have won the silver medal for the sixth year in a row. This prestigious recognition comes with the responsibility to never become complacent, which the SICS community is proud to live up to that commitment”* SICS School Director, Ms. Karen Reuter, said.

Like all schools within the global SABIS® Network, SICS implements the SABIS® Educational System, an enriching program that provides students with solid academic tools that help them achieve outstanding academic results. With a 100 percent acceptance rate for SICS graduates to the college/university of their choice, more than \$11.7 million in college scholarship funds received by last year’s graduating class, and six consecutive years ranking among the best high schools, SICS has a lot to celebrate. *“We are confident that our students, teachers, and staff members will continue to raise the achievement bar across the board,”* added Ms. Reuter.

To view in-depth details about SICS silver medal ranking, visit sab.is/G5R99X. To find out more about SICS, visit sics-sabis.net, and to learn more about the SABIS® Educational System, visit sabis.net.

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