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# **CFES Brilliant Pathways Announces 28 Schools of Distinction Across the U.S. and Ireland**

**ESSEX, NY** – A select group of 26 schools from across the U.S and 2 in Ireland have been recognized by CFES Brilliant Pathways as Schools of Distinction for their exemplary efforts in helping students become college and career ready.

The competitive award acknowledges the development and execution of a highly-effective plan for the entire student body to become college and career ready through the CFES 10-Point College and Career Readiness Plan. The plan encompasses the organization's three core practices of Essential Skills™, Mentoring and Pathways to College and Career.

A global leader in helping low-income students become college and career ready, CFES currently supports 25,000 students through partnerships with 200 rural and urban K-12 schools and districts in 30 states and Ireland. Relying on research-driven methods and best practices, CFES has sent 95 percent of its students to college from both urban and rural areas from across the United States.

“The innovative and comprehensive plans implemented by these schools are proven models for success that schools across the country can emulate,” said Rick Dalton, CFES Brilliant Pathways President and CEO. “They have created a culture of college and career readiness that is a foundation for economic development in their regions.”

To become a School of Distinction, a school must fulfill a meticulous and varied set of criteria. These include implementing cutting-edge, school wide programs that advance college and career readiness.

August Ahrens Elementary School  
AuSable Valley Central School  
Balbriggan Community College  
Beekmantown Middle School  
Brooklyn Institute for Liberal Arts  
Booker Middle School  
Career Readiness Academy at Mosley  
Crown Point Central School  
Delaware Academy Central School at Delhi  
Eugene Ashley High School  
Eximius College Preparatory Academy  
Friendship Central School  
Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School  
John T. Hoggard High School  
JW Leary Junior High School  
Kalon Prep Academy  
Kohala Middle School  
Moriah Central School  
Mulberry Middle School  
New Hanover High School  
Northeastern Clinton Central School  
Northern Lehigh High School  
Otter Valley Union High School  
Pelham Preparatory Academy  
Plattsburgh High School  
Sanford B. Dole Middle School  
St. Joseph's Secondary School, Rush  
Ticonderoga Central School

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***CFES Brilliant Pathways*** is a global leader in helping K-12 underserved students from rural and urban communities become college and career ready, giving students an opportunity to forge their own route to a bright future. For 31 years, CFES has worked closely with schools, colleges and businesses in urban and rural areas to help students become college and career ready through mentoring and by equipping them with the EssentialSkills that include perseverance, agility, goal setting, networking, teamwork and leadership.