



PrepNet

A Network of College
Preparatory High Schools

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**INC. MAGAZINE LISTS PREPNET AMONG FASTEST GROWING COMPANIES, AND
NUMBER ONE IN WEST MICHIGAN**

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (August 29, 2013) – PrepNet, a network of charter college preparatory high schools, today announced Inc. Magazine ranked it among the top 500 fastest growing companies in America, and the fastest growing in West Michigan.

The 923 percent revenue growth achieved by PrepNet since its founding in 2008 was cited as one reason for this designation in the 32nd annual listing by Inc. Magazine. In 2012, revenue was at \$7.3 million.

PrepNet is an educational service provider which partners with local school boards to build and manage college preparatory charter high schools. PrepNet's system of schools is designed to ensure all students are prepared for college success. PrepNet was founded by local business leader, education reformer, and entrepreneur J.C. Huizenga, who also founded National Heritage Academies (NHA). NHA appeared on the Inc. "fastest growing" list for four consecutive years (2001 – 2004).

PrepNet currently operates four college preparatory high schools; Grand River Prep in Kentwood, Mich., Arbor Prep in Ypsilanti, Mich., Wellspring Prep in Grand Rapids, Mich., and the new Taylor Prep in Taylor, Mich, with a planned fifth school in Canton opening in the fall of 2014.

PrepNet President Jason Pater said, "Our partner boards, students, and staff are part of the formula that leads to PrepNet's success. We are grateful so many families and students believe our schools provide them a high-quality education. This award is made possible because so

many people chose our schools. It is that trust which has allowed our organization to grow so quickly and to be recognized by Inc.”

“We’ve seen tremendous demand for our program. Parents and students are searching for an academically rigorous environment with a moral focus emphasis. Our students are getting accepted into college, and they are doing so having earned college level credit through Advanced Placement exams,” Pater added.

Each member of Grand River Prep’s first graduating class in 2012 enrolled in college to further their education. Grand River Prep was ranked “One of the Most Challenging High Schools in America” by the Washington Post in 2012, including being listed at #2 in Michigan and #3 in the Midwest.

Every student at a PrepNet schools has a laptop for use in school and at home. All classrooms are equipped with the latest technology including projectors, interactive white boards, and building-wide wireless networks.

As the 2013-2014 academic year opens, PrepNet anticipates enrollment of approximately 1,650 students, another significant increase above last year’s enrollment of approximately 1,200 students. For more information on PrepNet and to learn about enrollment, visit www.prepnetschools.com

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