



# ALANA N. YAKSICH NATIONAL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FLU VACCINATION CHALLENGE NEWSLETTER

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## THANK YOU

To all the participants in the 6th annual NATIONAL Alana Yaksich College/University Flu Vaccination Challenge, we say **THANK YOU!** There are **32 schools representing 15 states** this year. Although down slightly from last year, we are thrilled this remains a **useful tool to HELP YOU** motivate your students and community to take action, protect themselves and those around them by getting an annual flu vaccination. What a testament to **YOUR COMMITMENT** to keep your students and community healthy and flu free this season.



The **number of survey responses are increasing everyday** as we are work together to make a difference in the fight against a formidable vaccine preventable foe.

## RESOURCES

Please remember to **utilize the Challenge resources** created to assist you in your efforts. Click on our **Challenge website page**:

Or click on the links below to go directly to the material:

- ~ Challenge Toolkit
- ~ Alana and Niko ~ Personal Story Posters\*
- ~ Vaccine Grant Application
- ~ Flu Disease Information
- ~ Challenge Poster\*
- ~ Alana's Story (video)
- ~ Alana's Foundation brochure
- ~ Survey "Reminder" Slips

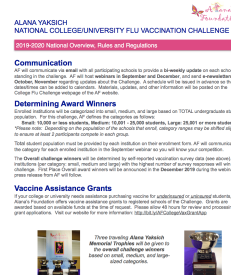
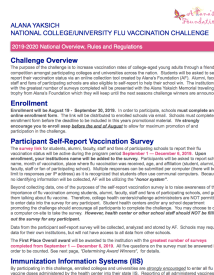
*\*Be sure to post these materials in your health center and around campus at health professions schools, residence halls, cafeterias, and other buildings where students congregate.*

[www.alanasfoundation.org](http://www.alanasfoundation.org) ~ <https://www.facebook.com/AlanasFoundation> ~ <https://twitter.com/AlanasFound>



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Be sure to check the **Rules and Regulations** for clarification on Challenge guidelines.  
Questions? email: [info@alanasfoundation.org](mailto:info@alanasfoundation.org)



## FLU ACTIVITY IN THE US

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an estimated **over 60,000 Americans died of influenza** and its complications during the partial 2018-19 season (through May 4, 2019).

While the severity of last year's season was considered "moderate," it was a **record-breaker as the longest flu season in the last decade**. In addition, there were **136 pediatric deaths** (18 yr & younger). This is the 6th highest number of flu-associated deaths in children reported during a regular flu season (since 2009-2010 season with 279 deaths). As in years past, the **majority of pediatric deaths occurred in children who had not received a flu vaccination**.

While there is no way to know how severe this season will be, there has already been one pediatric death reported. Read more: ***Flu Season Is Underway With Deaths Already Reported; Here's How to Prepare Yourself***

Stay up to date: The **CDC posts** weekly influenza surveillance (FluView), an interactive FluView and current US flu activity map. This may be helpful in your **communication** to your students and community via **email**, and/or **social media**.

## NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES (NFID) RESOURCES

**Survey results on College Students & Flu**

**Poll on attitudes about flu and pneumonia**

**NEW pediatric and adult studies reinforces the benefits of flu vaccination**

## CHALLENGE STANDINGS - AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2019

Current **frontrunners** **NATIONALLY**:

- small school: **University of Rochester**
- medium school: **University of North Carolina, Charlotte**
- large school: **University of South Carolina, Columbia**

For the **MICHIGAN** schools, **Wayne State University** is in the **lead** for the **medium category**, **Southwestern Michigan College** in the **small** and no participants in the large school ties. Keep up the **GREAT effort promoting the challenge** and getting the word out to take the survey!

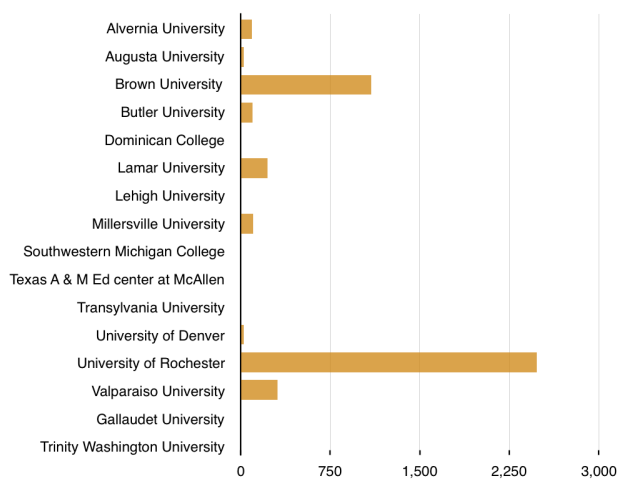


2018 Michigan Small School Winner  
Southwestern Michigan College



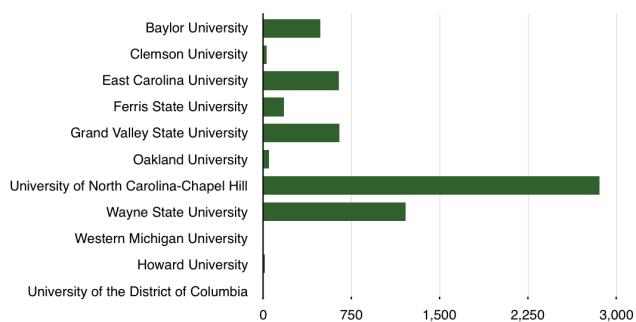
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Small School Standings



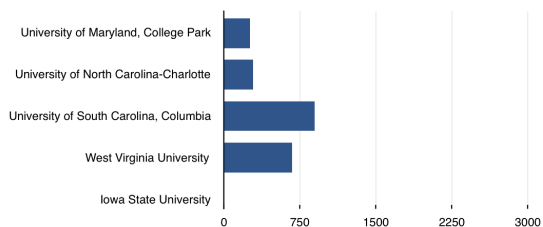
RANK	SMALL
1	University of Rochester
2	Brown University
3	Valparaiso University
4	Lamar University
5	Millersville University
6	Butler University
7	Alvernia University
8	University of Denver
9	Augusta University
10	Southwestern Michigan College
11	Dominican College
11	Lehigh University
12	Transylvania University
13	Gallaudet University
13	Texas A & M Ed center at McAllen
13	Trinity Washington University

Medium School Standings



RANK	MEDIUM
1	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
2	Wayne State University
3	Grand Valley State University
4	East Carolina University
5	Baylor University
6	Ferris State University
7	Oakland University
8	Clemson University
9	Howard University
10	Western Michigan University
11	University of the District of Columbia

Large School Standings



RANK	LARGE
1	University of South Carolina, Columbia
2	West Virginia University
3	University of North Carolina-Charlotte
4	University of Maryland, College Park
5	Iowa State University

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