Gabriella Charter School won the Hart Vision Award for California Charter School of the Year and achieved an unprecedented 894 API, putting it in the top rank of Los Angeles public schools – despite the fact that 91% of its students are socio-economically disadvantaged and two-thirds are English Language Learners.

**Everybody dance!** expanded its boys’ outreach and began an accelerated ballet track for dancers ages 8-13. Acclaimed choreographer and soloist Benjamin Millepied (“Black Swan”) publicly described **everybody dance!** as “the best program I have seen in this country.”

**Save the Date**

for the **2013 Annual Gala**

June 15, 2013

At the Broad Stage in Santa Monica

Gabriella Charter School 6th grader Mary Kate Torres portrays “Alice” in the everybody dance! production of Alice in Wonderland, June 2012.
Valerie Mendez is currently attending Te/Thacher School in Ojai on full scholarship. She matriculated from GCS’ first 8th-grade class last June. She is pictured dancing in our annual GCS recital.

Sandy Vasquez danced with everybody dance! from 2000 through 2012. She now attends UCLA as a Regents Scholar and is double majoring in Chicano Studies and English. She also dances with the Jazz Tap Ensemble and Tap Con Sabor in Los Angeles.

Christina Romero was an everybody dance! student from 2003 until 2012. She now attends Cal State Northridge. She portrayed the March Hare in the 2012 production of Alice In Wonderland.

Alice Chang is a pre-dental student at UC Berkeley, majoring in psychology and dance. She portrayed Tweedle Dee in the 2012 production of Alice In Wonderland. Alice says, “I think about everybody dance! every day and long to take classes there again.”

Nathalie Gomez attended GCS and everybody dance! from 2006-2012. She currently attends high school at the Marc and Eva Stern Math and Science Magnet High School. A former member of the GCS performing group Company Kids, she was a speaker at the 2012 Annual Gala.

Eunice Castro is now at UC Irvine, majoring in aerospace engineering. She danced with everybody dance! “since before I can remember” and matriculated in 2012 after portraying the Sleepy Mouse in our 2012 production of Alice in Wonderland.

Alice Kim, now age 21, started in our dance program at age 8. She is now on our faculty as a ballet teacher and recently appeared as a dancer in the ABC family television show, Bunheads. She is pictured as the White Rabbit in the 2012 production of Alice in Wonderland.

“I hope you are all so incredibly proud of the work you are doing. You are truly training dancers and raising children in such a wonderful way”
– Diana Delcambre, Dance Educator, Ramon C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts
Our Annual Gala at The Broad Stage

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- Jed Wallace, President and CEO of the California Charter School Association in awarding GCS the Hart Vision Award
Gabriella Welcomes Benjamin Millepied

Noted choreographer Benjamin Millepied, ("Black Swan," “L.A. Dance Project"), shared his world-class dance talents this year with Gabriella Charter School students in September when he danced with GCS 6th graders.

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