



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

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THANK YOU

To all the participants in the 10th annual NATIONAL Alana Yaksich College/University Flu Vaccination Challenge, we say **THANK YOU!** While participation this year is down, we hope the **18 schools representing 10 states** that are enrolled find it beneficial to compete. Now that COVID boosters overlap with annual flu vaccinations, it has been challenging to get the word out about the importance of flu shots. We truly hope the competition remains a **useful TOOL** to motivate your students and community to take action, protect themselves and those around them by getting an annual flu vaccination. We continue to be honored by **YOUR COMMITMENT** to keep your students and community healthy and flu free each season.



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 ~ Personal Story Posters
- ~ Niko - Personal Story Poster
- ~ Vaccine Grant Application
- ~ Challenge Poster
- ~ Alana's Story (video)
- ~ Alana's Foundation brochure
- ~ Flu Disease Information



Alana's Foundation

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Be sure to check the **UPDATED Rules and Regulations** for clarification on Challenge guidelines.

Questions? email: info@alanasfoundation.org

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2023-2024 National Overview, Rules and Regulations

Challenge Overview

The purpose of the challenge is to increase vaccination rates of college aged young adults through a friendly competition amongst participating colleges and universities across the country. Colleges will track their vaccination rates and report to the challenge website. The challenge will be held from August 1st to December 31st, 2023. The challenge will be held from August 1st to December 31st, 2023. The challenge will be held from August 1st to December 31st, 2023.

Eligibility

Colleges and universities are eligible to participate in the challenge if they are a 4-year institution and have a minimum enrollment of 100 students. The challenge will be held from August 1st to December 31st, 2023.

Participant Self-Report Vaccination Survey

The survey will be available on the challenge website. Participants will be asked to report their vaccination status for the 2022-2023 flu season. The survey will be available on the challenge website. Participants will be asked to report their vaccination status for the 2022-2023 flu season.

Communication

Participants will receive updates and information via email. The challenge website will be updated with the latest information. The challenge website will be updated with the latest information.

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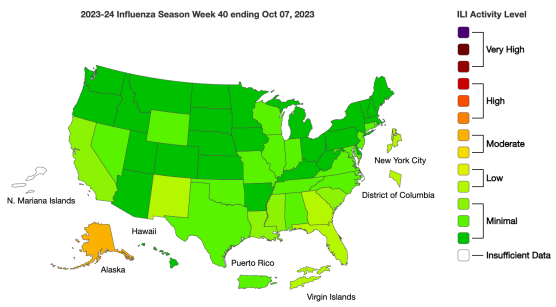
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FLU ACTIVITY IN THE US

The 2022-2023 flu season started off fast and furious. This year, it's been rather slow to date. Even though we know the flu vaccine is the best weapon we have to fight severe illness and outcomes, **flu vaccination rates** are already lagging previous years, both before and during the pandemic. This may ultimately result in even more severe flu illness than last year. According **to the latest CDC FluView report**, flu activity remains low nationwide.

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**.



CHALLENGE STANDINGS - AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023

Current frontrunners **NATIONALLY**:

- small school: **Saint Xavier University**
- medium school: **Brown University**
- large school: **University of Wisconsin - Madison**

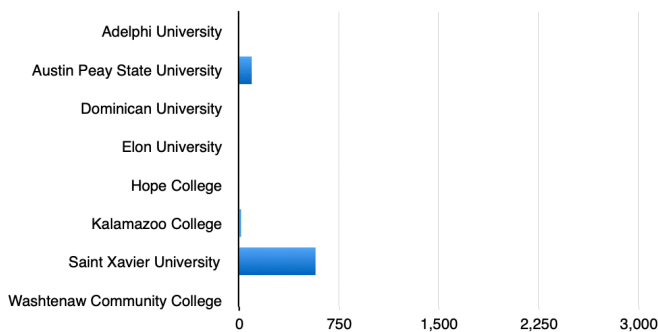
For the **MICHIGAN** schools:

- small school: **Kalamazoo**
- medium school: **Oakland University**
- large school: **Wayne State University**



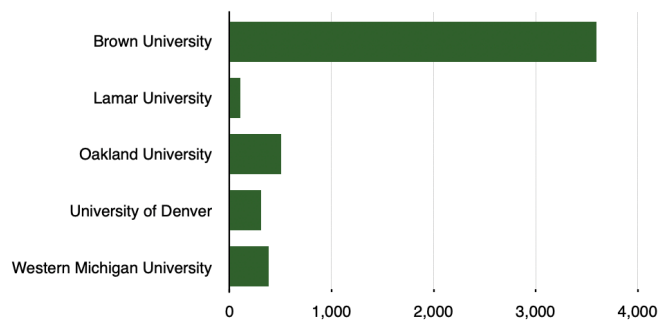
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Small School Standings



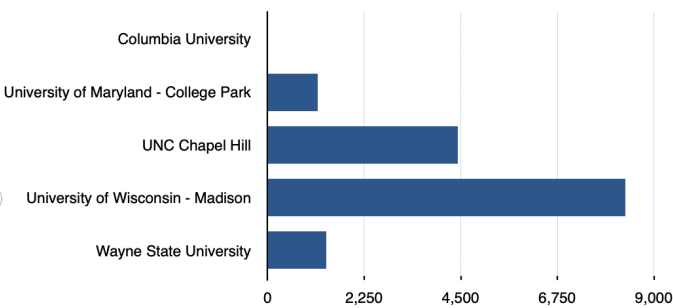
RANK	SMALL
1	Saint Xavier University
2	Austin Peay State University
3	Kalamazoo College
4	Dominican University
5	Adelphi University
6	Elon University
6	Hope College
6	Washtenaw Community College

Medium School Standings



RANK	MEDIUM
1	Brown University
2	Oakland University
3	Western Michigan University
4	University of Denver
4	Lamar University

Large School Standings



RANK	LARGE
1	University of Wisconsin - Madison
2	UNC- Chapel Hill
3	Wayne State University
4	University of Maryland - College Park Student Health Center
5	Columbia University

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