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CCSD Magnet programs earn top awards at national conference

Magnet Schools of America honors schools that display a commitment to excellence and innovation

LAS VEGAS – The Clark County School District (CCSD) was honored with top awards during the 34th-Annual Magnet Schools of America (MSA) Conference held in Miami, Florida on May 3-7.

Below is a list of the top recognitions earned by schools and individuals from CCSD:

Region VIII Principal of the Year

Dr. Anne Grisham, principal of Sandy Searles Miller Academy of International Studies, was awarded **Region VIII Principal of the Year** for demonstrating excellence in areas addressed by the following criteria:

- Evidence in leadership in promoting equity and diversity among students and staff within the Magnet school
- Evidence of leadership toward equitable academic success for all students
- Evidence in leadership in supporting the implementation and sustaining an innovative Magnet program
- Evidence of leadership within the school district and the Magnet community

MSA Region VIII Director

CCSD Director of Magnet Schools and Career and Technical Academies Gia Moore was elected the **Region VIII Director** for MSA. Moore will sit on the MSA Board of Directors and oversee the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and American Samoa.

MSA President's Award

The Ed W. Clark High School Teacher Education Academy received the **MSA President's Award**, a prestigious recognition given to a program that provides students with unique learning experiences that give them the critical skills needed to be college and career ready, in addition to its commitment to making a lasting, positive impact on students and the community.

National Secondary Magnet School of the Year

James Cashman Middle School Academy of Mathematics, Science and Engineering was named **National Secondary Magnet School of the Year** for being one of the top secondary Magnet schools in the nation for its commitment to innovative and high quality curriculum. The school received a \$2,500 prize as part of this award.

MSA Poster Design winners

Roy W. Martin Middle School students Sofia Carillo and Jorge Daniel Aponte placed second and third in the **MSA Poster Design Contest**. Students were tasked with creating artistic designs representative of the five MSA Pillars: diversity, innovative curriculum, academic excellence, high-quality instructional systems and family and community partnerships.

MSA Merit Awards

CCSD celebrated the achievement of earning a record 25 merit awards from MSA for the 2015-16 school year. Schools recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence Award or a Magnet School of Distinction display a commitment to academic standards, curriculum innovation, diversity efforts, specialized teaching, parent engagement and community involvement.

Magnet Schools of Excellence

The following schools earned the 2015-16 MSA **Magnet School of Excellence Award**, which is the top merit award category given to a select group of Magnet schools across the nation that have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in all facets of the merit award application:

- Walter Bracken STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Academy
- Mabel Hoggard Magnet Elementary School
- Sandy Searles Miller Academy for International Studies
- James Cashman Middle School
- Roy W. Martin Middle School
- Advanced Technologies Academy
- Canyon Springs High School
- Desert Pines High School
- Ed W. Clark High School Academy of Finance (AOF)
- Ed W. Clark High School Academy for Math, Science, Arts and Technology (AMSAT)
- Ed W. Clark High School Teacher Education Academy at Clark High (TEACH)
- Rancho High School Academy of Pre-Medicine and Biotechnology

Magnet Schools of Distinction

The following schools earned the 2015-16 **Magnet School of Distinction Award**, which is the second-highest level of awards given to Magnet schools that have met all the basic requirements outlined in MSA's merit awards scoring rubric:

- Kit Carson International Academy
- Jo Mackey Academy of Leadership and Global Communication

- Hyde Park Middle School
- K.O. Knudson Middle School
- The STEAM Academy at Jim Bridger Middle School
- East Career and Technical Academy
- Rancho High School Academy of Aviation
- Southeast Career and Technical Academy
- Southwest Career and Technical Academy
- Valley High School Academy of Hospitality and Tourism
- Valley High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Program
- Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy
- West Career and Technical Academy

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