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Dr. Maggie Rodriguez

Design and Architecture Senior High Named National Merit School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America!

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Design and Architecture Senior High has been named a Magnet School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America, the national association for magnet and theme-based schools.

We take great pride in the achievements of our students and staff and are honored to be part of this esteemed community of excellent schools. “Education by Design” is the guiding philosophy behind our unique programs in Architecture, Industrial Design, Fashion Design, Graphic Design, and Film. Our goal is to foster the growth of talented students to become confident, critical thinkers through interdisciplinary challenges in the visual arts and design, positioning them for success in college and careers within the design industry. Specialized design programs enhance both academic achievement and artistic development. Recently these achievements have included YoungArts finalists as well as college acceptances, to Yale, MICA, Cornell Carnegie Mellon, and RISD.

Presentation of Excellence Award:

Dr. Maggie Rodriguez will be recognized and receive a Magnet School of Excellence Award on behalf of the school during an awards ceremony held at Magnet Schools of America’s National Conference April 14-17, 2026, in San Diego.

To receive a national merit award, members of Magnet Schools of America must submit a detailed application that is scored by a panel of educators. These schools are judged and scored on their demonstrated ability to raise student academic achievement, promote racial and socioeconomic diversity, provide integrated curricula and instruction, and create strong family and community partnerships that enhance the school’s magnet theme.

To learn more about the national merit awards program, please visit www.magnet.edu.