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CCSD teacher named Regional Magnet Teacher of the Year by Magnet Schools of America

17 CCSD Magnet schools recognized by Magnet Schools of America

LAS VEGAS – Magnet Schools of America (MSA) recently honored Ed W. Clark High School Magnet Coordinator Shirley McLees as one of eight Regional Magnet Teachers of the Year for her dedication to students, as well as her leadership within the school and community. MSA recognizes schools and individuals who display a commitment to academic standards, curriculum innovation, diversity efforts, specialized teaching, parent engagement and community involvement.

Along with Clark High School, which offers a variety of programs including The Academy of Math, Science and Applied Technology (AMSAT) and The Academy of Finance (AOF), 16 other Clark County School District (CCSD) Magnet schools were celebrated for their achievements and received prestigious merit awards from MSA.

"We are honored that Magnet Schools of America recognizes our schools, and these designations prove that the Clark County School District has some of the best Magnet programs in the country," said CCSD Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky. "We are proud to offer learning opportunities that improve student achievement, promote academic excellence and create an awareness of careers in a variety of fields."

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

- Gilbert Magnet School of Performing Arts
- Walter Bracken STEAM Academy
- Jo Mackey Academy of Leadership and Global Communication
- Sandy Searles Miller International Baccalaureate Programme
- Cashman Middle School Academy of Mathematics, Science and Engineering
- Robert O. Gibson Middle School Leadership Academy
- K.O. Knudson Middle School Academy of Creative Arts and Technology
- Roy Martin Middle School International Baccalaureate Program
- Hyde Park Middle School
- Canyon Springs High School Leadership and Law Preparatory Academy
- Ed W. Clark High School AMSAT Program
- Ed W. Clark High School TEACH Program

- Rancho High School Academy of Aviation Science and Technology
- Rancho High School Academy of Medical Science and Technology
- Valley High School Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

The following schools earned a 2015 MSA **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
- Mabel Hoggard Elementary School Math and Science Program
- The STEAM Academy at Jim Bridger Middle School
- Ed W. Clark High School Academy of Finance
- Southeast Career and Technical Academy
- Valley High School International Baccalaureate Program

To learn more about Magnet Schools of America, visit magnet.edu.

Editor's note: Media are invited to tour Kit Carson Elementary School, Sandy Searles Elementary School, Roy W. Martin Middle School, Canyon Springs High School and Valley High School upon request to learn more about the Magnet programs they offer. For more information, please contact Michelle Booth, (702) 799-5304.

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