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Daniel Pearl Magnet High School Named National Merit School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America

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Daniel Pearl Magnet has been named a National Merit School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America, the national association for magnet and theme-based schools.

Daniel Pearl Magnet High School (DPMHS) is a distinguished magnet school dedicated to developing leaders in global communication through its specialized curriculum in journalism and broadcasting. With a commitment to fostering articulate, ethical, and informed voices, DPMHS integrates media and communication into core academics, offering students real-world experiences through its award-winning school newspaper, The Pearl Post, the Pearl News Network (PNN), and collaborative interdisciplinary projects. The school has recently earned significant accolades, including recognition as the 39th best high school in LAUSD and the most improved school in state testing scores within the Cleveland Community of Schools. Our talented staff has also received prestigious honors, such as an Academy Award for animation and the Freedom of Information Award for journalistic integrity. Additionally, our students continue to excel, earning top journalism awards at the 2024 Journalism Day and the National Scholastic Press Association convention, as well as prestigious scholarships, including the Robeson Scholars House of Princeton Award 2024, the Hamilton Scholars Award 2024, and the Warren Christopher Scholarship 2024. These accomplishments, along with our emphasis on ethical reporting and multimedia excellence, were key highlights in our recent merit award application, showcasing DPMHS's dedication to academic rigor, communication mastery, and student success. As the principal, Mr. Petrossian, has always been of the opinion that this achievement is proof that passion, effort, and belief can result in a continuing pursuit of excellence.

Presentation of Excellence Award:

Principal Armen Petrossian will be recognized and receive a National Merit School of Excellence Award on behalf of the school during an awards ceremony held at Magnet Schools of America's National Conference April 7-10, 2025, in Nashville.

Merit School of Excellence Awards are only given to a select group of magnet schools. Schools of Excellence are eligible to receive monetary awards and are eligible to be named the nation's top Elementary, Secondary, or New & Emerging Magnet School. One of the Schools of Excellence will also be selected to win \$5,000 and the Dr. Ronald P. Simpson Distinguished Merit Award, which is considered the most prestigious magnet school award in the nation.

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.

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