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Reseda Charter High School Police Academy Magnet

WACO, Texas (August 1, 2018) – On Friday, October 12, the National Career Pathways Network (NCPN) will recognize the winner and honorable mention recipients of the 2018 Career Pathways Excellence Award competition. Three programs will be recognized at the annual conference luncheon at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. The Reseda Charter High School Police Academy Magnet is one of two honorable mention recipients for 2018.

The Reseda Charter High School Police Academy Magnet opened in 1998. With “Preparing to Serve” as its motto, this Career Pathway’s mission is to prepare interested students for law enforcement careers, establish a bond between juveniles and local police officers, and produce highly capable citizens who will graduate from high school, go on to college, and serve in their communities.

This nationally recognized program commits students to a rigorous course of study involving honors curriculum; career technical education electives; a college course; physical training; and community service. In addition to the CTE teacher, a Los Angeles police officer and Los Angeles Unified School District police officer are assigned full-time positions in the program to teach, counsel, and mentor students through their Police Academy experience.

The Police Academy curriculum integrates law enforcement skills and knowledge into each core class.

Junior and senior cadets have the opportunity to job shadow as interns at local police stations during their winter, spring, and summer breaks. Cadets interview for intern positions and are assigned shifts and commanding officers. Interns provide customer service, work in the detective's office, and assist the watch commander with street camera observation. Cadets who speak languages other than English serve as translators. The department helps these students gain skills in mediation and de-escalation techniques in preparation for the difficult situations in which police officers must often serve.

Reseda Charter High School’s Magnet was named a silver medal recipient by USA Today and a distinguished program by the Magnet Schools of America two years in a row for its outstanding graduation rates, attendance rates, and college acceptance rates.

Open to any Career Pathways Initiative (state, regional or local), the Career Pathways Excellence Award emphasizes the importance of career guidance and advising, professional development for educators and employers, and the employer role in providing work-based learning opportunities for students.

NCPN (ncpn.info) is an organization for educators, employers, and others involved in the advancement of Career Pathways, career technical education (CTE), and related education reform initiatives.

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