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Two HISD campuses make Newsweek list of best STEM high schools in the nation

Nov. 11, 2019 – The Houston Independent School District’s Debakey High School for Health Professions and Carnegie Vanguard High School have been named to Newsweek magazine’s list of best science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) high schools in the nation.

Debakey ranked 23rd on the list of the top 500 schools, and Carnegie Vanguard ranked 308th. Newsweek’s list was compiled in partnership with STEM.org, a national education research and credentialing organization.

“I am extremely proud of these two exemplary HISD campuses, which have an impressive history of high achievements,” HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan said. “The students, staff and parents at Debakey and Carnegie continually make us proud, and I congratulate them for once again receiving well-deserved accolades on a national level.”

Newsweek noted that both schools have skilled teachers who keep up with developments in the STEM fields and create dynamic learning environments to engage students.

Data for the Newsweek rankings was collected beginning in the spring of 2015 through the summer of 2019. The magazine and STEM.org stated schools that made the list do the best job in the nation of offering STEM experiences to prepare students for success in college.

“This honor means a lot to our dedicated teachers, talented students and our parents,” Debakey Principal Agnes Perry said. “We appreciate the recognition from Newsweek and STEM.org.”

Debakey is an HISD magnet campus that offers a rigorous pre-college program for students pursuing careers in medicine, health care and/or the sciences.

Carnegie Vanguard High School offers its students a unique and challenging learning environment that produces high-achieving global scholars with a 100 percent college acceptance rate.

“We set the bar high for our students, and we thank Newsweek for recognizing our hard work,” Carnegie Vanguard Principal Ramon Moss said. “I congratulate our entire community.”

Newsweek's list of the top 500 STEM high schools in the nation can be found [here](#).

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