Macomb County schools named among nation's best for STEM

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Several Macomb County high schools have been named among the nation's best for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), according to Newsweek magazine.

All four Utica Community Schools high schools, along with the International Academy of Macomb, Dakota High School and De La Salle Collegiate were among the top 13% of the nation's public and private high schools to be honored as 2020 Best STEM schools.

Newsweek partners with <u>STEM.org</u> to rank the nation's top STEM schools. The schools were ranked based on data collected from 2015 to 2019. The research determined which schools provided the best STEM experience for students while positioning them for post-secondary study.

The International Academy of Macomb, a collection of top academic students from around the county located next to Chippewa Valley High School, was the top-ranked Macomb County school at 1,124. DeLaSalle was second in the county at 2,212, followed by Eisenhower High School at 2,918; Utica High School at 4,133; Stevenson High School at 4,165; Dakota High School at 4,624; and Henry Ford II High School at 4,931.

"The national recognition reflects the hard work of our entire staff to challenge students with rigorous coursework and prepare them for successful post-secondary experiences," UCS Superintendent Christine Johns said. "Our graduates will support the economic strength of our region by being well prepared for the high paying careers in the defense, automotive and healthcare industries that are right in our backyard."

The top-ranked school in the country was the School of Science and Engineering in Dallas, Texas. The top Michigan school was Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills at No. 9. The top Michigan public school ranking was Frankenmuth High School in Frankenmuth, at No. 114.

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