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HNHS earns national Honor

School is among 23 schools picked to show off innovation in education

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The International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE) named Huntington North High School (HNHS) a model school for the year 2018 and are recognizing its staff for their dedication to high achievement.

This year, 23 schools across

the country are being recognized as model schools. These are schools that might have good enrollment, graduation rates, successful advanced-placement and dual-credit courses, or other strengths that help prepare students for life post-high school.

ICLE is an organization based out of New York that hosts the annual event. It aspires to challenge and equip educators and prepare students for success. The schools will meet in Orlando for the 26th Annual Model Schools Conference June 24-27 to share ideas and help redefine what education looks like.

Tiffany Drummond, career and technical education director of HNHS and the Learning Center, said she thinks the reason ICLE picked HNHS as a model school is because of its career and technical education programs.

"You're going to probably see some more stuff coming from the state in the next couple of years because they updated the graduation requirement for Graduation Pathway," Drummond said. "I consider us ahead of the curve in that we're already

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doing some of the things that want us to implement."

HNHS has 10 half-day career and technical education programs, and plans to add two more next year. Drummond says they are continuing to expand these programs, which not only benefits the students involved, but also puts the school ahead as a whole.

HNHS allows students to take automotive, precision machining, certified nurse aid, emergency medical technician, cosmetology, early childhood educa-

tion, education profession and human and social services classes. Students can also take part in co-op programs and internship programs.

Drummond will be attending the conference to represent Huntington North and to present on both the Career and Technical Education Programs as well as the Learning Center.

The conference is based on the work of Dr. Willard Daggett, founder of ICLE. Drummond explained that Daggett is a very influential leader in education who developed a model that a lot of schools look to in terms of strengthening

their schools.

There will be around 5,000 educators present for more than 100 sessions to choose from, according to ICLE's website.

For Drummond, she said she is very proud of the staff who have put so much work to support Huntington North, and it's because of them they have received this recognition.

"We're really humbled and flattered that we were selected as a model school," she said. "This reflects all of the hard work that all of our staff members have done to support Huntington North in a variety of different areas."