

# Huntington North chosen as Model School

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The International Center for Leadership in Education has named Huntington North High School as a Model School for 2018.

Huntington North is being recognized for its "future-focused approach and the implementation of a rigorous and relevant curriculum that challenges students to think

beyond the classroom to solve real-world problems," the International Center said in a news release Tuesday.

Huntington North is one of 23 "innovative schools" that will share best practices at the International Center's 26th annual Model Schools Conference that starts Sunday in Orlando, Florida, and runs through June 27.

"We applaud these inspir-

ing schools for persevering on a path to rapid improvement by creating a positive systemwide culture of high expectations and strong, positive relationships," said Dr. Willard R. Daggett, founder and chairman of the International Center.

The Model Schools Conference is the nation's largest event for rapidly improving K-12 schools and districts, according to the International

Center, whose mission is to challenge and equip educators to "prepare students for lifelong success."

"We are humbled and excited to be selected as a Model School," said Tiffany Drummond, career and technical education director of Huntington North.

Model Schools are selected annually based on several

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criteria including substantive, data-validated growth year over year; evidence of a strong culture that puts students at the center of learning; and dedication to transforming instruction to meet the needs and demands of the future.

The International Center, an education consulting company in Rexford, New York, is a division of global learning company Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Drummond, who will attend the conference, said Huntington North was selected based on its career and technical education programming.

Huntington North offers 10 half-day programs that

are starting to attract students from other area schools.

"This is unique for one high school to provide so many half-day programs, as typically CTE programming is provided through a career center," Drummond said in an emailed response.

The high school partners with a career center to provide students with additional opportunities.

And the Huntington

County Community School Corp. has partnered with city and county government, along with many local employers, to build the Huntington County Community Learning Center.

Drummond, who is director of the learning center, described it as a "one-stop shop for individuals of all ages looking to upskill, reskill, or change career paths."

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