

Newsweek Again Ranks Preuss School UCSD One of America's Best High Schools

Charter school on the campus of UC San Diego is the only high school in California to make the top 20 for the past four years

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In its latest rankings, *Newsweek* has named The Preuss School at the University of California, San Diego among the top high schools in the nation. The school is listed in the elite top 20 category for doing an excellent job of preparing students for college-level coursework and exceptionally educating low-income students who will become the first in their families to graduate from college.

Newsweek listed The Preuss School UCSD in 16th place among more than 1,600 public high schools in the nation. In the past four years, The Preuss School UCSD has been the only high school in California to make the top 20.

The Preuss School UCSD, which is jointly chartered by the San Diego Unified School District and UC San Diego, is a middle and high school dedicated to providing intensive college preparation for motivated low-income students who will represent the first generation in their families to graduate from college.

"On July 1, 2010 we will be celebrating our seventh commencement ceremony and I am so proud that for the past seven years, more than 90 percent of our graduates have been admitted to a four-year college or university," said Preuss Principal Scott Barton. *Newsweek* selects the best high schools in the country by taking the total number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Cambridge (AICE) tests given at a school each year and dividing the number of seniors graduating in May or June. The magazine also ranks how hard school staffs work to challenge students with advanced-placement college-level courses.

Newsweek noted, "... above all, The Preuss School UCSD provides an environment in which students are continually encouraged and empowered to develop a greater sense of confidence and self-worth through self-sufficiency and a sense of pride in their academic accomplishments. The School fosters a culture of high academic performance in an environment that encourages risk-taking." Opened in 1999, The Preuss School UCSD consistently receives national and statewide accolades. In the most recent "America's Best High Schools" report by *U.S. News and World Report*, Preuss was in the gold category ranked 32 in the nation out of 21,786 high schools surveyed. The top schools were placed into gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention categories.

With 820 students in grades 6-12, Preuss has a record high Academic Performance Index Score (API) of 894, which is one of the highest in the county. For more information on The Preuss School UCSD, visit <http://preuss.ucsd.edu>.

About UC San Diego

Founded in 1960, the University of California, San Diego is ranked the best value public university in California by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine and the 7th best public university in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Named the "hottest" institution to study science by *Newsweek*, UC San Diego is one of the nation's most accomplished research universities, widely acknowledged for its local impact, national influence and global reach.

Renowned for its collaborative, diverse and cross-disciplinary ethos that transcends traditional boundaries in science, arts and the humanities, the university attracts stellar faculty, students and staff. For more information, please visit www.ucsd.edu.

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