

Deer Park Junior/Senior High School Wins 2020 Pacesetter Award

School nominated for ensuring students receive support to graduate college and career ready

June 30, 2020 — Deer Park Junior/Senior High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, is the winner of a 2020 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Educational Board. Deer Park will be honored on July 6, 2021, at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, due to the cancellation of the 2020 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that are implementing one of SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement frameworks and are achieving success in meeting bold goals related to increases in student graduation rates, readiness for college and careers, and credential attainment.

Deer Park Junior/Senior High School implements [High Schools That Work](#), SREB's school improvement design for high schools. The school has incorporated career academies into its teaching and learning culture, and it's having a significant impact on students' readiness for college or careers.

Five career pathways are available for student enrollments: entrepreneurship, project management, engineering, sports medicine and manufacturing. Each pathway provides students with hands-on learning, internships or on-the-job training, and an opportunity to continue their learning at the postsecondary level.

On the 2018-19 Ohio School Report Card, Deer Park went from a C to a B on its overall grade and maintained an A in Gap Closing and Graduation Rate.

SREB's [Making Schools Work Conference](#) is held annually and provides educators with opportunities to participate in professional development, network with colleagues from across the country and build school and district leadership capacity.

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