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# PRESS RELEASE

## U.S. News and World Report ranks Delmar High School Number One in Delaware

**Delmar, DE, Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>:** Among the Delaware schools in the 2013 U.S. News Best High Schools, there are three silver medal schools and four bronze medal schools. The top-ranked school in the state, Delmar High School, is part of the Delmar School District and located about 50 miles from Delaware's capital, Dover. To be eligible for a state ranking, a school must be awarded a national gold or silver medal. U.S. News calculates these values based on student performance on state exit exams and exams on college-level course work, such as AP and other college level course work. The importance of a strong high school education cannot be overstated. Good schools challenge students academically, while giving them ample opportunity to explore their interests. This combination can set students up to succeed long after graduation.

Delmar High School principal, Mr. Ashley Giska shared his comments with his staff, "This is a prestigious acknowledgement, and should be celebrated by everyone. It also serves as a clear testament to the academic rigor provided for our students, which would not be possible without the high school teachers and professional staff's commitment to excellence".

Superintendent David Ring added, "The Delmar High School environment is academically nurtured by quality instruction provided by a highly qualified staff that not only nurtures the academic environment, but also creates an environment that respects the right to learn, cultivated with a genuine care and concern".

U.S. News joined forces with the American Institutes for Research (AIR), a D.C.-based organization, to evaluate schools on overall student performance on state-mandated assessments, as well as how effectively schools educated their black, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged students.

Delmar Board of Education president, Shawn Brittingham commented, "I expect nothing but the best from our teachers and students, and therefore this acknowledgement supports the fact that Delmar has and will continue to be the best in the state.



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