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Chaminade College Preparatory School announces that it has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Gateway™. It is one of just 110 middle schools across the U.S. to receive this honor. [PLTW](#) is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of K-12 students and teachers in over 10,500 schools across the U.S.

“PLTW Engineering Courses offer middle school students exposure to concepts they haven’t encountered before. This type of learning allows the young students to experience working with others through trial and error to reach a common goal,” states Catherine Schaaf, Chaminade Middle School Engineering Teacher.

Jessica Young, Chaminade STEM, PLTW Instructor adds, “I love our PLTW courses! These courses allow our students to think outside the box and try new ways to solve problems. PLTW brings a monumental shift in education and shows students just how important their ideas are and how much we need a generation of thinkers and doers.”

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Chaminade had to meet the following criteria:

- Offer at least one PLTW Gateway unit at each grade level;
- Have more than 50 percent of the student body participating during the 2016-17 school year;
- Have 25 percent of students advancing to high school participate in two or more units.

Through PLTW programs, students develop STEM knowledge as well as in-demand, transportable skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take. PLTW Gateway empowers students to lead their own discovery and uncover a range of paths and possibilities they can look forward to in high school and beyond.

“It is a great honor to recognize Chaminade College Preparatory School for their commitment to students,” said Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. “They are a model for what school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose.”

Chaminade is part of a community of K–12 schools, colleges and universities, and corporate and philanthropic partners across the country united around a passion for providing students with inspiring, engaging, and empowering learning opportunities. For more information about PLTW’s recognition program, visit pltw.org/our-programs/program-recognition.

For more information on Chaminade’s PLTW Gateway program or to set up a school visit, contact Dianne Dunning–Gill at DDunning-Gill@chaminade-stl.org.

ABOUT CHAMINADE-Chaminade College Preparatory School, founded in 1910 by the Society of Mary, is a Catholic day and boarding school for boys, grades 6-12, sponsored by the Marianist Province of the United States. Located on 55 acres in suburban St. Louis, MO, the school features a rigorous academic curriculum with an extensive AP/advanced college credit program within the setting of small, personalized classrooms with a student to teacher ratio of 9:1. Expansive co-curricular activities complement a competitive athletic program that features 17 varsity sports, world-class fine arts programs, an extensive experiential learning program, a robust servant leadership program which fosters leadership development and an international boarding program with more than 50 students from all over the world.

For more than 100 years, Chaminade has helped students develop into confident young men who are successful in college and life.

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