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Mathew Waynee from LAUSD/USC Cinematic Arts and Engineering Magnet, Los Angeles Unified School District, California Named 2016 National Magnet School Teacher of the Year

Washington, DC May 7, 2016 - Magnet Schools of America (MSA), the national association for magnet and theme-based schools is pleased to announce that Matthew Waynee from LAUSD/USC Cinematic Arts and Engineering Magnet in Los Angeles California is the 2016 National Magnet School Teacher of the Year. Through a competitive application process, Mr. Waynee was selected from a group of six Regional Teachers of the Year dispersed across the country. The award was announced during MSA's 34th National Conference in Miami, Florida May 6, 2016.

A Hollywood screenwriter, University of Notre Dame and USC Alumni, TFA alumni, and college professor, Matthew Waynee brings a wealth of experience to his classroom and home at LAUSD/USC Cinematic Arts & Engineering Magnet (CAE). Mr. Waynee began teaching full time at CAE three years ago and at CAE he has lead the development of a rich cinematic arts focused curriculum by expanding course offerings from one film class to courses in Acting, Creative Writing, Digital Photography, Media Studies, Film History, Broadcast Journalism, Filmmaking 1 & 2, Cartoon and Animation, and more.

Reflecting on the award, Mr. Waynee said, "It is an amazing honor winning the prestigious National Magnet Teacher of the Year Award from Magnet Schools of America. Our high school transitioned to a Cinematic Arts themed magnet just three years ago, and it has been exhilarating to see how quickly my students have embraced the challenges of immersing themselves in every aspect of filmmaking and learning how to use professional film equipment. Because of their hard work and dedication, they have produced videos that have been published online with The L.A. Times. They have created audio stories that have been showcased on an NPR website. They have been awarded trips to DreamWorks Animation Studios to meet professional animators. I am excited to be a member of this great magnet community of parents, educators, and students that will continue to work together to help change the face of the film industry right here in Hollywood by teaching the essential skills needed to these same young adults who now call Los Angeles their home."

The National Magnet School Teacher of the Year Award was established in 2010 and is given annually to an outstanding magnet school teacher who is acknowledged by their peers, parents and students for their exemplary contributions made to their profession. These educators have demonstrated their skill and ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn, as well as their aptitude for building relationships with parents and members of their community.

To learn more about the Magnet Schools of America Teacher of-the-Year Award, please visit www.magnet.edu