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Independent Day School-Corbett Campus Receives National Recognition For Model Character Development Practice

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Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) recently received an award from the Character Education Partnership (CEP), a nonpartisan coalition of business and education leaders based in Washington, D.C., for the implementation of a model strategy in character development education.

Called the Promising Practices citation, the honor is part of the CEP's National Schools of Character Program, which is designed to disseminate model practices in character education to schools and districts nationwide. CEP defines a Promising Practice as a unique and specific strategy in character education. According to CEP, Promising Practices represent a wide variety of innovative approaches to moral development.

IDS-CC received the award for its annual middle school retreat in grades 6 through 8. The retreat is an intensive two-day, on-campus event during which students and faculty come together to establish a sense of community and caring. Building a common language and sharing experiences that promote pro-social skills, tolerance, and acceptance of differences accomplish this goal.

The award was presented at the CEP's National Forum last month in Houston, Texas. IDS-CC Associate Headmaster Pam Ripple, Director of Middle School Studies Betty George, and middle school Spanish teacher Charmaine Jennings represented the school at the sixth annual event.

"We are honored by this award," said IDS-CC Headmaster Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman. "It recognizes one of the many strategies we have at IDS to create a learning environment where teachers and students treat each other with dignity and respect."

IDS-CC is the subject of the recently published book, *It's All About Kids: Every Child Deserves A Teacher Of The Year*.

Founded in 1968, Independent Day School-Corbett Campus is a fully accredited independent school located in northwest Hillsborough County serving from Pre-K through 8th grade. A 2004 National Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award school, IDS-CC features superior academic programs, small class size, and leading edge fine arts, sports and technology programs. IDS-CC balances a nurturing learning environment with high standards and expectations. For more information about IDS visit www.idsyes.com.

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