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**CHRISTEL HOUSE ACADEMY'S WATANABE HIGH SCHOOL
IN TOP 20% OF HIGH SCHOOLS**

Indianapolis, Ind. -- US News and World Report examines all high schools across the nation, using a complex set of formulas to determine academic quality. It partners with North Carolina-based RTI International, a global nonprofit social science research firm, to carefully examine the data. The ranking methodology is based on the principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, and that it must produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators. 28,561 public high schools in all 50 states were in the initial group to be examined. High schools must meet or exceed the national standard high school graduation rate even to be ranked at a national level. A comparative factor for the academic performance of disadvantaged students is also applied.

After the ranking criteria is applied, the highest-scoring high schools in the nation are placed in Gold, Silver and Bronze categories in the following: Best STEM Schools, Best Magnet Schools, Best Charter Schools and Best Nationally Ranked Schools.

Indianapolis-based Christel House Academy (CHA) South's high school was recognized at the Bronze level in the Charter School and impressively, in the Nationally Ranked School categories. This places CHA in the top 20% of all high schools in the study.

About Christel House Academy

Established as a public charter school in 2002, Christel House Academy (CHA) today operates four schools in Indianapolis—CHA South, serving 641 at-risk students in grades K-12; CHA West currently serving 198 students from K-3, and two adult high schools, Christel House DORS

South with 268 students and Christel House DORS West with an enrollment of 151 students. CHA provides a holistic human development approach that focuses on building strong character to complement each child's rigorous academic foundation. Through its College & Careers program, CHA continues to support its graduates through post-secondary education and job placement so they become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Christel House Academy South was Indiana's first charter school to receive the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform's "School to Watch" designation. Additional recognition includes the Indiana Achievement and Breakthrough Schools Awards. For more information, please visit www.chacademy.org.

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