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Christel House Academy South Named a School of Distinction by College For Every Student

Christel House Academy South of Indianapolis, Indiana has been named a School of Distinction by College For Every Student ("CFES"). This honor recognizes the development and execution of an exemplary plan in the CFES core practices of *Mentoring, Leadership Through Service*, and *Pathways to College and Career*.

This is the 2nd consecutive year that Christel House Academy has received this award. In order to be considered for the School of Distinction title, a school must meet a strict set of criteria, including implementing programs for the entire school and involving **Scholar** student families in activities. At Christel House there are 158 free and reduced lunch students in grades 7, 8, and 9 from diverse cultural communities. College Transition Counselor, Laura Tucker, leads Christel House's CFES program. "Christel House is very proud of the success of our College & Careers program," says Tucker. "100% of our 2017 graduates received acceptance letters to 4-year universities."

Christel House students are exceptional in their commitment to developing and maintaining an environment and school-wide culture where academic achievement and empowerment are celebrated. Christel House integrates career guidance into students' advisory curriculum, which helps them reflect on future goals and develop the essential skills necessary for success. Christel House Academy students demonstrate the power of positive peer pressure in creating a healthy school climate and preparing all students for college and careers.

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 at-risk students in grades K-12; CHA West currently serving grades K-4, and two adult high schools, Christel House DORS South and Christel House DORS West. 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. It has also been named a 2017 State School of Character by Character.org. For more information, please visit www.chacademy.org.

About College For Every Student

College For Every Student (CFES) is a global leader helping K-12 students from low-income rural and urban communities become college and career ready. CFES has helped 100,000 students since 1991, and today supports 25,000 students through partnerships with schools, businesses and colleges in 30 states and Ireland. The CFES Program engages students in three core practices — Mentoring, Leadership Through Service, and Pathways to College and Career — that raise aspirations, and develop, grit, teamwork, resilience, leadership and other Essential Skills, advancing social and educational uplift. (www.collegefes.org)

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