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Christel House Principal awarded 'Principal of the Year' for second time

Indiana Association of Principals names Carey Dahncke Elementary Principal of the Year in District 7

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Christel House Academy's Principal, Carey Dahncke, was recognized by the Indiana Association of Principals (IASP) for the second time as District 7 Elementary Principal of the Year. Dahncke was first awarded this distinction in 2006 as principal at Indianapolis Public School #82.

District 7 includes all schools located in Marion County.

"I am honored to receive this award for District 7," said Dahncke. "Currently in Indiana, there are many changes occurring in public education, which can make it challenging. But we have taken a holistic, student-centered approach and have seen dramatic improvements in our students.

"Any principal is only as good as his teaching staff. So, I am very grateful for all of the hard work and dedication that the teachers at Christel House Academy have invested in our students. Over the years we have significantly closed the achievement gap and greatly improved educational attainment for our students."

District Elementary Principals of the Year are elected by their peers. One principal is honored from each of the 12 districts. From these 12 District Elementary Principal winners, one is chosen as the 2012 State Elementary Principal of the Year. The state winner will be announced at the award celebration.

"Carey's leadership has resulted in moving Christel House Academy (CHA) from strength to strength," said Christel House International Founder, Christel DeHaan. "With him at the helm, CHA has received an 'A' grade from the Indiana Department of Education for three years in a row, as well as the highest rating of 'Exemplary' for six straight years. He and his staff recognize that excellence in teaching will give our students an immeasurable gift – a good education and the values which will help them become good citizens."

Dahncke was recognized on Sunday, November 18 at the 2012 Principals of the Year Recognition Celebration. The celebration is a part of IASP's annual Fall Professional Conference, held this year at the Indianapolis Marriott Hotel. IASP State President, Tom Mellish, presented the award along with IASP Executive Director, Todd Bess, and Blue Ribbon Committee Chairperson, Cynthia Morton.

Additional information about Christel House Academy and Christel House International can be found at www.cha.christelhouse.org or www.christelhouse.org, respectively.