Emerging Best Practices in Character Development

Kinkaid to Host Symposium

Joe Ehrmann was a smash hit in his first visit to Kinkaid in August of 2005. Happily, Rev. Ehrmann will return to highlight our Symposium on “Emerging Best Practices in Character Development” on June 7-8, 2007.

As anyone familiar with the School’s history knows, the current incarnation of Mrs. Margaret Kinkaid’s initial vision for character development at her school was conceived during the Long Range Planning process of 1999, when our four core values were first identified and articulated explicitly. The program was initially funded, in part, by a three-year matching grant from the E.E. Ford Foundation. As one element of our Ford grant proposal, Kinkaid committed to offering a Character Education Symposium for interested educators after the term of the grant elapsed. This Symposium—entitled “Emerging Best Practices in Character Development”—will run for two days on campus in June of 2007.

The Symposium will feature a full menu of concurrent sessions for participants to choose from. Our keynote speaker on Thursday evening June 7 will be the Rev. Joe Ehrmann of “Season of Life” fame. Along with his wife Paula (a licensed psychotherapist), Rev. Ehrmann will also offer a (three hour) half-day workshop for parents that Thursday and a full-day (six hour) workshop for coaches on Friday. Kinkaid administrators, faculty, students and parents will be featured in many of the other concurrent sessions, as will special guest speakers from other schools doing groundbreaking work in character education. The shorter concurrent sessions will run for about 75 minutes each, while the longer ones will run for as long as three hours.

Topics covered will include using academics, athletics and the arts in the service of character development from the primary grades through high school. Other presentations will be offered on parent programs, community service and service-learning opportunities, doing quantitative and qualitative assessment of character education progress and outcomes and using student leadership training as vehicles for character education.

Character Development Symposium
THE KINKAID SCHOOL • JUNE 7-8, 2007

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Joe Ehrmann, inspiration for the best-selling book “Season of Life” and Kinkaid’s 2005 Hrncri Character Education Speaker

GUEST PRESENTERS:
Peter Bachmann, Headmaster of The Flintridge School in La Canada, California
Dr. Elizabeth Corrie, Character Education Coordinator at The Lovett School in Atlanta, Georgia
David Streight, Executive Director of the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education

KINKAID FACULTY PRESENTERS:
Dr. Elaine Calaway, Upper School Counseling Psychologist
Patty Edwards, Chair of the Fine Arts Department
Gene Festa, Middle School Perspectives and Human Development
Dr. Gloria Fishman, Lower School Principal

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Additional information about the Symposium is posted on the Character Education website at: www.kinkaid.org/character. Online registration for the Symposium will also be available via Kinkaid’s Web site. Kinkaid community members interested in learning more about or volunteering to help support the Symposium are welcome to contact Mike Pardee or Debbie Robinson, Administrative Assistant for the Symposium (debbie.robinson@kinkaid.org; 713-243-5093).