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**CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK Online Mail List**  
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Welcome to the **CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK** online mail list. Your name has been added to this list as a result of your completing the New Jersey Department of Education Character Education Network Online Listserv Form or because you have indicated an interest in receiving updates on character education efforts in New Jersey.

The purpose of **The Network** is to encourage the adoption of character education programs and strategies by providing a forum for sharing information, research and promising practices. Through the New Jersey Center for Character Education (NJCCE), **The Network** will offer educators access to national and state character education experts and programs through conferences, workshops, and e-mails.

**The Network** will be bringing you **news** from the national, state and local levels; **best practices**, including updates from our New Jersey Local Education Area (LEA) Partner demonstration sites; announcements of **events, conferences, workshops**; and **professional development opportunities** throughout the state and at the national level; grant and **funding opportunities**; **program and assessment resources** and links to other character education **websites**.

A link to the NJ Center for Character Education website ([www.nj-charactered.net](http://www.nj-charactered.net)) will lead you to current **articles** and **research** from the field as well as materials and large documents which you can download for use in your classroom.

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**SPECIAL SEMINAR SERIES**

**Character Education for Administrators**

**"Building Schools of Character: The Leader's Role"**

**Thursday, April 22, 2004**

**9:00 am to 1:30 pm**

**Rutgers University, Cook Campus Center**

The New Jersey Center for Character Education (NJCCE) in cooperation with the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) and the New Jersey Principals & Supervisors Association (NJPSA) and in association with The Public Education Institute (PEI) at Rutgers will hold the first in a series of seminars focused on providing administrators an opportunity to:

- hear from other education leaders who have successfully implemented character education and social/emotional learning programs;
- share lessons learned and program outcomes;
- discuss concerns regarding strategies for implementation and evaluation; and
- create mechanisms for mutual support and networking

Additional seminar information will be distributed to administrators through their professional associations in February. Check the NJCCE website in mid-February for seminar updates and contact information.

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Save the Dates**

**NJ Regional Character Education Conference Registration: Coming soon to NJCCE website**

Look for downloadable Registration Forms for all three regional conferences in March, 2004 on the New Jersey Center for Character Education website at: [www.nj-charactered.net](http://www.nj-charactered.net). Print them out, fill them in and mail them to the Regional Conference Coordinator. Registration fees are \$25 and will cover the cost of lunch.

NJCCE, in collaboration with the Passaic County Superintendent of Schools' Office, the Somerset County Superintendent's Office and the Educational Information and Resource Center, is sponsoring these regional character education conferences for public and nonpublic schools emphasizing school reform, curriculum infusion using the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards and programs based on scientific research.

**“Character Education 2004 – Building Program Quality: Changing Kid’s Lives”**

May 5, 2004 Northern Regional Character Education Conference  
Passaic County Community College Public Safety Academy  
Passaic County Technology Institute  
Paterson, NJ

May 17, 2004 Central Regional Character Education Conference  
Raritan Valley Community College  
Somerville, NJ

May 21, 2004 Southern Regional Character Education Conference  
Atlantic Cape Community College  
Mays Landing, NJ

**Regional Conference Workshop Presenters**

Educators who are interested in presenting at the Regional Character Education Conferences still have time to submit workshop proposals. Workshop proposal deadlines are as follows:

Northern Region: February 15, 2004

Central Region: February 20, 2004

Southern Region: February 20, 2004

Programs should represent best practices and research-based character education programs (PreK – 12) that emphasize the following areas:

- How to build a character education program in your district
- Strategies to evaluate your character education program
- Inclusive special education programs that enhance positive school culture
- Sustaining your program
- Service learning –learning real world skills as part of the course of study
- Developing citizens through civic education
- Infusing character education into core curriculum content standards
- Developing a caring community
- Creating a positive school culture
- Peer mediation/mentoring/leadership
- Ethnicity, race and gender
- Youth development strategies
- Social / emotional learning
- Bullying prevention

Conference Workshop Proposal Forms have been distributed to all County Superintendents and are also available from the NJCCE. Workshop Proposal Forms are also posted on the NJCCE website ([www.nj-charactered.net](http://www.nj-charactered.net)) as downloadable documents.

For more information about conference details, contact NJCCE at 732.445.3343.

**Holocaust Education for Teachers 2003-2004**

**Teaching the Holocaust in Elementary School**

**Friday, February 27, 2004**

**8:45 am – 3:30 pm**

**Rutgers – New Brunswick campus**

Fee: \$35 (includes lunch & materials)

Keynote Speaker: Maurice Elias, Prof. of Psychology, Rutgers University

For further information, visit <http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu>

E-mail: [csjl@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:csjl@rci.rutgers.edu) or call 732.932.2033

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## WEBSITE NEWS, RESOURCES AND RESEARCH

### **The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL)**

The CASEL website has recently refreshed its website design. Visit [www.caseel.org](http://www.caseel.org) for:

- [New PowerPoint Presentation](#) on “the link between school safety and academic achievement”
- Now Available! Free electronic publication: *Safe & Sound: An Educational Leader’s Guide to Evidence-Based Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) Programs*
- [New Packet for Parents](#) includes things parents can do at home and at school to promote SEL and school success
- SEL Reading Resources
- Professional Development Opportunities: SEL Training Workshops and Courses

Particularly notable are two excellent recently published articles accessible through the CASEL website:

1. “Enhancing School-Based Prevention and Youth Development Through Coordinated Social, Emotional, and Academic Learning”, by Mark Greenberg and colleagues from the June/July 2003 issue of the journal *American Psychologist*.  
<http://www.caseel.org/downloads/AmericanPsychologist2003.pdf>
2. “Implementation, Sustainability, and Scaling up of Social-Emotional and Academic Innovations in Public Schools” by Maurice J. Elias and colleagues from *School Psychology Review*, 2003.  
<http://www.caseel.org/downloads/eliasscalingup.pdf>

### **The Center for the Advancement of Ethics and Character (CAEC) at Boston University School of Education**

The Center for the Advancement of Ethics and Character at Boston University was founded in 1989 to address the broad range of issues related to young people acquiring sound ethical values and forming good character.

Visit <http://www.bu.edu/education/caec/index.html> for valuable Character Education resources focusing on the needs of educators, parents and students. Resources for educators include curriculum resources, publications, professional development opportunities, and consulting services.

CAEC also directs the Character Education Network for the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). The network informs members across the country and around the world of effective practices and useful theory in character education. CHARACTER, a quarterly newsletter, is written by, for and about teachers, parents, administrators and scholars concerned with schools as moral educators of young people. CHARACTER is available with membership to the ASCD Character Education Network.

### **National Alliance for Civic Education (NACE)**

NACE was launched in 2000 with members committed to advancing civic knowledge and engagement. Visit [www.cived.net/](http://www.cived.net/) for:

- Special Focus Section: The Civic Mission of Schools
  - What’s new in Civic Education
  - Resources including topics on civic knowledge; teacher resources; curriculum and pedagogy; and readings on Service Learning
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“Great learning and superior ability are of little value unless honor, truth, and integrity are added to them.”

- Abigail Adams, first lady of the United States, 1799-1801