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Special Announcement**

Making Connections to Character Education:

Honoring the visit to Rutgers University by His Holiness, the Dalai Lama

The New Jersey Center for Character Education is delighted to offer lesson plan resources in honor of the visit of the Dalai Lama to Rutgers University on September 25, 2005. There are four lesson plans that have been designed for classroom use, two for middle school grades and two for high school grades. The lesson plans are available on The Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology website at: <http://gsappweb.rutgers.edu>.

We are indebted to two wonderful educators who have donated their time and energy to construct these lesson plans for this occasion. Naomi Drew, who wrote the middle school lessons, is a former classroom teacher, a noted author of works on conflict resolution and a lecturer and trainer who has conducted workshops for the New Jersey Character Education Network in the past. More information on her work is available through the website indicated with each lesson plan.

Steve Missal is the Social Studies Supervisor and Character Education Coordinator for the Plainfield, New Jersey School District and has produced original materials infusing character education into the social studies curriculum for many years.

Connecting the teaching of character education to the visit of the Dalai Lama is premised on the belief that the curriculum can serve as a means for learning how to better live more wide-awake lives. We know that it is in the classroom where students can discover the strength in celebrating diversity, investigate and cherish their own cultural heritage, including those spiritual threads that wind and tangle throughout their lives, try-on new behaviors, and revise behaviors no longer useful. As such, we are confident that it is

through the study of this sample curriculum that introduces the Dalai Lama as a figure of historical importance with a universal message that students can learn what it means to care, to demonstrate civic virtue and citizenship, to act justly and fairly, to be respectful, responsible, and trustworthy.

The Dalai Lama's life exemplifies how:

Character Develops through Responsible Action
Character Develops through Interaction
Character Integrates the Whole Personality
Character Involves Consistent Patterns of Action

--- ***Philip M. Brown, Ph.D.,***
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For ticket information and more about the Dalai Lama's visit, go to:
<http://www.president.rutgers.edu/dalailama/>