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**CHARACTER_EDUCATION_NETWORK Online Mail List
Special Announcement**

Dear Character Education Colleagues --

The New Jersey Center for Character Education is very pleased to be the regional host for a very special event, *Smart & Good High Schools*. This national report reviews the evidence from high functioning high schools around the country on how to develop students with both performance and moral character. Many of you know that Tom Lickona is one of the grandfathers of the character education movement. No one has a greater integrity of vision or more experience in the field than Tom. This new work with his colleague at SUNY Cortland, Matt Davidson, is very exciting and a sound basis for high school educators to use in reviewing what they are doing now and how they can proceed to develop meaningful, sustainable programs involving students, teachers, administrators and community.

The information below describes the June 3, 2005 event in greater detail and provides the link for on-line registration through one of our co-sponsors, the New Jersey Department of Education. Along with our other co-sponsor, the New Jersey Education Association, we are encouraging school teams, including teachers, to apply.

Philip M. Brown, Ph.D.
Director

**THE NEW JERSEY CENTER
FOR CHARACTER EDUCATION**

in collaboration with

New Jersey Department of Education

and

New Jersey Education Association

are pleased to present:

SMART & GOOD HIGH SCHOOLS

Integrating Excellence and Ethics for Success in School, Work, and Beyond

A Project of the [Center for the 4th and 5th Rs \(Respect & Responsibility\)](#)
State University of New York College at Cortland

**Featuring
Dr. Thomas Lickona
Dr. Matthew Davidson**

**June 3, 2005 at
National Conference Center
East Windsor, NJ
8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

Institute Description

The *Smart & Good High Schools Regional Institute* provides a day-long overview of the findings and key concepts of the national report, *Smart & Good High Schools: Integrating Excellence and Ethics for Success in School, Work, and Beyond*. Participants will take away groundbreaking ideas and promising practices that can be used by an individual teacher or a whole school to integrate excellence and ethics within an ethical learning community.

Topics include:

- ✓ the role of character in helping students realize their potential for excellence in school, the workplace, or any area of endeavor (performance character)
- ✓ the contribution of character to successful interpersonal relationships and ethical behavior (moral character)
- ✓ how to develop the 8 strengths of character: lifelong learner and critical thinker, diligent and capable performer, socially emotionally skilled person, ethical thinker, respectful and responsible moral agent, self-disciplined person, contributing community member and democratic citizen, and spiritual person crafting a life of noble purpose
- ✓ how to create an ethical learning community where faculty and staff, students, parents, and the wider community support and challenge each other in their quest for excellence and ethics
- ✓ how to create a professional ethical learning community where faculty, staff, and administrators are committed to continuous self-development and ongoing improvement of the practices used to develop performance character and moral character
- ✓ how to establish the necessary preconditions—strong leadership, time for planning and reflection, a safe and orderly environment, trusting and respectful relationships—that make it possible to implement the Smart & Good High Schools vision

Register On-line Now!

at: <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>

Registration: \$150.00 per person
(School teams are encouraged to attend
and should include a teacher member.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MAY 20, 2005

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1. Register on-line at: <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>
 2. Make check or purchase order payable to: NJCCE/Rutgers, The State University

(NOTE: School vouchers will NOT be accepted.)

3. Mail payment to:

NJ Center for Character Education
Rutgers, The State University of NJ
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This is a special announcement from 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** offers educators access to national and state character education experts and programs through conferences, workshops, and e-mails.

The Network brings 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) 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.