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## CHARACTER\_EDUCATION\_NETWORK Online Mail List Vol. #9 (December 2007) – SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

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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 Center for Social and Character Development at Rutgers University (CSCD@RU), **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 Center for Social and Character Development website ([www.rucharakter.org](http://www.rucharakter.org)) 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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### A new statewide association for social-emotional and character education is being formed!

CSCD@RU is working with leaders in our field and the Educational Information & Resource Center to give birth to this new association to provide networking and support for all of us.

- **Be on the ground floor** to help us define the purpose and create the structure of this new association dedicated to elevating the quality of service and practice in our field.
- **Learn from the best practitioners** in New Jersey and the nation – how to improve, enhance and strengthen your work and your school's effective practice in character education, social-emotional learning, service-learning and civic education.

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*Two Regional conferences with parallel structures\**

The New Jersey Alliance for Social-Emotional and Character Development  
Invites you to attend either of the following day-long events:

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| <u>South:</u>         | <u>May 16, 2008</u> | Educational Information & Resource<br>Center (EIRC -- Sewell) |
| <u>North/Central:</u> | <u>May 27, 2008</u> | Rutgers University Busch Campus Center<br>(Piscataway)        |

For additional information, or to make sure you are on the mailing list for the complete conference announcement and details contact Karen Zukowsky, 856-582-7000 x109 or [kzukowsky@eirc.org](mailto:kzukowsky@eirc.org) at EIRC.

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**We at CSCD@RU wish you all a most joyous and fulfilling holiday time and hope you take time to reflect on the great value your work adds to the lives of the students and staff you touch everyday at school.**

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**Director**

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