



Promising Practices in Character Development Announced for 2019

Hundreds of effective strategies that develop good character in communities are recognized

May 1, 2019, Washington, DC – Character.org has certified **232** Promising Practices to organizations and schools from across the United States – as well as from Brazil, Colombia, Haiti, Mexico, and Uganda.

"At Character.org, we are extremely proud of this year's Promising Practices recipients. Their dedication to character development has proven over time to increase the well-being of so many individuals and their communities across the United States and beyond," said Doug Karr, Character.org's President & CEO. He continued, "We're excited to begin validating Promising Practices in workplaces, sports, and higher education in addition to PK-12. The great work happening in these environments is a solid foundation for individual and community growth."

This year's practices include unique approaches to comprehensive character development, peer mediation and conflict resolution approaches, effective strategies for developing leadership and service learning activities that build community. [See the list of 2019 Promising Practices.](#)

Character.org's 2019 Promising Practices represent:

- 4 nations outside the U.S.
- 22 U.S. states and Washington DC – with the largest numbers from New Jersey, Missouri, Florida, and Texas
- 203 public, charter and private schools as well as 7 organizations, 13 sports organizations, 2 colleges and universities, and 6 school districts.

Character.org administers this certification process to showcase innovative best practices that are having an impact across the nation and abroad. Character.org encourages people with similar needs to learn from and even replicate these successful initiatives. Character.org will honor the 2019 recipients at the National Forum in Washington, D.C., October 24-27, 2019.

About Character.org: Founded in 1993, Character.org, is a national nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. The mission of the organization is to provide leadership, voice, and resources

to help individuals and groups along their character journey. It is dedicated to inspiring and empowering ethical, engaged, and compassionate citizens worldwide.

About Promising Practices: The Promising Practices program highlights what's going well in communities across the United States and the world. The process is simple in scope and recognizes many wonderful ideas from passionate individuals who are making a real difference in their communities be those of workplaces, organizations, sports, or schools including institutions of higher learning this year. Each Practice must be tied to one or more of Character.org's *11 Principles of Effective Character*.