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LODI HIGH SCHOOL NAMED 2010 GLOBAL CLASSROOM AWARD WINNER

*Creative international exchange efforts of students and staff bring
national prize to local school*

January 8, 2010 Lodi, Wisconsin – The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) honored Lodi High School this month by naming it a Global Classroom Award winner. The Global Classroom Award recognizes schools that incorporate international issues and global awareness into the school and larger community.

The cultural and student exchange programs at Lodi High School were top-rated over 30 schools nominated from around the country. The faculty and students of Lodi High School demonstrate a dedication to raising global consciousness and an enthusiasm for welcoming foreign exchange students into their student body.

“Lodi High School may be a small, rural school with a fairly homogenous student body, but we are helping students see the world. Through our inviting atmosphere for foreign exchange students, our two sister school exchange projects, and through our intense International Education Week we are igniting a spark for many of our kids to become active citizens of our global community” said Principal Laura Love.

Lodi High School started an International Education Week program to educate their entire student body on global awareness and international education. This past year, they invited Chip Duncan, photographer and author of “Enough to Go Around” to kick off the week’s activities. Additionally, students attended an international film festival and cultural performances. Lodi also participates in two Sister School programs to promote international exchange with Germany and Thailand.

Lodi High School is honored with the 2010 Global Classroom Awards, because of their recognition of the importance for global education and international exchange for a student body in a homogenous environment.

“CSIET is pleased to recognize Lodi High School with the 2010 Global Classroom Award,” said John Hishmeh, executive director of CSIET. “By wholeheartedly welcoming international exchange students to their community, Lodi has significantly broadened global perspectives and appreciation for foreign cultures among their students and faculty.”

As a Global Classroom Award winner, Lodi High School will receive a \$500 scholarship for its students to study abroad, or equivalent funds to put towards global awareness projects in the school community. In addition, a representative from the school has been invited to Charlotte, North Carolina and will receive complimentary registration, accommodation and airfare to take part in the 2010 National School Conference on International Youth where he/she will accept the award. The other 2010 CSIET Global Classroom Award winner is Saint Edwards School in Vero Beach, Florida.

About the Council on Standards for International Educations Travel

CSIET is a private not-for-profit organization whose mission is to identify reputable international youth exchange programs, to provide leadership and support to the exchange and educational communities so that youth are provided with meaningful and safe international exchange experiences, and to promote the importance and educational value of international youth exchange. CSIET has been promoting international youth exchanges since 1984. For more information, visit www.csiet.org.

2010 National School Conference on International Youth Exchange

This conference – February 19-20, 2010 in Charlotte, North Carolina – will provide a unique opportunity for school leaders, educators and administrators to meet and network with school colleagues and leaders of various youth exchange programs. CSIET is very pleased to announce that the **Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools** and the **Public Schools of North Carolina** are joining CSIET as co-sponsors of the conference.

About Lodi High School

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