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PALMER TRINITY SCHOOL NAMED 2011 GLOBAL CLASSROOM AWARD WINNER

Commitment to study abroad opportunities brings national prize to local school

April 19, 2011, Miami, Florida – The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) honored Palmer Trinity 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 Palmer Trinity School were top-rated over schools nominated nationwide. The faculty and students of Palmer Trinity School demonstrate dedication to raising global consciousness and an enthusiasm for welcoming foreign exchange students into their student body.

Palmer Trinity promotes foreign language development through their sister school programs in Salamanca, Spain and Aix en Provence, France. The school also encourages students to spend their spring and winter breaks participating in service learning trips to Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Honduras. In the past year, Palmer Trinity has offered 11 different opportunities for students to travel abroad, and financial assistance is available for all students who wish to participate. With a school of less than 400 students, Palmer Trinity's engagement in international youth exchange has had a great impact on the student body, and the community.

Danny Reynolds, Director of Admission and College Counseling, wrote "Palmer Trinity is a unique school where global education is a vital part of the mission of our school. Our students come from 35 different foreign countries and almost half of our students are bilingual with 20% speaking more than two languages."

"CSIET is pleased to recognize Palmer Trinity School with the 2011 Global Classroom Award," said Chris Page, Executive Director of CSIET. "Palmer Trinity School has a clear commitment to furthering its global curriculum and aspires to broaden the minds of its students, faculty, and administration. In an increasingly global community, Palmer Trinity School is ahead of the curve and is well positioned to graduate globally competent students."

As a Global Classroom Award winner, Palmer Trinity 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 Seattle, Washington and will receive complimentary registration, accommodation and airfare to take part in the 2011 National School Conference on International Youth where he/she will accept the award. The other CSIET Global Classroom Award winner this year is Woodstock Union High School in Woodstock, Vermont.

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.

2011 National School Conference on International Youth Exchange - [click here](#)

This conference – October 28-29, 2011 in Seattle, Washington – 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 Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Global Washington, iEARN, and One World Now are partnering with CSIET for the conference.

About Palmer Trinity School

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